

Bible Journeys Take-Home Flyer
1st Congregational Church
Holy Week – March 2009

Scripture: Matthew 21: 1-11, Matthew 26: 1-56

The children are often familiar with the story of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that we celebrate on Palm Sunday and with the Easter story of Jesus' resurrection. Usually they know that Jesus died and then rose on Easter. What they often don't hear are the details of Holy Week. This rotation will explore with children in various ways the Holy Week story. We will teach the story behind our Palm Sunday celebrations and Jesus' recognition by some as the Messiah.

What will we learn:

Jesus is the Messiah and what this means to our lives
God is in control and is all powerful
Through Jesus, God did what God had promised in the Bible
Jesus died so our sins would be forgiven
Jesus chose to be an obedient disciple of God

Bible Journeys Workshops:

Thou Art: Children will learn the story behind our Palm Sunday celebrations. They will make felt banners reflective of the story. Grades 2 and 3 will use their banners in the Palm Sunday processional in the sanctuary on Sunday, April 5. Children will meet to process ten minutes before the beginning of the service in the hallway outside of Room 11.

Red Sea Productions: Through the Bible scripture and several puppet skits the children will hear confirmation of God's control and power over our world and God's plan to save us through Jesus Christ. Children will also think about love and apply these thoughts to God's perfect love, which is why Jesus died for us.

Desert Tales: Children will watch the video "The Easter Story" from the New Testament Animated Bible Series. Discussion will follow the video. Popcorn will be served using our new popcorn maker.

Gospel Games: Using the game "Antioch Arcade" children will become familiar with the main events of Holy Week and their sequence. The class will play a game in which the children will locate and read passages of Matthew's account of Holy Week. They will answer questions in order to move around on the giant stepping stones which will be on the floor of Room 11.