

## Holy Week

### **Holy Thursday, April 9**

A Last Supper Experience at home: Prior to dinner, read from a children's Bible the story of the last supper. Encourage the children to dress up in clothes from the time of Jesus for dinner. If the children are into the idea, have them act out the last supper in a simple play. For dinner, include a loaf of bread and grape juice. During dinner, ask the children to point out the items on their dinner table which were included in the last supper bible story.

Simple bread recipe: Mix 1 can of warm beer, 3 cups flour, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar. Place dough in a buttered pan or dish. Bake at 350 F for 40-60 minutes.



### **Good Friday, April 10: Jesus's Crucifixion**

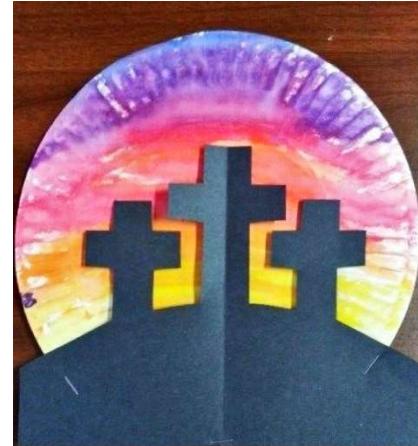
Crown of thorns craft options below. Take time to discuss the love Jesus has for us which this crown symbolizes.

1. Paper plate craft: Have the children create a simple crown by cutting the center out of a paper plate. Use only the outer ring of the plate and have the children color it brown. Last, poke toothpicks or pretzel sticks through the crown plate. They will then have a crown of thorns.
2. Playdoh craft: Have the children roll playdoh into a large ring shape. Older kids can be creative and twist 2 coils together to make the crown. The children may then stick toothpicks or pretzel sticks in the playdoh ring which will create a crown of thorns.



### **Holy Saturday, April 11: Jesus is in the Tomb.**

Have the children color a piece of white paper with blue a beautiful sunrise. Younger children can color the entire paper using pink, yellow, orange and red. Then have the children glue a black half circle to the bottom of the paper to represent a hill. Lastly, have the children glue 3 crosses to sit on top of the hill. The final image should be a sunrise with a shadowed hill and 3 (**empty**) crosses sitting upon the hill.



### **Easter Sunday, April 12: Jesus is Risen!**

#### **Children's Liturgy Ideas**

1. There is a free Catholic Children's bulletin available each week to match the readings. This is a fun and interactive printout which you may have seen in the past in our parish vestibule. You can find the resource at [www.Thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.Thekidsbulletin.com).
2. Heidi Witte has Children's Liturgy of the Word (the usual Sunday dismissal for children during Sunday Mass) available on youtube. Her post for Palm Sunday was <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0wBFZEIEA>, just so you can see the sample. Look for her posts for Holy Week.