



HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Many of you have asked for free resources to help children and young people observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter during the lockdown. Here are some of the best I've found so far: use at home with your family, or share virtually with the children and young people your church knows.

Day by day

'Journey to the Cross' is a lovely resource for families during Holy Week and Easter, full of creative and prayerful things to do. You can find it [here](#) - with thanks to the Diocese of Portsmouth.

'Church at home' resources from [Jesus without language](#) offer an at-home Sunday school experience for ages 3-12 from Palm Sunday onwards.

Make Easter visible

On Palm Sunday, attach a cross and some greenery to your front door as an act of witness. Or you could paint stones with pictures from the Easter story and leave them around your town for children to spot when they are out for a walk.

Messy Easter

Lots of good ideas for [Messy Church at home](#) and helping children through this difficult time.



Sing with Fischy Music

[Fischy Music](#) are offering a daily Easter song, prayer and activity from Palm Sunday to Easter Day.

Godly Play Easter stories

[Visual storytelling and wondering](#) are offered for free on YouTube by the Children's Mission Enabler of St Alban's Diocese.

Children's talks for Easter

Suitable for a school assembly or an all-age service via video. [An Easter Surprise](#) is fun and messy: the message is "be surprised by new life and new hope at Easter".

Alternatively, you can [tell the Easter story with one sheet of paper!](#)

Pray

I recommend the creative prayer suggestions from Flame: Creative Children's Ministry: check out the prayer stations for a [Hands-on Easter Story](#) - suitable for use at home.

However you mark it, may this extraordinary Easter be a time of refreshment and surprising blessing for you and your young people. Stay safe, everyone!