

Saturday

Read

Mark 15:46,47.



Keep the box closed today. Jesus' friends put his body in the tomb that belonged to Joseph. The Roman authorities made sure that they guarded the tomb. They didn't want anyone to steal the body. It was a very sad day. The disciples didn't think they would ever see Jesus again.

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Sunday

Read

Mark 16:1-8.



Open the box. Place the Jesus figure beside it and place the cloth inside it. On the Sunday the women came to the tomb. They were so surprised to find an angel who said, 'Jesus has been raised'. Because Jesus has been raised from death he can be with us now.

I wonder when you know that Jesus is with you?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Holy Week Box

An idea by Camille LeBron Powell, adapted by Rev. Mary Hawes, pictures by GodVenture

Find a place for your Holy Week box where your family can see it.

You might put a special cloth for it to be on, or draw a picture for the background.

As well as your Holy Week Box, you will need a Bible to find the stories each day.

You could read the Bible's words or tell them in your own words.

Palm Sunday

Read

Mark 11:1-15.



Take the green paper and the Jesus figure out of the box. Cut the paper into palm leaves. Place them and Jesus beside the closed box. The people waved palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

How can we welcome Jesus into our home?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Monday

Read

Mark 11:15-19.



Take one of the coins and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. The people in the Temple were cheating others out of their money and Jesus got very cross.

How can we use our money wisely?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Tuesday

Read

Mark 12:13-17.



Take a second coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. The religious leaders asked Jesus if it was right to pay their taxes. Taxes help to pay for things we need like education and healthcare.

I wonder if it is the right thing to pay taxes?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Wednesday

Read

Mark 12:41-44.



Take the third coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. Jesus saw rich people putting lots of money into the collection. He knew they could afford more. Then he saw a very poor woman putting a little bit of money in the collection. He knew that she could hardly afford it but she still wanted to give her money to God. How can we give our money to God?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Thursday

Read

Mark 14:12-25.



Draw a cup and plate on the box. Place the Jesus figure next to it. This was the last meal Jesus had with his friends. When do we think about this in church? I wonder how his friends felt when they heard Jesus' words?

Say the Lord's Prayer together.

Good Friday

Read

Mark 15:1, 15,
22–25, 37, 39.



Wrap the Jesus figure in the white cloth, place it in the box and close the box. Make a cross out of the wires and place it against the box. Jesus' enemies wanted him out of the way. When he was praying with his friends, they came and had him arrested. They told lies, and Jesus was put to death on the cross. His friends were very sad. They didn't know what was happening. Jesus' friends buried him in a tomb and wondered what would happen next.

I wonder what it might be like not to have Jesus with us.

Say the Lord's Prayer together.