


	<b>Crucifixion</b>	
<b>Presence of God</b>	Considering how God looks at me.	
<b>History</b> Luke 23,33-34.44	<p><sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.</p> <p><sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.</p>	
<b>Petition</b>	<i>Lord, may I know you more clearly, love you more deeply and follow you more nearly in this time of agony!</i>	
<b>Contemplation</b>	<p><b>v 33 Jesus hangs from a cross</b>  <i>What did the Skull – the place where Jesus was crucified – look like? (Let the children answer)</i>  <i>Jesus was hung (as if He had been a picture) and nailed. This was the way to torture and kill those accused of flagitious crime. That was the reason why two robbers were also crucified with Jesus, one on his right and the other on his left.</i>  <i>Could Jesus get down from the cross? (Let the children answer).</i>  <i>Yes, of course, because He is God; but love bound him to the cross; He wanted to stay with us and save us, despite the many times we hurt him.</i>  <i>Imagine Jesus hanging from the cross, covered in bruises and wounds, mocked by the soldiers and the crowd. (Silence) Imagine his torment, his physical pain. (Silence) Imagine his love ... it was so huge that He stayed in the cross even though He could escape.</i></p> <p><b>v 34 Jesus loves and forgives those who are killing him</b>  <i>Jesus asked his Father to forgive the soldiers, the robbers and the people who mocked him. He made excuses for them: “they don’t know what they are doing”. What they were doing was wrong, but Jesus asked his Father to take pity on them and forgive them.</i>  <i>Imagine... how nice it must be to have such a big heart, capable of forgiving everybody!!!</i>  <i>Close you eyes and imagine that you are standing before Jesus who forgives you... imagine that you are also capable of forgiving the others and even of praying for those who had done you wrong.</i></p>	

**v 44-45 Jesus dies**

*Imagine ... darkness coming over the whole land... as if nature felt extremely sad. That is the moment when Jesus, the Son of God, dies. What a terrible thing men have done!!! They have killed the Son of God!*

*While Jesus – the patient lamb whose body was lacerated by pain – was dying out of love for us, He screamed “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit”; and He knew that He was going to breathe his last.*

*Imagine that moment. Imagine Jesus’ mom, the Virgin Mary ... How did she feel?*

**Colloquy**

*Let’s sit on the carpet, on the promised land, near Jesus, to hear him in the silence of our hearts.*

*Imagine you are present the day Jesus is crucified. Stand at the foot of the cross in silence and look at Jesus.*

