



Easter 2021

Family
Devotions

VKIDS HOLY WEEK DEVOTION FOR FAMILIES

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MONDAY DEVOTION – JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

Read aloud [Mark 11:15-18](#) or watch the video using the QR code



Tell your children that this area of the Temple was the place non-Jews could come to pray to God. However, it had been turned into a place to buy your things to offer to God rather than the place of prayer and worship God has designed it to be. This made Jesus very cross.

Why do you think he was so cross?

Together, decorate a worshipful space in your home for Easter Week. Include a Bible, candles, and an area to display the items you'll use this week. A small, bare tree branch laced with white Christmas lights makes a nice backdrop.

Why not light the candles or turn on the lights only during devotions to keep it special and meaningful.

Prayer:

- Spend some time thanking God that we can worship him wherever we are.
- Pray for those around the world who cannot worship Jesus freely because of fear
- Pray for our church as we seek to reach people virtually over the next few weeks and months.

Activities:

- **Coloring page / word search / Spot the difference**
- **Holy Week wheel craft** – color both pieces of the craft. Cut them out. Push a split pin through both, so you can turn the top wheel around to tell you about each day of Holy Week.

Thoughts and reflections on Easter 2021

Easter Garden

You will need:

- Plastic plant tray
- Soil
- Moss
- Small stones, pebbles or gravel
- 1 large stone
- Small flowerpot
- Some small flowering plants, such as mini daffodils
- 6 sticks
- Gardening trowel
- String or twine



Instructions

1. Put your flowerpot on its side in the tray. This is going to symbolise Jesus' tomb.
2. Fill the tray with soil. Make sure the soil also covers the sides and top of the flowerpot (so it looks like a hill).
3. Add your small pebbles or gravel wherever you would like.
4. Dig some small holes in the soil and plant your flowers. Make sure they have enough space for their roots to grow!
5. Use the moss to cover some of the soil (the 'ground') and the hill. This will look like grass.
6. Overlap two of your sticks to form a cross. Use your string or twine to tie them together. Repeat this to make three crosses in total.
7. Push your crosses into the soil so they stand upright.
8. Place the big stone in front of the open end of the flowerpot.
9. Put your Easter garden on display, somewhere where the plants can get plenty of sunlight.



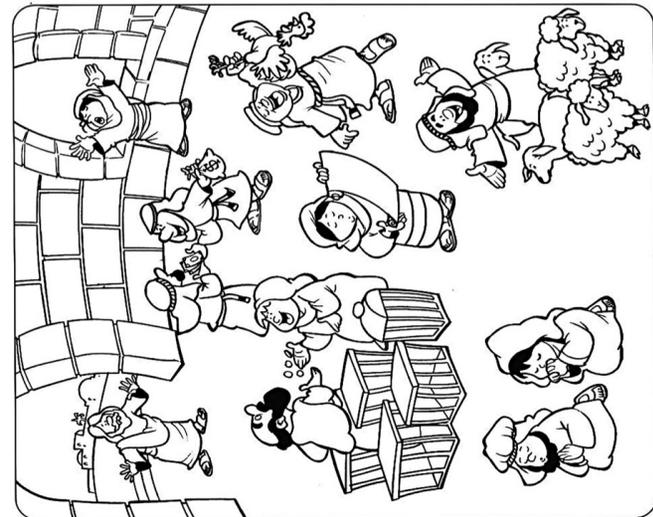
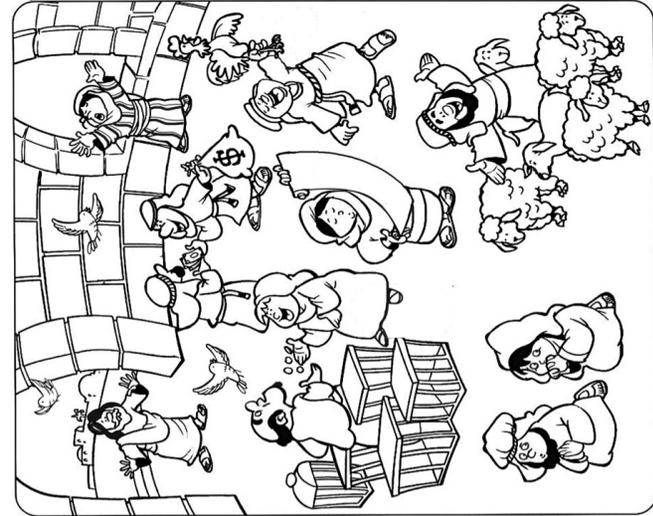
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Jesus cleanses the Temple

Jesus went to the Temple in Jerusalem. When he saw people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and people trading with money-changers - right there in the Temple - he was upset. "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" he cried out! In these drawings of Jesus cleansing the Temple, can you find 10 things that are different?



ANSWERS:

1. The children has changed position.
2. The money bag is bigger.
3. There is one more sheep.
4. The pig and people are switched in the stalls.
5. The dog is in the stalls.
6. One of the doves is in the stalls.
7. The dove is in the stalls.
8. The scroll is now much longer.
9. Jesus has black hair.
10. The doves are escaping.

Cleaning House

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. John 2:15 (NIV)

Based on John 2:13-16 (NIV)



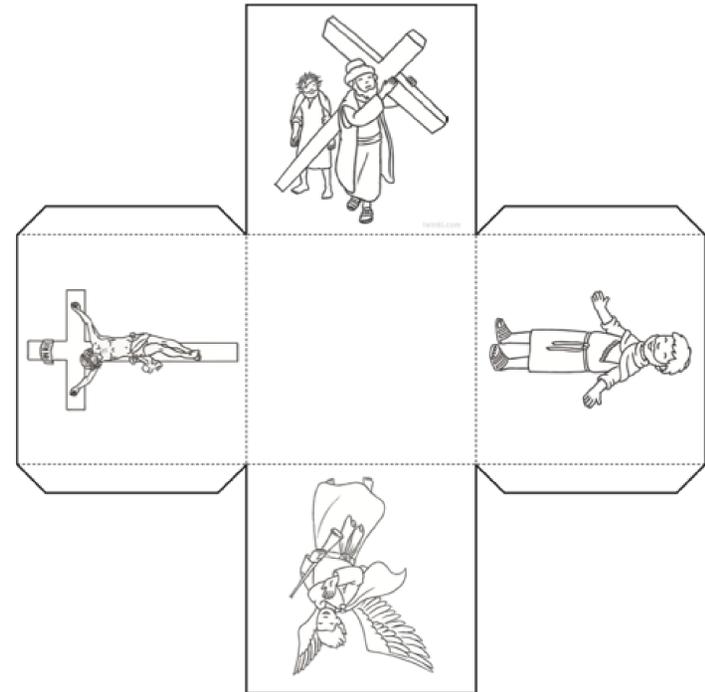
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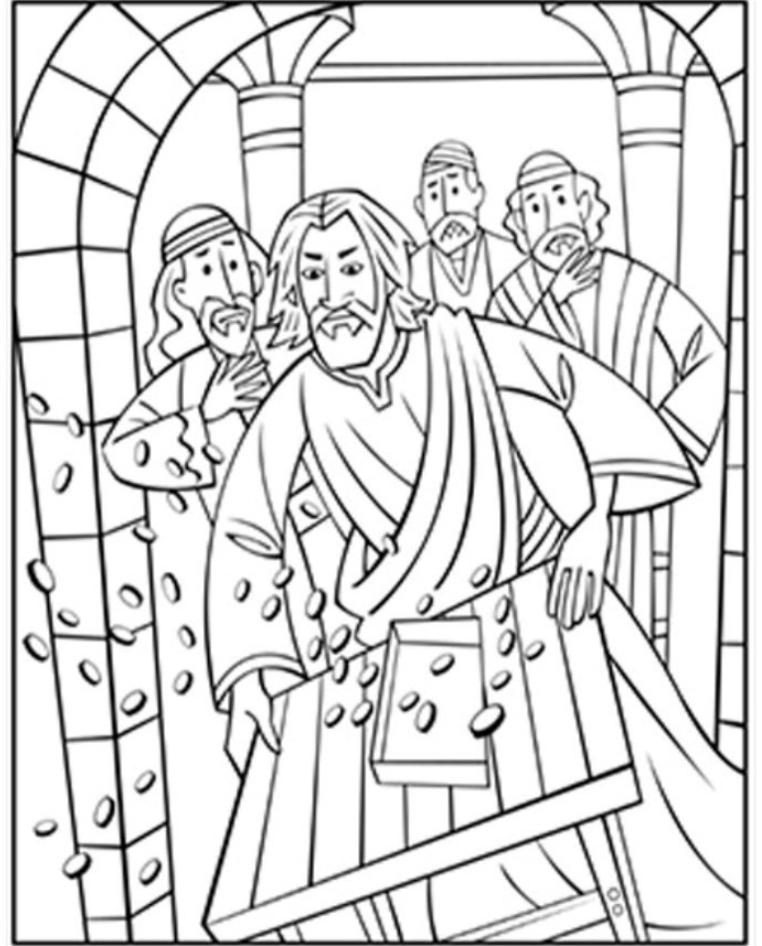
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Easter Themed Basket Craft

Instructions:

1. Colour in the basket and the handle.
2. Cut out and fold on the dotted lines.
3. Glue the sides together and staple on the handle.
4. Fill your box with Easter goodies.





Jesus Cleansing the Temple

TUESDAY DEVOTION – A WOMEN ANOINTING JESUS’ FEET

Read the story aloud [Mark 14:3-9](#) or watch the story



Questions:

- What did the women give to Jesus?
- How did the other people react to her actions?
- How did Jesus react?

This woman gave Jesus a gift that was very precious. We can give gifts that come from our heart, too. We can thank Jesus for all He has done for us especially at this Easter time.

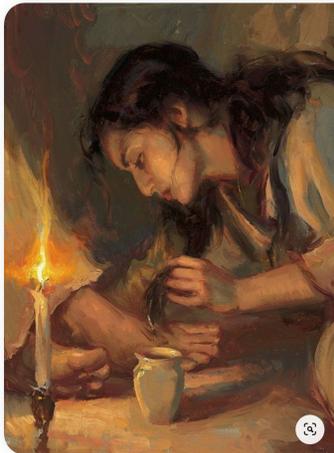
Have each family member share something he or she can do to honor Jesus. As each person shares, spray perfume into the air or on the person.

Prayer: Spend some time looking at the painting below. Imagine yourself there. What would it smell like, look like, feel like?

- Praise God that he is worth giving our best to.
- Pray that we would be willing to share all we have with Him.

Activities:

- Activity sheet
- Coloring page



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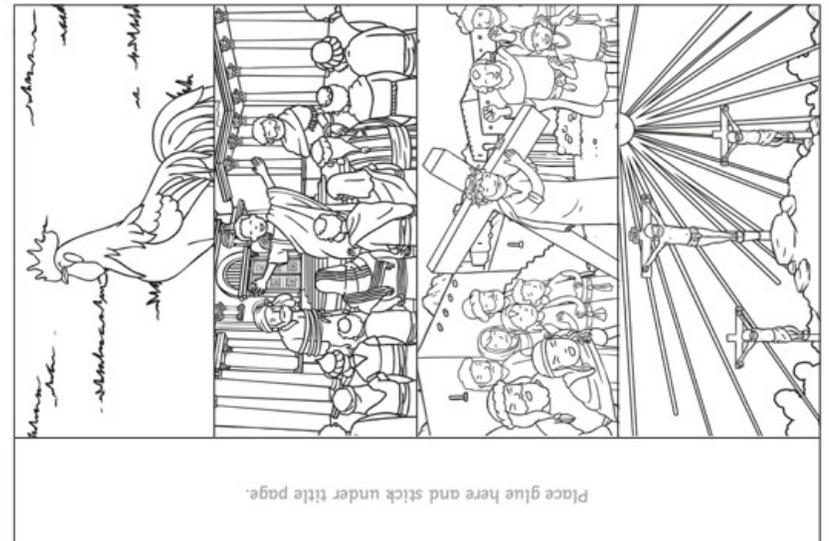
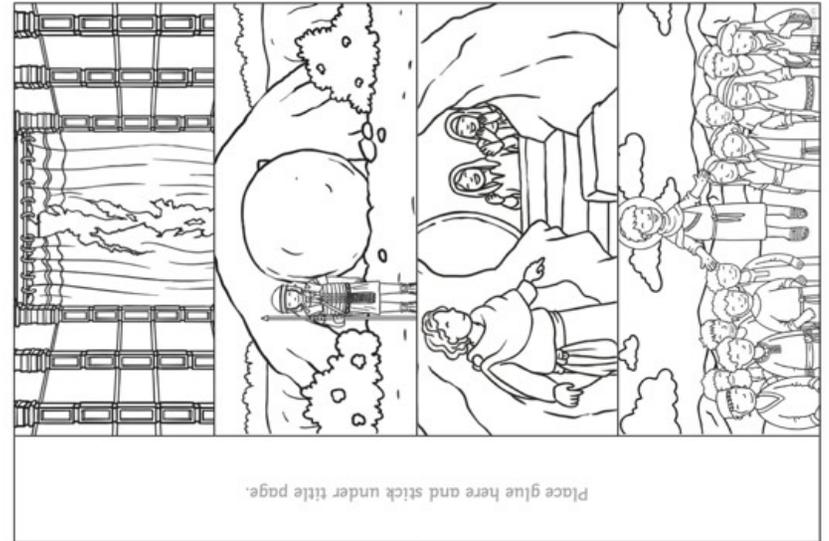
Daniel Gerhartz, 1965 | Impressionist painter

Born in 1965 in Kewaskum, Wisconsin, where he now lives with his wife Jennifer, and their young children, Dan's interest in art emerged as a teenager. Studies at the American Academy of Art in... More

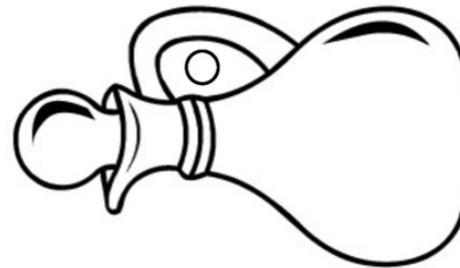
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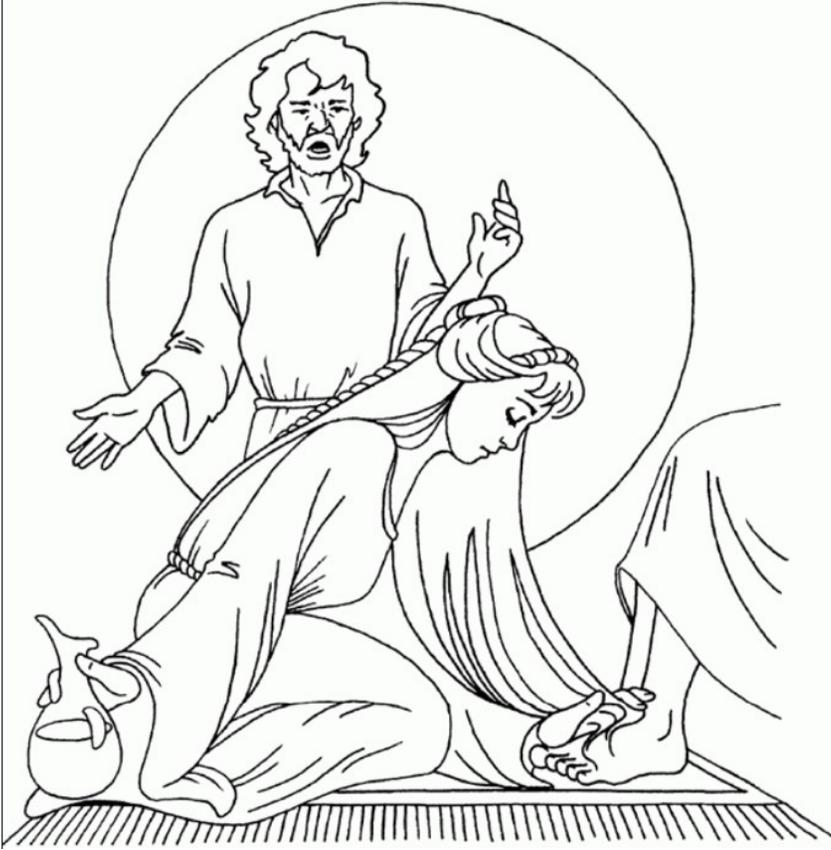


Print one paper for each student.
Students should cut on the dotted line.
Students may color the oil/perfume ,
then cut out the bottle. Attach the bottle
to the sheet with the feet with a brad
where the circles are marked so students
can simulate pouring oil/perfume on
Jesus's feet. Optionally, you may drip
one drop of essential oil on the bottle.

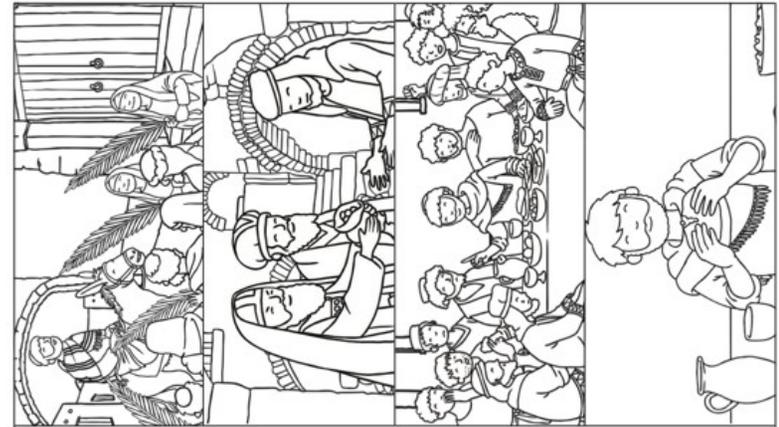
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(JOHN 12: 1-8/ LENT 5)

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A woman anoints Jesus' feet



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The Easter Story

EASTER SUNDAY - FAMILY DEVOTION



Read aloud [Luke 24:1-9](#) or watch here

Can you retell the Easter story as a family. What feelings do you cause?

Good Friday was a sad day but we know that Sunday is coming. Sunday is the celebration that Jesus has come back to live, defeated sin and bridge the gap between us and God. Praise God!!

You'll need:

- cupcakes
- a trick candle that relights

Light the candle and talk about how Jesus came to be the light of the world. On Saturday, it looked like the light had been blown out.

Blow out the candle and wait in silence while the flame is gone. When the flame comes back, celebrate with the cupcakes!

Point out that nothing can ever snuff out Jesus, the light of the world.

Worship:

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection by worshipping together using your own worship or the VKids playlist.

Activities:

- Make an Easter basket – print the sheet onto a piece of cardstock.
- Make the Easter booklet – print out the sheets and make the book.
- Make an Easter Garden. See the attached sheet for instructions

WEDNESDAY DEVOTION – JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS.

Read aloud [Matthew 26:14-16](#) or watch using the QR code



You'll need: 30 dimes

Questions:

- Does anyone know what 'betray' means?
- How would you feel if a best friend betrayed you?

Read how Judas betrayed Jesus in Matthew 26:20-25 and 47-50

- What happened?
- How do you think Jesus felt about Judas betraying him?

Read Matthew 27:1-4

Judas realized that he had made a terrible mistake and that Jesus really was the Son of God.

Take the 30 dimes, get your children to count then. Remind them that Judas betrayed Jesus for about 120 days of wages. Let the kids count the dimes and place them at your family worship space.

Questions:

- Was Jesus' life on earth worth more than 30 pieces of silver? Why or why not?
- What was the true value of Jesus' life to our family?

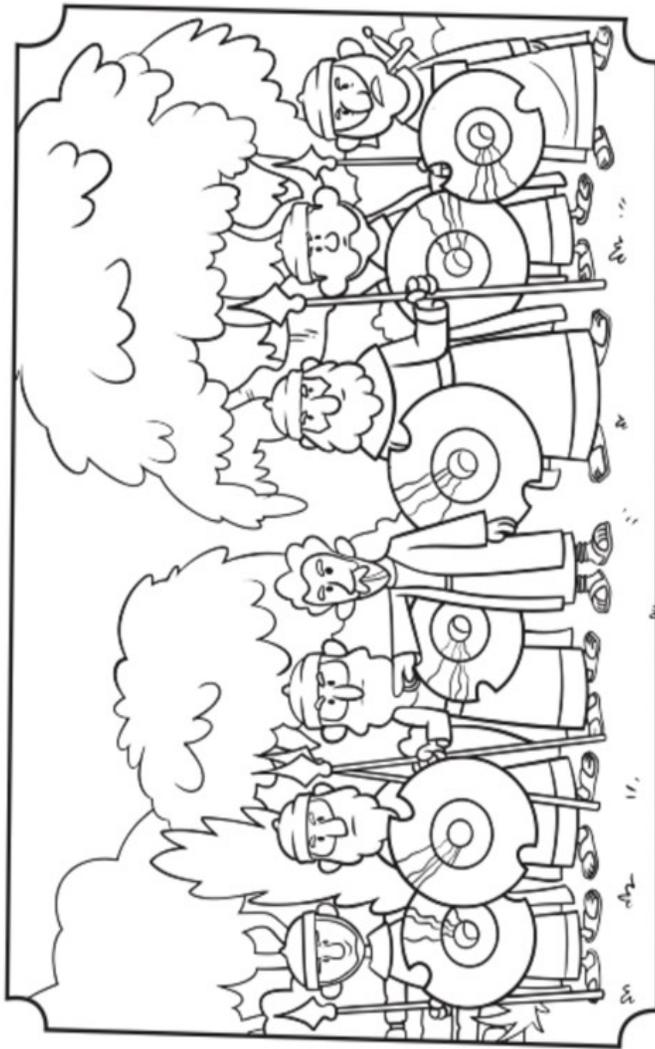
Prayer:

This story reminds us that we can all get it wrong, we can hurt God and other people. However, the good news is that God promises to forgive us if we ask him. So let's spend some time thinking about what we've done, said or thought that has hurt God and others and tell Jesus we're sorry.

Then spend some time thanking God for his amazing love and forgiveness.

Activities:

- **Coloring page**
- **Money bag picture** – add 30 silver pieces – either color them / use tin foil
- **Memory verse**



One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, betrayed Jesus. Jesus was put on trial, and sentenced to die. Mark 14:43-50



SATURDAY DEVOTION

Read aloud [Mark 15:42-47](#).

You'll need:

- crepe paper or toilet paper

Take turns wrapping each other in crepe paper just as Jesus may have looked when prepared for burial. Talk about how the disciples might've felt when all their hopes seemed destroyed when Jesus died.

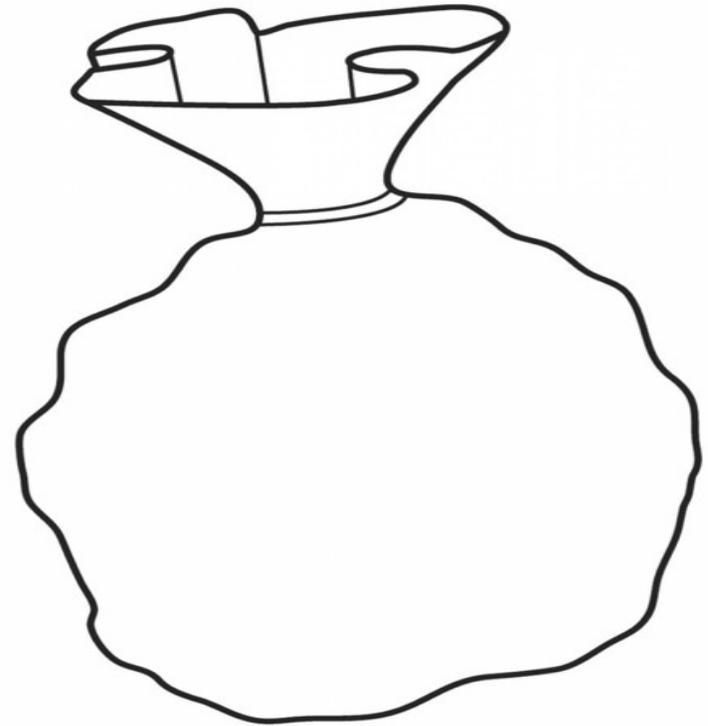
Ask:

- What do you want to say to Jesus to thank him for dying for you?

Talk about how the burial isn't the end of the story, but that it was a very sad day for Jesus' friends.



Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of Silver



Add 30 pieces of silver by either coloring them in or using foil.
Judas got 30 pieces of silver for leading the Jewish leaders to
Jesus.



If we confess
our sins he
is faithful and
just to forgive
us our sins
(1 John 1:9)

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 **For God**
so loved  
 the world that  
He gave His one
and only Son  
 that whoever 
BELIEVES
in **Him** shall not perish 
 but have **ETERNAL** 
 **LIFE.** 
John 3:16
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MAUNDY THURSDAY FAMILY DEVOTION -JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET

You'll need:

- a bowl
- a bar of soap
- paper towels



Read aloud [John 13:1-5](#) and then watch the story

Questions:

- Why did Jesus wash his disciples feet?
- Look at the picture, would you want to wash those feet?

Washing feet was a job for the least servant, a job no one wanted to do but Jesus did it anyway. He wanted to show what kind of king he was, a servant king. A king willing to step down from his throne to show his love for all people.

He also did this to show his disciples, and us, what kind of people we should be – loving and serving others.

- Can you think of some ways you can show love to those around you?

You could paint a colorful picture and put it in your window for your neighbors to see. What other ideas can you think of?

Activities:

- **Foot/hand washing** - Jesus washed feet to show his love. Get a bowl full of warm water, a bar of soap, and paper towels ready. Take turns washing each other's hands and drying them as you express love to each other.

Display the soap at your family worship space.

- **Coloring page**



Jesus washed his disciples' feet to show his love for them.

Let us love each other.



GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY DEVOTION

Read aloud [Mark 15:21-39](#).

Good Friday was a sad, confusing day for the disciples, they didn't understand that Jesus had to die to take away the sins of the world. They were upset, they began to question if Jesus really was the Son of God.

Sometimes we can get upset or confused by things around us. Particularly at the moment, life might feel confusing but we need to remember that Jesus is alive, He loves us very much and promises never to leave us.

Questions:

- Why did Jesus die on the cross?

Activities:

- **Make a cross:**

You'll need:

- Two nails or popsicle sticks
- light gauge wire /string

Follow these steps:

1. Help children lay their nails/sticks across each other like a cross, then start wrapping the wire around the point where the nails intersect to bind the nails into a cross.
2. Crisscross the wire in the center.
3. Have the kids recall an event of the Crucifixion with each wrap.

Encourage family members to put this as a cross somewhere to remember that Jesus died for them on Good Friday.

- **Memory verses:** read and reflect on the following verses from the Bible.