

Friday, April 10th, Elementary Plan: Good Friday

This is a solemn service experience in our liturgical calendar so take time to discuss with your child about the significance of this event as you feel is age-appropriate for your kid(s).

Create the setting: We recommend lighting some candles and gathering together around a table or on the floor. Say a quick prayer for yourself as you guide your children through this intense, yet beautiful story (and know that we're praying for you too).

Story: Watch the video of Miss Rachel reading *The Garden, the Curtain, and the Cross*. This story focuses on the significance of how Christ's death gave us access to God by highlighting the temple curtain being torn. The concept of the Tabernacle/Temple will most likely be familiar to your kiddos—but a quick refresher for your whole family would be great. The intensity of God's holiness is not something we can bear on our own (consider how careful the priests needed to be in entering the holy of holies). To learn more about the Temple, check out [this video](#) from The Bible Project for yourself.

For a more direct reading focused on the crucifixion, we recommend *The Jesus Storybook Bible: A Dark Night in the Garden* OR just reading it straight from the Bible in Matthew 27:15-66 ("Bible read-through" style—taking turns with all your readers standing as they read a few verses).

Discussion Questions:

1. What happened on Good Friday?
2. Why do we call this a "good" day?
5. How does this story make you feel?

Communion Liturgy: (from Luke 22:14-20)

-Parent holds the bread, tortilla or cracker and says:

This is the body of Christ broken for you, we take it in remembrance of Him.

-Parent breaks the bread and passes it out.

-Parent holds the cup of grape juice and says:

This is the blood of Christ shed for the sins of all mankind, we take it in remembrance of what He has done.

-Let kids dip their bread or cracker into the grape juice and then eat them.

-Lead your family in prayer to close and blow out the candles to symbolize the death of Jesus.

*If you made a [Resurrection Garden](#), tonight is a great chance to place a small "Jesus" (lego guy or draw and cut one out) into the "tomb" and roll the stone in front of it. On Easter morning, take Jesus out before the kids wake up and have them look for Jesus around the house! As you feast on Easter candy with Jesus—remember together that His law is sweet, like a Cadbury chocolate on your lips. (Psalm 19: 9-11)