

Middle School

March 25, 2018

Demonstration of Beliefs

Recently, tens of thousands of students walked out of their classrooms as part of a national protest of gun violence. Their demonstration was a response to a Florida school shooting that left seventeen people dead.

Supporters of the nationwide walkout say the protest shows the influence of modern teens. Today's young people have grown up in the social media era of instant communication and endless information.

Students have been outspoken about their frustration with leaders who they believe are not doing enough to address school safety issues.

Many of the student protests were approved by—or even coordinated with—school administrators.

Discussion Questions

- Talk about the recent student protests and walkouts. Do you feel like this is an effective way to communicate a need for change? Why or why not?
- What other ways can crowds communicate their beliefs? List ways that groups can spread their message to the world.
- Today is Palm Sunday. Talk about the crowd's demonstration on the day Jesus rode into Jerusalem. How did this crowd feel about Jesus? How was the opinion of the crowd different on Good Friday?
- As we begin Holy Week, discuss the message you would love to share with the world. What would you like everyone to know about Good Friday and about Easter Sunday?

