

# Family Prayer Experience Wednesday of Holy Week

## We forgive each other

### ☐ Introduction - Parents feel free to use these words or your own

The Chief Priests and the elders planned to arrest Jesus, but they wanted to do it quietly for fear of the people's reaction (especially after Jesus' triumphant entry in to Jerusalem). **Scripture tells us** Judas went to the Sanhedrin (the Jewish religious leaders) and agreed to spy on Jesus for them. They paid Judas 30 pieces of silver.

**Tradition tells us** Judas did this on the Wednesday of Holy Week, so the day is sometimes called "**Spy Wednesday**".

We don't know why Judas does this, but Matthew's gospel tell us, when Judas saw how Jesus was treated after being arrested he was sorry he had done it (Mt. 27:1-3)

Like Judas, we all make poor choices sometimes that hurt those we love. Today we ask God and each other for forgiveness for those times.

### ☐ Make the Sign of the Cross

### ☐ Light your Christ Candle saying,

Leader: We cultivate healing through kindness and forgiveness

All: **We choose to love and forgive**

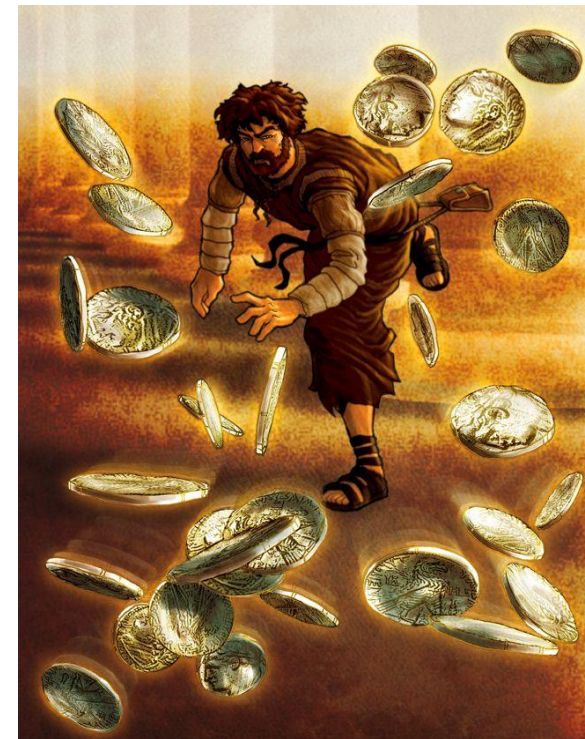
**Note:** Kids need to learn that love is not just a feeling, **love is a choice we make everyday.**

### ☐ A Family Penitential Rite

**Parent:** God meets us, in our family's home, a holy place of rest and care.

A place where shame and fear will flee, If we but trust God's mercy there.

After each invocation please respond, **We will choose to love and forgive**



Consider letting various family members read the invocations

Leader: When we let our burdens that weigh us down,

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

Leader: When we make mistakes and poor choices,

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

Leader: When we do not tell the truth

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

Leader: When we use words that hurt and sting,

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

Leader: When we are afraid to speak or act,

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

Leader: When we keep and do not share,

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

Leader: When we find it hard to let things go,

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

Leader: When we are unfair to one or more,

All: **We will choose to love and forgive**

☐ Closing song: [Click here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtrbxIW7bRo) to listen to **Hold On To Love**

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☐ Have family members exchange the Sign of Peace while the song is playing

**Love is always an option!**  
**It is a conscious choice we make**  
**in any given moment**

