

The Paschal Mystery Drama

1. Remind the young people that the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ was the greatest of all turning points in human history. Throughout the centuries, Passion Plays have dramatized these central events in the life of Jesus.
2. Divide the youth into four groups.
3. Distribute Bibles to each group.
4. The Paschal Mystery Drama will be presented in four scenes. Each group will create a dramatic depiction of its assigned scene based on Scripture readings. Assign each group one of the following scenes:
 - Scene 1: The Passion of Jesus, Matthew 27:15-33.
 - Scene 2: The Death of Jesus, Matthew 27:33-56.
 - Scene 3: The Resurrection of Jesus, Matthew 27:57-66, 28:1-15
 - Scene 4: The Commission of the Disciples & Ascension of Jesus, Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:19-20.
5. Have the groups read their Scripture passages, and help them list and assign the parts for their scenes. Encourage the participants to use simple props such as towels, robes, etc., and sound effects. Give them time work on their scenes.
6. Invite the groups to present The Paschal Mystery Drama in four parts, beginning with Scene 1.
7. If possible, have the group present the drama in the parish or school to other youth and families.