

The Holiest Week

FOCUS

1. During Holy Week we remember the death and Resurrection of Jesus.
2. Jesus gives his life for us.
3. On Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus rising to a new life.

During these lessons your child:

- *became familiar with the words Jesus spoke whilst he was on the Cross;*
- *identified the Easter candle as a symbol of Jesus' light of the world;*
- *recognised that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday;*
- *understood that Jesus appeared to his disciples several times after his Resurrection.*

Luke 23:33–34,56

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing." Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

John 8:12 Jesus, the light of the world

When Jesus spoke to the people again, he said: "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark; he will have the light of life."

Mark 16:1–16 The empty tomb. The angel's message

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, ... went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, "There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

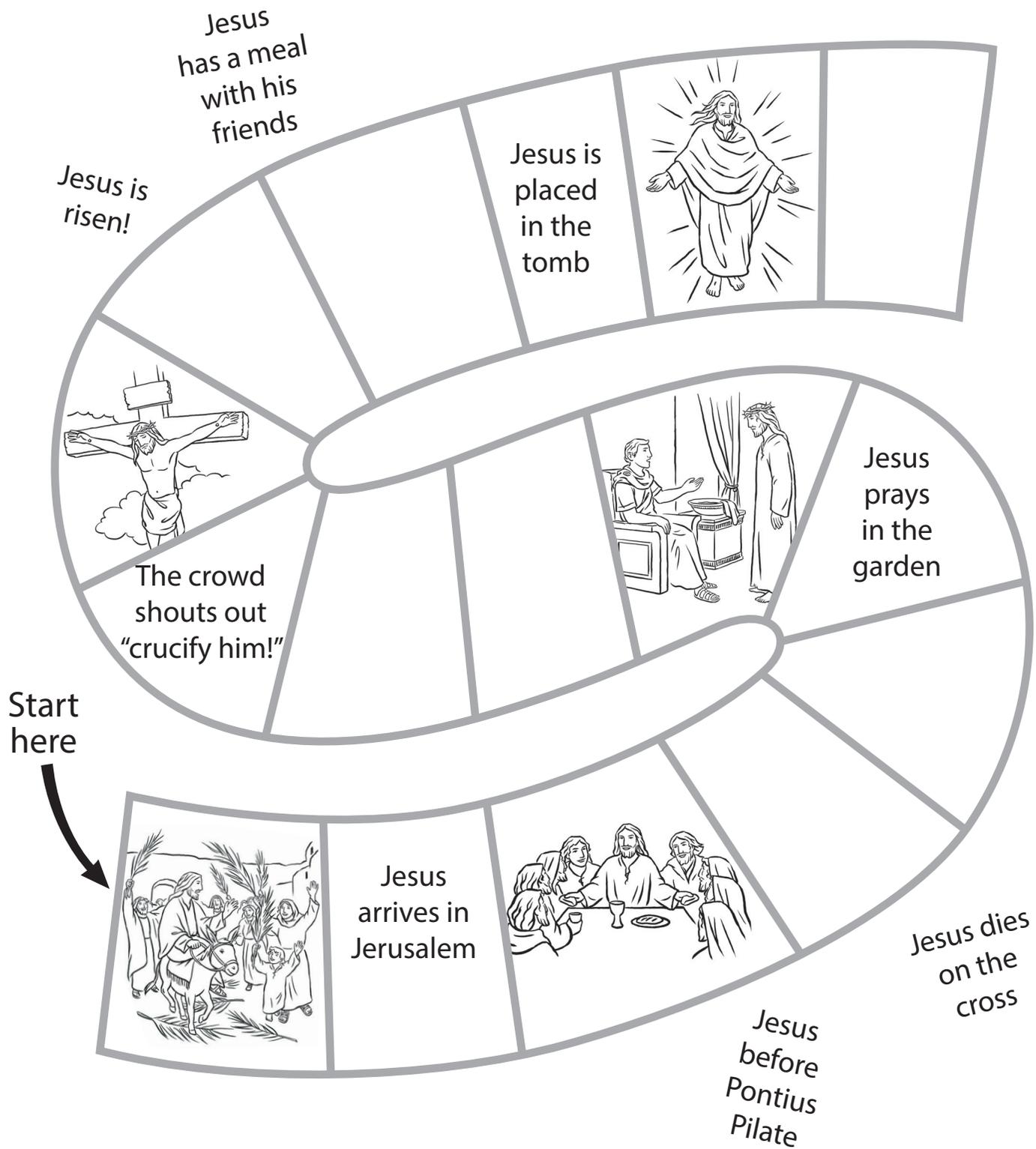
These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read the Palm Sunday passage (**John 12: 12-15**); the 'Washing of Feet' (**John 13: 3-15**); the Last Supper (**Luke 22: 19-20**); the Crucifixion (**Luke 23: 33-34, 56**) with your child and reflect on each event.
2. Visit the local church, and point out the Paschal Candle, and observe all the symbols. Allow your child to pray in silence. Remind your child that at the Easter Vigil, the people carry small candles lit from the Paschal Candle.
3. Read the passage on the Empty Tomb (**Mark 16:1-16**) with your child. Explain to your child that Easter is a time to celebrate for it is the day when Jesus rose from the dead. Imagine how the disciples must have felt on the first Easter Sunday. For them, it was the greatest of news. How should we feel?
4. List the events of Holy Week in order: Palm Sunday, Last Supper, Washing of Feet, Crucifixion. Draw a picture that reminds you of each (or provide the pictures and children match the events to the pictures in the Activity Book).
5. Complete the activity on p. 72 of the Activity Book.
6. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

To Remember:

During Holy Week the Church remembers Jesus' love for us.

Follow the ladder of the events of Holy Week.
 Start at the arrow. Complete either the picture or write the missing event. The first has been done as an example.



Lord Jesus, you are like a shining light.
 Shine on me and help me to spread your light in the world.
 Amen.