

Holy Week

FOCUS

1. Jesus calls us to act with justice and love.
2. Justice is expressed in practical daily decisions and actions that affect others.
3. Jesus reached out to those who were experiencing difficulty and rejection. His response was one of love and acceptance.
4. The death and resurrection of Jesus is at the centre of our Christian faith.
5. Jesus' passion and death are the ultimate rejection and the ultimate act of salvation.

In these lessons your child may have:

- developed an awareness of how the Corporal Works of Mercy (Matthew 25: 34-36) can be applied to their daily lives;
- explored what it means to be a prophet;
- acknowledged that everyone has a right to be treated fairly;
- identified some people today who reach out to those who experience difficulty and rejection;
- identified the events of Holy Week;
- listened and responded to the scriptural narrative of Jesus' passion and death.

Matthew 25: 34-36

"I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Micah 6:8

"This is what God asks of you, 'Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.'"

Matthew 27: 1-2; 13-14; 26

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people met in council to bring about the death of Jesus. They had him bound and led him away to hand him over to Pilate, the governor. . . . Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have made against you?' But to the governor's amazement, he offered not a word in answer to any of the charges. After having Jesus scourged he handed him over to be crucified.



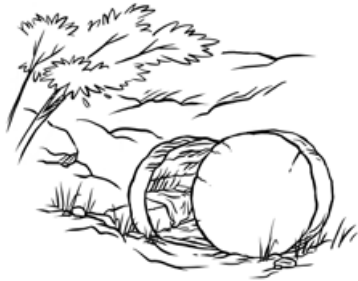
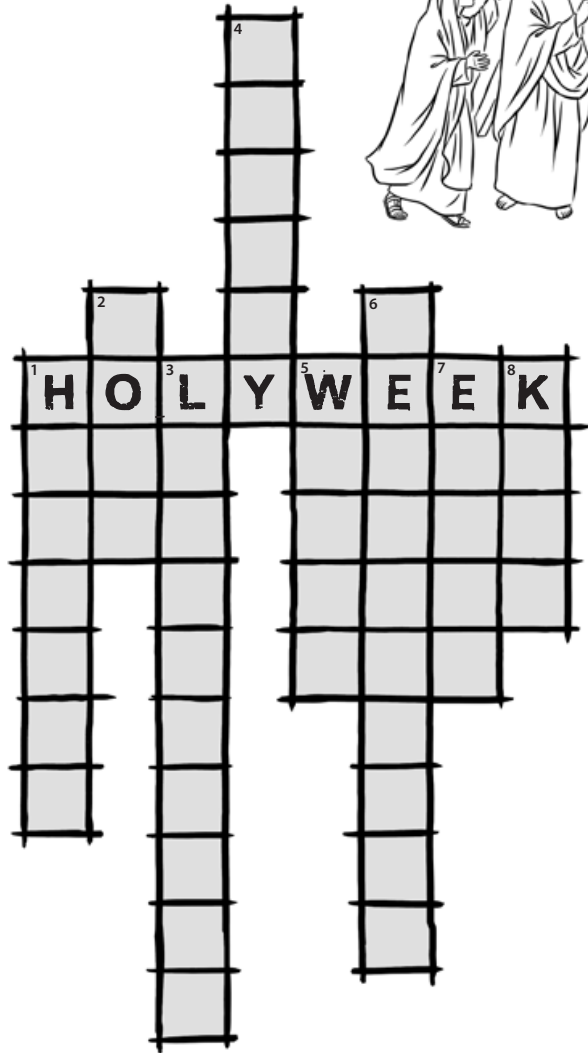
SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

The following are suggested activities for you to do with your child.

1. Encourage your child even at this young age to spread God's justice and goodness in the world around them through prayer and good example among family, friends and peers.
2. Spend time with your child reflecting on how your family could become involved in providing loving service to the community.
3. Ask your child to name organisations that carry out these corporal works of mercy.
4. As a family attend the major services during Holy Week. Times for these can be found on the parish website.
5. Pray with your child for loved ones who have died, speaking with confidence in God's promise of eternal life.
6. Discuss with your child why Easter Sunday is the most important event in the Christian calendar.
7. More activities can be found at www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au Click on **Home Activities**.

• **How well do you remember the events of Holy Week?**

1. When Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowds threw palm branches and shouted _____.
2. On the night that he was betrayed Jesus took bread, broke it and said "This is my _____."
3. On Holy Thursday we remember the _____.
4. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday he rode on a _____.
5. When the soldier pierced Jesus' side, blood and _____ poured out.
6. After eating his final meal Jesus went to pray in the garden of _____.
7. On the first Easter morning Mary Magdalene found the tomb _____.
8. When Jesus was crucified, a sign on the Cross read *Jesus of Nazareth, _____ of the Jews.*



TO REMEMBER:

In Holy Week we remember Jesus' love for us.



Lord Jesus, we remember you on your journey.
 We remember you in the Garden of Gethsemane.
 We remember you passing through the judgement courts.
 We remember your footsteps along the road to Calvary Hill.
 We remember your death on the cross.
 Help us to always remember you and what you did for us.
 Amen.