

HOLY THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

1) Foot Tracing and Foot Washing

After supper on Holy Thursday try footprint and foot-washing.

You need a large cloth of heavy white cotton. Use use fabric markers to trace feet and color in the footprints on the cloth.

After tracing feet, you might try actual foot-washing with a pitcher and basin. Watch for spills!



2) Don't wink at Me

Use this game of strategy to get kids talking about how Jesus willingly gave himself up for us.

Preparation: Supplies: Bible, index cards, pen, tasty snack. Ahead of time, prepare your game cards. You'll need enough index cards for each child to have one. For every 5 children, draw an eye on one index card. Draw a stick figure on the rest of the cards

Read aloud Matthew 26:17-20.

Say: Let's pretend to sit around a table like the disciples did for the Last Supper. Have the kids sit in a circle on the floor.

Say: During the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples that he knew one of them would betray him. Let's play a game to help us think about betrayal.

Give each child an index card. Have kids privately look at the pictures on their cards, and tell them to keep the pictures on their cards a secret.

Say: In our game, you're either a betrayer or you're one of the other disciples. Either way, remember to keep who you are a secret. If you have an eye on your index card, then you're a betrayer and you'll try to get other players out of the game by winking at them. You'll want to be sneaky about winking at others in the group so you don't

get caught. If you have a stick figure on your index card, then you're one of the other disciples and you'll try to figure out who the betrayer is by looking for a player who is winking at others. If someone winks at you, you'll silently count to 10 before you lay down your card. Remember not to reveal to the others who the betrayer is.

Check for understanding.

Serve a snack to kids, and start the game. (The snack gives kids something to do while they play and serves as a distracter to help the betrayers get going with winking.) Play until all the betrayers are found out or all of the non-betrayers are "winked" out of the game. If time allows, play several times, each time switching who the betrayers are.

Ask: Explain whether you felt betrayed by someone in this game. Explain what you feel and think about when you feel like someone has betrayed you.

Read aloud Matthew 26:21-25.

Then ask: **Why do you think Jesus let himself be betrayed? How does what Jesus did show his love for us?**