

Holy Week Activity – Looking for Clues in the Good Friday Passion

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By Joe Paprocki taken from Loyola Press. Go to the web site to download the masters.

Activity taken directly from web site:

1. After our opening prayer, I'll have my aide, Daneen, take those students who have yet to finish their final assessment into the neighboring room so that they can complete the test.
2. Meanwhile, I'll meet with each of the students who *have* completed their test to go over their results with them. As I'm meeting with them individually, I'll have them work on a [Holy Week crossword puzzle](#) at their desks.
3. A half-hour into class, I will need to send 3 or 4 of my students to the church to practice for next week's closing liturgy.
4. The rest of us will work on a Holy Activity that I call "Looking for Clues" in which we will explore the Good Friday Passion reading according to John, looking for clues of the many images that are mentioned in that Passion reading. The students will follow this ["Looking for Clues" Blackline Master](#) that I created this morning. The BLM shows pictures of 16 objects or images mentioned in the Passion reading according to John (lanterns, torches, weapons, a fire, a rooster, a whip, etc).
5. We'll go through the pictures first, making sure they know what each picture is. Then, as I read aloud the Passion according to John (abridged version), I'll ask the students to raise their hands when they hear me mention one of the objects or images from their sheet. Note that I wrote in the word "rooster" to use over the existing word for obvious reasons...no need to invite giggling and immature behavior.
6. The students are then to write a sentence or two describing briefly how that object or image fits into the story. See the [answer key](#) I've provided. I'll use this to suggest what they should write for each after they've volunteered a few answers in their own words.

Hopefully, this will provide the young people with some preparation for hearing the Passion reading on Good Friday if they attend (and if they don't attend, at least they had a chance to explore it).