

## Children's Church at home 10 April 2020

John 18:1-19:42

**Craft ingredients:** a plastic container, for instance, one of those 'takeaway' boxes, some soil, some leaves or little plants, some little stones, twigs or lolly sticks, 3 elastic bands, a lego man or something similar, a tissue.

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story. (Palm Sunday: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.)

**Introduction:** what do you like to eat when friends come round? And what's your favourite drink? Any pudding? Yesterday evening, Maundy Thursday, Jesus had a great meal with his friends. They had bread and wine! (did you know that that is what people have at communion?) But today is the saddest, scariest day of Jesus' life.

**Story:** Read about the last supper and what happened to Jesus afterwards. Read Lion First Bible P430-440, or your own Bible, and / or watch these videos (lots of videos because it's a long story.)

**Video:** The last supper: <https://youtu.be/SigoALSS1R8>

Jesus washes his disciples' feet: <https://youtu.be/bv5ajWNRnt4>

Jesus' arrest and crucifixion: <https://youtu.be/-CREZwLT0io> and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_M3mBduIMY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_M3mBduIMY&feature=youtu.be)

The story of Jesus' arrest, death and resurrection.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POF7LOxadGY&list=PL5aPdmniG3y\\_n7hXEKTV4qQnIeCe-p6Ws&index=61](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=POF7LOxadGY&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnIeCe-p6Ws&index=61)

This is a fun song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gRqdvzFpP4>

**Quiz:** The story starts with Jesus having dinner with his friends. what did they eat? What strange thing does Jesus say about their food? What did Jesus do for his friends? (in those days, people wore sandals all the time. Their feet got very dirty and dusty. It was a servant's job to wash their feet. But the friends called Jesus 'master'!) What does Peter say when Jesus says that he is going to die? What promise does Jesus make? What happens at the garden of Gethsemane? What does Peter do 3 times before the cock crows? What happens to Jesus after he is arrested? What does Jesus ask his father God to do before he dies? Where do the friends put his body?

**Activity:** Also known as "Boxes" or "Capture the Squares," this game encourages geometric reasoning and visualization.

**OBJECT:** Capture the most squares. Setup: Draw a rectangular arrangement of dots and decide who goes first. The array of dots may be of any size. Try starting with a 6 x 5 grid.

**PLAY:** Players take turns drawing one horizontal or vertical line segment to connect adjacent dots. When a line segment completes a square, the player who made the move wins that square and writes his or her initials inside it. That player then takes a bonus move. If the bonus move results in another square, the player takes another bonus move. (with thanks to kidactivities.net)

**Craft:** Make an Easter garden. Put some soil in the plastic container, add stones for a path, leaves or small plants, anything else to make it look nice. Make crosses with the twigs or lolly sticks and rubber bands and push them into the soil. Use large stones to make a tomb: it needs sides, a top and a stone to roll in front. Put a little lego man, wrapped in a tissue, in the tomb. If you can't make a garden with soil and plants, you could use playdough, or make a collage with paper or card.

**Prayer:** Pray a blessing on each of the people in the room, families and friends, near and far.

Heavenly Father, we are so glad that you sent Jesus to help us. Thank you that he died to take away our sins and that he is alive now! Alleluia! Thank you for loving me so much, thank you for Mummy and Daddy ...and ... and ... and ... please bless them all. Amen.