



40 Ideas for 40 Days

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Looking for Clues

This Lenten Activity is called Looking for Clues and is an opportunity for catechists to help children become more familiar with the Passion story.



- Gather pictures of the following items from the [Passion according to Mark \(14:1-15:47\)](#). I have linked each to an image:

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| - a jar (bottle of perfume) (14:3) | - a fire (14:54) | - a reed (15:19) | - sponge (15:36) |
| - water jar (14:13) | - blindfold (14:65) | - cross (15:21) | - curtain (15:38) |
| - a dish (14:20) | - rooster (14:68) | - bottle of wine (15:23) | - linen shroud (15:46) |
| - bread (14:22) | - rope (they bound him) (15:1) | - nails (15:24) | - tomb (15:46) |
| - cup (14:23) | - whip (scourging) (15:15) | - dice (15:24) | - stone (15:46) |
| - olive tree (14:26) | - purple robe (15:17) | - sign reading INRI (Latin, acronym for Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews) (15:26) | |
| - swords and clubs (14:43) | - crown of thorns (15:17) | | |
| - sword (14:47) | | | |

- Place (hide) these pictures all over the classroom and tell the young people that their mission is to search for clues about the Passion of Jesus.
- Have the young people search and gather the pictures.
- Invite each of them to describe their picture(s) and to see if they have some idea of how it fits into the Passion story.
- Next, invite volunteers to read aloud the Passion according to Mark 14:1-15:47.
- Tell the young people to call out “STOP!” whenever one of their clues is mentioned in the Passion story.
- As each clue is revealed, have them come forward and tape it/attach it to a poster or bulletin board.