

Dear Friends,

The Stations of Holy Week for Children is meant to be a meditation which involves all the senses as the story unfolds. It will take a little bit of planning to make and/or assemble most of these pieces. The more you are able to gather together, the fuller the experience will be for your family.

As the story is told, cues are added so that you can pause to taste, smell, and feel the various items as they become important to the story. You can listen to the whole story at once, or you can pause it and listen to it in two sections - Jesus enters Jerusalem and the Last Supper; and then his passion, death, and his burial in the tomb. The story of Easter morning will be recorded in another video.

Here is what you will need.

- Print out the palm branch for each person OR have paper ready to draw your own.
- For the Passover meal:
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Charoset (pronounced hah-ROH-set or HAH-roh-set)

2 apples (chopped)
1 cup walnuts (chopped)
1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon

For this simple recipe, either chop or grate the apples. Walnuts are usually included, but you could substitute coconut or eliminate these altogether.

Mix together the apples, honey and cinnamon. This is the type of recipe whose ingredients you combine according to your own tastes; add a little more honey or less cinnamon as you prefer.

This dish may be served on the matzoh or crackers.

- Parsley (bitter herb) and salted water

- flat bread or cracker
- Chalice or wine glass with wine
- bowl with water (foot/hand washing) and a small towel

After the Last Supper, the rest of the story slowly unfolds and these items will help to bring it to life.

[for Passion and death]

- rough piece of rope
- purple fabric - maybe a scarf or a shawl (or a richly colored fabric)
- crown of thorns (or simply a short branch snipped from a rose or thorn bush)
- large bowl of water (for Pilate - you might use the same one from earlier)
- nails
- gauzy fabric (Veronika's veil)
- sponge (or cotton balls) with vinegar - any kind of vinegar

[for the burial]

- cotton balls w fragrant oil or perfume -
- or olive oil mixed with fragrant herbs
- white cloth - napkin or linen towel

The Stations of Holy Week for Children is an adaptation taken from the work of Susan K. Bock, *Liturgy for the Whole Church: Multigenerational Resources for Worship* (New York: Church Publishing, 2008), 93-94.

I hope this story will give you a deeper meaning to the events we celebrate this Holy Week.

God bless you always,
Mother Mary Kisner

Credits

Music

Dayenu, from the album "The Passover Seder" A celebration of songs and blessings to the Passover Seder. Performed by Israel top Artists

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTb5rfqc9jo>

Art and Photography

Beacon Hill in Boston, www.trolleytours.com

Independence Hall, Philadelphia, www.en.wikipedia.com

The Mall, Washington, D.C., www.en.wikipedia.com

The Wailing Wall, Temple Mount, Jerusalem, www.oneforisrael.org

Fourth of July Parade, NewHampshire, www.mentalfloss.com

Fireworks, www.kdrv.com

Fourth of July Picnic, www.diyprojects.com

Passover meal, www.time.com

Parting of the Red Sea, <https://www.rainbowtoken.com/exodus-14-parting-the-red-sea.html>

Charoset, www.chatelain.com

Parsley and Salt Water, www.hagadot.com

Matzoh, www.chowhound.com

Jesus enters Jerusalem, <https://www.rainbowtoken.com/the-lord-jesus-triumphal-entry-into-jerusalem.html>

Angry People (silversmiths in Ephesus) - www.freebibleimages.org

Sad Jesus, www.imgflip.com

Last Supper, www.clipart-library.com and www.catholicnetwork.us

foot washing, www.freebibleimages.org

30 silver, www.alateia.org

Judas returns silver, www.dailymail.co.uk

Jesus, hands tied, www.churchofjesuschrist.org

Jesus scourged, and before Pilate, www.etc.usf.edu

Ecce Homo, Antonio Ciseri - www.en.wikipedia.org

Christ Carries His Cross, Hieronymus Bosch, www.eclecticlight.co

Veronica, www.clipartart.com

Simon of Cyrene, www.thepatriot.co.zw and www.mindinaotimes.com.ph

Jesus offered vinegar, www.hearthymn.com

Crucifixion-Coptic Icon, www.stmaryhouston.org

Jesus taken down, St. Stephen's house, Univ. Of Oxford, www.artuk.org

Jesus laid in tomb, St. Stephen's house, Univ. Of Oxford, www.artuk.org

Women approach tomb, www.bible.com

Women at the tomb, <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/501447739733917127/>