



Journey through Lent

PALM SUNDAY

Lower Elementary

Materials

- ▶ Christ's Passion in Sacred Art PowerPoint (available here: SophiaOnline.org/ChristPassionSacredArt)
- ▶ The text of the Sunday Gospel (available at SophiaOnline.org/PalmSunday2020)

Learning Goals

The Gospel for Palm Sunday contains the entire Passion narrative. When we hear it proclaimed, we are meant to journey with Christ as He takes up His Cross and gives His life for us. In this lesson, students will meditate on Jesus' Passion through the words of the Gospel and sacred art.

Gospel Reflection

The Gospel reading this week is the Passion narrative from Matthew 27:11-54, available at the following link: SophiaOnline.org/PalmSunday2020.

Activity

- First, download Christ's Passion in Sacred Art PowerPoint available for free at the following link: SophiaOnline.org/ChristPassionSacredArt.
- Create a prayerful atmosphere in your classroom or, if possible, take your students to a chapel.
- Read aloud to your students the abridged version of the Gospel reading (Matthew 27:11-54).

Activity (*continued*)

- D. Project the images of Christ's Passion from Christ's Passion in Sacred Art PowerPoint as you read through the account of the Passion. Noted next to each image is a line from the Gospel reading that indicates when to begin projecting that new image.
 - › For lower elementary students, begin the PowerPoint at slide number 7.
- E. Give students a few minutes of silence when each new image is projected to allow reflection on it in their own hearts.
- F. Ask your students to share which moment from the Passion narrative and/or which painting stood out to them the most. Project again the images from the PowerPoint as students reference them. Ask your students what about these moments and paintings in particular stood out to them and why they think so.



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TRIDUUM

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Materials

- › Handout A: What Is Triduum?
- › Handout B: The Last Supper Look and Find

Learning Goals

Triduum is the shortest liturgical season in the Church year. It comprises three days from the evening of Holy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday. During this time, we remember and celebrate the very events of our salvation: Christ's Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist and the ordained priesthood, and His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. In this lesson, students will learn about Triduum and reflect on the Last Supper with sacred art.

Activity

- Read aloud to your students **Handout A: What Is Triduum?** as they follow along. Then have your students answer the reflection question, or discuss it together as a class.
- Have students complete the **Handout B: The Last Supper Look and Find** activity.

Answer Key

Handout A: What Is Triduum?

1. The three days.
2. Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders.
3. Jesus was put on trial, carried His own Cross, was crucified, and died on the Cross.
4. Jesus the Light of the World, who has risen from the dead.
5. Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.
6. Pentecost.

Handout A: *Last Supper* Look and Find

