Holy Week

This story of Jesus has already begun. The season of Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter. Purple is the color of Lent.

On Good Friday, Jesus was arrested.

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

Jesus’ friend Peter denied him three times.

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

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.

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.
Wondering with God’s Story

I wonder...

- which story of the 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?

Working with God’s Story

1. Have each person draw “comic” strip version of the events.
2. Have each person retell the story without reading the words.
3. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.
4. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

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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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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...

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_______________________Thank you for your care. Amen.

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 your prepare to worship on Sunday.


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?

Draw

Jesus getting arrested

Judas betraying Jesus.

Peter denying Jesus.

The women at the cross.

Jesus forgiving.

Feeling sad.