

Dear grownups,

We're now into week three of home-schooling Junior Church and I hope these little books are proving useful for your family. If there is any way I can edit them to make them better please let me know (caroline@litchardmission.co.uk)

This week we are continuing on the Easter story focussing on the different things that happened at the Last Supper and Good Friday. Obviously, this time of year hits on some big things – sin, sacrifice, redemption – which children will understand in their own way and at their own level depending on their age. I've tried to explain things as well as I can on paper, but it will probably prove beneficial to talk these things through at length to guard against any misunderstandings!

Last week I said I'd add to my list of resources as the weeks went on and I found more. Here's some more for you!

10 of Those Livestream etc. – 10 of Those is a Christian publisher which we support. Every night they are having authors read bedtime stories for children on their Facebook page. They are also running weekly competitions which is a great way for kids to engage with other kids across the country!

Youtube:

Sharefaith Kids – These videos tell Bible stories in a really clear way with great illustrations. They're more for older children which is why I haven't used them in these books, but I highly recommended them especially to go over the whole Easter story.

LifeKids – More for younger children. They do Bible Adventures which are set up like a tv show with hosts etc where they explore a Bible story together.

Netflix:

VeggieTales – The classic Christian kid tv show has been given some better animation and new episodes available on Netflix (you can catch most of the old ones on YouTube and all the songs on Spotify etc!) These vegetables either look at a moral (like Madam Blueberry and the importance of not being greedy lest your treehouse collapse!) or take you through a Bible story – featuring many stupid and catchy songs.

As it has now been 3 weeks since we last met together, it would be great for Junior Church to be praying for each other and the rest of the Church. If you are able, it would be great if you could sit with your children and make a list of the kids in Junior Church and pray for them as often as you can!

As always, I'm praying for all of you and I pray that these books are useful. I miss you all and your families. My favourite thing is talking to them about Jesus and I'm so glad that I can still do that in this very distant and different way!

Caroline

Sunday 5th

PALM SUNDAY

A couple of days ago we started learning about God's Big Rescue Plan. When Jesus was on Earth, he spent his time traveling around, teaching people about God. Eventually Jesus knew it was time for God's Rescue Plan to start, so Jesus and his disciples began to travel towards Jerusalem. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem became a big event, something we remember on Palm Sunday – today!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

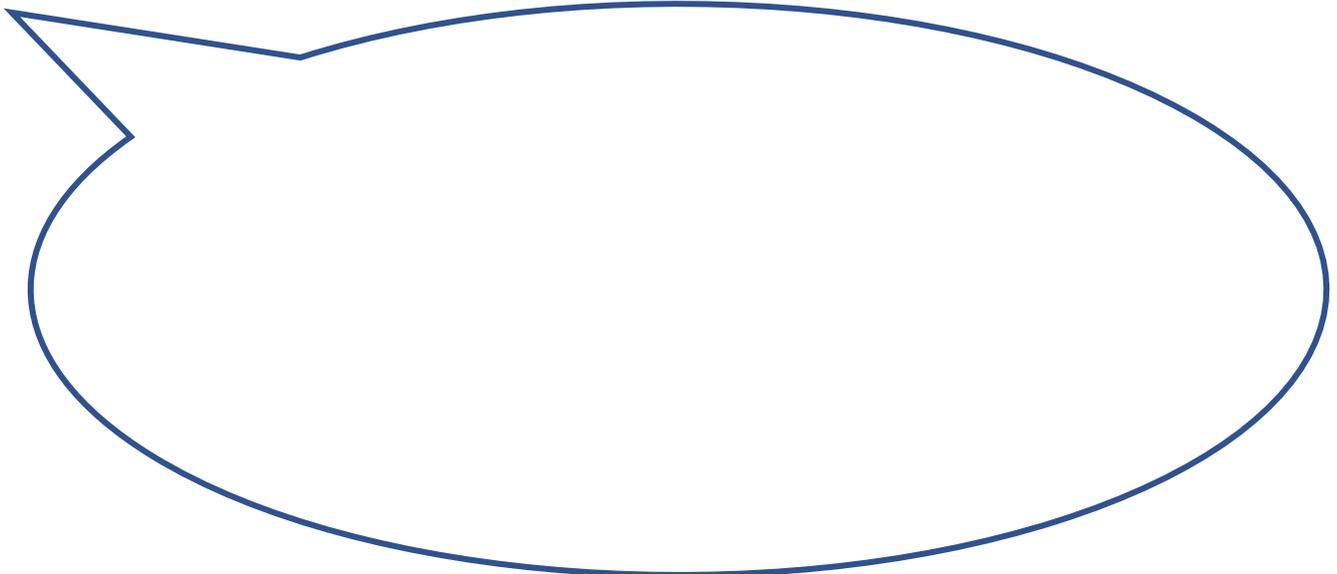
WATCH: Crossroads Kids > 'God's Story: Palm Sunday'>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITmbTuutBgg>

Jerusalem was very busy when Jesus and his disciples arrived. Jewish people from near and far were traveling to Jerusalem for a special weeklong festival. Can you remember what this festival was? You can find the answer in John 12:1.

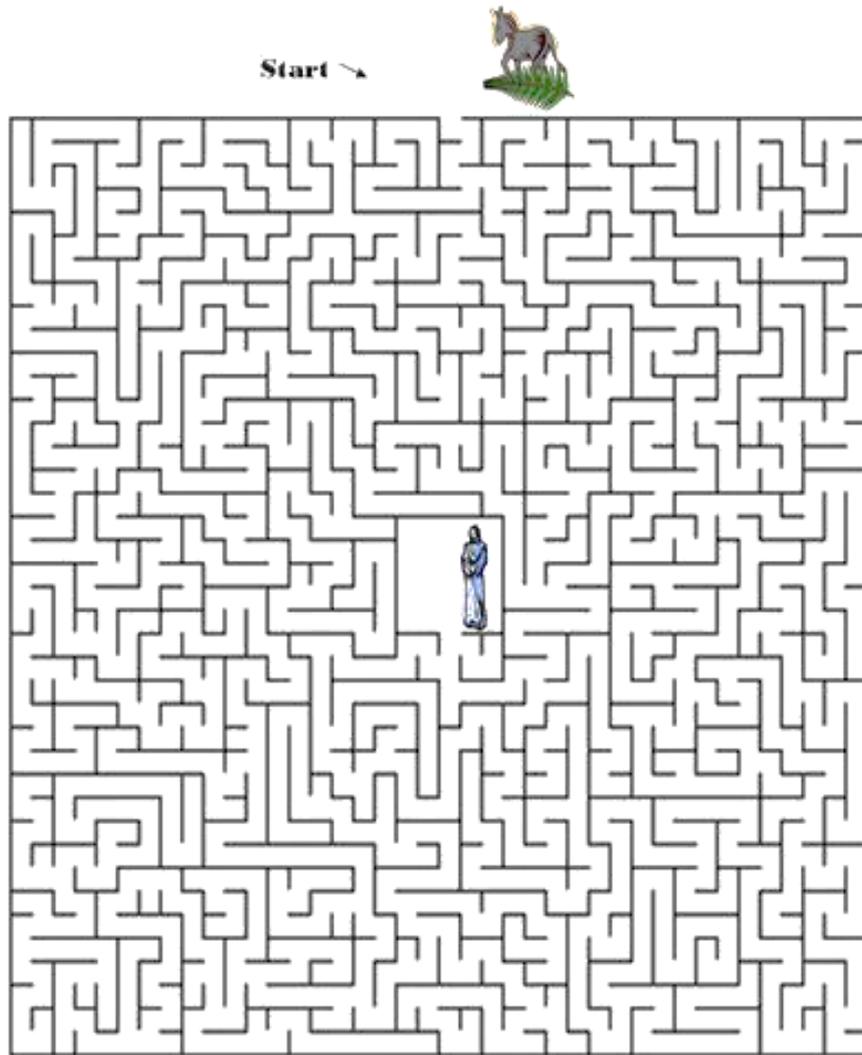
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The city was full of people and everyone was talking about Jesus. They told each other all of the miracles he had done and everything he had taught them. When they heard Jesus was coming to Jerusalem a big, excited crowd, started to gather.

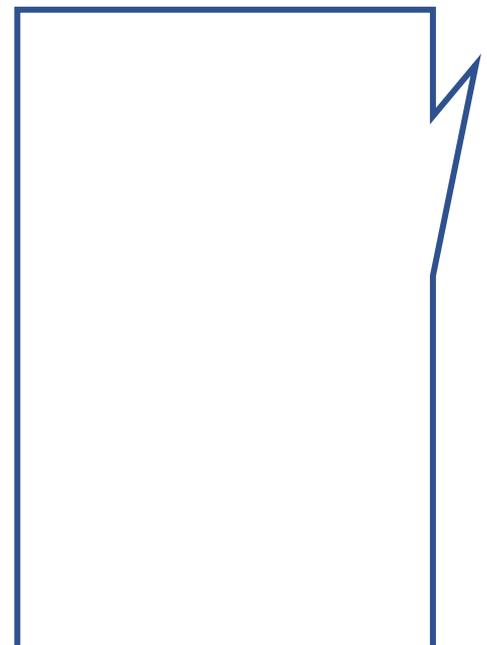
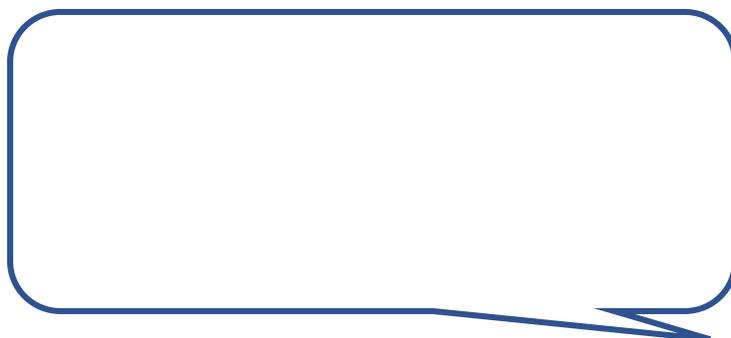
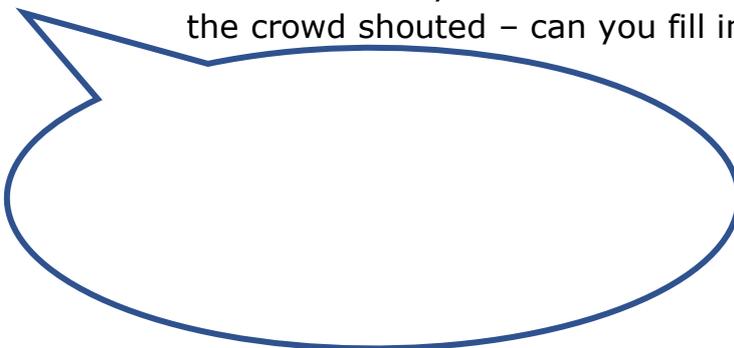
When Jesus and his disciples reached Bethany, a town not too far for Jerusalem, Jesus sent his disciples to find a donkey for him to ride on. But Jesus didn't want any donkey – he told them exactly where to find one! What did Jesus tell them? Look at Mark 11:1-3.



The disciples were a bit confused but, because they trusted Jesus, they did what he told them. Can you help guide the donkey to Jesus?



So, Jesus and his followers began the short journey to Jerusalem. The crowd say Jesus and they cheered and shouted as Jesus came into view and started to enter the city. John 12:12-13 records some of the things the crowd shouted – can you fill in the bubbles?



The people also pulled palm leaves from the trees and placed them and their coats on the ground ahead of the donkey. It was like they were putting out a red carpet for Jesus. They all knew he was a very special person. In fact, they were treating him like a King!

This upset some people, especially the Pharisees. They told him to get everyone to be quiet. But Jesus replied saying that if they people stopped praising him, the rocks would cry out instead. Jesus was saying that he was King, and he wasn't just King of these people but the whole Earth! Everyone should praise him!

But Jesus got upset as he carried on through the crowd. Jesus knew that in a few days lots of these people who were praising him would be calling for him to die. He knew they didn't completely understand that he wasn't any King, he was the King of Kings! He is God's Son! He is the promised rescuer!

It's important for us to remember this about Jesus. Jesus is our friend, but he is also God! Today is a great day to praise him as the King of Kings and thank him for everything he has done for us!

This song reminds us of how powerful God is and that this same God is the King of us! Listen: Rend Co. Kids > King of Me:

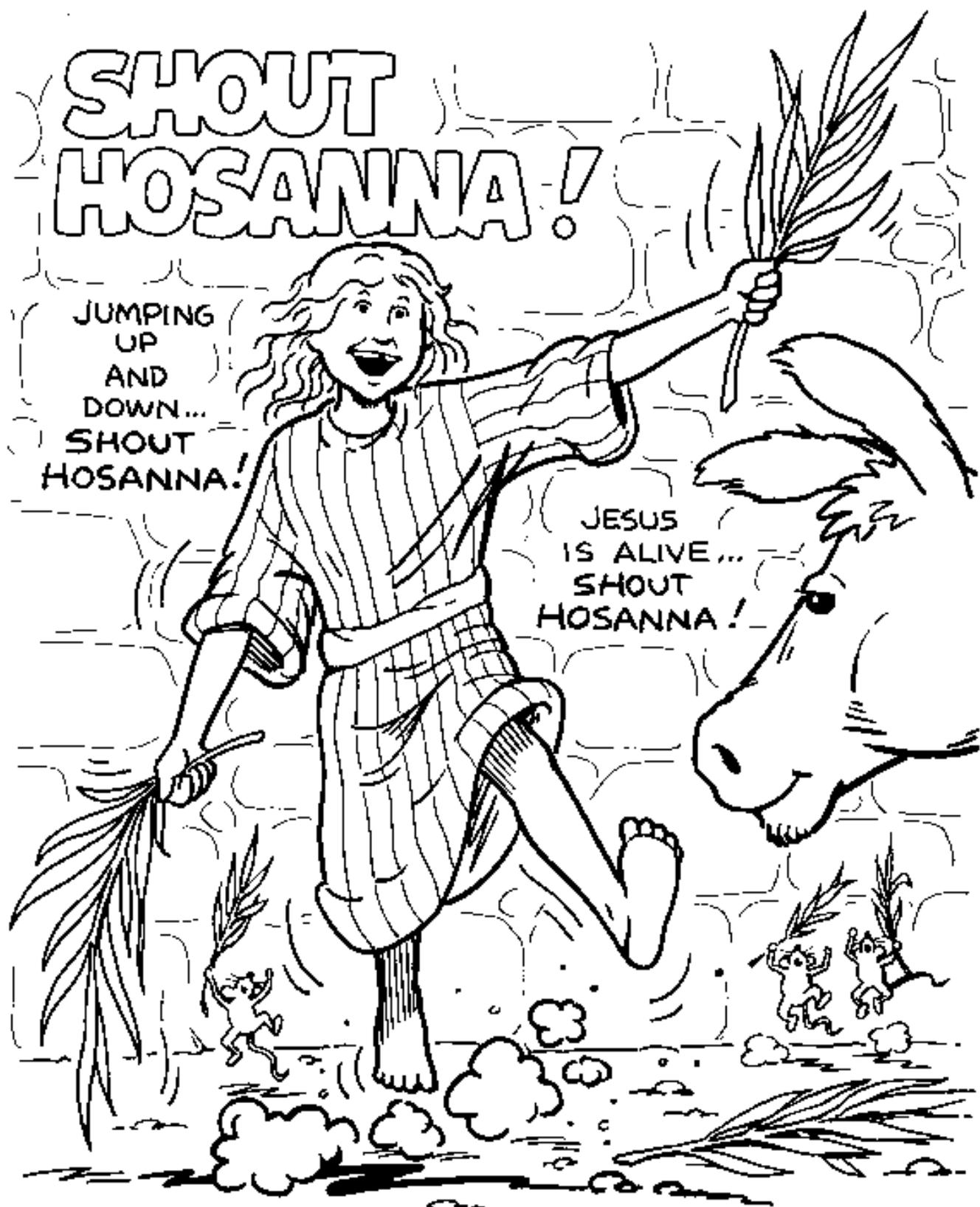
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ks6zl2hL2Uk>

PRAY: Praise Jesus the King of Kings and our great rescuer. Maybe use some of the praises shouted by the crowd in Jerusalem. Thank Jesus for everything he has done for us. Ask God to help you understand that Jesus is your friend but also our all-powerful God! Ask God to help you praise Jesus in your prayers and in your actions.

SHOUT HOSANNA!

JUMPING
UP
AND
DOWN...
SHOUT
HOSANNA!

JESUS
IS ALIVE...
SHOUT
HOSANNA!



The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



S P R E A D O D E A E E Q R X
Y K I D D Y E R S S Y D K C S
H U M W Y S K E I H V V T G M
L N O U S T L A L D I O H A V
X R Z E F P R N O E L I M X F
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C I O U Z F M R A P E L F E O
D U G R O A D E N C G W I O A
S X I H H E A V E N E H E P K
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BLESSED	MIRACLES	HIGHEST	HEAVEN	CROWD
SPREAD	GLORY	PRAISE	VILLAGE	PEOPLE
DISCIPLES	CLOAKS	VOICES	LORD	PEACE
NAME	ROAD	JESUS	HILL	COLT

Monday 6th

PASSOVER

When Jesus arrived in Jerusalem it was very busy. People had come to Jerusalem from miles and miles to celebrate Passover, which is also called The Festival of Unleavened Bread or Pesach in Hebrew. Tomorrow we will learn about the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples, but first we are going to learn about the first Passover!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: Crossroads Kids > 'God's Story: Passover':
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IwMt-KLkSE>

We learn about the first Passover in Exodus chapter 12. Where in the Bible is Exodus?

The Old Testament The New Testament

God's people had been living in Egypt for a very long time and they'd grown from one small family into an entire nation – just like God promised Abraham in Genesis 12:2-3!

But Pharaoh, the King of Egypt didn't like God's people and made them his slaves. God heard his people crying out for freedom and sent his servant Moses to set his people free. God performed lots of incredible acts to convince Pharaoh to let his people go. But each time Pharaoh didn't listen to God!

In order to free his people God sent plagues to Egypt. How many plagues were there? Look at Exodus 7-11 to help you out!

Each plague was more terrifying than the ones before it – but God always kept his people safe!

On the next page there are pictures of each of the plagues. Colour them in, then cut and paste them on a new piece of paper in the correct order

Remember to use your Bibles for help!

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



flies



locusts



blood



boils



darkness



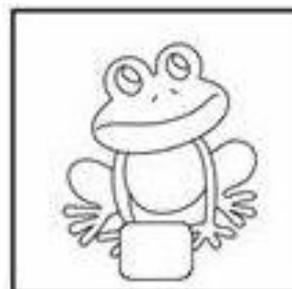
death of firstborn



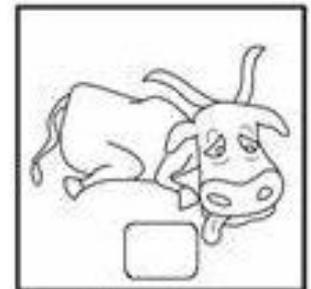
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fiery hail



frogs



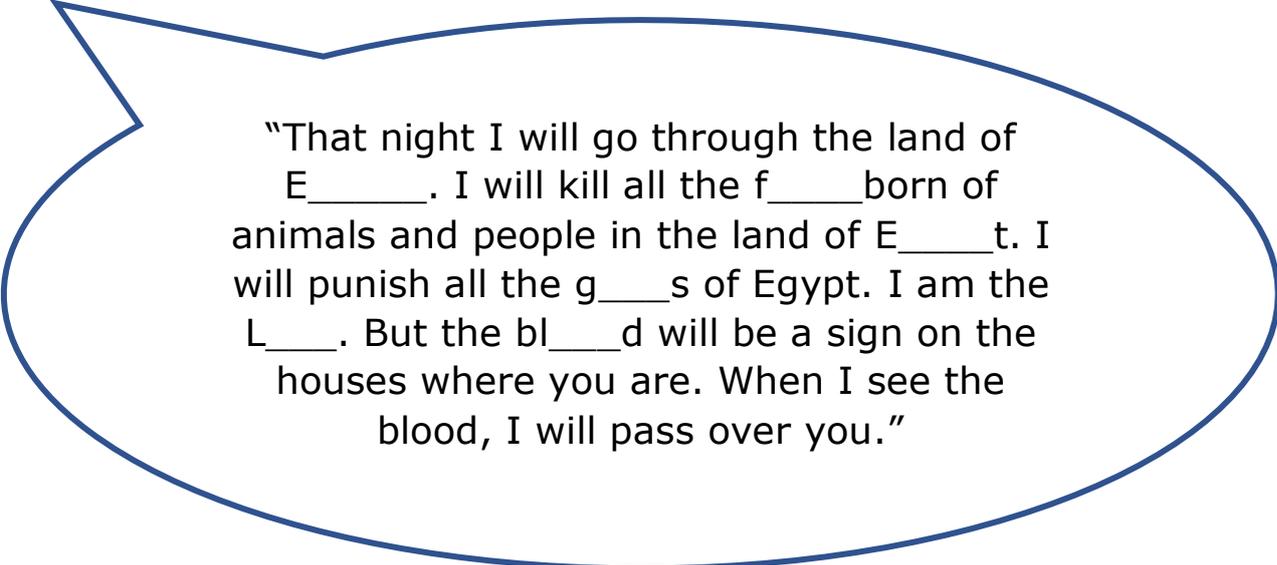
livestock die

What is the name of the last plague? (Exodus 11)

Read Exodus 11:4-7. God says that every firstborn son of all the people and animals in Egypt are going to die. But God says that his people, the Israelites, will be protected.

In chapter 12, God tells his people to gather in their houses. Each house must choose a lamb. The lamb is to be a one-year old male with no defects. Then, on the day God tells them, they are to kill the lamb and paint its blood on their doors. Then they have to stay inside and eat the lamb as part of a meal together. This is to be the first Passover.

Look at verses 12-13. God says:



“That night I will go through the land of E____. I will kill all the f____ born of animals and people in the land of E____t. I will punish all the g____s of Egypt. I am the L____. But the bl____d will be a sign on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you.”

Everything God said happened. One night the angel of death came, and every firstborn son died. This was punishment for Pharaoh not listening to or obeying God. But the Israelites did what God told them, and they all survived. The next day Pharaoh let the Israelites go and they were freed from slavery!

God’s people celebrated this day every year so that they would never forget how God protected them and freed them from Egypt. They called it Passover because death *passed over* the houses with blood on them.

It’s not a nice story and its ok if it makes us a little sad. But the frist Passover is a good story for us to know. It shows us that God protects his people and shows them mercy. The first Passover was part of God’s Big Story and it is a little preview of what Jesus did for us too!

Can you work out which words go where in the table? The table shows us the similarities between the first Passover and Jesus’ rescue plan!

The First Passover	Jesus' Rescue
God passed judgment on _____	God passed judgement on _____
Because _____ hadn't listened to or obeyed God.	Because _____ don't listen to or obey God.
The punishment would be...	The punishment would be...
But God showed mercy to his followers.	But God showed mercy to his followers.
The sacrifice of _____ would save them.	The sacrifice of _____ Can save them.
They would _____	They would receive _____

Eternal Life	The death of every firstborn son.	Every human.
Be freed from slavery.	Jesus	All of Egypt.
Pharaoh	Humans	Lamb
		Death.

You see, instead of a lamb dying in our place, Jesus, God's own son, died so that we don't have to face the punishment for our sins. Instead, if we trust in God, we can have eternal life!

That is the first Passover and tomorrow we will learn about the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples.

This song reminds us of God's love for us! Bear Hug

Band > Big Big Love:

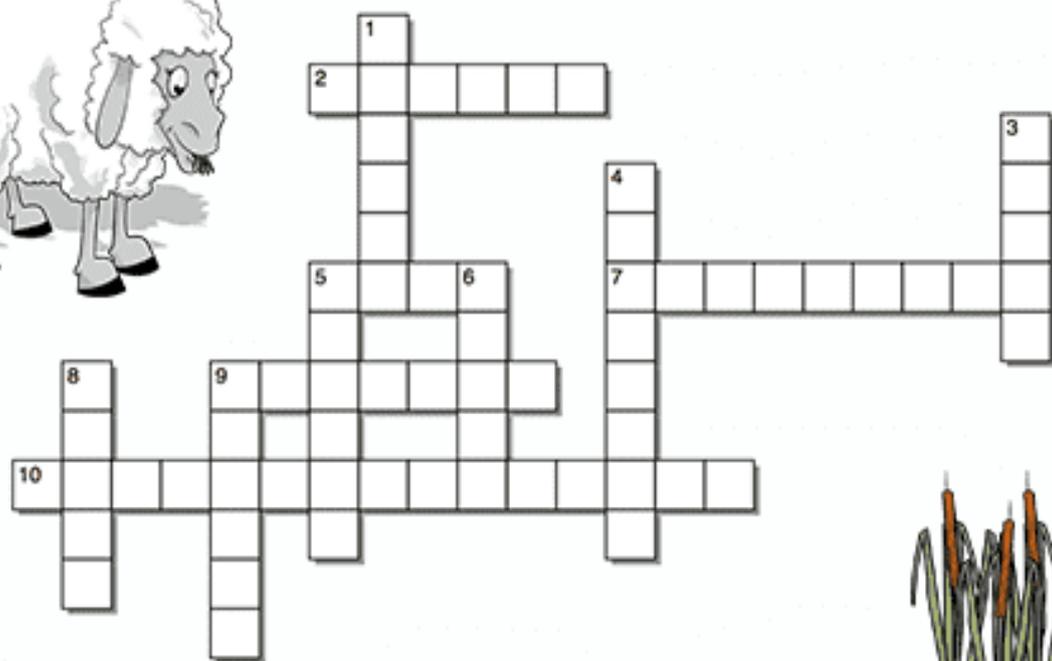
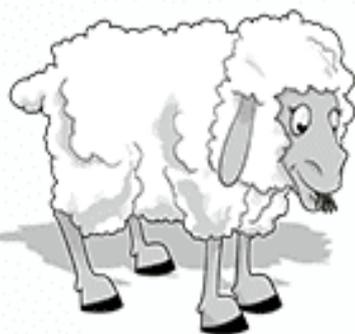
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gj11dCmj-l0>

PRAY: Thank God that he has the power to protect his people from bad things – even death! Thank God that he made a rescue plan for us to! Ask God to help you understand this and come to know Jesus as your saviour!

Bible Pathway Adventures

CROSSWORD

THE PASSOVER



ACROSS

2) Hebrew name for Passover.

5) A young sheep.

7) "These things happened so that the _____ would be fulfilled: "Not one of Yeshua's bones will be broken.." (John 19:36)

9) Ancient Egyptian king.

10) "Observe the Feast of _____, for on this day I brought you out of Egypt." (Ex 12:17)

DOWN

1) "...for _____, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (1 Cor 5:7)

3) The man who led the Hebrews out of Egypt.

4) On the 14th day of the first month at twilight, is Yahweh's _____. (Lev 23:5)

5) For seven days no _____ is to be found in your houses. (Ex 12:19)

6) "...when I see the _____, I will pass over you.." (Ex 12:13)

8) "They must not leave any of it till morning or break any of its _____, according to all the instructions for the Passover." (Num 9:12)

9) Serious disease or disaster.

Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

The Passover



J P A S S O V E R R I F Q U K C L G L G
R E C I L J K K A T N Y U M U F A A A F
F E R R S S Y W N B I W W Q T S Z C L L
I L J U U R L I G A L Y F U V P E W K A
S E H K S C A Y E F L O P X K E G A T M
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PASSOVER
MOSES
ANGEL
BLOOD
EGYPT
TORAH

TEMPLE
CRUCIFIXION
PESACH
MESSIAH
YAHWEH
LAMB

HEBREWS
ISRAELITES
SLAVERY
JERUSALEM
APPOINTED TIME



Tuesday 7th

THE LAST SUPPER

Yesterday we learnt about the first Passover, when God saved his people through the sacrifice of a lamb. Today we are learning about the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples, which we remember today as the Last Supper.

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: Saddleback Kids > The Last Supper >
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SigoALSS1R8>

Read Mark 14:12-26.

Jesus and his disciples eat the Passover meal together. This would be the last meal Jesus ate before he was arrested and sent to die. That's why we call it the Last Supper.

How many disciples did Jesus have? _____

Jesus' disciples were his best friends. In verse 18 Jesus tells them that...

"One of you will b_____ me – one who
is e_____ with me"

The disciples can't believe this! They were sad that one of them would do such a thing and so they ask Jesus "surely you don't mean me?" Jesus replies in verses 20-21 saying (ICB):

"The man who is against me is 1 of the 12. He is the 1 who dips his bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man must go and die. The Scriptures say this will happen. But how terrible it will be for the person who gives the Son of Man to be killed. It would be better for that person if he had never been born."

Which disciple betrays Jesus? Put the letters in the right order!

S J A D U

Who is the 'Son of Man'?

S J U S E

Jesus is telling the disciples that Judas will betray him. Jesus knows that Judas is going to do this and tells him to go. The other disciples didn't know what was going on, but Jesus did. Jesus knew that Judas would betray him and soon Jesus would be arrested. Jesus' Rescue Plan was about to be put into action!

While they were eating, Jesus takes the bread and wine and starts to teach the disciples about what is about to happen to him.

Read verses 22-25 and fill in the gaps! Use the ICB translation.

While they were _____, Jesus took some _____. He thanked _____ for it and _____ it. Then he gave it to his _____ and said, "Take it. This _____ is my _____."

Then _____ took a cup. He _____ God for it and gave it to the followers. All the _____ drank from the _____.

Then _____ said, "This is my _____ which begins the new agreement that God makes with his people. This blood is poured out for _____. I tell you the _____."

What does Jesus say the bread is?

What does Jesus say the wine is?

Jesus is telling his disciples that soon he will die. But through his body that will be killed, and his blood which will be spilt, Jesus will be creating a new agreement with God for all of his followers.

This is the agreement that Jesus' death will take the place of ours. Jesus will die and have the punishment for our sins placed on him. This means

that we don't have to be punished for our sins but can instead be God's friends and have eternal life. Jesus' perfection is traded with our sin! This is Jesus' Rescue Plan!

Jesus tells his disciples to have this meal often so that they will remember his sacrifice. Jesus' followers still celebrate this meal today. Do you know what it is called?

C _ _ M _ _ U _ _ I _ _ N

So, at the Last Supper Jesus shared a meal with his disciples. Jesus was happy to be with his disciples even though he knew one of them was going to betray him. Jesus knew that it was almost time for him to die so he taught the disciples about his death to help them understand later. Jesus also taught them a way to remember his death and sacrifice by eating bread and wine. We call this communion.

Tomorrow we are going to learn about something else that happened at the Last Supper!

Listen: God Showed Us His Love > Awesome cutlery >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo4rRUINo>

PRAY: Thank God that Jesus came to earth to die for our sins. Thank God for Jesus' Rescue Plan! Try to remember what Jesus did for you and ask Jesus to help you understand it more!

The Last Supper

Below are some sentences taken from Matthew 26:17–30. Fill in the blanks to find the answers for the crossword puzzle.

I will keep the (5) _____ at thy house with my disciples.

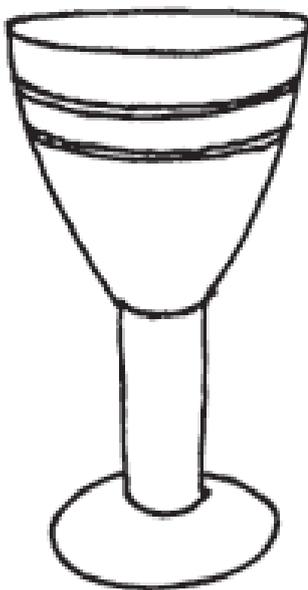
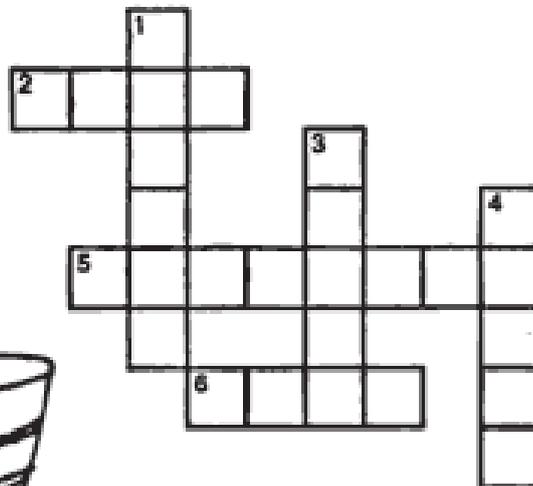
One of you shall (1) _____ me.

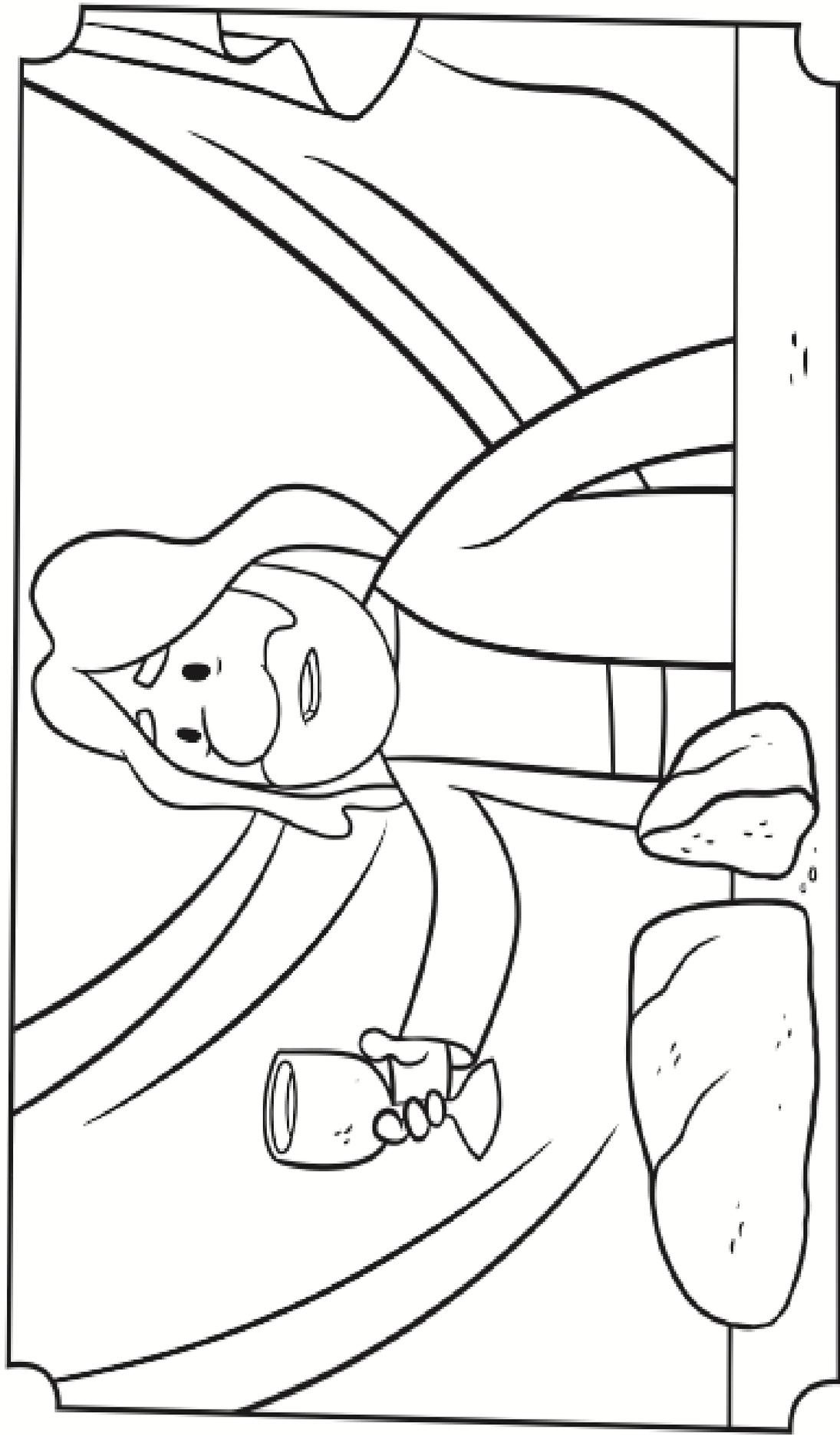
Take, eat; this is my (6) _____.

(4) _____ ye all of it.

For this is my (3) _____ of the new testament, which is

(2) _____ for many for the remission of sins.





Jesus hosted a Passover meal for His disciples before He died. He told them that His body would be broken and His blood would be shed for them.
Luke 22:14-23



Wednesday 8th

JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES FEET

Yesterday we learnt about the Last Supper when Jesus began to teach the disciples about his death. Jesus' Rescue Plan was about to take place! Today we are learning about something that Jesus did during the Last Supper.

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: Saddleback Kids > Jesus washes the disciple's feet >
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bv5ajWnrnt4>

Jesus and his disciples had finished their meal. Then Jesus gets up and starts to change out of his day-clothes and into the clothes worn by servants.

Read John 13:1-17 and fill in the gaps!

During the meal _____ stood up and took off his _____ clothing.

Taking a _____ he wrapped it round his waist. The he _____ water into a _____. He began _____ his _____ feet and drying them with the _____.

This isn't really what you would expect the Son of God to be doing during his last meal! But Jesus loved his disciples and wanted to show them that love by serving them.

Jesus' disciples were confused by what he was doing. One of Jesus' disciples was so confused that when Jesus starts to wash his feet, he asks Jesus what he is doing.

Which disciple was this? _____

On the next page fill in the gaps in the speech bubbles to complete the conversation between the disciple and Jesus.

Lord,

You don't

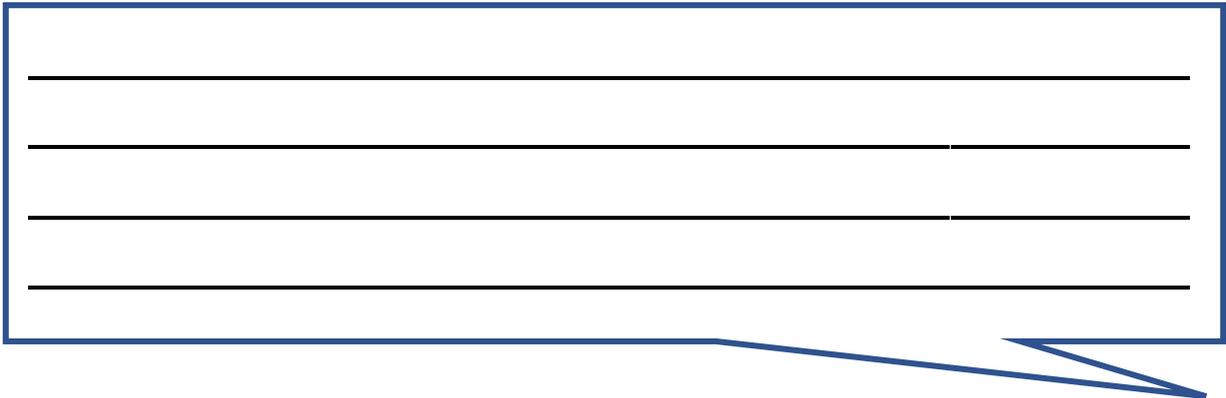
No! You

If I don't

Lord, after you wash my feet, wash my hands and my head too!



Jesus then explains what he is doing in verses 10-11.



Jesus asks his disciples if they understand. He says that he, their master, has washed their feet so they should wash each other's feet.

Jesus wants us to learn that if he, the Son of God, the King of Kings, was willing to serve the disciples by washing their feet – probably not the best job in the world – then we should be willing to serve others to, no matter who and no matter how.

Can you think of a job you are always asked to do? Maybe a chore you have to do at home? Sometimes these jobs aren't nice. We don't enjoy doing them. Jesus teaches us that we should do these things and be happy to do them – just like Jesus washing his friends' feet! We should do these jobs and be happy doing them because we are showing the people who ask us to do them how much we love them!

Listen: Take out the trash > Bear hug Band :
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAowaa41Egk>

PRAY: Thank God that even though Jesus was his son, Jesus loved us so much that he served everyone! Thank Jesus that he loves everyone and wants to help them. Ask Jesus to help you serve people like he did, starting with the people in your house!





Across

5. Jesus said Judas would ____ Him
6. The name of this particular feast
8. ____ was the one who betrayed Jesus
11. What Jesus' blood symbolizes
12. What Mount did they go to later?

Down

1. The room that they all met in for the feast
2. The type of song they sang after the meal was finished
3. What did the disciples drink out of at the feast
4. What the cup represented
5. This represented Jesus' broken body
7. Jesus shed his blood for our ____
9. The name often referred to the twelve men
10. Number of disciples who ate at the last supper

Thursday 9th

JESUS PRAYS

Jesus and his disciples have now finished their Passover meal. But before they leave the room which they are staying in, Jesus prays. After this Jesus would go to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Judas would betray Jesus and Jesus would be arrested. Jesus' friend John wrote down this prayer so we can learn about today!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: Saddleback Kids > Jesus Prays >
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsUCJDRNHio>

Can you find John chapter 17 in your Bibles? This whole chapter is Jesus' prayer. It's a long prayer but we can divide into three by looking at the 3 people/groups of people Jesus prays for.

Who is the 1st person Jesus prays for?

All believers

The Disciples

Jesus Himself

The 1st person Jesus prays for is himself. Jesus knows that soon he will be betrayed, arrested and killed. But Jesus doesn't pray for this not to happen like we would! Jesus prays that God will glorify him through what he is about to do. While he is praying, Jesus talks about his rescue plan.

Can you find verses 2-3?

_____ gave the _____ power over all people so that the Son could give _____ life to all those people you have given to him. And this is eternal _____: that _____ can know you, the only _____ God, and that men can know Jesus _____, the One you sent.

Men

eternal

Christ

life

true

You

power

Jesus is reminding himself about his Rescue Plan. Jesus knows that he was sent to Earth so that he could give eternal life to those who believe in him. In this eternal life, we will get to know Jesus and God! But the only way Jesus could do this was by dying on the cross and paying the punishment for our sins.

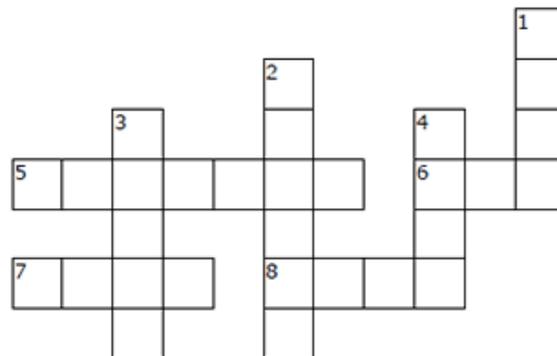
Who is the 2nd group Jesus prays for?

All believers

The Disciples

Jesus Himself

Next Jesus prays for his friends. He knows that he is about to die, and they will be sad, confused and even scared when he has gone. Look at verses 6-11 and use this crossword to learn more about what Jesus prays for his disciples.



ACROSS

- 5. To keep from being injured or harmed
- 6. To be a single unit, object, or living being
- 7. A combination of letters that represents a thought or idea
- 8. To speak to God

DOWN

- 1. To place in the hands of someone
- 2. To receive something
- 3. That which belongs to you
- 4. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship

PRAY	GIVE	HOLY	PROTECT
ACCEPT	YOURS	WORD	ONE

Who is the last group Jesus prays for?

All believers

The Disciples

Jesus Himself

Jesus says that he is praying for “those who **will** believe in me”. This means Jesus wasn’t just praying for the people who followed him when he was alive, but everyone in the future who would believe in him – this includes us! Read verses 20-26 and as you read remember that Jesus was praying this for all believers – including you!

Jesus’ prays that those who believe in him, will come to know God the Father. In fact, Jesus doesn’t just want us to know about God, Jesus says that when we believe in Jesus, we will share in the love that God has for his Son. Can you imagine that? God the Son, God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit have loved each other since before the world began – that’s a lot of love. And now, if we believe in Jesus, we can be part of that love!

This song helps us to remind us of Jesus’
Rescue Plan and how, because of Jesus’ sacrifice, we
can be friends with God. LISTEN: Awesome Cutlery >
We are the Church>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPEonEoZL5A>

PRAY: Thank Jesus for his Rescue Plan. Thank him that because of his death we can have eternal life. Thank God that because of Jesus’ death, we can be part of the big love between Jesus and God!

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 17:6-11 (NIV).



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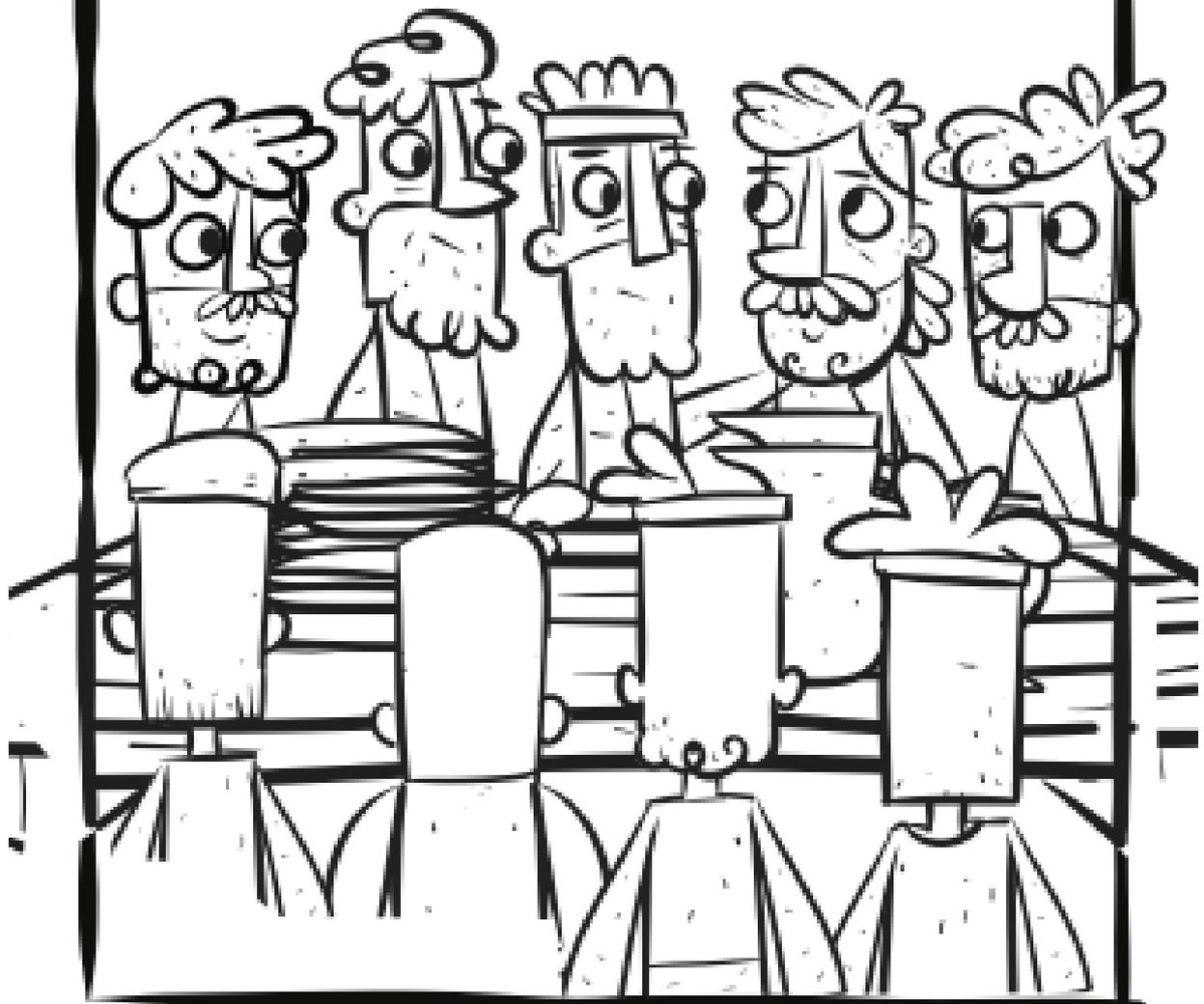
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The Last Supper



Friday 10th

JESUS' SACRIFICE

Over the last few days we've been looking at the Last Supper. After Jesus and his disciples finished their meal, they went to a garden to pray. That night, Judas betrayed Jesus. Jesus was arrested, given a trial and sent to die. We remember all of this on Good Friday- which is today!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: Saddleback Kids > Jesus' sacrifice >
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Read Matthew 26:36-46.

Are the statements below TRUE or FALSE?
Read the story and color in the appropriate box.



TRUE	FALSE

Jesus healed the ear of the servant who came to arrest him.

James betrayed Jesus by accepting pieces of silver for leading the authorities to Jesus.

Jesus and his disciples came to the garden of Gethsemane after celebrating Passover.

When the authorities arrived at the garden to arrest Jesus, he did not resist.

James, Peter, and John stayed up all night with Jesus to watch and pray.

After Jesus has finished praying, Judas, one of Jesus' disciples comes. Judas had left the Last Supper early because he knew he was going to betray Jesus that night. Judas comes up to Jesus and gives a sign to the soldiers that he is the one they should arrest. Jesus' other disciples try to stop them from arresting Jesus. There's a big fight with swords and clubs – someone even loses an ear! But Jesus tells them to stop fighting. Jesus knows that this is all part of his rescue plan.

After this the disciples were scared and ran away. Look at Matthew 26:35 – what do Peter and the other disciples promise?

Look at verse 56. Do they keep their promise? _____

All of Jesus' friends left him. After being arrested, the soldiers took Jesus to the Sanhedrin – the court of the high priest. What are they charging Jesus with? (verse 65 might help you out)

B ___ A ___ P ___ E ___ Y

The high priest and the teachers of the law didn't believe Jesus was the Son of God. So, when Jesus said he was the Son of God, it made them angry. They thought he was disrespecting God!

What is the punishment for blasphemy? (verse 66)

Can you find Mark 15? Because Jerusalem was under the control of the Romans, the Sanhedrin didn't have the power to convict Jesus. They needed the Roman Governor to agree with them. This was a man called Pontius Pilate. Read Mark 15:1-15 to find out what Pilate did.

Does Pilate want to kill Jesus? Yes No

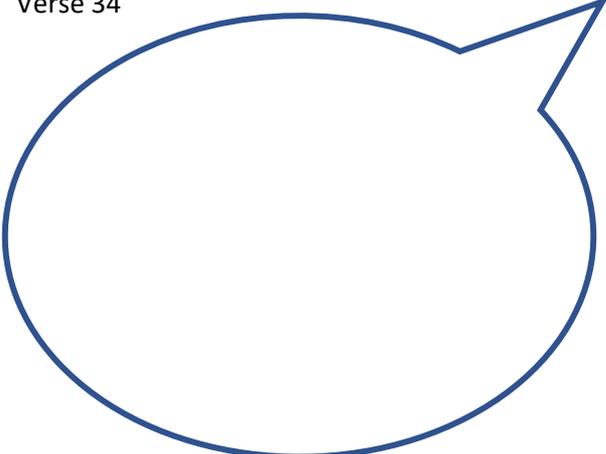
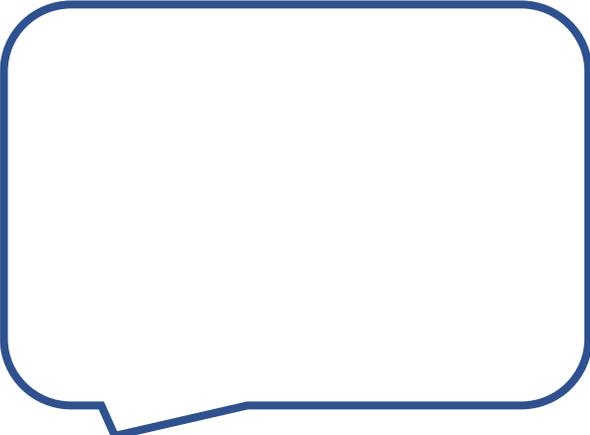
Who wants Jesus to be killed? (vs11-15) _____

While all of this is going on, what is Jesus doing? (verse 5)

Jesus remains silent. He doesn't start to defend himself. Why? Jesus knows that all of this has to happen as part of his Rescue Plan.

The soldiers take Jesus away to be killed. They beat him and they make fun of him. They even give him a crown of thorns and a robe as a joke to Jesus' title: The King of the Jews. Then, he carries his cross up to a place called Golgotha, which means the skull. There they crucified him.

Mark 15:33-41 tell us what happened when Jesus died. Use your Bible to help fill in these different boxes.

Verse 33	Verse 34 
Verse 38	Verse 39 

Jesus' death isn't a normal one. When we die it doesn't make the sky go dark and big curtains don't tear in two! But the Roman soldier saw what was different about Jesus. Jesus was the Son of God.

The Son of God died a horrible death, trading our sin for his perfection. When the sky went dark it was because God had turned away from Jesus. He still loved Jesus, but in that moment, Jesus was being punished for all of our sin and God couldn't look at him.

But, this was still part of the Rescue plan. The curtain in the temple was a special curtain which separated God from his people. When Jesus died and the curtain torn apart, this was a sign that God's people could come

to him. Jesus' Rescue had been completed! Now, when we do bad stuff which separates us from God, we can go to God for forgiveness!

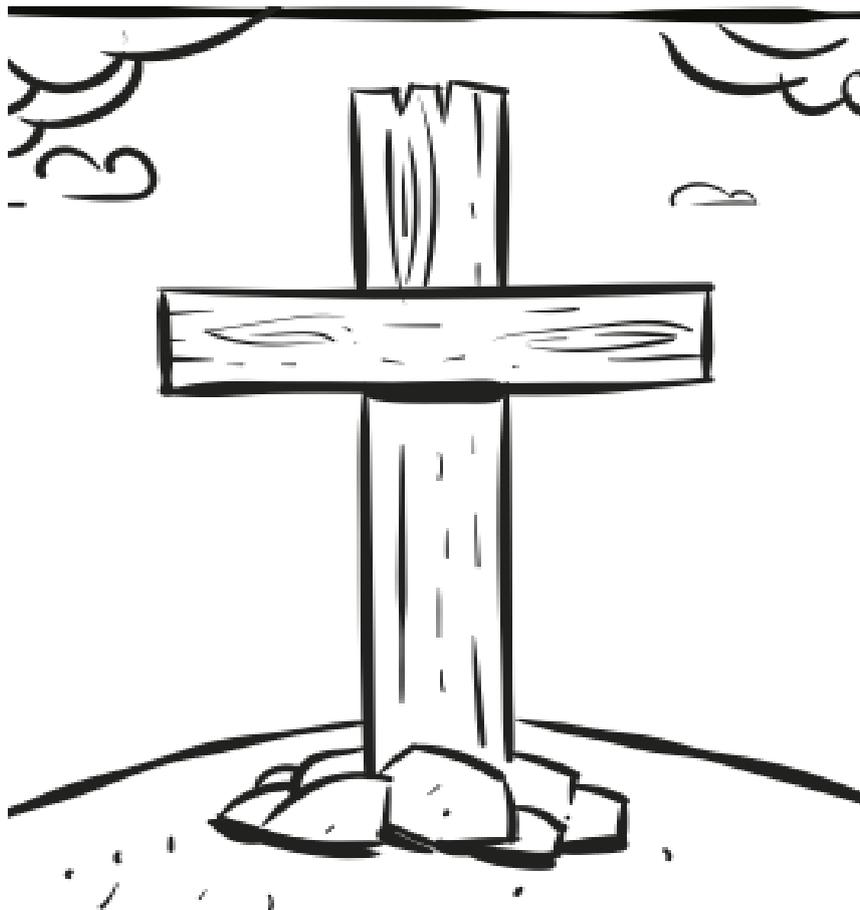
This is everything that happened the day Jesus was killed. This is what we remember on Good Friday. It's a day for us to think about all the bad things we think, say and do. But it's also a day to celebrate the fact that Jesus took the punishment for our sins so that we don't have to!

LISTEN: Crossroads Jesus Song >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rn84AYtFUS>

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PRAY: Thank Jesus for his Rescue Plan. Praise Jesus that he was willing to die for us even though we don't deserve it and we don't say thank you as much as we should. Thank Jesus that because of his death, we don't have to face the punishment for all of our sins. Instead, now we can go through Jesus and be God's friends.



Jesus is my savior!

The Crucifixion of Jesus

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ARRESTED	ATONEMENT
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CRUCIFIXION	DEATH
GOLGOTHA	INSULTS
JESUS	KING OF THE JEWS
MARY MAGDALENE	MESSIAH
NEW TESTAMENT	PONTIUS PILATE
ROMANS	SALVATION
SCOURGED	TRIED
SENTENCED	SIMON
SON OF GOD	THE PASSION

Saturday 11th

THE GOOD NEWS

Jesus' friends wrote about what happened to Jesus in the Bible. We can find their eye-witness accounts in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Do you know that we also call these books the Gospels? Gospel means Good News and today we are going to learn why Jesus' death is actually good news for us!

PRAY: Before we start, ask God to help you understand and learn more about Him today!

WATCH: Crossroads kids > God's Story : The Good News > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nleiAfrp2kY>

Yesterday we learnt about Good Friday and the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross. This can be hard to understand so today we are looking at what Jesus' death means for us – why we call it Good News!

So, let's start at the very beginning. In your Bible can you find Genesis 1:31. God has just finished making the world. He looks at everything he has made and what does he think about it?

It is very, very, _____

Everything on Earth was perfect! One of the perfect things was the friendship between Adam, Eve and God. Genesis 3:8 tells us that God used to walk in the Garden where Adam and Eve lived. Isn't that cool?!

But then something went wrong. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating fruit from the tree God had told them not to. Adam and Eve only had one rule to follow in this perfect Garden, but they didn't listen.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they broke the special relationship they had with God. But even though they had disobeyed God, God still loved Adam and Eve, in fact he had already planned to send them a rescuer.

That rescuer was... _____

God's people had to wait a long, long time for Jesus. But while they were waiting, God spoke through people called prophets and told them more about his Rescue Plan.

Can you find Isaiah 53? If you can, try reading the whole chapter. This is a prophecy about, you guessed it, Jesus! Use verse 5 to fill in the gaps.

He was _____ for the wrong things we did.

He was _____ for the evil things we did.

The _____, which made us well, was given to him.

And we are _____ because of his _____.

Either on your own or with a grown up, try to work out some actions to help you remember this verse!

This verse is a good one to remember. It teaches us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. Our punishment was given to him when he died on the cross. Now we are healed thanks to him! Now we can have that perfect relationship with God that Adam and Eve had right at the beginning of the world.

Right now, there is lots of bad and scary news, but today let's think about this Good News! If we say sorry to God for all the bad choices we've made, if we ask him to forgive us, thank Jesus for his sacrifice and promise to try to live our lives the way God wants – we can be God's friends!

And God is more powerful than anything we might find upsetting or scary. God is even more powerful than death (but we'll learn about that tomorrow!)

Can you find Colossians 1:13-14 in your Bible? This is what it says:

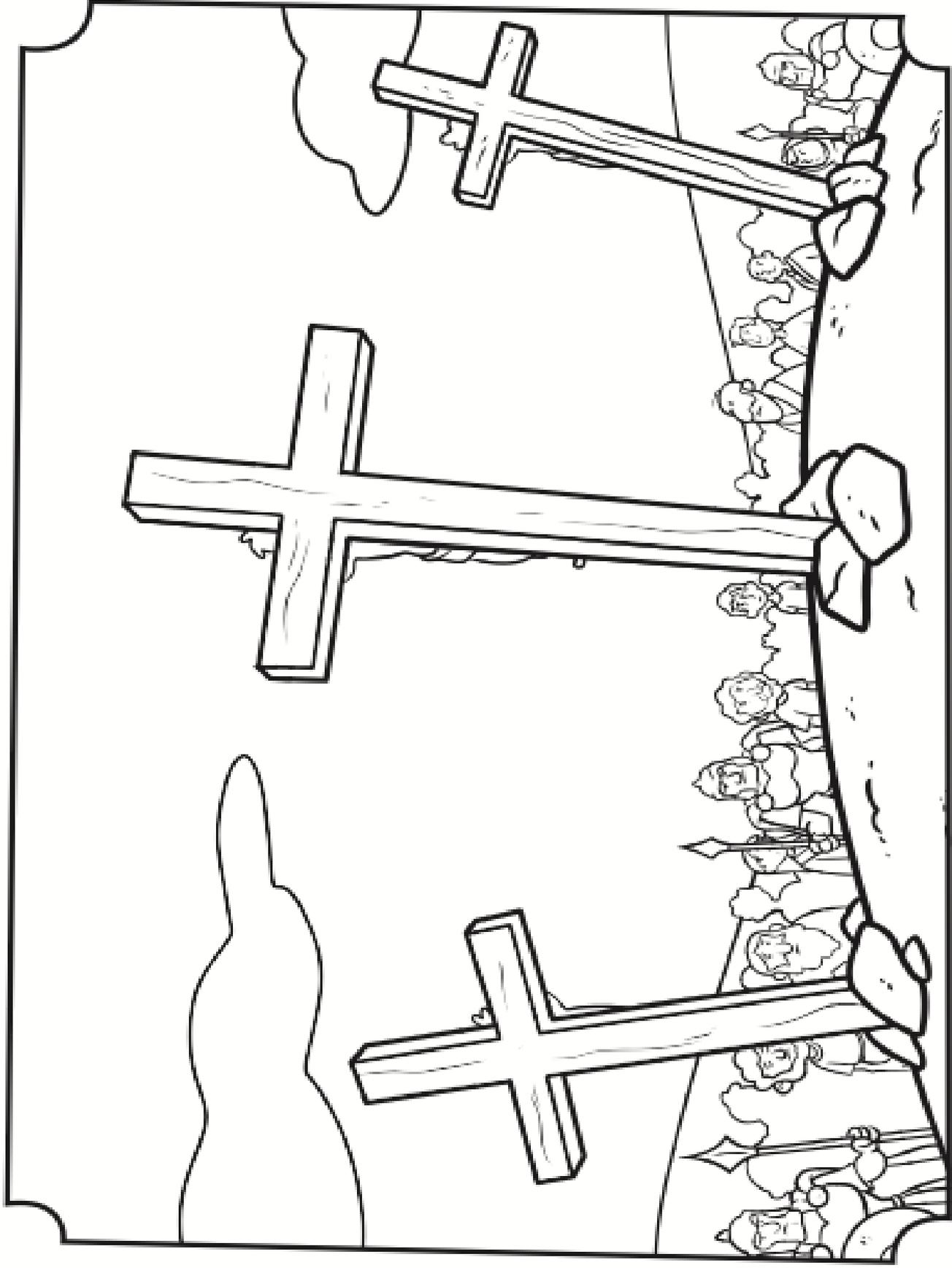
God made us free from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son. The Son paid for our sins, and in him we have forgiveness.

It's important that we don't forget about everything Jesus did for us. In whatever way you want, using whatever you are allowed, make a poster of this Bible verse to put up somewhere in your house!

LISTEN: 1 2 3 Jesus is Alive >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIf9jv4pVTM>

PRAY: Thank God that even though we do things he doesn't want us to he still loves us. Thank him for sending our rescuer Jesus. Thank Jesus for dying for us and taking our punishment. Say sorry for the bad things you've done – ask God to help you accept Jesus as your Saviour.



Jesus died to save a world that was covered in sin - He took the punishment for the sin of the world, so that we could all be a part of the Kingdom of God. Mark 15:33-39