







John 18:1-19:42

Draw a cross on the bottom of the box and stand it up. Place Jesus in front of the cross.

The religious leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus. They told lies about him. Jesus was arrested. And Jesus forgave them. It was a very sad day, because the authorities put Jesus to death on a cross.

How do you think Jesus' friends felt? How do you feel when a friend is hurting?

When Jesus had died, his friends were so sad. They took his body down from the cross and wrapped it in linen cloth. They placed Jesus' body in a tomb cut out of rock.

Take the white cloth out of the box and wrap Jesus in it.
Place him inside the box and close the lid. Wonder what it
would be like to not have Jesus with us.

On the Saturday, everything was so still you could almost hear the earth breathe. There was nothing that could be done. Holy Saturday is a waiting day.

Place a votive candle by your box as a way of showing that you are waiting.

Say the Lord's Prayer together. Sit in silence and candlelight.



John 20:1-18

Open the box and take Jesus out of the box and out of the cloth. Place the lid next to the open box.

Early on the Sunday morning, the women went to the tomb and had an amazing surprise.

Jesus is with us in a new way! Sing "Alleluia!"

The Holy Week Box

Devotions for Families





PALM SUNDAY

Luke 22: 7-23

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?



MONDAY

Mark 11:15-9

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 angry.

How can we use our money wisely?



TUESDAY

Mark 12:13-17

Take a second coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coins 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 that help everyone, like roads, hospitals, schools.

Can taxes and giving to God be the same?



WEDNESDAY

Mark 12:41-44

Take the third coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coins on the box with Jesus beside it.

Jesus watched people in the Temple giving money to God. Some made a big show of giving lots of money. But one person didn't. Read her story in the Gospel.

How can we give to God?



MAUNDY THURSDAY

John13:1-17, 31b-35

Draw a cup and loaf of bread on the lid of the box. Use it like a table. Place the Jesus figure next to it.

Today we remember the last Passover meal Jesus had with his friends, when he said, "Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other."

At church, how do we remember this meal?

Say the Lord's Prayer together at the end of each of the devotional times.

The Lord's Prayer

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.