

Walk the Stations of Light for Easter

Background:

The stations of light help us walk through the events of the Easter season to Pentecost. This devotion is similar to the Stations of the Cross, but these stations celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his appearances to his disciples. A variety of Easter stories are used for the stations of light.

With the Children:

Explain to the children that walking the Stations of Light helps us remember that Jesus' death on the cross was not an end but the beginning of new life for all of us. Jesus is the light of our lives and the light of the world.

Assign children to make a poster representing each of the Stations of Light. Review the stories with the children so they can decide what to draw. Then they should write the name of the station and the number at the bottom of each poster.

Easter stations of light

Station 1 **Women find the empty tomb** Mark 16:1–2, 5–6

Station 2 **Disciples at the tomb** John 20:3–8

Station 3 **Mary Magdalene** John 20:15–16

Station 4 **Jesus Appears to the Disciples** John 20:19–20

Station 5 **Thomas believes in Jesus** John 20:26–28

Station 6 **Journey to Emmaus** Luke 24:29–30

Station 7 **Proclaim the gospel** Matthew 28:16–20

Station 8 **Jesus on the shore** John 21:4–8

Station 9 **Ascension of Jesus** Luke 24:50–53

Station 10 **Jesus sends the Holy Spirit** Acts 2:2–4

Then put up the stations of light in order in a hallway or gathering area. Let children know that they will walk from station to station. Ask older children to volunteer to read each of the ten Scripture passages. Catechists can read a

shorter version for young children. At each station announce the name of the station before the Scripture is read. Then everyone prays the response together out loud. Copies of the response can be made for the children:

Risen Lord, help us to live in hope and walk in love each day. Alleluia!

This wonderful devotion enables the children to focus on Jesus and the events that took place after his resurrection. This project can also be done with an older group of students helping a younger group. The stations of light are a wonderful devotion to do as part of a family session as they walk through the Easter season together.

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