

Easter Story Painted Stone Hunt

Duthie Park

Welcome to a fun learning adventure for kids of all ages!

During Holy Week, explore Duthie Park to discover SIX painted stones which together tell the Easter story.

Feel free to leave your own painted stone which depicts the theme for that station.

Adults, if you want to share the clues sparingly to start that would make the finding more fun!

Here are the themes (and Bible verses) if you want to paint rocks to add to the pile or look up the story in advance. The QR Codes will send you to a short, video message about each of the stories.

Station One Palm Sunday, Jesus is in a parade
(Matthew 21:1-9)



Station Two The Last Supper, Jesus has a meal
of bread and wine with his friends
(Matthew 26:20-29)



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Station Three Jesus washes his friends' feet
(John 13)



Station Four Jesus prays in the garden
(Matthew 26:36-46)



Station Five Jesus dies on the cross
(Matthew 27:27-56)



Station Six Jesus is alive!
(Matthew 28:1-10)



Post pictures of what you find and the stones you add on “South Holburn Parish Church” on Facebook, or send them to jpizzuto-pomaco@churchofscotland.org.uk and we will put them on www.southholburn.org.





There are two ways to hunt:

EASY Easter Story Painted Stone Hunt Clues on Facebook

You like to do it on your own!

EASIER Easter Story Painted Stone Hunt Clues (see below)

You need a wee bit of help!

Easter Story Painted Stone Hunt Clues

1. Enter Duthie Park car park from Riverside Drive: Can you find a sign of welcome? Imagine a big parade where everyone comes to welcome Jesus.

Hint: Look toward the reflecting pool but don't start walking on the path yet. Look down and find the stone.

If you have brought stones with you lay one down beside it.

2. Where might there have been a good place for a picnic? Jesus had a meal of bread and wine with his friends as his last supper. What would you have said to Jesus if you were able to have a party with him?

Hint: Keep going towards the place where you could float a boat! Continue along the path on the right and look for a big tree stump. Head up the stairs towards the stump and at the top of them you will find it.

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3. Keep walking up the path on the next level where the stump is and turn back toward the car park. Jesus was so kind to wash his friends' dirty feet when they came to dinner. Jesus wanted to serve them. He asks us to help others and be a servant, too. Look for a place that might have had some water in it at one time.

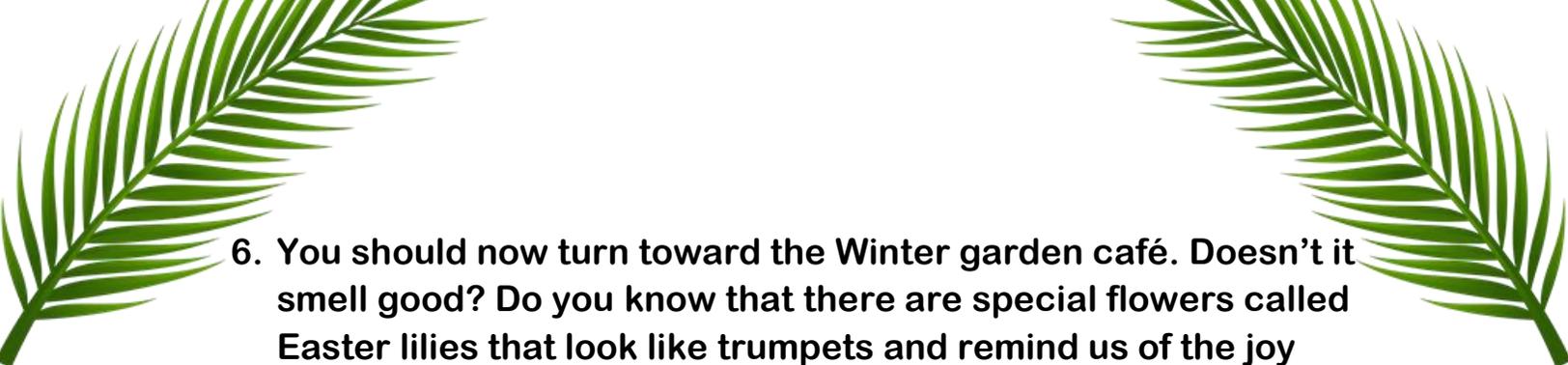
Hint: Find a fountain without any water. Walk towards it and you will see what you are looking for right around the base of it.

4. Now turn toward the big field in Duthie Park and imagine a place you might be able to sit and talk to God. Jesus talked to God all the time and especially during difficult times, like when he knew he was likely to be put to death on a cross in the days to come by the powerful people of his time. Where might you find a space where you would not get wet if it rained?

Hint: Look for a big, fancy structure in the middle of the field that is covered. Find the steps leading up to it and look to the right as you go up them.

5. Sadly Jesus was crucified on a cross. He was killed by people who were afraid of what Jesus was doing and saying, as he showed people what God's love for them looked like and how that love could change the world. Look for a big cross.

Hint: You are moving out of the big field now and near a beautiful garden. What you are looking for is right below the Celtic Cross. That cross honors the Gordon Highlanders from the 1882 Egyptian Campaign. When we see a cross, wear a cross, or draw a cross, we can remember Jesus who died on one.



6. You should now turn toward the Winter garden café. Doesn't it smell good? Do you know that there are special flowers called Easter lilies that look like trumpets and remind us of the joy people felt three days after Jesus died. Because the story did not end on the cross. Jesus had amazingly risen from the dead!

Hint: Go past the Winter gardens and all the flowers. Find a mound that is a big hill with a tall flagpole on top pointing to the sky. Imagine all the people looking around and wondering where Jesus had gone. He was not in the tomb...Jesus was alive! Go to the top of the steps and remember the stone was rolled away because Jesus is risen from the dead! God was not going to let the bullies win. Love would have the last word.

Thank you for hunting for the Easter Story painted stones! If you want to learn more about Easter, you can use the QR codes above and read the Bible passages.

If you follow all the clues and find that the stone is not there, please let me know, and I will be sure to replace it!

Email Julia at jpizzuto-pomaco@churchofscotland.org.uk with any questions or to report a missing rock.

We look forward to seeing your posts on Facebook!

Happy Easter!