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JOURNEY THROUGH THE PASSION

A GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY EXPERIENCE

GUIDELINES

- These family venues are open from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, though the other venues remain open until 9:00 pm. Some experiences are on a schedule, so plan accordingly.
- Please move throughout the campus quietly, respecting the contemplative experience of others. If you have children with you, please help them respect others, as well.
- If you have a cell phone with you, please turn it to vibrate.
- Childcare is available for children 4 years old and younger. The last drop off for childcare is at 7:30pm. Childcare will end at 8 pm, so please plan to pick up your child at that time.
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WELCOME TO JOURNEY THROUGH THE PASSION

This is an interactive experience for children 5 years and older and their parents. Through this journey you'll learn about the events that led up to the very first Easter. Families will take a self-guided journey to multiple locations around the campus as they take in the sights, sounds and even tastes of Holy Week. Journey through the Passion is from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and begins in the lobby of Kids Quest where you will watch a short film and receive a special passport for your journey.

VENUES AND DESCRIPTIONS

11 KIDS QUEST LOBBY "PASSPORT TO THE PASSION"

SUMMARY: This is your first stop. You'll watch a short video and receive your passport here. You'll notice that there are 5 destinations designed to help your child discover all that occurred during Holy Week (Palm Sunday thru Good Friday). Each destination represents a specific day. Feel free to move at your own pace and you don't need to go in order. Just be sure you end with THE MEANING OF THE MYSTERY in Kids Quest B.

Parents, be sure to read your child's passport at each destination and discuss the questions to get the full experience. Kids, don't forget to get your passport stamped!

JOURNEY DURATION: Everyone's journey will vary, but it will take approximately an hour to an hour and a half for the entire experience.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: Children ages 5 and older

12 THE BACKYARD "PALM SUNDAY DONKEY WALK"

SUMMARY: As Jesus approached Jerusalem, there was nothing mighty or noble about Him. In fact, He was quite simple. One of His disciples found a donkey to borrow and Jesus climbed up on the back of this wobbly animal. In complete humility, Jesus triumphantly entered the city as a king who came to serve rather than to be served. Children will have the opportunity to ride a donkey for a short distance and imagine Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Parents, be sure to read your child's passport at each station and discuss the questions to get the full experience.

VENUE DURATION: 10 minutes, open continually from 5 to 8:00 pm.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: Children ages 10 and under with adult/trainer supervision.

13 THE BACKYARD "SPOTLESS LAMB PETTING CORRAL"

SUMMARY: Before and during Jesus time on earth, people worshiped God by providing a lamb for sacrifice. Not just any lamb, but a perfect and spotless lamb. During Holy Week, Jesus visited the temple where they sold lambs and other animals. Read your passport for more of the story and discuss with your child the significance of the lamb as your child gets to pet a real live one.

VENUE DURATION: 10 minutes, open continually from 5 to 8:00 pm.

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WELCOME TO THE GOOD FRIDAY EXPERIENCE

We hope this self-guided, multi-sensory experience will engage your heart, mind and spirit as you reflect on the significance of Jesus' death on the cross 2000 years ago. We suggest that you review the venues, consider schedules and move through the experiences at your own pace, prayerfully engaging with God's Spirit along the way. See the column to the left for a few guidelines to ensure everyone has the best experience possible.

VENUES AND DESCRIPTIONS

1 AUDITORIUM "EMBRACE THE CROSS"

FILM/DRAMA/WORSHIP/COMMUNION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY: Little is known of Joseph of Arimathea except that he was a member of the court of the Sanhedrin and was also the one who petitioned for Jesus's body after the crucifixion so that he could bury him in his own tomb. Come experience a powerful drama shared from Joseph's point of view that tells the story of Jesus life and death and teaches us why we should embrace the cross on which He suffered. Then, immerse yourself in a reflective worship and teaching experience that culminates with the taking of communion.

SCHEDULE: 5:05, 6:05, 7:05, and 8:05

VENUE DURATION: 55 minutes

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: Ages 10 and up – PARENTS, USE CAUTION. This drama contains graphic visual content, violence and emotional heaviness.

2 GARAGE "STORY IMMERSION"

FILM FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY: Nothing in our culture communicates story as powerfully as film. Be sure and carve out a few minutes of your evening to view at least one of the short films our creative team has hand-picked just for tonight's screening. Each film is a powerful metaphor of God's grace in our lives and is sure to move your heart closer to His. Some of the films will be followed by a short time of live Q & A with the film's director.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: No children under 10 admitted. Ages 10-14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. PARENTS, PLEASE USE CAUTION. Films may contain disturbing images, violence, and emotionally heavy subject matter.

FILM SCHEDULE

- 5:15 - 5:30 – "La Busqueda" (ages 14 and older)
- 5:30 - 5:45 – "Cabernet" (ages 10 and older)
- 5:45 - 6:00 – "My Last Day" (special screening for youth, ages 14 - 20)
- 6:00 - 6:10 – "Jätku Leiba" (ages 10 and older)
- 6:10 - 6:20 – "Jätku Leiba" (Q & A with the Film Director)
- 6:20 - 6:35 – "Crossroad" (ages 14 and older)
- 6:35 - 7:00 – "Butterfly Circus" (ages 10 and older)
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- 7:55 - 8:05 – "Jätku Leiba" (Q & A with the Film Director)
- 8:05 - 8:20 – "Crossroad" (ages 14 and older)
- 8:20 - 8:50 – "Butterfly Circus" (ages 10 and older)

(FIELD)

3 AUDITORIUM LOBBY – Main Entrance
“A CLOSER LOOK” TACTILE LEARNING EXHIBIT

SUMMARY: The disciple Thomas refused to believe that Christ was raised from the dead until he had taken a closer look. This Good Friday we invite you to take a closer look at the shocking details surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus. See a handmade cross and touch for yourselves Roman-era crucifixion nails, a crown of thorns, and a cat of nine tails.

VENUE DURATION: Varies with each individual, open from 5:00 to 9:00pm.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: 5 and older – PARENTS, PLEASE USE CAUTION. There will be sharp objects, graphic images, and disturbing descriptions

4 AUDITORIUM MAIN HALLWAY
“WORKS OF THE CROSS” ART GALLERY

SUMMARY: View evocative works of art and read stirring essays that were created to remind you of His suffering and the price He paid for each of us on the cross. The works are provided through Imagine Art, artists with disabilities.

VENUE DURATION: Varies with each individual, open from 5:00 to 9:00pm.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: 5 and older – PARENTS, PLEASE USE CAUTION. There may be graphic images and disturbing descriptions

5 UPSTAIRS AUDITORIUM LOBBY
(enter from outdoor staircase)
“PRAYER JOURNEY” PRAYER/MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY: Jesus prayed earnestly in the garden, asking His Father to strengthen Him as He faced an impending execution. If you're feeling overwhelmed or burdened by life or just want to connect with Jesus at a deeper level, allow this meditative experience to refresh your soul and renew your mind. As you travel from station to station, you'll discover a new depth of God's love and the plans He has for your life.

VENUE DURATION: Varies with individuals, typically 20 minutes.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: 18 and older

6 THE PORCH
“PORTRAITS OF THE PASSION” OUTDOOR FILM EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY: Come view this epic 30 minute film that walks through the twelve major stations of the cross, beginning with the last supper and climaxing with his death on the cross. Hear dynamic narrative and see evocative imagery as you gain deeper insight into what occurred during Jesus's final hours on earth.

VENUE DURATION: 30 minute looping film, come and go experience

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: 8 and up - Parental guidance suggested for ages 8 thru 12. PARENTS, PLEASE USE CAUTION – Some graphic pictures, disturbing descriptions, and intense sound effects.

7 THE BACKYARD PATH
“THE CROSS OF FORGIVENESS”
 PHYSICAL/MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY: The blood that flowed from Jesus' hands, His side, and His head provided the payment necessary to cover our sins once and for all. This venue allows participants to nail their sins to an actual cross, prayerfully reminding them that they have been forgiven through Christ's redeeming work. The crosses will be raised throughout the evening along a path in the courtyard area.

VENUE DURATION: Varies with individuals, typically 10 minutes, open continually from 5pm to 9pm.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: 5 years old (with adult supervision) thru adult. No one under age 10 should use hammers without parental assistance. Help provided if needed.

8 THE BACKYARD PARKING AREA
“CARRY THE CROSS” PHYSICAL/MEDITATIVE EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY: The cross that Jesus carried through the narrow streets of Jerusalem was heavy — so heavy that eventually a man called Simon the Cyrene was pulled from the crowd and made to carry the cross to Golgotha, the hill outside the city where Jesus' crucifixion took place. In this meditative and physically strenuous exercise, you will carry a weighted cross while stopping periodically to reflect on scriptures concerning the physical suffering of Christ in His final hours.

VENUE DURATION: Varies with individuals, typically 10 minutes, open continually from 5pm to 9pm.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: Ages 14 and up. Absolutely no one under 18 will be permitted without parental permission. PLEASE USE CAUTION. Do not attempt unless in good physical health.

9 10 CAFÉ /COURTYARD
GUEST CENTRAL

SUMMARY: Got questions? Need a few minutes to get refreshed? Not sure where to head next? Stop by the Garage Café and enjoy a hot cup of coffee or quench your thirst with some ice-cold water. The Café will remain open from 5:00 to 9:00 and guest hosts will be available to help answer any questions you may have about the various venues.

Please note – there is NO food or drink allowed in the Auditorium or Kids Quest buildings for this event.

VENUE DURATION: 5pm to 9pm

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: All ages

14 KIDS QUEST C
“BAG OF SILVER CRAFT TENT”

SUMMARY: Jesus was betrayed for a bag of 30 pieces of silver. Join us in the tent and put together your own bag of silver as you read and discuss the questions provided in your passport.

VENUE DURATION: 5 minutes, open continually from 5 to 7:40pm.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: Children ages 5 and older.

15 KIDS QUEST A
“PASSOVER MEAL”

SUMMARY: The last supper was actually the Passover meal, something the Jews take very seriously. The Passover meal is how they remember the great things that God had done for the Jewish people over the centuries. Every part of the meal, including the food itself is a symbol of something that happened in their past. Take part in a guided Passover meal, sharing the significance of this celebration. Take the time to discuss questions with your child.

VENUE DURATION: 15 minutes, open continually from 5 to 7:40pm.

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: Children ages 5 and older.

16 KIDS QUEST B
“THE MEANING OF THE MYSTERY”

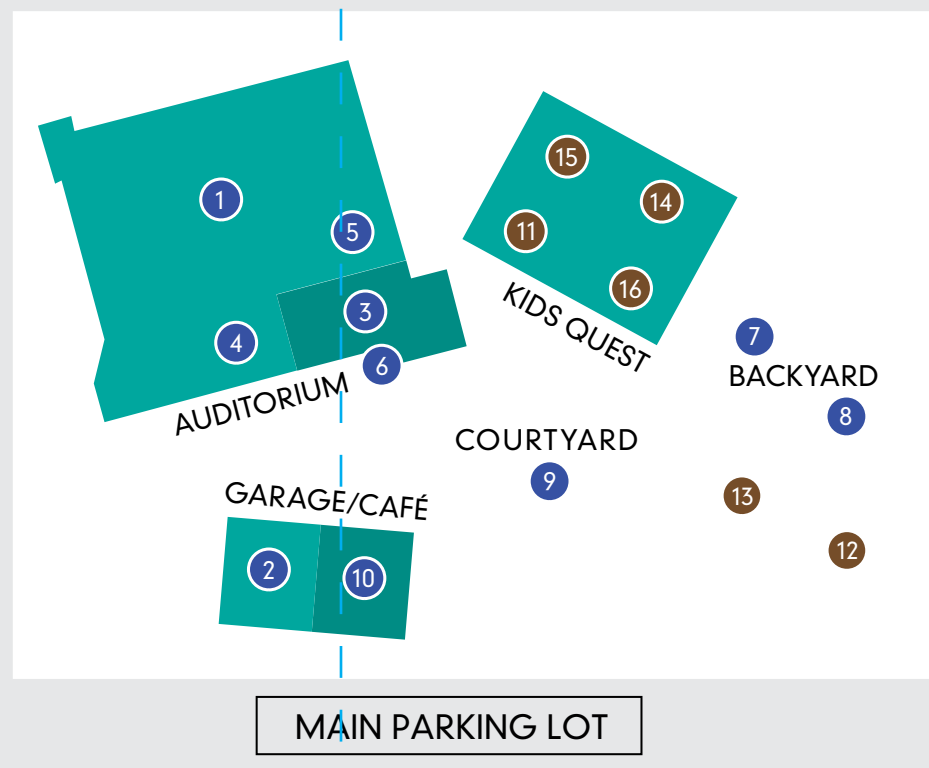
SUMMARY: Tonight was filled with various experiences depicting actual events in Jesus' final week. The unexpected arrival on a donkey, the scene Jesus caused in the temple, the exchange of silver coins for the price of betrayal, and the final meal with the disciples all pointed toward one final moment. Each event was connected to the other, almost as if it had been planned. Join us every 20 minutes after 6 pm to talk about the meaning of it all.

SCHEDULE: 6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 7:00, 7:20, 7:40

VENUE DURATION: 15 minutes

AGE APPROPRIATENESS: Children ages 5 and older.

CAMPUS MAP



LEGEND

- 1 Auditorium
- 2 Garage
- 3 Auditorium Lobby
- 4 Auditorium Hallway
- 5 Auditorium Lobby - McNeil Entrance
- 6 The Porch
- 7 The Backyard Path
- 8 The Backyard Parking Area
- 9 Courtyard
- 10 Café
- 11 Kids Quest Lobby (downstairs)
- 12 The Backyard - Donkey Walk
- 13 The Backyard - Lamb Petting Coral
- 14 Kids Quest C (upstairs)
- 15 Kids Quest A (upstairs)
- 16 Kids Quest B (upstairs)
- = Embrace the Cross
- = Journey through the Passion

SUGGESTED PATHS

“I’m an adult with only an hour. What should I see?”

SUGGESTED PATH
 Auditorium Experience (45 min.)
 Lobby Gallery & Exhibit (15 min.)

“I’ve got small children under the age of 10 with less than an hour. What should we see?”

SUGGESTED PATH
 Depending on the length of lines, you may be able to experience all of the “Journey through the Passion”. Prioritize picking up your passport (5 min.), the Spotless Lamb Petting Corral, (10 min.), The Passover Meal (15 min.), and The Meaning of the Mystery (15 min.).

“I’m an adult and have about 90 minutes. What should I see?”

SUGGESTED PATH
 Auditorium Experience (45 min.)
 Lobby Gallery & Exhibit (15 min.)
 The Cross of Forgiveness (15 min.)
 Prayer Journey (15 min.)

- or -

Auditorium Experience (45 min.)
 Lobby Gallery & Exhibit (15 min.)
 Short Film (20 min.)
 Carry the Cross (10 min.)

“Time really isn’t an issue for me, I want to really soak it all in.”

SUGGESTED PATH
 Any main venue of your choosing between 5 and 8pm, but perhaps save your final hour or so for the Prayer Journey, The Cross of Forgiveness, and/or Carry the Cross.