

Maundy Thursday family worship experience



Welcome

Our desire is to give you an opportunity as a family to enter into the story of the Last Supper and the night Jesus was betrayed as a way to prepare your hearts for Good Friday and Easter. We believe the Spirit is ready to meet you here and we pray your time is blessed.

A few tips to help make this experience meaningful:

- For each station you can read from the Bible passage listed or use the Jesus Storybook Bible, depending on the age of your kids.
- Before you begin, take a few deep breaths as a family. Ask the Spirit to guide your time.
- Take as much time as you need. This is a special sacred time.
- If you need a Jesus Story Book Bible you can drop by Countryside to pick one up.



Countryside
Children's Ministry

1 Foot or Hand Washing

Scripture: John 13: 1-5; 12-17
Jesus Storybook Bible pgs 286-289

Decide if you will do the foot or hand washing. Read the Bible passage together then talk about what is happening. What did Jesus do? Why do you think he did that? As you talk begin washing.

Starting with the youngest, go through each family member washing their hands or feet. Consider praying a blessing over each person you wash or pray together at the end. Look each person in the eye and say:

May you follow Jesus' example by serving others and sharing God's love.

2 Prayer Response

You can do all three or choose one or two. You will need: chalkboard, sand or sugar on a baking sheet, a cross & heart shaped sticky notes (you can make your own with double sided tape.)

Activity 1: Traced in Sand

Write or draw in the sand something you want forgiveness for. As you race, pray and ask God to forgive you, then wipe your hand across the sand to erase that sin.

Activity 2: Chalkboard Erase

Stand around the chalkboard and write or draw something you want forgiveness for. Pray and ask Jesus to forgive you, Then using the eraser clean the chalkboard.

Activity 3: At the Cross

Jesus forgives us and saves us! Using the heart sticky notes and markers, write a message or draw a picture for Jesus. Attach it to the cross and take a moment to thank Jesus for saving you and forgiving you.

3 Communion

Scripture: Matthew 26: 20-26; 1 Corinthians 12; 23-26
Jesus Storybook Bible pgs 291-293

Gather around a table together. Read the Bible passage and then take a few minutes to talk about it. What happens in this part of the story? Are there parts you don't understand or have questions about? What does Jesus want us to remember?

If your children have trusted in Jesus and you feel they are ready to participate in communion have each family member take a piece of bread and dip it in the juice.

Say: This is the body and blood of Jesus given for you. We eat to remember him. Then eat together. Close your time in a prayer thanking Jesus for his sacrifice.

If you don't feel your children are ready yet for communion, use the bread and juice as an illustration. Show them to your children and say: This bread and juice remind us of the body and blood of Jesus that was given for you and me. Close your time in prayer thanking Jesus for his sacrifice.

4 Garden of Gethsemane

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-46
Jesus Storybook Bible pgs 294-299

Find a comfortable spot to sit down together. Read the Bible passage. Talk as a family about what you read. What would it feel like to be Jesus' disciples? How do you think Jesus felt in the garden? Why was he so sad?

Take time to be quiet. Start with a few deep breaths. This time could last 30 seconds or a few minutes. Pray together giving everyone a chance to pray out loud if they'd like.