

Easter

Grade 4 – Easter Class Sessions (4/10 and 4/13)

KEY CONCEPT

Recognize Holy Week, especially Triduum, as a special time. Explore the meaning of the Cross.

QUICK SESSION

OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Finish Lent Strong!

- Quote from Pope Benedict XVI on Lent

“Lent is like a long ‘retreat’ during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual ‘combat’ which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.”

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – word search

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray (pg 31)

Explain that sometimes it is not easy to do the right thing. In fact, we often need help to do the right thing. That is why we often pray asking for God's help.

Read scripture passage

Ask the What do you wonder questions and discuss

Ask what else the children wonder about Jesus' obedience or doing the right thing.

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

The Cross (pg 32)

- **Remind the children that Palm (or Passion) Sunday begins the holiest week of the liturgical year.**
- **The Triduum begins with Holy Thursday, moves into Good Friday, continues through the Easter Vigil and ends with evening prayer on Easter Sunday.**
- **Read paragraphs**

Suffering servant

- **Read paragraphs**

New Life

Read paragraph.

Ask: What are some ways you can imitate the love of Jesus in word and action?

Answer question on pg 33 Activity section.

Light of the World (pg 38)

- **Turn off the lights and then light a candle or single lamp. After a moment of silence ask the children to describe the light. What effect does it have on the room?**
- **Read paragraphs**

Let your Light Shine

Read paragraphs

- **Ask the questions**
- **Activity – Do the Light of the World activity on pg 39**

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

Activity - Go to Church and do the Stations of the Cross or say a decade of the Rosary.

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

- **Our Father**
- **Memorare**

Take Homes:

The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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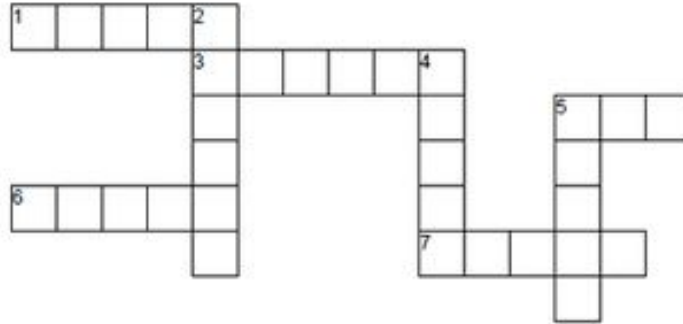
CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
RISE	REMOVED	TOMB	FOLDED	MARY
BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

I've Just Seen Jesus

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)



Complete the activity below. The words in the puzzle are found in John 20:1-18.



ACROSS

1. The color of snow; the opposite of black
3. Messengers from heaven
5. To produce tears; to weep
6. Not dead
7. To have nothing inside

DOWN

2. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
4. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb
5. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers

EASTER	CLOTH	CRY	EMPTY
ALIVE	WHITE	STONE	ANGELS