

Holy week: Wednesday

Children and Youth Reflections

Ice breaker question: What do you do when a friend is having a difficult time?

- Have you ever had someone betray you?

Bible reading: John 13: 21-32

*Remember, we must imagine that we are one of the disciples in the reading.

Imagine being there at the last supper. Everyone is sitting relaxed around the table but you can see that Jesus is a bit tense. You can see that He is still troubled and you begin to have a bad feeling – like something bad is about to happen. Jesus says that one of you will betray Him. You and your friends all become confused because nobody who is a good friend would betray another good friend. Your friend asks Jesus what He means but instead of giving you a name He tells you that whoever eats the piece of bread dipped in the dish will be the one who betrays Him. Judas then eats the bread. Jesus tells Him to do what He needs to and to do it quickly. Judas leaves. This makes you confused, what exactly is Judas going to do?

Jesus knew that He was going to be betrayed. Do you think that hurt Him? We know that Jesus has been troubled by what is happening and we also know that nobody likes to be betrayed by the people close to them. For a moment, think how Jesus felt when He knew that He was going to be betrayed. He had just spent the last few years sharing His life with His disciples and now He was going to be betrayed by one of them.

How would you feel if you were betrayed by your closest friends?

While all of this was happening Jesus had the end goal in mind – to see all His people saved and their sins forgiven, even Judas. He was prepared to be a sacrifice for us so that we could be reconciled with God. He did this because He loves us and wants us to be reconciled with God and for God to be glorified.

Would you sacrifice your life for your friend, even if they have betrayed you? Why or why not? Jesus did so that we could have eternal life.

- What would you do for people to know Jesus?

Memory verse:

‘For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.’ John 3:16

Activity:

Write a letter to Jesus. In your letter write what you would say to Him especially now that you know that He is troubled and a little scared leading up to His crucifixion.