

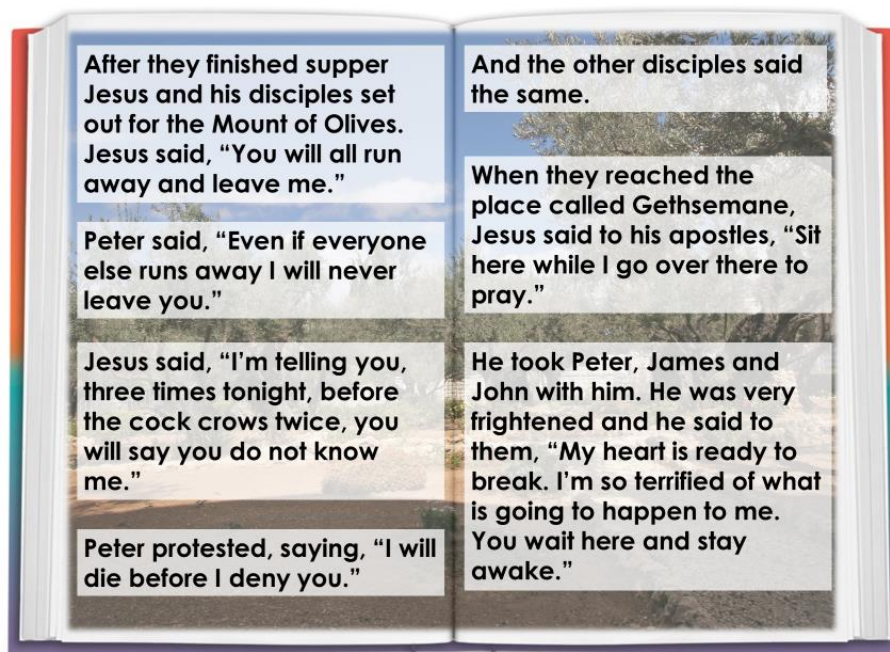
RE LEARNING - HOLY WEEK – JESUS' TOTAL GIVING

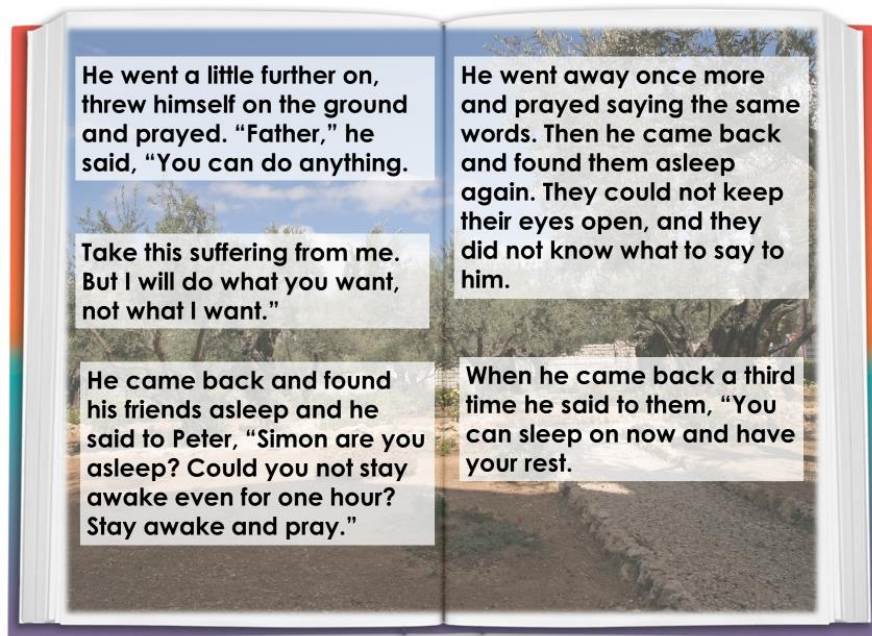
The greatest week of the year for Christians is Holy Week, when the Church remembers the suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary tell the story of Jesus' greatest week of his total self-giving.

The Sorrowful Mysteries are:

1. The agony of Jesus in the garden
2. The scourging of Jesus at the pillar
3. The crowning with thorns
4. The carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

After Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples he suggested they all went to the nearby olive garden called Gethsemane, to pray. This is Mark's account of what happened there (based on Mark 14:26-31, 32-46).





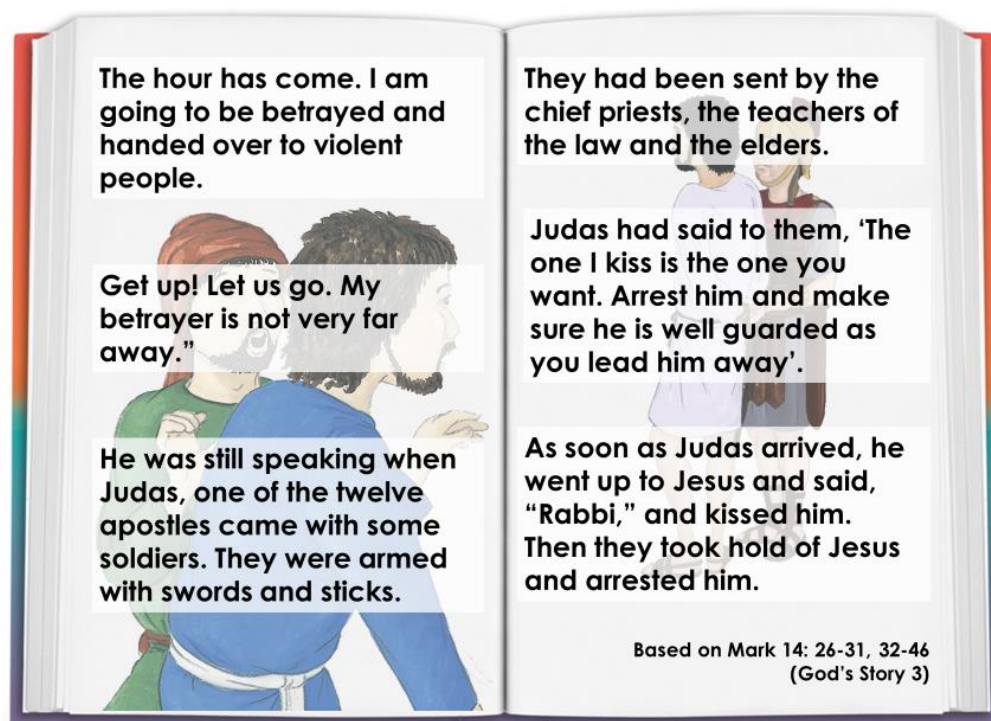
He went a little further on, threw himself on the ground and prayed. "Father," he said, "You can do anything.

Take this suffering from me. But I will do what you want, not what I want."

He came back and found his friends asleep and he said to Peter, "Simon are you asleep? Could you not stay awake even for one hour? Stay awake and pray."

He went away once more and prayed saying the same words. Then he came back and found them asleep again. They could not keep their eyes open, and they did not know what to say to him.

When he came back a third time he said to them, "You can sleep on now and have your rest.



The hour has come. I am going to be betrayed and handed over to violent people.

Get up! Let us go. My betrayer is not very far away."

He was still speaking when Judas, one of the twelve apostles came with some soldiers. They were armed with swords and sticks.

They had been sent by the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders.

Judas had said to them, 'The one I kiss is the one you want. Arrest him and make sure he is well guarded as you lead him away'.

As soon as Judas arrived, he went up to Jesus and said, "Rabbi," and kissed him. Then they took hold of Jesus and arrested him.

Based on Mark 14: 26-31, 32-46
(God's Story 3)

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

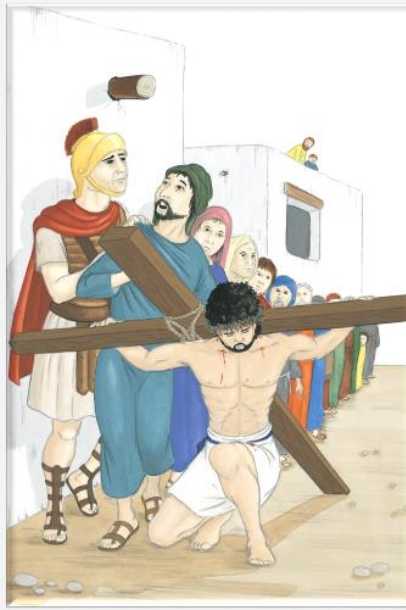
- Q How did Jesus feel when he got to the garden of Gethsemane?
- Q What did he do?
- Q What does this story tell you about Jesus' generosity?
- Q Why do you think Jesus took his disciples with him and why did he ask them to stay awake?
- Q What do you think about how the disciples behaved and why?
- Q How do you think Jesus felt when his betrayer arrived with the soldiers

After Jesus was taken prisoner in the garden of Gethsemane, he was treated badly and then taken to be crucified. Read the story, as told by Mark (*On the way to Calvary* based on Mark 15: 21-27) and by Luke (*The Thieves* based on Luke 23: 26-43).

On the way they met a man named Simon, from Cyrene. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus.

He was coming into the city from the country and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross.

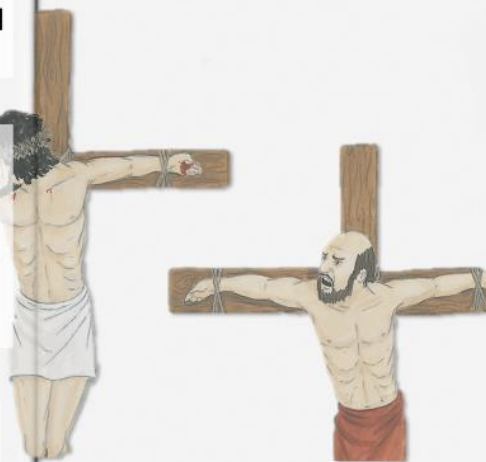
They took Jesus to a place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. There they tried to give him wine, mixed with myrrh, but Jesus would not drink it.



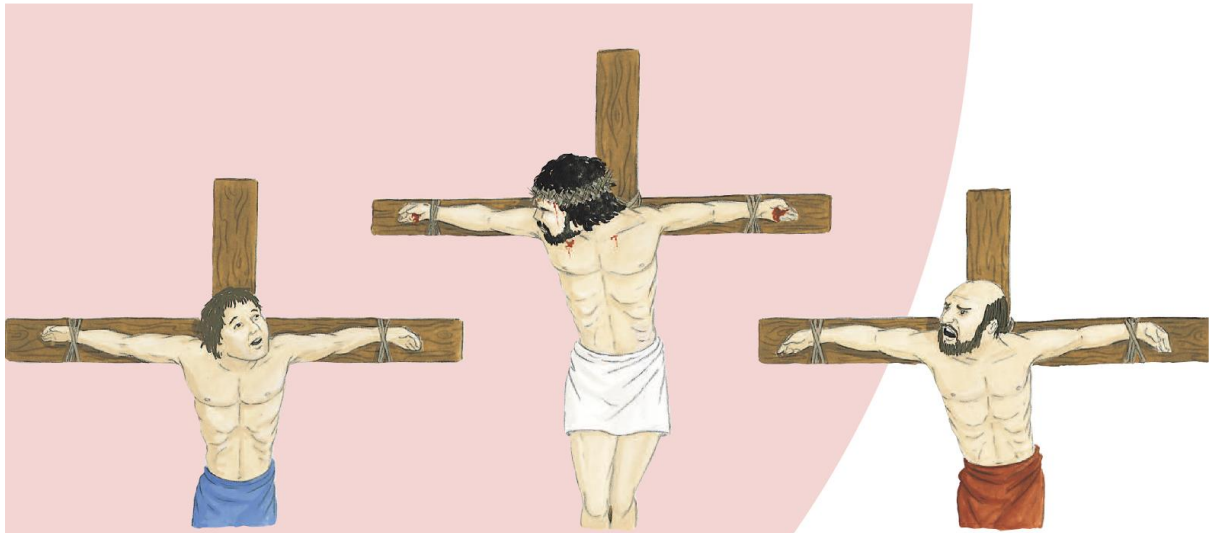
Then they crucified him and divided his clothes among themselves. They threw dice to decide what each should get.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The notice above his head said, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.'

Two thieves were crucified at the same time. One was on his right side, and the other on his left.



Based on Mark 15: 21-27
God's Story 3



THE THIEVES (based on Luke 23: 26-43)

The soldiers led Jesus away. On the road they met a man called Simon. He came from Cyrene. He was on his way from the country into the city. They forced him to carry the cross behind Jesus. A large crowd of people went after them. Among them were women who cried when they saw Jesus. Jesus turned to them and said, “Do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children.”

Jesus was nailed to a cross outside the city walls. There were two others put to death with him, one on his right and the other on his left. When Jesus was dying he said, “Father forgive them. They do not know that they are doing.”

The soldiers played a game of dice to decide who would have his clothes. There was a notice nailed to the cross of Jesus. It said, “This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews!”

One of the men on the cross made fun of Jesus saying, “If you are a real king, why don’t you save us all?”

The other man told him to be quiet because Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then he said to Jesus, “Please remember me. Don’t ever forget me.”

Jesus said, “I will remember you today and you will be with me always.”

myrrh

A pain-killing drug given to a condemned man to help deaden the pain.

crucified

To nail to a wooden cross. Criminals were crucified.

Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews

Sometimes you will see the letters INRI on a crucifix. These are the first letters of the Latin words which mean ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews’. (Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum)

When Jesus was crucified on the Cross, he gave his life for us because he loved us so much. This was Jesus' total giving of himself. On Good Friday, Christians go to church to recall how Jesus gave of himself in dying for us.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- Q** How did Simon of Cyrene give of himself?
- Q** Why did Jesus give his life for us?
- Q** Why do Christians go to church on Good Friday?

LEARNING: Jesus Is Risen

The friends of Jesus got permission to take his body down from the cross. They buried him in a grave cut out of a rock and put a huge stone over the entrance.

Jesus' death was not the end of the story. Luke tells us what happened next. Jesus had risen from the dead, as he told his disciples that he would. Jesus appeared many times to them and promised to send his Holy Spirit to help them spread the Good News of his love.

Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday and every Sunday of the year. 'Alleluia' is sung because everyone is so happy.

- Q** Why do you think the women went to the tomb?
- Q** What did the two men tell the women?
- Q** What do you think the women thought about this?
- Q** Why did the disciples not believe the women?
- Q** How do we celebrate the Resurrection today?

Very early on Sunday morning, just as the sun was beginning to rise, the women went to the tomb. They took with them spices that they had prepared.

They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. They went in but could not find the body of the Lord Jesus.



As they stood there puzzling over this, two men in bright shining clothes appeared at their side.



The women were terrified and bowed down to the ground. The two men said to them, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised from the dead."

The women returned from the tomb and told all this to the Eleven and to the other disciples. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna and Mary the mother of James.



They and the other women with them told all these things to the apostles. But the apostles thought that what the women said was nonsense and they did not believe them.

Based on Luke 24: 1-12
God's Story 3



Over to you! Wintershall resources - The Stations of the Cross.
Have a hunt around your home. Can you find, or draw, each of these items? Can you collect your own resources for doing the Stations of the Cross at home? Collect the objects you can find and draw the ones you can't.

Gather the objects needed for each station

Place these in a basket, box or bag ready to find. You will need:

One 'tear' shape drawing, or sequin per person	Rosary beads	Colouring Pens and paper
A clean tissue or handkerchief	A sticking plaster	A piece of rope or string
A nail/or pin	A 'clove' or other 'spice' jar	A bandage or strip of white cloth
A scrap/ piece of cloth (e.g. an old piece of clothing)	A large stone, pebble or rock (or card circle)	A small stick, pebble, gravel (something you might fall over on)



Once you've got everything together, perhaps you'd like to invite your family to do your own stations of the cross at home, as detailed on the PDF page.

Another great thing to do would be to make your own cross. See attached PDF (from Wintershall also)