



Leeds Anglican Ministries Family Activities and Devotions - 2021



Welcome to Day 3 of our resource for families for use from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday.

Each day we post a resource and some links.

We'd love to see pictures of your Holy Week crafts / activities, so please feel free to share them on our Facebook page!

Let's again begin with a prayer:

God be with us in this Holy Week as we remember the last days of Jesus' earthly life, and open our hearts to be ready to celebrate the Easter Good News that He Is Risen. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Tuesday in Holy Week

Today we remember that Jesus explained to his followers that, although he would die, it would not be the end. Just as a seed has to die for the new plant to grow, his death makes new life possible for us.

You can read about what he said here:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+12%3A23-33&version=ERV>

Our activity for today will take some time before you get results. Ask if you can get an egg carton and a plastic container large enough to hold it - perhaps you have one in the recycling bin. Cut the top off the egg carton. Feel free to use other small containers you have on hand. Find a spot outside to get some soil (or if you have potting soil on hand, you can use that). Put some soil in each of the spots in the egg carton. You can either plant seeds from a packet, or find some from around your yard. Make sure to gently water your seeds and keep them in a warm, sunny spot. Wait and see what grows.

There are a lot of places in the Gospels where Jesus spoke about planting seeds, and about how it's God's power that makes seeds grow. This is the perfect time of year to be watching for what God is growing from seeds all around you. It's also the perfect time of year to thank God for the ways that you are growing - not just your body, but your faith!

In today's scripture passage, Jesus also talks about drawing everyone to him - the power of love that makes us want to follow Jesus, so it's a good day to thank the people who help you to draw close to Jesus.

You can find puzzles on this theme here:

https://sermons4kids.com/power_of_his_love_bulletin?fromSermonId=491

Prayer: Thank you God, for the promise of new life - in each seed that grows, and especially in Jesus. Amen.