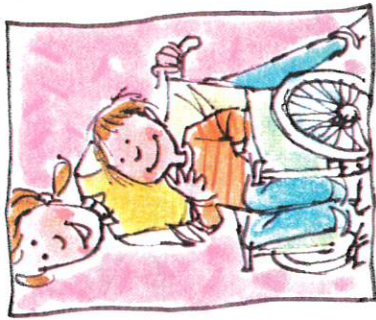


Family Page

A beautiful way to remember the sufferings of Jesus during Holy Week is to share with your children what it means to make the Way of the Cross. This prayer form is still very much a part of our Catholic tradition. Here are some ideas to make this week truly holy and to deepen the whole family's understanding of Jesus' love.

- 1 If your parish is having the Stations on Good Friday, go as a family. Help the children to follow what is happening and to pray each Station.
- 2 If there is no formal saying of the Stations, take the children to church and pray the Stations of the Cross with them. Or set aside a little time at home to read the story of Christ's Passion together.
- 3 As you become aware of how much Jesus loves you, consider ways that you can walk the road that Jesus walked and help others who are suffering — like smiling when you feel like crying, being kind to someone who has hurt you, or obeying rules that seem hard or unfair.
- 4 Start work on Easter placemats or name cards to use on your table next Sunday. Use pictures that represent new life (lily, rainbow, butterfly, and so forth) to decorate the mats or cards.



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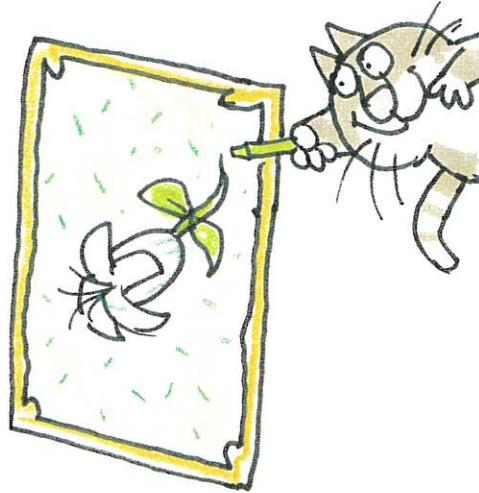
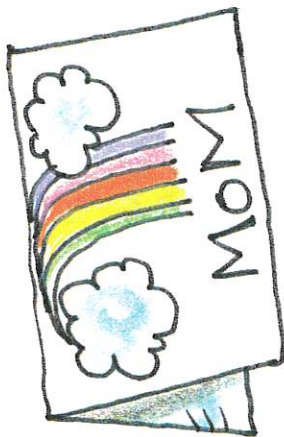
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A LONG, SAD WALK

When Jesus carried his cross to the hill at Calvary, it was a sad journey. But Jesus knew this was what his Father wanted. At the end of his long, sad road, Jesus knew the joy of the Resurrection.

During Holy Week, you are sorry that Jesus is sad. But at the end of the week comes his Easter joy! Starting with a big J for Jesus, solve the rebus and turn your SORRY into his JOY.



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 Answer to Rebus: 1: MOM + 5: SONNY + 3: INK + RINK = JOY
 Answer to Ring of Love: HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus Obeys His Father

Jesus was the best of Sons, and his Father the best of Fathers. Whenever the Father asked Jesus to do something that seemed just a bit hard to do, Jesus said, YES I WILL DO IT, because he trusted the Father's love.

Even when Jesus came to his time of trial and suffering and death, he knew his Father had a special plan to turn his suffering into joy.

But not only the suffering of Jesus was to be turned into happiness. This plan of the Father's was also a never-dying promise to us.

So Jesus walked the long, sad walk that led him to his cross so you and I could really see that death is not the end.

We know that Jesus is waiting with the Father in heaven today to greet us all with love and joy when our life on earth is done.

When you are asked to do things that seem just a bit hard to do, remember Jesus' long, sad walk and the joy that came with his YES!

Trust in the love of God, for God wants only the best for you. Follow the way that God lead's you; at the end you will find the joy.

RING OF LOVE

Before Jesus was arrested, he shared a meal with his disciples. At that meal, he explained that he would be with his people forever. Starting at the arrow, read every other letter to find out what we call that special forever Presence of Jesus.

