



Holy Week Activities for Children

Day 5

CRUCIFIXION

ACTIVITY 1

YOU'LL NEED:

- Small foam cups
- Cloves
- Scissors

Read Luke 23:33-38

Ask kids, "Have you ever had a responsibility you didn't want to fulfill or that you really dreaded?" What was it?

Explain that Jesus wanted God to take away this responsibility from him, because it caused him great pain. But he made this sacrifice for all of us because it was what God wanted. How can we be more like Jesus when we have a responsibility that we dislike?

Assist kids in cutting off the top half of a small foam cup. Give them a handful of cloves. Carefully, have them push the cloves through their cups, starting at the inside bottom and working their way up. (You may have to do this if your children are very young) Have them feel the cloves and describe how they feel. How do they smell?

Sometimes we have responsibilities that are scary or threatening. When you hold the cup, the cloves poke in your hands. This represents how responsibilities feel difficult and unpleasant. But when you smell the sweetness of the cloves, the scent is pleasant and reminds us that if we please God, we feel a sense of accomplishment. Every time you smell the cup, remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.

ACTIVITY 2

YOU'LL NEED:

- Red felt
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Stickers or decorations

Jesus showed his love for us by dying on the cross. Make red hearts, out of felt or construction paper, and give them to people you love.