

## WEEK 26: JESUS' CRUCIFIXION, DEATH, AND BURIAL

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

### GOALS

Our knowledge of all four gospels enables us to read the icons relating to Jesus' life

### LESSON

**Materials Needed:** Orthodox Children's Bible Reader

**Extended Learning Opportunity for Teachers:**

*The Gospel of Matthew: Torah for the Church* by Fr. Lawrence Farley, pgs 363-384

*The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Matthew* by Blessed Theophylact, pgs 239-252

### CLASS ROUTINE

Continue routine - move photo, light candle, venerate icon, prayer

### THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Read or summarize pgs 255-256 of the Orthodox Children's Bible Reader

In the icon provided in the children's Bible, we see the Theotokos tenderly holding her Son as He is about to be placed in His tomb. Joseph of Arimathea is ready to place Jesus in the tomb as everyone else is lifting Him into it. The myrrh-bearing women watched where they placed Jesus in the tomb.

**"CHRIST IS RISEN!"**

Continue singing "Christ is Risen!" or learning the responses to "Christ is Risen!" in multiple languages.

## ACTIVITY IDEAS:

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- After reading or summarizing Jesus' burial, hold up the icon and ask students to summarize what is happening in the icon.
- Lay out the icons from last week and this week on a table and mix them up. Ask the students to put the icons in correct chronological order.
- Hold up the icon of the Burial of Christ and ask: Where's Jesus? Where is the Theotokos? Where is Joseph of Arimathea? Where are the myrrh-bearing women?
- Continue practicing singing "Christ is Risen!"
- Continue practicing the responses to "Christ is Risen!"

