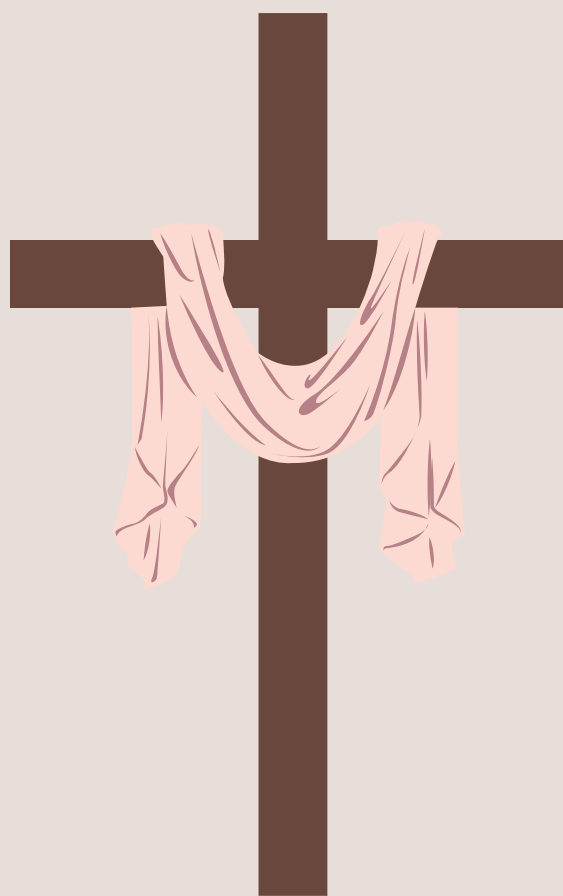




Irish Methodist Youth and Children's Department

# EASTER RESOURCE FAMILY MINISTRY



## Framing (3 min)

Today we are going to go on a journey together as we take time to think about and reflect on Jesus journey to the cross and His resurrection. In what can become a familiar story, it is easy to neglect and overlook the significance of this moment in history that is foundational to our faith and shapes how we live today.

We will hear various accounts and perspectives from people who witnessed what was happening in those days. We encourage you to place yourself in the story, imagine how you would have responded, consider what that reveals to us or teaches us about Jesus character and how that challenges us today as we live out our Christian faith. There is paper and pens available for you to jot down your thoughts or draw if that is helpful as you go along.

## Pray- Holy Spirit Come (2 mins)

### 1 FIRST MONOLOGUE

#### Palm Sunday Sweeper

5 min

*Pause to think*

Close your eyes as you listen to someone in the room read John 12. As it is read, place yourself in the story. Are you one of the disciples, are you a visitor in the town wondering what is happening, are you a local whose day has been disrupted, are you a resident who has had their palm tree ripped apart?

Reflection-

5 min

- What are your thoughts?
- How do you feel?
- What do you notice about what is going on?
- What do you notice or what surprises you about Jesus?

(if it is helpful, play music as you spend time reflecting)

**Pray– Holy Spirit Come (2 mins)**

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## SECOND SCRIPT

**The Upper room**

**30 min**

Move to a room or space where you can sit around a table and share food (simple tea coffee and doughnuts or breakfast/lunch, whatever works for you – but try to be a table, young and old together)

Listen to monologue and again, imagine you are there. Then as you eat discuss the questions at your table.

Reflection-

- What are your thoughts?
- How do you feel?
- What do you notice about what is going on?
- What do you notice or what surprises you about Jesus?

(Again play music if it is helpful and jot down or draw any thoughts, feelings or challenges.)

As you finish and move on, pause again as we come to the Cross.

**Pray– Holy Spirit Come (2 mins)**

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## THIRD SCRIPT

**Centurion**

**5 min**

Image of cross or if possible real life Cross for visual. Listen to voice and account of one Roman Soldier who was given his orders. Place yourself at the scene.

Reflection-

- What are your thoughts?
- How do you feel?
- What do you notice about what is going on?
- What do you notice or what surprises you about Jesus?

**8 min**

As you do that, use lolly pop sticks and glue to encourage everyone to make a cross or make them previously and leave them at the front for everyone to take one. Perhaps there is a word or phrase that comes to mind that you want to write on your cross.

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**FOURTH SCRIPT****Women at the tomb****5 min**

Reflection-

**5 min**

- What are your thoughts?
- How do you feel?
- What do you notice about what is going on?
- How does Jesus life, death and resurrection impact your life every day?

Prayer response-

**2 min**

What has God reminded you of, revealed to you or challenged you about today? Use the cards to write down one thing you will take away and remember.

**OPTION: Share communion together**

Finish with some worship – you could sing together a familiar song or perhaps listen to one that is less familiar.

**5-10 mins****Something new:**

Matt Maher – Because he lives  
 Phil Wickham – This is amazing grace  
 Phil Wickham – Living Hope

**Slightly older songs:**

Keith & Kirsten Getty - In Christ Alone  
 Keith & Kirsten Getty - Power of the Cross  
 Charles Wesley- Christ the Lord is Risen today  
 The Gaiters - Because He Lives

**Kids worship:**

Freedom Church – 1 2 3  
 Freedom Church - It's a Happy day  
 Nick & Becky Drake – I sign your cross over me