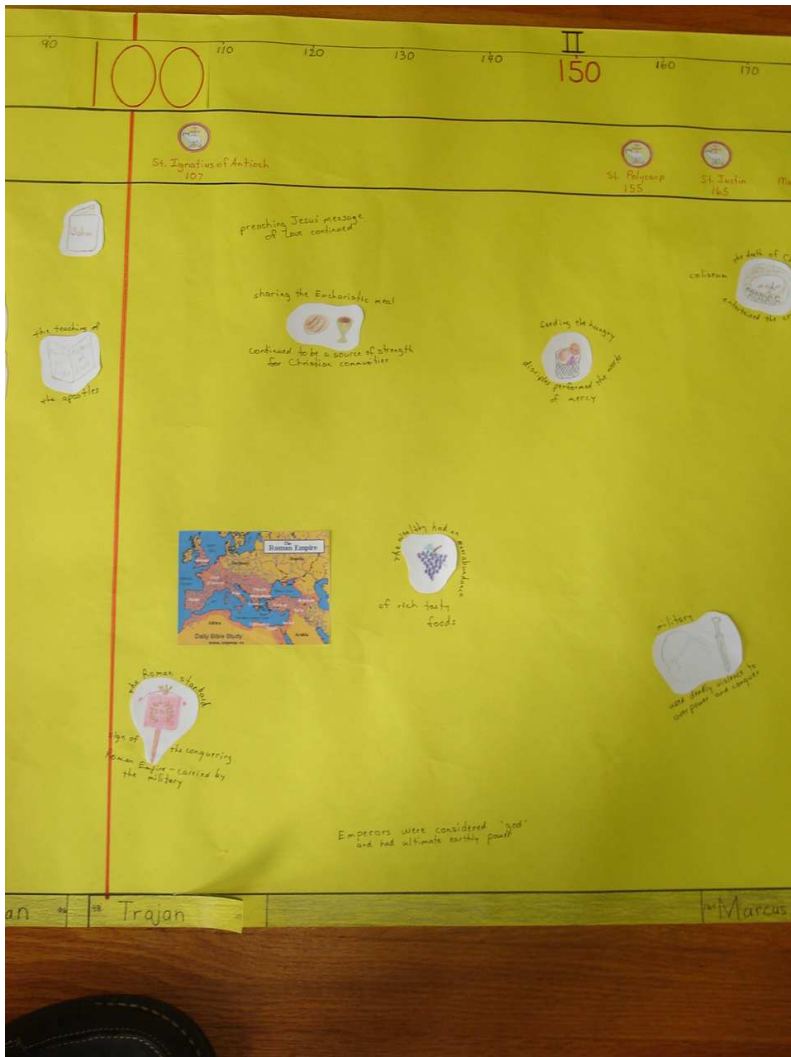


# Nf Timeline Phrases

(for child's follow-on work—paper timeline)



Rolled yellow fadeless paper cut to about 10 ft 6 in. (or the size of the burlap timeline)  
 Provide stiff cardboard templates of the width of the lines—above and below the martyr lines, Agnus Deis, years, emperors, etc. Assist with year spacing. The child draws images, cuts and glues them in place, cuts and glues, or copies, or writes his or her own phrases. Phrases below are included in the event they would be helpful. The child's own composition for each object/picture drawn is always a better way to go.

Phrases for Box 1 Roman Empire

**began in 753 B. C, continued expanding until A. D. 100's, fell in A. D. 476**

**self-centered, brutal Emperor but Christianity flourished anyway**

**considered 'god' with ultimate earthly power**

**the death of Christians entertained the crowds**

**used for military actions, trade, political maneuvers, and spreading the Gospel**

**shows allegiance to Rome, its gods and emperors**

**used deadly violence to overpower and conquer**

**sign of the conquering Roman Empire carried by the military**

**massive, lavishly decorated and built by slaves, soldiers and the poor**

**used by the Roman military and in races for violent entertainment**

**color and style shows the different classes of Roman society**

**held the portrait of the Emperor who had ultimate earthly power**

**the wealthy had an over-abundance of rich, tasty foods**

**human but property for serving the wealthy; manual laborers**

**thought to have power to control life, must be pleased**

Phrases for Box 2 Life of Jesus

**Faith reveals the poor, tiny baby to be the salvation of God's beloved people.**

**"You are my Son, my Beloved" who is given as a Model to all people.**

**nonviolent entry into Jerusalem; rejection of war and conquest**

**"Love your friends and your enemies" is His message**

**Jesus is God's healing presence in the world.**

**gave Himself as a source of Nonviolent Love for His followers  
in the sharing of the bread and wine**

**forgave the enemies who killed Him**

**Peter didn't understand Jesus' Nonviolent Love yet**

**Jesus died as the sacrificial Lamb which brings our healing.**

**Christ is Risen! Jesus' Way of Nonviolent Love is the Truth**

**disciples receive understanding and God's power**

**the emperor throughout Jesus' adult life**

Phrases for Box 3 Life of the Early Christians

**early Christians responded to Jesus' life and message by living  
communally**

**Peter and the other apostles move out from Jerusalem as  
Jesus' voice of Nonviolent Love for the world.**

**disciples performed the works of mercy**

**sharing the Eucharistic meal remained a source of strength for the communities**

**first martyr—a witness to Nonviolent Love**

**Paul was martyred under Emperor Nero**

**became completely different when he put on the mind of Christ**

**first leader of the early Church—the voice of Jesus in the world**

**writings and missionary travels took him throughout the Roman Empire**

**wanted to be crucified upside-down.**

**blamed for Nero's fire these Christians were Rome's first martyrs**

**Father, forgive them; they don't understand empathy, love or being human.**

**cemeteries of the Christians**

**oral tradition, or telling and hearing the story of Jesus,  
becomes written tradition in St. Mark's Gospel**

**Paul's missionary work fills half of this writing**

**written accounts of Jesus' life were shared between  
communities**

Phrases for Box 4 Early Christianity Continues and Emperor Plaques

**preaching Jesus' message of Love continued**

**the teaching of the twelve apostles; way of life and the way of  
death**

**certificate proving "religious duty" was performed**

**secret sign points the direction to gathering place**

**Christ wanted no one to take up the sword—ever.**

**periodic persecution of Christians continues**

**cemeteries of the Christians; places of prayer for the dead**

Phrases for Box 5 Martyrs

**martyrs chose to witness to Jesus' Nonviolent, Lamb-like Love.**

Phrases for Box 6 Agnus Dei Summation

**supreme symbol of the early Christians—innocent, gentle and suffers for the sake of others**