

KIDS EXPERIENCE



Welcome to Foothill Vineyard Church

As you enter the main auditorium, please head to your right. You will see Station #1.

Please show respect to others who are also walking through. We ask that you talk in the courtyard or cafe and keep the main auditorium free from chatting with friends unless it is part of the station experience.

As you take this time to slow down on Good Friday to remember Christ, let go of any stress of life and engage with this process. Allow the Holy Spirit to highlight and impact you in a new way. Fully engage with each activity and try not to be bashful as you participate in each station. Please feel free to express yourself in worship as you like.

Enjoy the journey.

Station #1 Palm Sunday

A week before Jesus would die on the cross, He went with his disciples to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. As he entered city, people gathered around and were excited!

Pick up a palm branch and think about what it would be like to be there with Jesus as you read this verse.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Blessed is the king of Israel!” **John 12:12-13**

Even though they were so excited, in just five days, some of the same people would want to see Jesus be crucified because they didn't understand what he was doing and didn't trust him.

Sometimes we will not understand what God is doing in our lives, but it is important to remember that he loves us and we can trust him.

Station #2: The Lord's Supper

...He took bread and gave thanks for it. Then he broke the bread and said, "This is my body; it is for you. Do this to remember me." In the same way, after they ate, Jesus took the cup. He said, "This cup shows the new agreement from God to his people. This new agreement begins with the blood of my death. When you drink this, do it to remember me."

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

The night before Jesus died, he celebrated a meal with his disciples. At this meal, he used bread to stand for his body and the wine (juice) to stand for his blood. When he died on the cross for our sins, Jesus' body was broken and he bled. He did that for us. Communion is a way that we remember what Jesus did for us.

Take communion together. Dip the bread into the cup and partake, then move on to the next station.

Station #3: Garden of Gethsemane

Shortly after Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with His disciples, he began thinking of his upcoming death, and became afraid...

Then Jesus went with his followers to a place called Gethsemane. He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray"...Then Jesus began to be very sad...He said to Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, "My heart is full of sorrow and breaking with sadness. Stay here with me and watch." Then Jesus walked a little farther away from them. He fell to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, do not give me this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want." Matthew 26:36-39

Here in the garden, Jesus felt scared, sad and alone. Even though he felt scared, he still obeyed his Father's plan and died for our sins, because he loved us so much.

What are you afraid of sometimes? You can ask God to help you obey and to comfort you when you're afraid or sad.

PARENTS, please help your children with this:

As a symbol of following Jesus in obedience, write any fear or struggle on a piece of paper. Then light the piece of paper using the candle. Once it has caught fire, quickly leave it to burn in the concrete container around the candle.

Please BE CAREFUL!

Station #4: The Crucifixion

Many people were shocked when they saw him. His appearance was so damaged he did not look like a man. Isaiah 52:14

But he was wounded for the wrong things we did...The punishment, which made us well, was given to him... Isaiah 53:5

Carrying the cross by himself, he went to the place called Place of the Skull (in Hebrew, Golgotha). There they nailed him to the cross. Two others were crucified with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. John 19:17-18

Jesus came to love and save the same people who nailed him to the cross. He came to save all of us from our sins.

In remembrance of his pain and sorrow, take the hammer and have each person hit the nail two or three times.

After each person has a turn move on to the next station.

Station #5: Our Guilt

John 10:17

“no man takes my life, I lay it down.”

Jesus obeyed God and gave his life, and the Romans nailed him to the cross. But it wasn't just those people who nailed Jesus to the cross. It was also us, because Jesus came to die for our sins.

Repeat the following sentence to remember that:

“My sins nailed Jesus to the cross.”

Take the paintbrush and place some red paint on the palm of your hands to stand for our sins nailing Jesus to the cross.

As soon as you or your group has participated, move on to the next station.

Station #6: Resurrection Day

It was very early in the morning on the first day of the week. The women took the spices they had prepared. Then they went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from it. When they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. They were wondering about this. Suddenly, two men in clothes as bright as lightning stood beside them. The women were terrified. They bowed down with their faces to the ground. Then the men said to them “Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here! He has risen! Remember how he told you he would rise. It was while he was still with you in Galilee.” **Luke 24:1-6**

Jesus did not stay dead and he is alive today!

Since he is alive, we get new life too! So our hands can be made clean...which means our sins are washed away and forgiven—all we have to do is ask!

Help each other rinse your hands with the clean water from the water fountain. Use the red pitcher to retrieve the water and use the brown/black bucket for the dirty water.

This is what Jesus does for us!

Use the towel to dry your hands before moving to the next station.

Station #7: Doubting Thomas

One of Jesus' disciples couldn't believe that Jesus was alive again. His name was Thomas and he said he wouldn't believe it unless he could see Jesus again. Jesus appeared to Thomas a few days later and let him see and even touch his wounds so that he would believe. But he also reminded Thomas that it was important for him to have faith and believe!

Do you believe that Jesus is alive again? Do you believe that he loves you and you can trust him?

Think about an area where you can trust Jesus. Maybe your family, your friends, when you're scared, or lonely?

When you think of an area where you can trust Jesus, paint that word or draw a picture of it on the canvas.

Then, personally tell God that you will trust him in that area and move on to the next station.

Station #8: The Great Commission

Then Jesus came to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

Matthew 28:18-20

If we trust in Jesus, the Bible tells us that we become a new person inside, and that it is important to tell our friends about Jesus.

*You are the light of the world—like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. **Matthew 5:14-15***

Let's be the light of the world.

Let's show everyone how we love and follow Jesus by obeying him.

As a symbol of you being the light of the world, light a candle and then take a minute or two and write a prayer or draw a picture to Jesus in the journal.