



Holy Week in a Box Script

Messy Church USA Conversation

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Items Needed: Box, Jesus, paper palm branch, picture of communion, silver coins, small crown of thorns to put on Jesus character, small cloth to place around Jesus to put in tomb

Script:

This is a story, the Easter story...and just like any story, there are exciting times, there are some sad times and there fun times. The Easter story is the same...there are happy and sad times.

Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey. (Jesus) People were gathered. They laid down their coats and cut palm branches (palm branch) to wave as they shouted “Hosanna” which means “Save us.” This was a celebration. It was a parade. The people were excited because Jesus had been doing amazing things and they were celebrating the Jewish holiday of Passover.

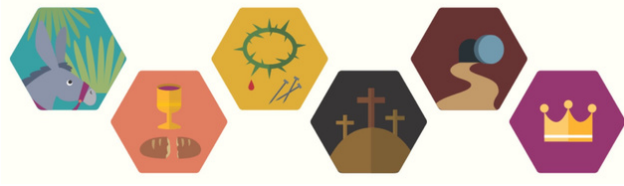


Part of the Passover Celebration included having a special meal. Jesus had dinner with his 12 disciples who were his special friends. At that dinner, there was bread and wine. (bread & wine) And Jesus said....” When you eat bread and drink wine remember me.” Now at this dinner, Jesus already knew that his friends were going to disappoint him and turn against him.



Judas agreed to turn over Jesus to the high priests for 30 silver coins. (silver coins) Still Jesus showed his friends love and gave a new commandment saying “Love One Another.”





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Script Continues:

After the meal, Jesus went to pray. While in the garden of Gethsemane he was arrested. The Roman's put a crown of thorns on Jesus. (crown) They were teasing Jesus because he called himself the "King of Jews". They said every King needs a crown...but this crown was made of thorns.



And here is the sad part of the story....Jesus died on a cross. (turn box to cross) All of Jesus' friends were scared and sad that day.



They took Jesus's body down from the cross and wrapped it in a cloth (cloth) and put his body inside a tomb (place body behind) (which was kind of like a cave with a rock for the door).

Here is the MOST important part of the story this is the joyous, surprising, and mysterious part of the story... and this is EASTER!!!!The women that were Jesus's close friends went to the tomb and when they did, they discovered that the rock was moved (Take off lid tilt) and the tomb was empty! They ran to tell everyone the Good News..." Christ has risen, he has risen indeed!"

I wonder...

...I wonder what the disciples thought when they discovered the empty tomb?

...I wonder what it would have felt like to peek into that empty tomb?

...I wonder how Jesus lives in us today?



I wonder if this Easter we can remember that Jesus is not physically present in his body but that he is with us at all times. Nothing separates us, not even death, from the love of Jesus. All of the lessons we learn from the stories of Jesus and the things he taught us about how to love each other is part of us. When we love and take care of each other...Jesus is alive through us. Jesus will be with us forever.

Forgiving was also important to Jesus. When we do things that have disappointed others...we can remember that Jesus always forgives us. We have the hope that things will be better....we have new opportunities to do things differently. And that is the message of Easter.



Holy Week Box



Pick out a Jesus and then cut two palm branches. Shout “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!” and tell the story of Jesus’ celebration & entry into Jerusalem.



Maundy Thursday- glue the cup and loaf of bread on the back side of the lid of the box. Jesus stands at the table and shares the meal with his disciples. We remember how he told us to do the same.



Good Friday- draw a simple cross on the back of the box. We remember how sad all of Jesus’ friends were that day.



Cover Jesus with the grave cloth and place him in the tomb.



Easter! The tomb is empty! Tell the story of the great news that when Jesus’ friends went to visit his tomb it was empty. Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! He died so that we could all live.

What To Do: Make your Holy Week Box and then use it to share the Good News with a friend who hasn’t heard.



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