

FAMILY RESOURCES

MARTYR

THE GOSPEL READING FOR THIS WEEK IS Mark 6: 14-29

This week's theme

This week's theme is 'martyr'. We remember how difficult it was for Jesus, his disciples and early Christians who suffered for their faith.

Core extract from the Gospel (Mark 6: 22-24; for reflection throughout the week)

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced,
she pleased Herod and his guests;
and the king said to the girl,
'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.'
And he solemnly swore to her,
'Whatever you ask me, I will give you,
even half of my kingdom.'
She went out and said to her mother,
'What should I ask for?'
She replied,
'The head of John the Baptist.'

Gospel prayer (for use throughout the week)

Lord Jesus Christ,
John the Baptist suffered martyrdom
in your service.
Stand alongside all those
who suffer in your service today,
that they may witness to your glory;
now and always.
Amen.



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Things to think about

- Have you ever believed in things that are different to your friends?
- How did you feel if other people disagreed or laughed at your beliefs?
- How do you respond to others' beliefs if they are different to yours?

Things to do

- Research countries where people are still being killed for their beliefs. Draw the outline of the countries, cut out and use them as a focus for prayer.
- Use ribbon, string or paper to make a wiggly path and then try to walk along it whilst your family bombard you with balloons or soft balls. How easy is it to focus on your task and not give in to peer pressure?
- Forgiveness/prayer pebbles.

You will need: pebbles, paint, diluted PVA glue.

Many early Christians were stoned to death because of their beliefs. Use these pebbles to focus on praying for anyone who is persecuted for their beliefs.



Draw and paint your designs on to pebbles.



Use watered down PVA glue as a varnish to seal your designs.

You might want to paint words rather than patterns on your pebbles:

Forgive, help, save, protect, comfort, strength, faith



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