

Good Friday Reflection

Resources:

Holy Week pictures printed onto A4 paper (*attached to e-mail*)

Glue

Scissors

Colouring pens/pencils

Long strip of paper for your comic strip (or card)

A4 piece of paper

6 red strips of paper (or you can draw them when the time comes)

Hot cross bun

A copy of the Easter Story

(there's one on YouTube <https://youtu.be/KuQIai0zfA0>)

Cushions – one each

Candle + matches

A cross - maybe you have a palm cross or perhaps you could make a cross out of sticks.

Some red ribbon.

Start to make Holy Week comic strip

Read or watch the story of Holy Week up til the end of Jesus' last supper with his friends.

Cut out the pictures that you think are in this part of the story from your sheet. Colour them in. Put them in the right order and stick them onto the strip of paper/card.

Watch the Godly Play telling of the Last Supper

Available at: <https://youtu.be/PFiN0gUTu3o>

'Work'

Talk about the sadness of the story.

I wonder if we have sad times that we can think of and can share with one another; times when we may have been hurt physically or when we hurt inside because of what someone has said or done.

Take two red strips and make a cross **X** at one edge of the A4 piece of paper (landscape). When I was a girl, they used to put a cross like that on school work when you had one something wrong.

I wonder if you have ever thought, said or done something wrong – something that you have needed to say sorry for? I am glad that I haven't got crosses on me to mark all the times I have gone wrong!

Take two red strips of paper and make a cross **X** at the other edge of the A4 piece of paper leaving a big space in between. I wonder if you have ever seen a cross like that, maybe at the end of a message or in a card. I wonder what it means?

I wonder if it means I love you, or love from.... I wonder if you've ever put that on a card for someone – how special they must feel to receive it.

Take the last two red strips of paper and make a cross **+** in the space between your other two crosses. This is like the cross that Jesus died on.

Our cross picture helps us to think about why Jesus died.

We all do wrong things from time to time **X**, things that we need to say sorry for to each other and to God. Things that take us away from God and his wonderful love for us.

God loves us very much and wants the very best for us. God wants us to know that his love for us will never end. If he was sending us a message, I feel sure at the end it would have a **X**.

God doesn't want us to be separate from his love. And so he sent his Son Jesus who died on a cross **+** so that we can always turn round, start afresh, and come back to his love.

Holy Week comic strip continued

I wonder if you can find the pictures you need for the things that happened to Jesus after his last supper with his friends; the things for Good Friday.

Cut them out, colour them in, put them in the right order and stick them onto the strip of paper/card.

Refreshments

I think it's time for a Hot Cross Bun, or something else to eat, and a drink!

I wonder why there is a cross on top of a hot cross bun;

I wonder why they have spice in them;

I wonder why they have fruit in them.

Very Short Liturgy

I wonder if you can make a space somewhere for you to sit on the floor. Find a cushion for you each to sit on. Put a candle in the middle where you can all see it. Perhaps you can choose one person to do the readings and someone else to read the comments.

ACT:

Light the Candle.

READING:

Then they sang a hymn and went out to a garden to pray

♪♪ Song - Taize chant (*attached to e-mail*) or available at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37k20ZZ9h-A>

Wait for the Lord whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart

Prayer - kneeling on cushions

Thank you God that we can come to you when we're hurt, anxious or sad.
Thank you that you are always there for us. Amen

READING:

Then it happened. People who didn't like Jesus took him.

COMMENT:

Jesus was taken from his prayers. We are going to remove all the cushions and put them away to remind us of that.

ACT:

Can you put all your cushions away and anything else that you had to make your space a comfortable space.

READING:

People who didn't like Jesus took him. They wouldn't let him go.

COMMENT:

When Jesus was taken away, they dressed him up as a king in royal robes, put a crown of thorns on his head and made fun of him. Red/Purple is a royal colour- the colour for kings and emperors. Then they stripped him and hit him. We are going to strip the red and purple from our spaces to remind us of that.

ACT:

*Anything red or purple to be removed from the space and put away.
Place your cross in the space.*

READING:

Later they nailed him to a cross to kill him.

COMMENT:

Jesus was crucified between two criminals; nailed to the cross.

ACT:

Bang one fist into the palm of your other hand to remind you of the nails that were banged into Jesus. Wrap red ribbons round your cross to remind you of Jesus' blood.

READING:

Jesus died... it was very sad.

COMMENT:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. When Jesus died it was as if his light had been put out. We are going to blow our candle out to remind us of that.

ACT:

Blow out candle; keep still and silent as you listen to the music again.

♪♪ Song - Taize chant; (attached to e-mail)

♪♪ Noah's Ark blessing

Usually we finish with the blessing but we won't today as it is a dark day and our light has gone.

Do join us on Sunday for our Easter Day All Together Worship at 10.30am on our YouTube Channel (Chet Valley Churches)

After that...

Holy Week comic strip continued

Colour in the pictures you need for Easter Day and stick them in your Holy Week comic strip. And eat an Easter Egg!!