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Celebrating Jesus Week

Holy week has the potential to be the best week of the year, especially for children. In addition to getting a day or two off of school, having family gatherings with delicious Easter feasts, and hunting for chocolate eggs in the grass, Holy Week is the week that captures the heart and imagination of kids of all ages. Children's pastor Carolyn Brown explains, "Lent is impossibly long for children – almost six weeks and no real story to go with it. That is forever! But, Holy Week lasts only eight days and is filled with action stories. Children are ready to focus that time on the key stories of the Christian faith. For them it is Jesus week," (check out Carolyn Brown's blog at worshippingwithchildren.blogspot.com).

The great thing is that it is easy for families to pull off a meaningful Holy Week. Here are a couple of ideas – many of them inspired by Carolyn Brown's blog I mentioned above.

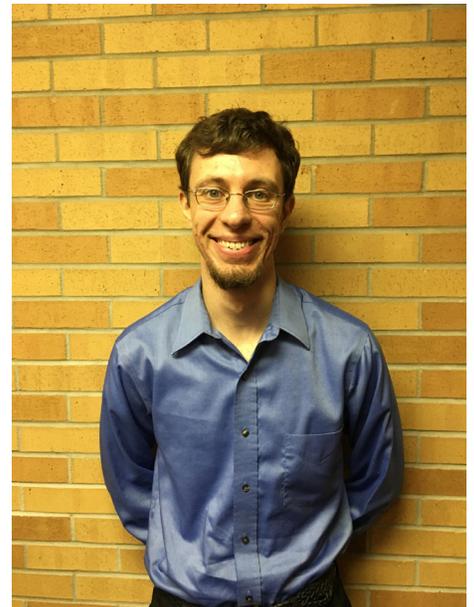
- **Read a story about Jesus each day as a family.** Reading it with a young child will bring out the tears of sadness at Jesus' death and shouts of joy when Jesus is alive again. Light a candle to make it special. Use the list of stories that are at the bottom of the page. Cut it into a bookmark. Traveling families only need this bookmark and a Bible.
- **Decorate a special place in your house that is easily seen.** Spread palm branches, crosses or other symbols, and display a Bible and Jesus storybooks. Make it a worship center that reminds you of the importance of this week.
- **Do something in Jesus' honor for someone else.** Decorate eggs and bring them to visit a lonely neighbor, buy groceries for the food pantry, or make a relief or hygiene kit for someone in crisis around the world (see mcc.org/get-involved/kits).

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New Attender Bio

Josh Tyson

The question of "where are you from" is always a little difficult for me to answer. I was born in Pennsylvania (near Philadelphia), but my family moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia when I was 13, and that is what I call home. My parents are Don and



Julie Tyson, and they spent some time in Goshen in the late 1970s. (The new Waterford Mills Parkway goes right through where my dad's tomato patch used to be.) I have two brothers – my younger brother is currently serving in Nepal with his wife who is from there, and my older brother and his wife are parents of two beautiful girls who I am proud to call my nieces.

I graduated from Goshen College in 2009 with a degree in music education, my main instrumental focus being piano, although I also took lessons in organ and voice and did some tuba playing on the side. I worked as a music director at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, and most recently, before moving back to Goshen, I was the music instructor at Iowa Mennonite School for four years.

I currently teach in Elkhart Community Schools, spending my mornings teaching piano and choir at Central High School and then teaching choir at Pierre Moran Middle School in the afternoons. My interests and hobbies include hiking, tennis, biking, puns, and rooting for the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles.

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- **Plan for your family to attend one or more of this week's worship services.** These services help kids remember the stories on the night they actually happened. And they help kids know the stories belong to the whole congregation, not just their family.

This year Waterford moved Maundy Thursday to Maundy Wednesday at 6:00 especially for our families to be able to participate. We plan to have a lot of children and youth involvement in the worship service, and we'll eat together afterwards. Hope to see you there!

—Pastor Katie Misz

Mennonite Women

All women are invited to come to Mennonite Women (sewing) on April 13. We will meet to quilt, knot comforters and knit prayers shawls. Join us for a time of fellowship and noon potluck meal. Come as early as 8:30 am and stay as long as you like.

—Deloris Wyse

Thank You

Dear friends at Waterford,

The flowers that just arrived and those you will display tomorrow [April 2] bring tears of gratitude that are mingling with our tears of pain and grief.

Thank you for keeping in touch with MJ in the years after we moved away (2005).

—John and Michele Sharp



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Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11	Palm Branches and Donkey Parade
Monday	Matthew 26:17-30	The Last Supper
Tuesday	John 13:1-20	Jesus washes feet
Wednesday	Matthew 26:36-56	Jesus is Arrested
Thursday	Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75	Peter denies Jesus
Friday	Matthew 27:1-2, 11-56	Jesus is Crucified
Saturday	Matthew 27:57-66	Jesus is Buried
Sunday	Matthew 28:1-10	The Tomb is Empty