

Contemporary Holy Week

April 6

The children have stepped into the story to see what might happen if Jesus came to Southington in 2014

Palm Sunday Matthew 21: 1-11, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:29-38, John 12:12-15

A big parade on Main Street, complete with security and news coverage

The kids used a little car with Jesus riding inside, security guards with cell phones to keep the crowd back, crowd with pom poms, even had a working flashing stop light

Jesus in the temple Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 11:15-18, Luke 19:45-47

Jesus might not like all the selling that happens at church.

The used an old altar chair, cross set up with benches in front selling raffle tickets, rainbow bracelets with cards with the meaning of the colors, lots of coins and fake bills. Jesus came in yelling “Stop, this is a house of prayer”

Widow's coin Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21: 1-4

Jesus wants us to share what we have and give to the poor.

One girl was dressed as an old woman and the kids had made cards with a penny attached to a cross with the Bible story. They were asking for donations for missions and would tell you to look into the heart of Jesus (in this electronic ball with light streaks)

Passover in the Upper Room Matthew 26: 17-30, Mark 14: 12-25, Luke 22: 7-13

Celebrating with food and friends, texting and iPhones to share what's happening

The set up was a table full of food with the kids as Jesus' followers. They were texting each other and the twitter accounts were on a TV screen. They had written really neat things like “Hey Matt, I need a ride 2 nite. Whatz for grub?” and “Andy, you're late” They wrote like the kids do today –

Arrest / trial Matthew 26:47 – 68, Mark 14: 43-65, Luke 22:47-53, John 18:12-24

Court house with death penalty protesters, news coverage, security forces

The judge wore a black robe and sat behind a wooden railing, Jesus stood with his hand on the Bible. Protesters were outside the courtroom with signs for and against capital punishment. Security Guards had cell phones and TV cameramen had video cameras.

Crucifixion Matthew 27:32-51, mark 15: 22-32, Luke 25: 33-43, John 19:17-24

How we crucify Jesus today with war, terrorism, murder, hurting others

The kids found news articles and headlines that they found were contemporary crucifixions today and nailed them to a big wooden cross, leaning against the wall covered with a tiedyed black/white wall covering – very powerful

Resurrection Matthew 28: 1-10, Mark 16: 1-8, Luke 24: 1-10

Celebrate with new life, butterflies, flowers, music playing

They had an empty casket with white cloth and helium balloons inside and the whole scene was flowering trees, baskets of flowers, butterflies hanging from the ceiling, and a TV screen with Jesus' Facebook page that said,

Facebook

Timeline Easter 2014....

I'm Alive!

Meet me at

1st Cong. Church

9:30 and 11:15

for Communion.

Love, Jesus