

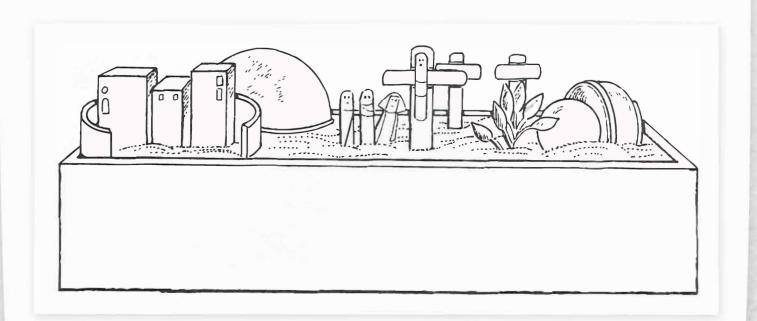


HOLY WEEK DIORAMA

USE THE DIORAMA, PICTURED BELOW, TO HELP TELL THE STORY OF HOLY WEEK.

Read through Luke 22-24:12 to help prepare for telling the story, but if possible, use your own words, as this will help it to flow. You may invite the children to assist you. There will be parts of the story that are familiar to both children and adults present.

Another idea might be to prepare the diorama and allow the children to explore it during the week. Encourage them to tell the story in their own words.



You will need:

A large shallow plastic storage container

Sand to almost fill the container

Small boxes for the city of Jerusalem (e.g. from cosmetics or other small items)

Cardboard

2 x plastic bowls

Leafy branches

Several pop sticks (large and small)

Fine-point marker

Coloured paper or fabric

PVA glue

3 x rubber bands

What to do:

- 1. Fill large plastic container with sand.
- 2. Make the city of Jerusalem at one end of the container by placing small boxes on one side for houses.
- 3. Make the city wall by cutting a strip of poster board and place it in the sand.
- 4. Make a hill outside the city wall by turning a plastic bowl upside down. Make a tomb in the hillside by placing a small bowl on its side in the sand.
- 5. Cut a "stone" from cardboard to place in front of the open grave.
- 6. Place the leafy branches in the sand wherever you like.
- 7. Use small pop sticks to make the Bible story characters, use a fine-point marker to make facial features.
- 8. Glue on some coloured paper or fabric for clothing.
- 9. Use large pop sticks to make crosses.
- 10. Use rubber bands to secure the figures of Jesus and the two robbers to the crosses.

