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- Cut out & carry with you.
- Say at each mealtime.
- Read at bedtime.
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Prayer for this Week:

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for me. Help me to now live for you. Amen.

For Throughout the Day:

Father, not my will but yours be done. Amen. (Luke 22:42)

A Blessing to Share:

May God give you faith in his Son, who died to save you. May the death of Jesus bring you life. Amen.

Mealtime Refrain:

Because God helps us we will not be disgraced:

God will never let us down. (Psalm 50:7)

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For the food that we can see, and for the cross that sets us free, we give thanks to thee, O God. Amen.

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Faith Talk:

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- Share about a time when you somebody gave up something for your sake.
- Jesus, the Son of God, gave his life on the cross for the world. What difference does Jesus' death make to your life? Why?

Devotional Practices:

Aim to gather as a household for a devotional time each day of Holy Week. Set aside a table or some bench space as a home altar area for the week. Each day pray this opening prayer together:

Loving God , lead us this Holy Week to see again how much you have done for us. Give us faith in Jesus our Savior and help us to always follow him. Amen.

Then listen to the Bible reading for the day (see overleaf) and add the daily symbol for Holy Week to your home altar area.

Palm Sunday: Palm Frond

Maundy Thursday: Bread and

Holy Monday: Salt

Grape Juice

Holy Tuesday: Stone

Good Friday: Nails

Holy Wednesday: Silver Coins

*Holy Saturday: Piece of Broken
pottery*

End your time together each day with these words:

"Go in the peace of Jesus our Lord: He died that we might live. Amen."

On Easter Sunday replace the symbols with an empty wooden cross and fresh flowers.

Service:

Set aside time this week to prepare Easter cards and gifts to give away to others. Include on your list people who live alone or who are without family nearby. Make a point of praying for these people during the week.

Rituals and Traditions:

Holy Week can be a somber, reflective time which deepens our understanding and appreciation of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. Consider how you can create a "Holy Week atmosphere" in your home. Some suggestions are: (1) Unplug the TV or home stereo for the week; (2) Avoid special treats and outings during the week; (3) Put away ornaments, pictures and other decorations featured in your home; (4) Set up a large cross in a prominent place inside or outside your home.

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