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Grades
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SUFFERING

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This week's theme is **SUFFERING**. After celebrating Passover, Jesus broke bread and poured wine for his friends. Christians now call this meal Holy Communion, and share it with our church family to remember Jesus' suffering.

Remember Me

Invite a church family to your home. Share dinner together while you remember and talk about Jesus.

Quiet Walk

Read about Good Friday in Luke 23:26-49. Walk through your neighborhood in silence and think about what happened to Jesus that day. At the end of your walk, join hands and ask God to be with those in your church and community who may be suffering.

Communion Celebration

Interview your pastor and/or those who prepare the bread and cup for Holy Communion. Use what you learn to write and illustrate a book about how this special meal to remember Jesus is celebrated in your church.

Cup of Forgiveness

Write the word *FORGIVE* on a recycled jar with a permanent marker. During the day, write what you need to be forgiven for on slips of paper and put them in the jar. At the end of the day, remove them and thank Jesus for dying to forgive all our sins.

What Is Passover?

Watch a children's video clip online to hear the story of the Passover meal and why Jesus celebrated a Passover meal with his friends before he died on the cross. Call or email someone you know to share what you learned.

Create a Cross

Ask each family member to make their own unique cross using materials found in nature, such as sticks, leaves, and flowers. Place each one in a different room in your home as a reminder of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Prayer Places

Jesus prayed in a garden at Gethsemane. Talk about different places that you and your family have prayed. Find a new location. Go there together and say a prayer for people who are suffering, so that they may feel God's presence surrounding them.

This week our family is praying for ...

A
Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

B
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

C
This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

D
Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

E
Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

F
This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Suffering and Hope



Circle the **CROSS** that most reminds you of Jesus' *life, suffering, death, and resurrection*. Put a star next to the cross that you see most often in your community.



Alpha and Omega

This cross reminds us that Christ is the beginning and the end.



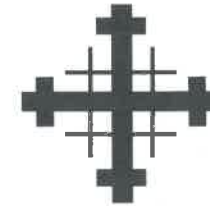
Anchor

This cross symbolizes Christians' hope anchored in Christ. It is also known as the mariner's cross.



Byzantine

This cross reminds us that the Byzantine Emperor, Constantine, brought Christianity to much of Europe.



Crosslet

This cross reminds us to bring the good news of Jesus to all corners of the earth.



Latin

This is the most common cross in the world and reminds us that Jesus died for us. The empty cross reminds us of the resurrection and hope of eternal life.



Passion

The pointed ends of this remind us of the nails pounded into Jesus' hands and feet, and his suffering.



Quadrata

This cross reminds us to take the gospel to the four corners of the earth. It can also remind us that Christ died on the cross to save the entire world from sin.



Eastern Orthodox

The upper bar represents the inscription INRI, which Pilate had written above Jesus' head. The lower bar represents Jesus' footrest.