This story of Jesus has already begun. The season of Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter. Purple is the color of Lent.

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| HOLY WEEK  
Lent Week 6 |
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Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
Holy Saturday

Place purple underlay on the floor. Place background of Jerusalem in the box lid and set at the left end of the purple underlay up against box.

On Good Friday, Jesus was arrested. Unroll the road from left to right on the purple underlay going towards Jerusalem. Place Jesus and the disciples on the middle of the road.

His friend Judas has betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver. Pick one of the disciples to be Judas. Move him next to Jesus. Then move Judas away from Jesus to the edge of the underlay facing away or laying down.

Jesus’ friend Peter denied him three times. Pick one of the disciples to be Peter. Move Peter next to Jesus. Then move Peter away from Jesus to the edge of the underlay facing away or laying down.

The followers of Jesus were not sure what to do. They began to scatter. Have each family member take a disciple. Move them to Jesus. Then move them to the edge, facing away from Jesus or laying down.

Jesus was going to die on the cross without his friends.

The women who loved Jesus tried to help as he hung on the cross next to two other criminals. Move the women close to Jesus and then set them to the side watching.

Jesus forgave those who had hurt him right before he died. Take a moment to repeat that line quietly.

Then he died. Jesus. . . God’s special son, died. Pause and sit in silence for a moment.
I wonder…

which story of the Lent you like best?
why the disciples ran away?
how Jesus felt about the disciples running away?
why Jesus forgave those who hurt him?
how the women felt about Jesus dying?
how you feel about Jesus dying?

Working with God’s Story

1. Have each person retell the story without reading the words. Just use items.

2. Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3. Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

Check the “Weekly Faith FITness Plan” card.

Luke 23:34, 35
(Common English Version)

Jesus said, “God, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.” They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.
The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, “He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one.”

Before the Holy Week Story. . .

Review Stories of Lenten Puzzle
Take out the Lenten Puzzle and pass out all the pieces.
Take time to talk about each story as you put the puzzle back together.
Puzzle Piece
Take this piece of the puzzle and color and cut it out. Glue, tape or staple it to the matching piece from the first week. Add words or images of forgiveness.

Family Prayer
There are so many ways to pray. This week’s prayer challenge is to write a family prayer that shares with God about how God takes care of each of you. (You may also want to think about how you take care of your relationship with God.)

I/We was/were taken care of by you, God, when...

_____________________________________________
_____________________________________________
_____________________________________________
_____________________________________________

_______________________Thank you for your care. Amen.

Holy Week—Take it Up a Step.
Young Adults to Elders: The first four books in the Bible are called the Gospels or “Good News.” While the stories about Jesus are similar, they are not the same. Reread all of the Holy Week stories. Compare the stories as your prepare to worship on Sunday.

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