

Family Time 10: The Death of Jesus

The Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus is a story of suffering and death. Most importantly, Jesus shows us his great love for all people and his remarkable trust in the Father's will.

Your young person already knows from our first Gospel story, "The Road to Emmaus" that Jesus was raised from the dead. The Passion and Crucifixion must be viewed in the context of Jesus' Resurrection and the new life Jesus shares with all who choose to follow him.

The hope of the Resurrection does not negate Jesus' suffering. Christ's suffering was real. The message found in our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection is that his passage from death to life saved us from sin and death. Jesus' new life is our hope and our salvation.

The Stations of the Cross, found on page 142 of your child's textbook, are a traditional prayer of the Church. This prayer helps us to remember Jesus' journey to Calvary. At each station, Jesus reminds us of his example of loving sacrifice.

Using the images of the Stations in your child's textbook, invite the family to prayerfully reflect on each image. Recite aloud the name of each station. Then after each one, response with the prayer below.

We Adore you, O Christ

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

(taken from the Stations of the Cross)