

Holy Saturday



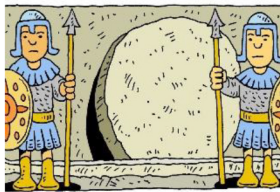
Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus in the tomb.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Matthew 27 v 57–66

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



The other lectionary readings for today are:

Job 14 v 1–14/Lamentations 3 v 1–9, 19–24

Psalms 31 v 1–4, 15–16

1 Peter 4 v 1–8

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you, God, that you always keep your promises.

Thank you that even though Jesus died and was placed into the tomb he had promised He would come back to life.

Help us to be patient and to trust you when we are waiting for things. Thank you that you will never let us down, that you are always there for us.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

- *Why did they guard the tomb?*

Jesus had told everybody that he was going to die and then rise again from the dead after three days. The people who had ordered for Jesus to be killed were worried that Jesus' friends might steal the body to make it look like Jesus had risen again.

We know that Jesus didn't need to pretend, in just three days he would rise again and appear so that people could see him and know that what he had promised had come true!

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you had to wait for something that you were really excited about?

Family Activity

You will need: A timer / clock

Find out who is best at waiting by playing 'The Minute Game'.

One person has a clock or phone timer, this person tells everybody when to begin.

Everybody else must stand up, they must sit down when they think a minute has passed – they are not allowed to cheat by looking at a watch or clock. Once everybody has sat down the person watching the timer should say who was closest.

Use this game as a reminder that Jesus had promised he would come back from the dead, all everybody had to do was wait! Sometimes we have to wait and be patient, but God always keeps his promises!

