

Holy Week

*Light a candle and remember the presence of God is with you.
Before you begin, cut out the Lent Wreath pieces.*

The season of Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter. The church uses the color purple to show when we are getting ready for something important.

Every week is a different piece of a what becomes very special story. This story of Jesus has already begun.

Place the road going towards Jerusalem in front of you.

Remember the story about Jesus entering with palms waving?

Remember he shared a meal with his friends?

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Palm Sunday	HOLY WEEK Lent Week 6			Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday

Then things started to go wrong.

On Good Friday, Jesus was arrested.

Place Jesus and the disciples on the middle of the road.

His friend Judas had betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver.

Move Judas next to Jesus.

Then move Judas away from Jesus to the edge of the underlay facing away



Jesus' friend Peter denied him three times.

Move Peter next to Jesus.

Then move Peter away from Jesus to the edge of the underlay facing away or laying down.

The followers of Jesus were not sure what to do. They began to scatter.

Move the disciples to Jesus.

Then move them to the edge, facing away from Jesus or laying down.

Jesus was going to die on the cross without his friends.

The women who loved Jesus tried to help as he hung on the cross next to two other criminals.

Move the women close to Jesus and then set them to the side watching.

Jesus forgave those who had hurt him right before he died.

Take a moment to repeat that line quietly.

Then he died. Jesus. . . God's special son, died.

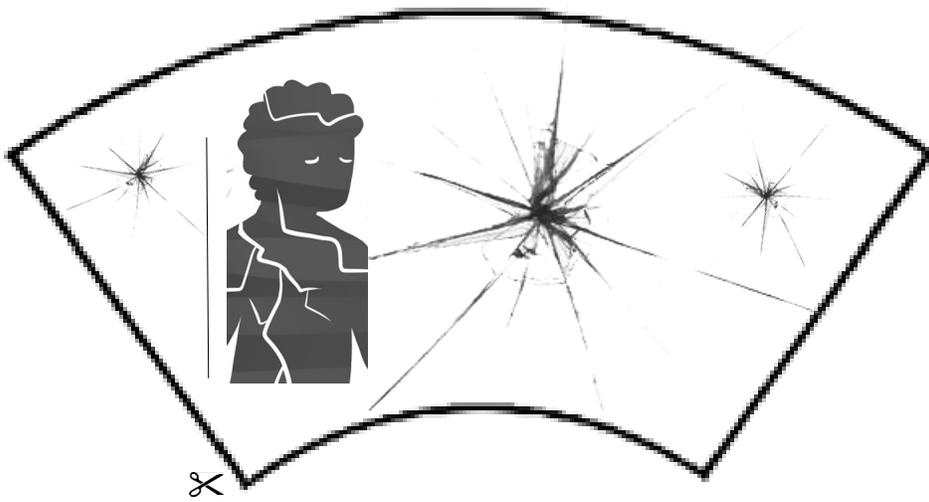
Pause and sit in silence for a moment.



Puzzle Piece FAITH TUTORS

Each week a new story has a new piece to place on the puzzle.

1. Cut out the Lent Wreath Piece.
2. Color it.
3. Place it on top of the corresponding foundation layer.



I wonder...

- which story of Lent you like best?
- why the disciples ran away?
- how Jesus felt about the disciples running away?
- why Jesus forgave those who hurt him?
- how the women felt about Jesus dying?
- how you feel about Jesus dying?

Holy Week—Take it Up a Step.

Young Adults to Elders: The first four books in the Bible are called the Gospels or “Good News.” While the stories about Jesus are similar, they are not the same. Reread all of the Holy Week stories. Compare the stories as you prepare to worship on Sunday.

Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, and John 18-21

- Which gospel has Jesus carry his own cross?
- Which gospel only has one of the other criminals mock Jesus?
- Which gospel has an eclipse of the sun?
- Which gospel has an earthquake?
- Who came to the tomb in each gospel?
- Which gospel is the most different?

Luke 23:34-35

(Common English Version)

Jesus said, “God, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.” They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing. The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one.”

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Draw Images for Each Day of Holy Week

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Family Prayer

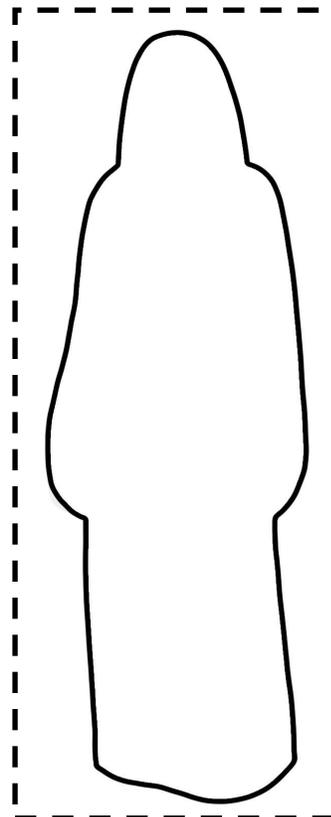
There are so many ways to pray. This week's prayer challenge is to write a family prayer that shares with God about how God takes care of each of you. (You may also want to think about how you take care of your relationship with God.)

I/We was/were taken care of by you, God, when...

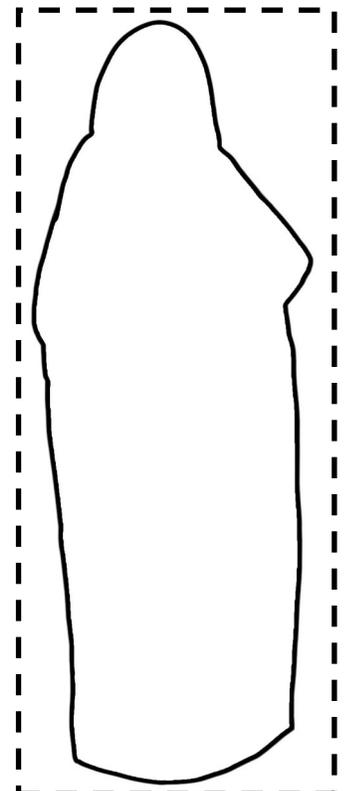
Thank you for your care. Amen.

Pieces for Telling the Story

1. Grab almost all the pieces from the previous story and set them up.
2. Cut out each woman.



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