

From death to new life

FOCUS

1. During Holy Week we remember the death and Resurrection of Jesus.
2. On Easter Sunday we celebrate Jesus rising to new life.

During lesson time your child:

- *re-told or re-enacted events from Holy Week;*
- *created an artistic response to the events of Holy Week;*
- *understood and appreciated what we remember during Holy Week.*

Just before Jesus died he gathered his disciples for a special meal. He asked them to remember him each time they broke and shared the bread and drank from the cup. This special meal was the first Mass. The next day Jesus died on the Cross, showing his love for his friends. Below the Cross stood his mother, his beloved disciple John and Mary Magdalene. Jesus' friends were very sad when he died. They thought they would never see Jesus again. A few days later a wonderful thing happened, Jesus' friends discovered that he had not left them at all. Jesus had kept his promise. He had come back, he was alive!

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read and discuss the passage with your child. Explore your child's understanding of the passage by asking him or her 'I wonder' questions; e.g. I wonder . . . how Jesus' friends felt on the different days of Holy Week?
2. Encourage your child to make Easter cards on behalf of your family to give to relatives and friends.
3. Encourage your child to make a Paschal Candle with art and craft materials.
4. Help your child complete the join-the-dots exercise on the next page.



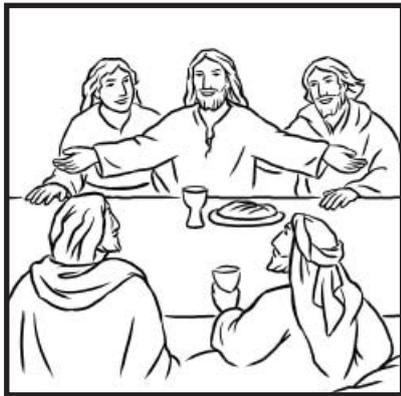
To Remember:

Holy Week is a special time to remember Jesus.

How well do you remember the events of Holy Week?
Look at the pictures to help you complete the sentences.

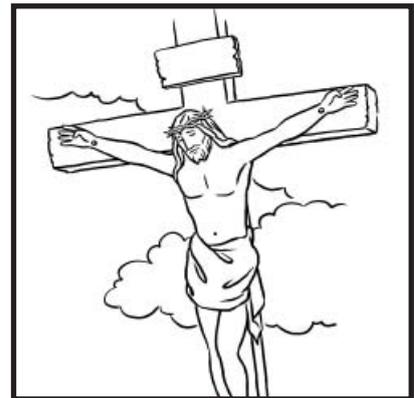
Jesus rode into Jerusalem
on a _____.

The people waved _____ branches.



Jesus shared his last _____ with his
disciples.

Jesus died on a _____.



On Easter Sunday _____ rose
from the dead.

_____ found the tomb empty.



Dear God,
thank you for dying for us.
Thank you for rising for us.
Thank you for being with us. Amen.