Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How was Jesus' death part of God's plan to save sinners?
- Did Jesus deserve to die? Do we deserve to die? Why?
- How do you feel knowing Jesus died for all your sins—past, present, and future?

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Jesus' Crucifixion

Matthew 26–27; John 18–19

STORY POINT: JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY FOR OUR SINS.

Jesus stood before Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right." Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus did not say anything.

Pilate asked, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Crucify Him!"

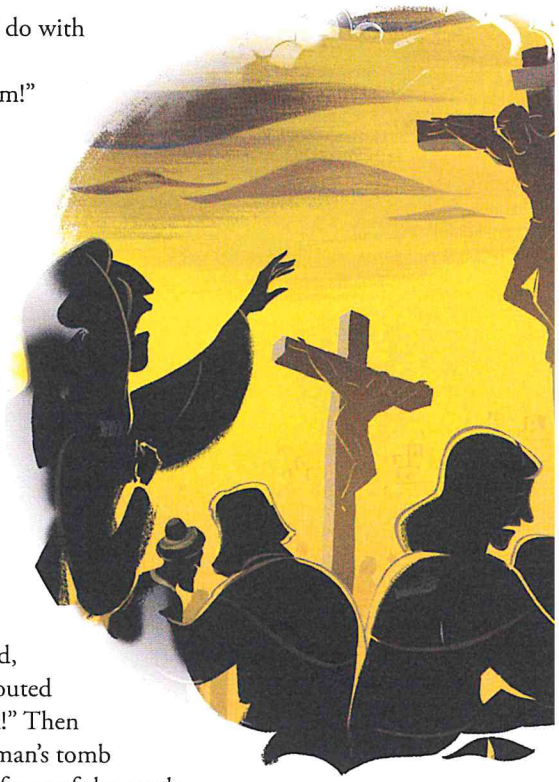
Pilate asked, "Why? What has He done wrong?"

But the crowd kept shouting, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate's soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and put a scarlet robe on Him. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They put a sign above His head that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were crucified next to Him.

Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, "It is finished!" Then Jesus died. Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb, and Roman soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.



Christ Connection: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Savior. Jesus never sinned, but He died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, and those who trust in Him have forgiveness and eternal life.

Cross Search | Find the words hidden in the word search.

arrested	cross	hosanna	Passover
bread	crown	Jerusalem	Peter
Caesar	cup	Jesus	Pilate
Caiaphas	disciples	Messiah	pray

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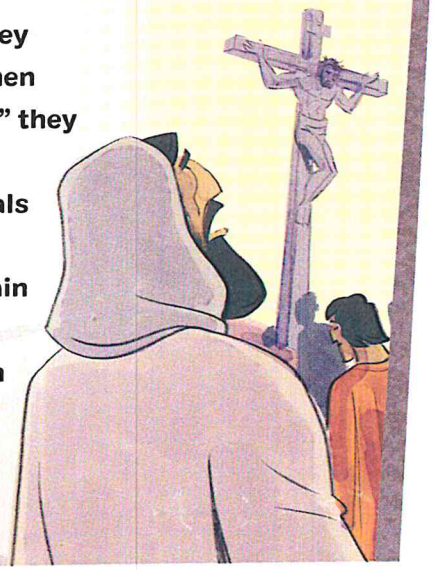
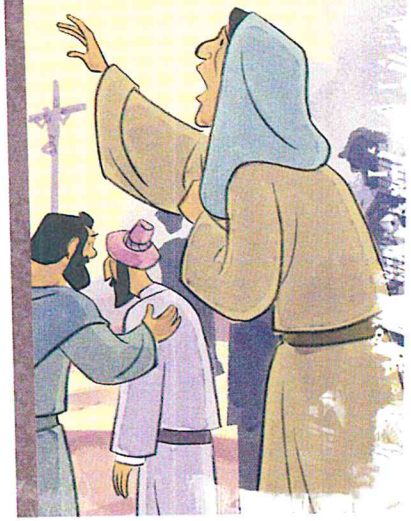
Made Right | Circle the correct words or phrases to tell the story of Jesus' death.

Jesus stood before Herod / Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King / Coach of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right."

Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus protested / did not say anything. Pilate asked, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Crucify / Arrest Him!"

Pilate's soldiers put a scarlet robe / coat on Jesus. They made a crown of gold / thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two / ten criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, "It is finished!"

Then Jesus died / disappeared. He was buried in a rich man's tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb and Roman children / soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.