

KNOX CHURCH 10TH APRIL 2020

Good Friday Art Activity

With your family/cluster, read the following passage which is part of John's retelling of Jesus' crucifixion:

John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

What's going in this passage?

Explanatory note:

You might like to use your own words to explore this passage with your children. Here is a brief explanatory note that might help. Kerry has been focussing a lot lately on the theme of isolation. As the story progresses from Galilee, to Jerusalem, to the cross the space becomes narrower and narrower. Jesus becomes more and more isolated until eventually he is left alone on the cross. Yet, at the cross, John includes this scene where Jesus' mother and his beloved disciple are connected into a new family. The isolated are no longer alone but find community at the foot of the cross. On the cross, Jesus' enters into our human isolation, our loneliness, our suffering, our death, so that new relationship is established with God and with each other. Good Friday is about the new family which we are all welcomed into through Jesus' death on the cross.

Activity:

1. Draw a cross shape on a piece of A4 paper and cut it out
2. In the cross draw members of the Knox Church community (or other church) that you can think of. You like to particularly draw people who are living alone or struggling during the lockdown.
3. Use the cross as a reminder to pray for these members of your "family". You might even like to call or email these people to ask how they are.

