YOUNG READERS

"Let the little children come to me" – Matthew 19:14

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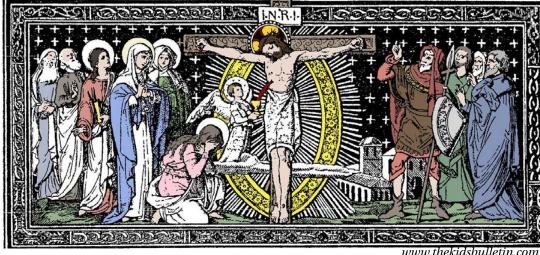
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oly Week is the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This is a special and sacred time when we think about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

On Thursday, we celebrate the day that Jesus ate the Last Supper with His apostles. This was the first Mass, when He gave His Body and Blood to them in what still looked like bread and wine. He also made them priests by giving them the power to turn bread and wine into His Body and Blood.

On Good Friday, we remember the suffering and death of Our Lord. He was beaten and made fun of, and had to carry the heavy cross. Then He was nailed to the cross, where He hung for hours before He gave up His life to God for us.

On Holy Saturday, we remember the day that Mary and the apostles and Jesus' other friends were very sad and upset by what had happened. Their best friend and leader had just been killed! Do you think they knew what was about to happen on Easter Sunday?



## Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday March 24th, 2024

few days before He died on the Cross, Jesus came into Jerusalem while the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" He was riding on something that was a sign of peaceful times. What was it? Connect the dots to find out!



• What's your most important job as the bishop? – Silas Henderson, 8, Our Lady of Nazareth, Roanoke A • The bishop is supposed to be a sign of the communion (the unity) of the local Church. Our mission as Catholics is to evangelize – that's a big word that means sharing the Good News with everyone. The Good News is that Jesus came to save us!

It's my job to proclaim the Gospel so that everyone can learn about the salvation that God offers. I have to stand by what is true – that can be tough, because not everyone agrees or wants to hear about God. I have to evangelize in a way that is joyfully spreading our faith, not forcing or scaring people into listening.

My job is also to defend all of you from things you might hear/learn that are wrong about God! The bishop is the shepherd of his flock – you are part of my flock, and it is very important that I protect your soul and keep you close to God. What is your favorite color? – Mrs. Whitley's 1st grade class,

St. Mary Star of the Sea School, Hampton

• If I have to choose, my favorite color is yellow. It's bright and uplifting, and makes you think of happy things like the sun. It's also the color most closely related to white as a liturgical color. When you see white or gold vestments and altar cloths during Mass, it means it's a joyful time in the Church.

Kids 12 and younger: make sure to check with your parent/guardian, then email Bishop Knestout <u>YOUR</u> question. AskTheBishop@catholicvirginian.org Include your full name, age, and home parish.