A "diorama for the Easter triduum"

It would be nice at the beginning of Holy Week to build an "Easter prayer corner" in the house, just like at Christmas you might set up a nativity scene. You can look together with the children for the elements to put on the prayer table: something that recalls the "Last Supper" and "The Washing of the Feet" (Holy Thursday), the "passion, death, and burial" (Good Friday), the "empty tomb" /"Resurrection (Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday) .

Each day of Holy Week you might gather at the prayer table and read the corresponding Gospel texts together.

It is an idea and it can help, so long as it is done together with the children!

[Rebekah’s version for Good Shepherd Center parents]

Dear Parents,

Francesca and Patrizia Cocchini (Italian sisters who lead the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Rome (where they remain on total “lock-down”) have shared with us something they are suggesting their atrium parents might do with their children at home:

For Holy Week, create a family prayer table (if you don’t already have one). Involve the children in setting it up. With the Triduum in mind (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter), what images might you come up with for each of those events? (Perhaps an image copied from a book, perhaps a drawing of the child?) You might make a “triptich” (3 pieces of cardboard or foam core board, taped together so that they stand up) on which to place the images you find.

Then, each day of Holy Week gather at your prayer table and read the Gospel text of the day together, allowing for prayerful response (silence, comments, verbal prayer, sung prayers) as the Spirit moves.