

Good Friday

Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 22:66-23:56, John 18:28-19:37

Jesus is crucified following betrayal, arrest, illegal trials, beating, and mockery.

Main idea: Jesus lived the life we should have lived and he died the death we should have died.

Sins on the Cross

Activity for Older Kids

Get two pieces of wood. Make a cross. Give each person a nail, a hammer and a piece of paper. Write your sins on the private paper and nail them to the cross. Have a time of family communion. Rip the paper from the cross, burn it up, and say, "I am forgiven." Use *cooled* ashes to put a cross on a family members hand or forehead, like on Ash Wednesday.

Question: How does knowing you are forgiven change you in the way you make decisions and relate to others?

Resurrection Rolls

Activity for Younger Kids

Materials: large marshmallows sugar/cinnamon mixture
 melted butter prepared crescent rolls

Directions:

1. Open can of crescent rolls and separate into triangles. **The rolls represent the linen wrapping used in covering the body.**
2. Dip and roll one marshmallow into melted butter. **The butter represents the oils used in anointing the body.**
3. Roll the marshmallow in the sugar/cinnamon mixture. **The mixture represents the spices used in burials.**
4. Place the marshmallow in the center of the crescent triangle.
Fold and pinch the edges tight. Put each crescent wrapped marshmallow on parchment paper.
5. Bake the rolls as directed on the package. **The oven represents the tomb.**

When cooked, the marshmallow melts leaving only the puffed crescent roll. **This demonstrates how Jesus rose from the dead. All that remained in the tomb were the linen wrappings. He is risen! He is risen indeed!**

Question: How do you think the disciples felt when they found the tomb empty?

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