

Children's Interactive Stations of the Cross

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Some stations modified from COE, Diocese of Gloucester, interactive stations for youth

Materials:

At each station I used an ICM coloring sheet, various icons/ images of arts, and had a children's Bible open to that part of the story.

1. basket, construction paper hearts, crayons, icon/ art
2. bowl, pitcher with water, towels, images of Pilate
3. string, scissors, beads
4. pens, sticky notes
5. watercolor pencils, water, watercolor paper, small wooden crosses in basket.
6. wooden peg people, scraps of cloth, tomb and rock (we have one made out of clay).
7. icons, tiny paper butterflies

Station 1

Sorrow and Fear

Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden after the Last Supper. Jesus prayed with the disciples. He knew something bad was going to happen and he was worried and scared. He prayed to God about his fears.

What are your worries and fears? Pray about them by writing or drawing them on a heart (or by holding a heart). Give your worries to God—place them in the basket.

Station 2

Accusation and Condemnation

The High Priests were determined to prove Jesus guilty.

They took Jesus to appear before the governor, Pilate. Pilate offered to set Jesus free, or another prisoner, Barabas. The crowd yelled for Barabas to be set free, so Pilate did. He washed his hands to show that he didn't agree with the decision.

Wash your hands like Pilate did.

Station 3

Bearing

Jesus carried his cross. It was heavy and he fell down three times.

Make a bracelet with three beads to remember Jesus walking with his cross.

Station 4
Helping and Blessing
Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross

Simon carried the cross for Jesus—he was picked out of the crowd.

Who helps you? Who do you count on when things are really hard?

Write their name or draw something that represents them on a sticky note, and place it around one of the icons of Simon and Jesus.

Thank you, God that we have one another to help when things are hard.

Station 5 Crucifixion

Jesus was nailed to the cross. His disciple John, his mother Mary, Mary Magdalene and other women gathered to be with him.

It is sad and hard to think about Jesus on the cross.

Use the paper and watercolor pencils to draw how you feel when you look at these pictures and this story.

Jesus loves us. Take a wooden cross with you and draw a heart on it, to remember Jesus' love for us.

Station 6

Death and Burial

The sky turned black and the curtain on the temple split. Jesus died.

Joseph wrapped Jesus' body in a cloth and placed it in the dark tomb.

Take a wooden figure and wrap it in a scrap of cloth. Put it in the tomb and roll the stone.

This is where Jesus' friends and apostles and followers thought the story would end. Jesus had told them he was going to be with them in a new way, but they did not understand. They would start to understand in a new way when Easter came.

Go to the next station, because this story hasn't ended yet.

Station 7

New life

Early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and the other women came to the tomb with spices to finish preparing Jesus' body for burial. But the stone was rolled away! The tomb was empty!

There were two men in dazzling clothes there all of a sudden. Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here!

They went and told the apostles.

The next part of the story is coming soon.

Take a little butterfly and put it in your shoe. New life is coming. This story isn't over—it still isn't over now, because you are part of God's big story, too.

Whisper alleluia. New life is coming!