

GOOD FRIDAY 3 INSTRUCTIONS

AIM

To understand that during Holy Week many events happened and that Jesus was going from place to place around and outside Jerusalem. We know that he prayed for these events not to happen (in Gethsemene) yet he decided to do what God wanted.

What you need: (see illustration sheet for further details)

- 50cm (approx.) ribbon per person
 - Green paper to cut to a palm shape
 - A piece of Matzo or cracker each
 - A leaf (artificial or from the garden)
 - Two 5p pieces for each person (I've researched toy silver coins, and although toy gold coins are fairly plentiful there don't appear to be any reasonably priced silver ones. If you get 5p pieces from the post office £1 will be enough for 10 children.)
 - A small piece of purple fabric
 - Some nails, enough for two or three per person
 - A small piece of sponge, optionally with a small amount of vinegar on it.
 - Some cloves, cinnamon sticks and any other spices which a whole and not powdered
 - A small, fairly round stone for each person.
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- You will also need a selection of things to stick and join onto the ribbon. If you try one yourself first, you will have an idea of which materials you will recommend. Supply a stapler (supervise younger children) a hot/cooler glue gun (optional – this will need an adult to do the gluing for most children) glue dots, PVA (a small amount in a pot with a spreader. PVA works well, but most children use too much and are usually rather impatient! Spread a clear, thin layer and hold in place for a minute and it will usually stick) sellotape and scissors, Some square of clear sticky back plastic might also be good for the spices.
 - You will also need scissors and felt pens/colouring pencils.

You could also give each child a plastic bowl to collect all the items as they go around, then they can attach them to the ribbon when they come back and sit down.

CLUES

You will need to write your own clues based on the space you're working in. If your trail is going to go outside, make sure that you have

an adult watching at all times. If you're working in the church you can give clues using, for example, the font, the lectern etc. If you're in a fairly featureless hall, at least number each place and give a clue where they need to solve a problem eg. Divide the number of disciples by the number of gospels in the Bible. (3) Younger ones might be better with a picture clue, such as...



In each place you will need a card with the following Bible verses and questions/thoughts. If you are the adult going around with a group, try to let them have some time to think about what happened, but try not to demand an answer. Some will probably chose not to say much, and this is an appropriate response to the things that Jesus went through for us.

1. Ribbon and title.

John 13:1

It was now the day before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved those in the world who were his own, and he loved them to the very end.

Jesus knew it was time to leave this world and go to his father. Do you think he knew about the awful things that were about to happen to him? Look at the title picture. Can you explain what each of the pictures shows?

2. Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:8

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

- How would you celebrate if a famous person came into your town?

3. The Last Supper

Luke 22:19

¹⁹Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me"

Jesus shared a meal with his friends. What do you think he meant when he said that his body was given for them?

4. GETHSEMENE

Matthew 26:36

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called **Gethsemane**, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. Grief and anguish came over him, and he said to them, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch with me." ...

Jesus was very sad. Why do you think he felt like this?

5. Judas betrays Jesus.

Matthew 26:14

¹⁴Then one of the twelve disciples—the one named Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests ¹⁵and asked, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him. ¹⁶From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

Why do you think Judas decided to betray Jesus?

6. Jesus is mocked by the soldiers

John 19:2

The soldiers made a crown out of thorny branches and put it on his head; then they put a **purple robe** on him and came to him and said, "Long live the King of the Jews!" And they went up and slapped him. ...

The soldiers were so horrible to Jesus. Why do you think they were like this?

7. The crucifixion

Matthew 27:35

They crucified him and then divided his clothes among them by throwing dice.

Why do you think that the soldiers (who had just been so horrible to Jesus) wanted his clothes?

8. Jesus dies

Matthew 27:48

Immediately one of them ran and got a **sponge**. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

Jesus didn't drink the vinegar, but he died just after this. In the temple a huge curtain tore in half from the TOP to the BOTTOM. What do you think about this?

9. The burial

Luke 23:55

⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Smell the spices. What do they make you think of?

10. The tomb

Matthew 27:59

Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

This Joseph (not his dad) was a friend of Jesus. Why do you think he put Jesus' body in a tomb that had been prepared for his own burial?