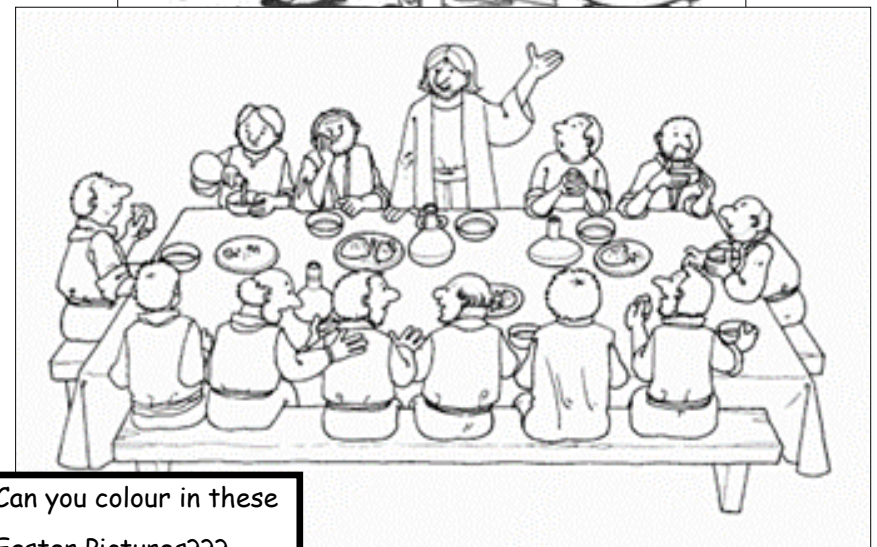


# Easter



Can you colour in these  
Easter Pictures???

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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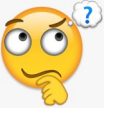


# WELCOME

- to your *Easter activity booklet.*

We hope that you and your family enjoy learning about Easter, have fun doing the different crafts and activities

First—write your name the front cover so you don't mix your booklet up with your brother or sister's.

As you work through the Bible story of Easter, you will come across these symbols:

	<b>Things for fun:</b> puzzles and quizzes to help you remember things in the story
	<b>Thinking further:</b> You may want to discuss them in class or with your friends or family.
	<b>Things for you to find out—</b> either online, or talking to people who know.
	<b>Time for Prayer or reflection—</b> this is an opportunity for you to spend time as a family praying about what you have just learnt or a time for reflection.

# WHERE did Easter hap-

Find JERUSALEM on a world map



**Latitude:** 31° 46' 39.54" N

**Longitude:** 35° 14' 7.69" E

Try looking up some of the places from the story on Google maps:

The Garden of Gethsemane, The Garden Tomb, The Temple Mount. If you use Street View, then you can actually see what these places look like.

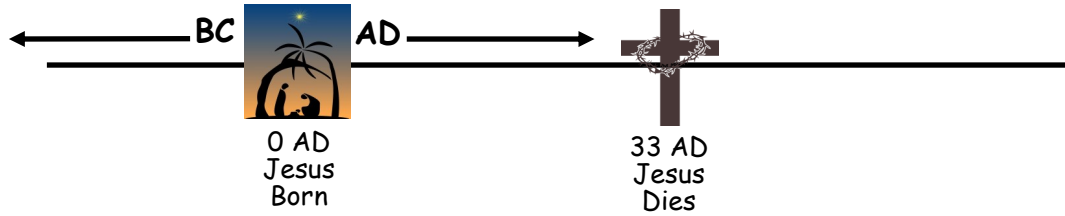


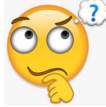
There are several places on this map which appear in the Bible stories about Jesus. See if you can find out what Jesus did and said at...

- Bethany,
- Bethlehem,
- Cana,
- Capernaum,
- Decapolis,
- Jericho,
- Nazareth,
- Samaria



# WHEN did Easter happen?



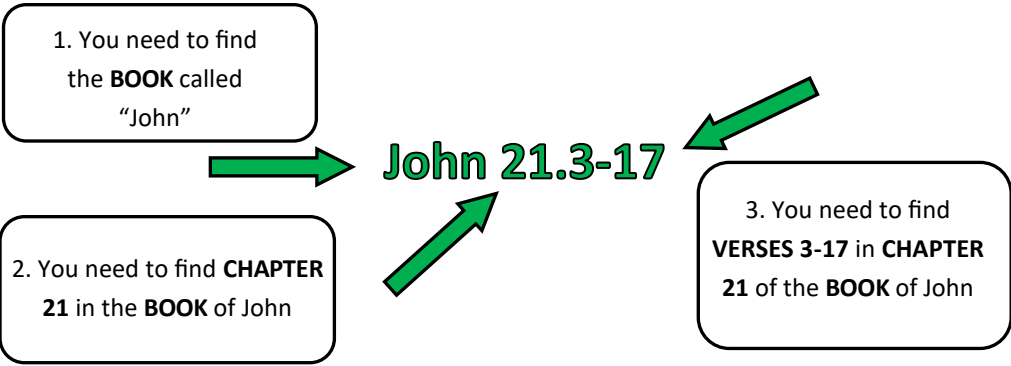
- What do BC and AD mean?
  - How many years ago did Jesus die?
  - If Julius Caesar, the famous Roman Emperor was born in 100 BC and died in 44BC, how old was he when he died?
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DAY of the	WHAT WE CALL THAT	WHAT HAPPENED
SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY	Jesus arrives in Jerusalem on a donkey. Huge crowds greet him, waving palm branches
MONDAY		Jesus finds the Temple Court full of market traders, money lenders and rowdy crowds. He turns over their tables and clears them out
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY	The Last Supper Jesus arrested in the garden of Gethsemane Jesus tried and sentenced
FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	Jesus is crucified. His dead body is buried in the cave tomb
SATURDAY		Jewish SABBATH. No work of any kind permitted
SUNDAY	EASTER DAY	Jesus rises from the dead!

# INFORMATION to help


## Looking up Bible references

This booklet is designed to help you the parent/ carer share the events that Christians believe happened with you family. Although the Bible verses are included we would recommend you encourage your children to find the verses in an actual Bible. It does not matter if you use a paper Bible or an electronic Bible, just ensure it is a versions your child will understand



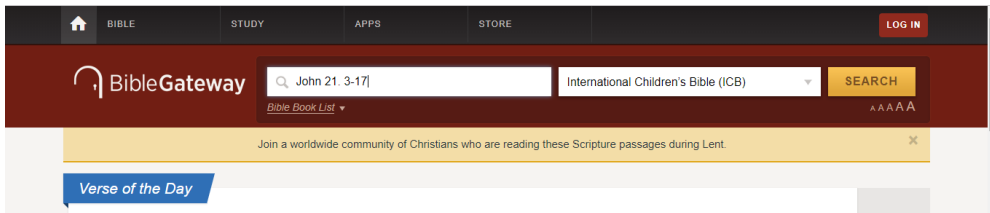
Most Bibles have an **INDEX** at the front. There you will find a list of all 66 books. In your booklet, we have only included Bible References from the **NEW TESTAMENT**. If you find that in the **INDEX** first, it will take you less time to find **JOHN**. Once you have the right book, finding the chapter and verse is quite easy.

To start you off, see if you can you find out how many books are in the **OLD TESTAMENT** and then in the



## BIBLE ON LINE:

A website called BIBLE GATEWAY. <https://www.biblegateway.com/>  
At the top of the Homepage is a search bar :



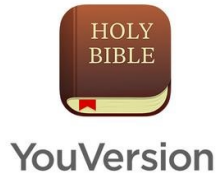
Write your reference in the left hand box. In the right hand box, you need to choose a translation of the Bible. We suggest that you start with the International Children's Bible.

## BIBLE APPS

We recommend **The Bible App for kids**. This app is free. It will give you lots of pictures and the choice to have the stories read to you.



OR  
If you are a confident reader, you could try an app called the **You Version**. This is also free. It is the whole Bible. Like the website, you can choose a translation that suits you



## Thomas' Story

One of the disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus first appeared to them all as a group. But Thomas really struggled to believe what they were saying was true. All of them had seen Jesus die. How could he possibly be alive?

"Unless I put my hand into His side, where the spear went in...Unless I touch the holes in His hands, where the nails went in ... I WILL NOT believe!" he shouted miserably.

A whole week passed. The next Sunday the disciples were all together again. This time Thomas was there. Jesus appeared in the room. He looked straight at Thomas, "Here Thomas," He said, "Touch my hands. Put your hand on the wound in my side. Stop doubting and believe that I am alive."



Thomas fell to his knees in front of Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" he said.

**What did Jesus reply?**

On the lines below, rewrite Jesus' reply using the letter in the box. Begin with the last letter and work backwards.



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*(Need the puzzle larger? Ask your teacher)*

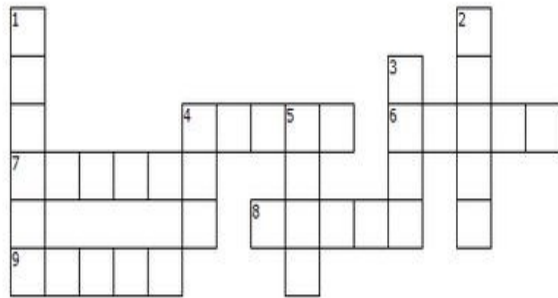
**Look up the continuing story of Peter in John 21. 3-17**



- Why do you think Jesus asks Peter "Do you love me?" three times?
- What does this story tell us about what Christians believe is God's attitude to our mistakes—even the big ones?

# The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.  
John 20:1 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- 4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibers
- 6. Not dead
- 7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
- 8. To have nothing inside
- 9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

### DOWN

- 1. Messengers from heaven
- 2. The color of snow; the opposite of black
- 3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
- 4. To produce tears; to weep
- 5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

EMPTY	ANGELS	EASTER	CLOTH	WHITE
STONE	ALIVE	TOMB	CRY	MARY

## What is Easter all about?

If you would like to know more about Easter, you can watch this BBC Bite sized video that explains the Easter Story

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/>



## What is Easter?

Easter is an important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates **Jesus** rising from the dead, three days after he was executed. This Booklet will explain the seven main stories

Can you put the events that happened at Easter in the correct order

Write a number next to each event.



- Jesus dies on the cross
- Jesus enters Jerusalem on a Donkey
- Jesus and The Last Supper
- Jesus rises from the dead
- Jesus is put on trial
- Jesus in the Temple
- Jesus in the garden



What do chocolate eggs have to do with Easter?

# Jesus Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey



Can you colour in this picture?

BibleWise

## The Good News



On Easter morning Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome her sister came to Jesus' tomb. They found the tomb empty. An angel said to them, "Jesus is not here; he is risen!" (Matthew 28:1-7) Find the angel's message in the letters below to help the women find the tomb.



(Grown ups if you can't do this activity I have an answer sheet)

## THE EMPTY TOMB

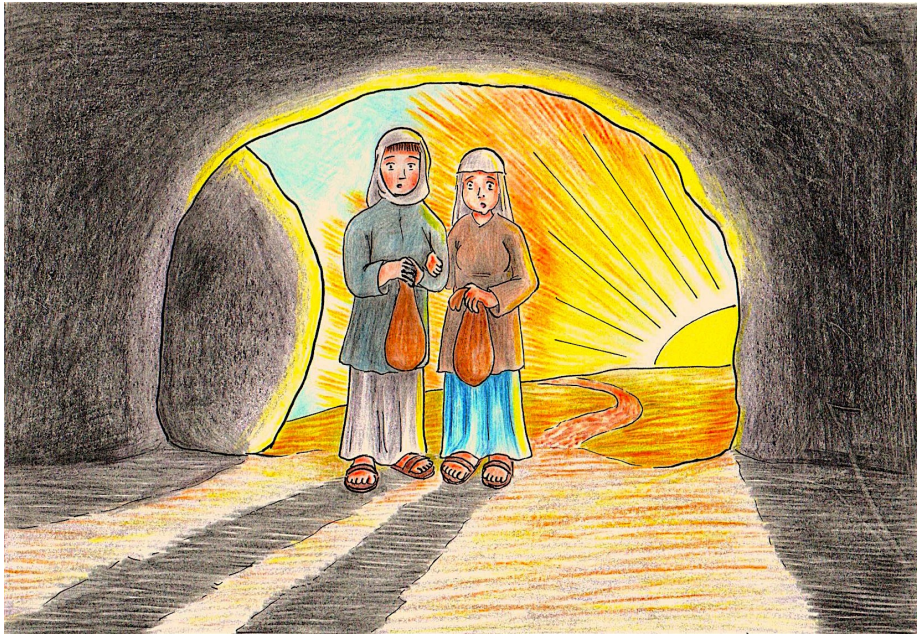
It was Saturday evening. The Sabbath was coming to an end. The long hours had passed slowly for Jesus' heartbroken friends. They could not believe that the master they loved lay cold in a tomb.

"Once the Sabbath is over, we'll take sweet smelling spices and anoint his body properly," said Mary Magdalene. Her two friends, another Mary and Salome agreed.

That night, the three women couldn't sleep. So in the early hours, as it was just beginning to get light, they made their way to the garden.

As they came close to the tomb, they saw, with horror, that the big round stone that closed the cave's mouth, had been moved. Someone must have tampered with the grave and stolen Jesus' body. Without thinking, they went inside. There were the grave clothes they had wrapped Jesus in, lying empty on the stone shelf!

They just stood there trying to puzzle it out. Who would steal the body and not the grave clothes?



Suddenly, two dazzling, shining angels appeared to them. The women were terrified and bowed to the ground.

"Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive?" asked the angels.

"He isn't here! He is risen!"

## Jesus enter Jerusalem on a Donkey

The city of Jerusalem was packed with people. Jews from near and far were arriving for a week-long Passover festival. Just when it seemed that the narrow streets could hold no more, fresh batches of Jewish pilgrims surged in.

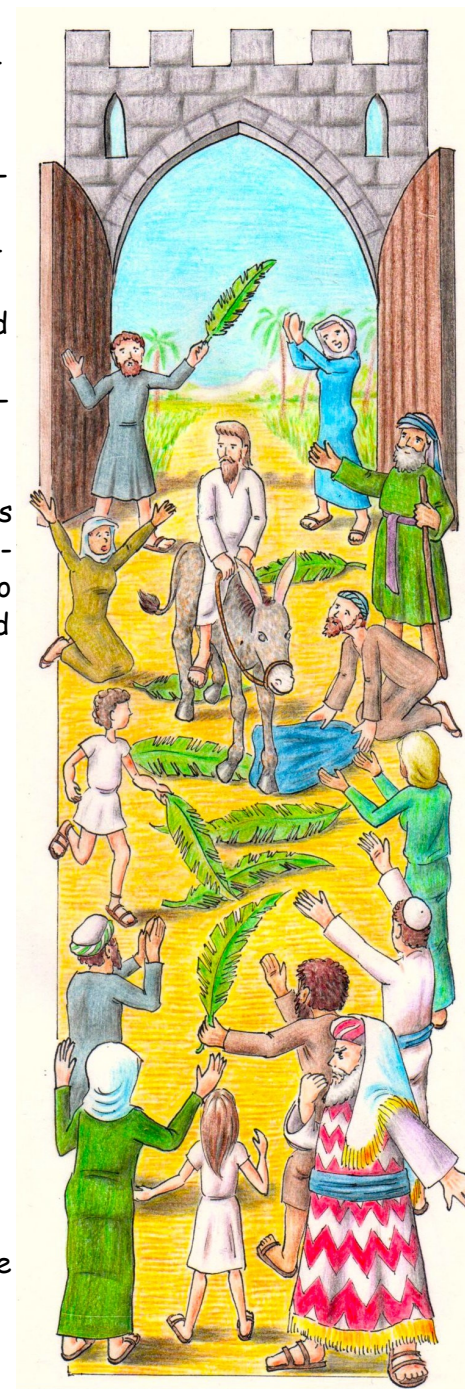
The city was buzzing with the latest story about Jesus. He had actually brought back to life a man who had been dead and buried for four days! As soon as news arrived that Jesus was on His way, an excited crowd set off to meet Him.

Meanwhile, Jesus had sent his disciples to fetch him a young donkey. And with his disciples' coats as a saddle, He was beginning the ride into Jerusalem. Pilgrims who had journeyed with Him were jostling and cheering as they all began the steep climb into the city.

Long ago, the prophet Zechariah had foretold that one day the true King, the Messiah would come, not galloping on a war horse, but riding a peaceful donkey. The crowd from Jerusalem hurried down to join the new arrivals, and the whole huge procession moved forward again with cheers and shouts. Some went ahead and threw down their cloaks to make a royal road for Jesus. Others stripped branches from the trees to strew on the path.

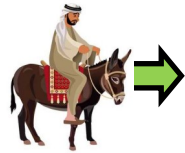
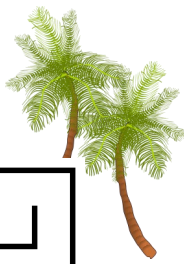
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "Save us now, God! The long promised King has come! God bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!"

At last, the little donkey, with the King on his back, entered the city.

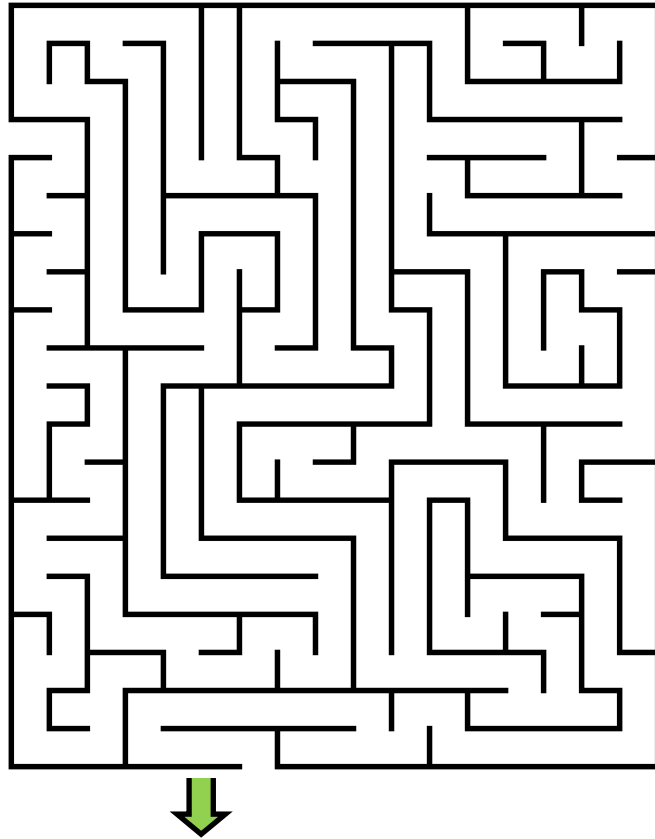




## A MAZE for an AMAZING Day



Can you help Jesus find his way through the maze?



**What do you think was the most amazing thing that happened on that day?**

You might want to think about how all the different people behaved; what they did and said, as you consider about your answer

- Christians have a name for the Sunday when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. See if you can find out what it is.
- Jerusalem is the capital city of which country?



If you want to learn more about Jesus on the cross watch this YouTube video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4&t=46s>



### Prayer activity

Take some time to think about what you did this week. Did you do anything that might make God unhappy? Take a piece of paper and write down or draw a picture some of thing that might have made God unhappy. Think about what you could do differently to help you not do that sin again.

Prayer this prayer as you rip the piece of paper up as a sign that will try harder not to repeat the sin.

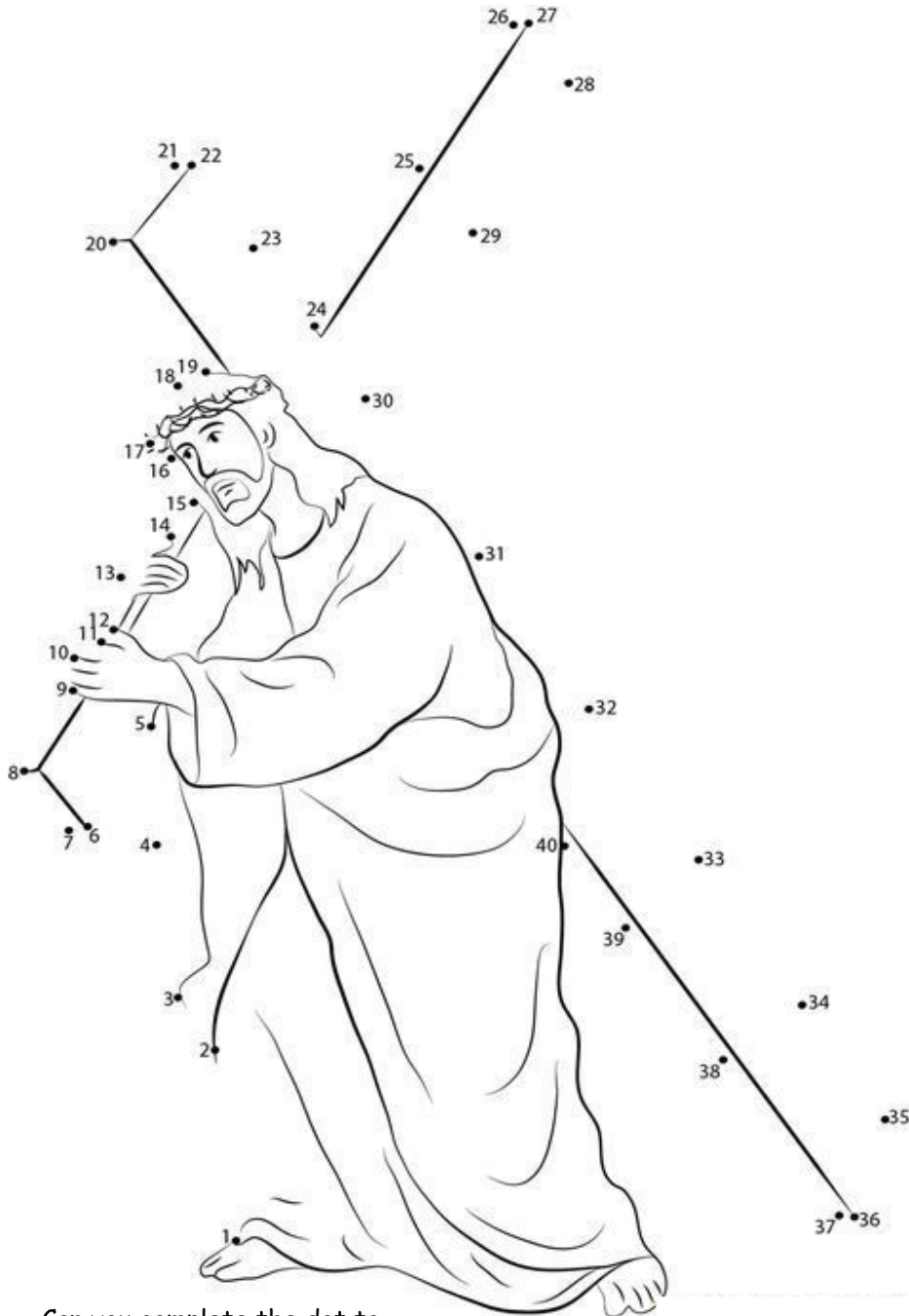
### Prayer time

Dear Jesus

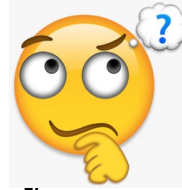
Thank you taking my sin when you died on the cross, help me not to sin again and to love other people more.

AMEN





Can you complete the dot to dot picture?



## Something to think about?

From this story we learn that Jerusalem was overcrowded. There was more people there than would have been at a large football match. Busier than the streets near Christmas when everyone is trying to finish their Christmas shopping.

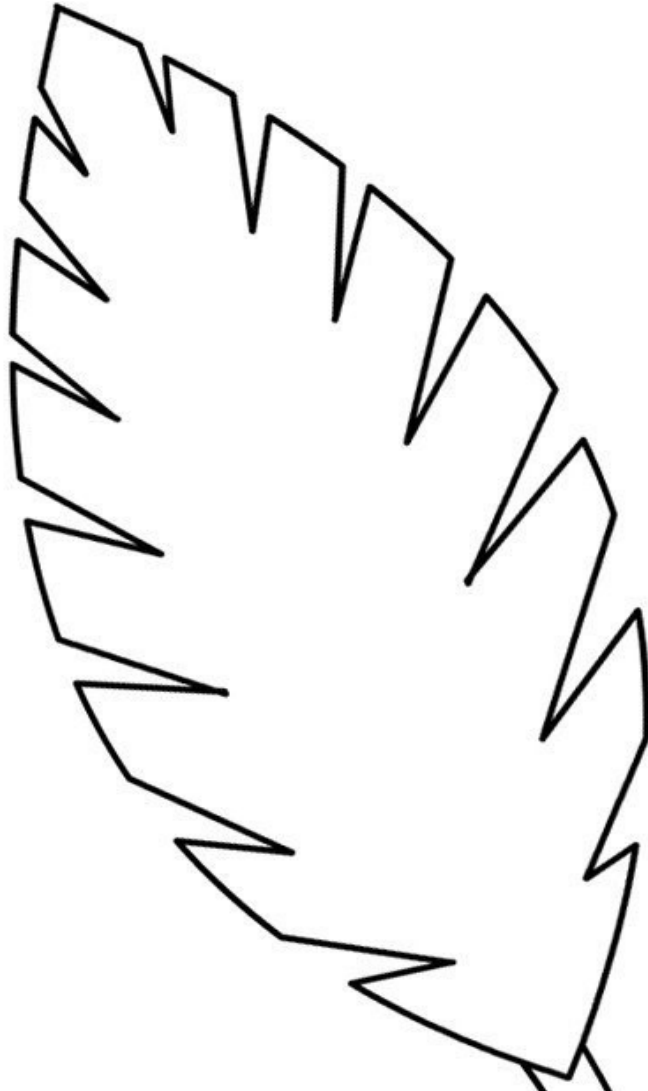
The reason it was so busy was because the Jewish people wanted to go to the temple to celebrate the Passover Festival

Write down what you know about the Passover Festival in the space below. (With your grown-up you could search the internet to find out more about Passover.)

Another reason it was so busy was because the people had heard that Jesus was coming to visit the city. All the people shouted things as Jesus passed by and they took down palm leaves and laid them on the road as Jesus rode into the city.

If you had been there, what would you have said to Jesus?

Write on the palm leaf what you would say and talk to your grown-up about what they would say and why.



Why is it called Good Friday?

The day Jesus died on the cross Christians call 'GOOD FRIDAY'. What a strange day to call "Good"



Why do you think we call it "GOOD"

With the help of your grown up, can you find out why it is called good Friday when something bad happened. Write down in the box below what you find out

A large, empty rectangular box with a light green background and a dark green border. It is intended for a child to write their answer to the question about why Good Friday is called "Good".

What is a Saviour?

Many people who lived a round the time Jesus was alive and Christians today believe that Jesus was their Saviour?

Write in the box below what you think a saviour is

What are we saved from?

Christians believe that when we do something wrong we displease God and this is called SIN. Sin stops us from having a relationship with God.

When we sin or do something that God doesn't like, we break our relationship with God. There is a separation from God. In other words when we do something wrong our connection to God is broken. No matter how much good afterwards we can never do enough to make up for what we have done wrong. Christians believe that because Jesus never did anything wrong he was sinless. When Jesus was on the cross he took our sins so that we could become sinless and have a relationship with God. This is why Easter is important to Christians

## Palm Sunday

Find the Hidden Word

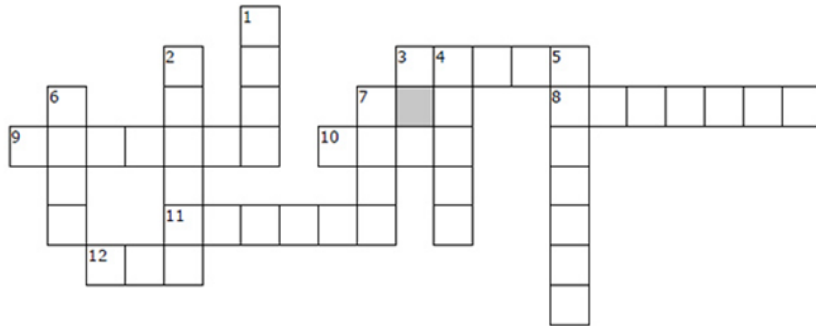
**Word Bank**

- Jerusalem
- Disciples
- Village
- Donkey
- Master
- Jesus
- Cloaks
- People
- Road
- Hosanna
- David
- Palm
- Olives
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# 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)



## ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

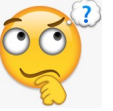
## DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING



# Who was there -at the crucifixion?



- Religious Leaders, who arranged for him to be executed.
- Roman soldiers, doing their job.
- Curious people, just there to see what it was all about.
- Friends, like Joseph and Nicodemus and the women.
- Disciples. (Only John is actually mentioned in the Bible, as being there)

What do you think these different people were thinking as they stood at the cross?

Judas ends his life very unhappy because he felt so guilty about what he had done. What do you think would have happened if he had come to the cross and asked for forgiveness from Jesus?

Why do you think it went dark for 3 hours while Jesus was on the cross?



The Bible tells us that one of the Roman soldiers, a Centurion (in charge of 100 men) was so amazed at the way that Jesus died, that he said:

"This man really was the \_\_\_\_\_!"

Unjumble these letters to make 3 words:

**food song**

The place where Jesus was crucified was called *Golgotha*. See if you can find out what the name means.

See if you can find a picture of it on line—then you will understand its name! All the places in this story are places that you can visit if you go to Jerusalem today.



## JESUS ON THE CROSS

There were three prisoners to be executed that day and the execution squad set to work. By nine o'clock the three crosses were lifted into position. Jesus was on the centre one.

Then the soldiers settled down to wait, gambling with dice to while away the time.

Jesus looked down at them with pity, "Forgive them, Father," he prayed, "They don't know what they are doing."

The Religious Leaders had arrived to gloat and jeer. "You saved others," they shouted mockingly, "but

One of the criminals hanging on the next cross muttered hoarsely, "Aren't you supposed to be the Messiah? Why don't you save us all?"

But the other criminal said "You be quiet! We deserve to die, but this man is innocent." Then he begged Jesus, "When you come as King, please remember me?"



"You won't have to wait until then," Jesus replied, "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

At noon, when the sun should have been brightest, thick darkness fell. Then, at 3 o'clock Jesus called out in a loud, triumphant voice, "Finished!" Then he gave up his life and died.

Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy citizen, asked Pilate's permission to give Jesus a proper burial. Nicodemus, a Pharisee who was a friend of Jesus, came to help. The two men quickly washed the body, wrapped it in clean grave clothes and laid it on a stone ledge in the cave tomb in Joseph's garden. They had to complete their task before nightfall and the beginning of the Sabbath, when no work was permitted, not even burying the dead!

Some of the women who had been at the crucifixion followed to see where Jesus was buried. Then, worn out with sadness and crying, they went away.



If you like would to know more about Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey you can watch this YouTube clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE>



Christians believe that Jesus still has something to say to each of us today.

Take some time to think about how you would feel if you were there almost 2000 years ago. It would be noisy, smelly and crowded. What would you be shouting?

Maybe you would like Jesus to come over and speak to you. What would you like him to say to you?

### Prayer time

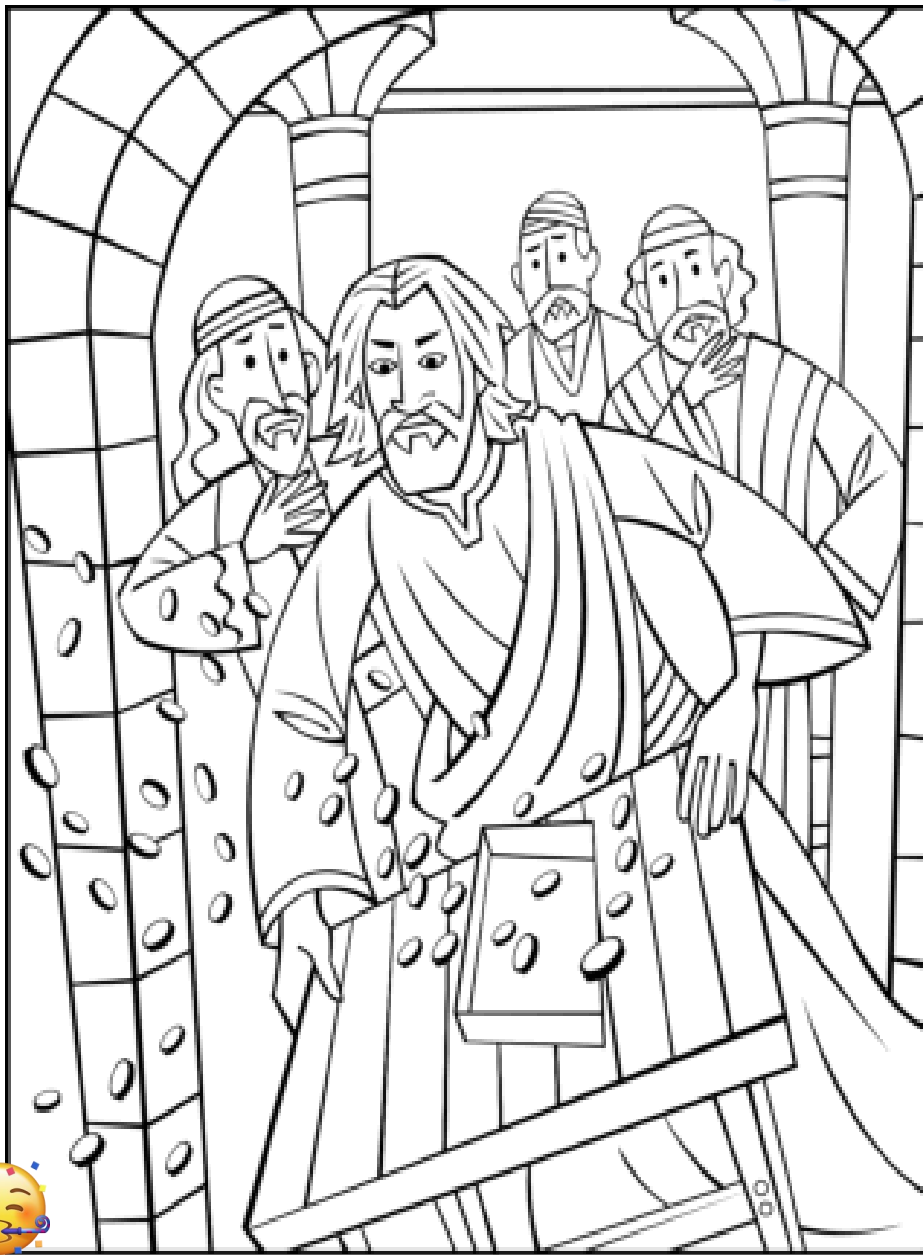
Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you still want to talk to us to day. Help us find the time to listen to what it is you would like to say.

Help us all and keep us safe

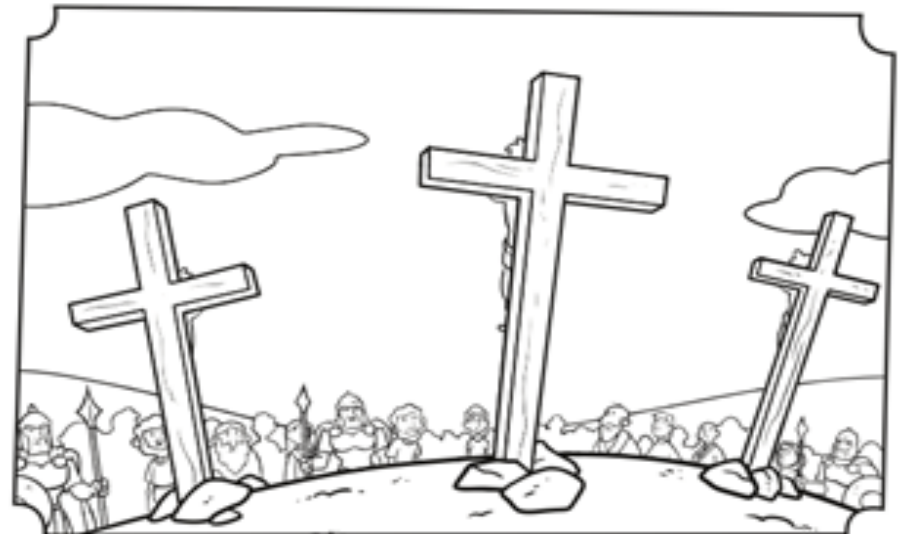
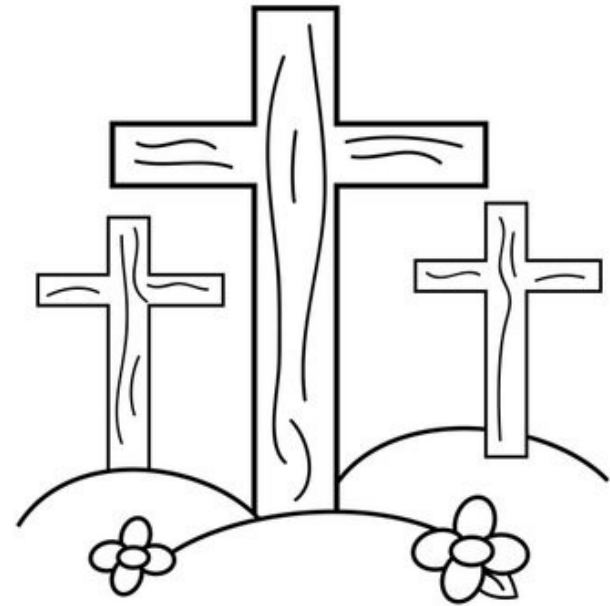
Amen

# Jesus in the temple



Can you colour in this page? 14

# Jesus on the cross



Can you colour in this picture

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If you want to watch what happened to Peter watch this YouTube Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ppb9bKX1r7k>



Many people thought Jesus was a king.

Why don't you make a crown out of any spare craft materials you have around the house. As make your crown think about the differences between Jesus and a King.

**Prayer time**

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for being my King, help me listen to my grown-ups and to not judge others unfairly .

Amen



**JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

The next morning Jesus went into the Temple Courts. This should have been a quiet place, where people could come and pray and learn about God.

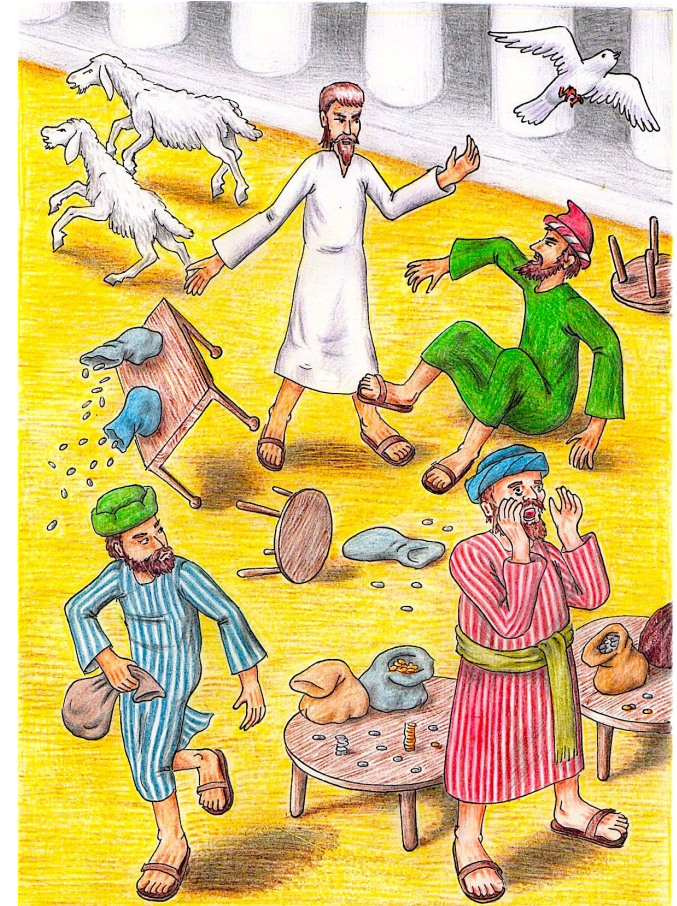
Jesus was horrified at the scene that met His eyes and ears. There was a deafening hubbub of noise. Sheep bleated, cows lowed and birds twittered, while traders and cheating money lenders shouted hoarsely.

Jesus was very angry that the poor should be cheated and that God's house should be turned into a dishonest market. He strode forward, unafraid of His enemies, the priests, and overturned the stalls.

Tables and stools were soon upside down and coins rolled everywhere, animals all shooed away.

The pilgrims looked on in amazement. Jesus explained to them, "God said 'My house shall be called a House of Prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

The people understood and were glad.





Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



## HUMILIATED VOWELS

In the Bible we read about what happened to Jesus before he was crucified. The description of what happened is below but the vowels are so humiliated by what happened that they have switched places.

Correct the story below—you could try it first, with the KEY covered up and then use it if you need more help.

**KEY: A=E, E=I, I=O, O=U, U=A**



After \_\_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_, he handed \_\_\_\_\_ over to the  
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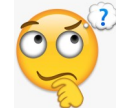
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First, they \_\_\_\_\_ Him with a \_\_\_\_\_ Roman \_\_\_\_\_. Then they \_\_\_\_\_  
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Him in a \_\_\_\_\_ robe and made a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which they  
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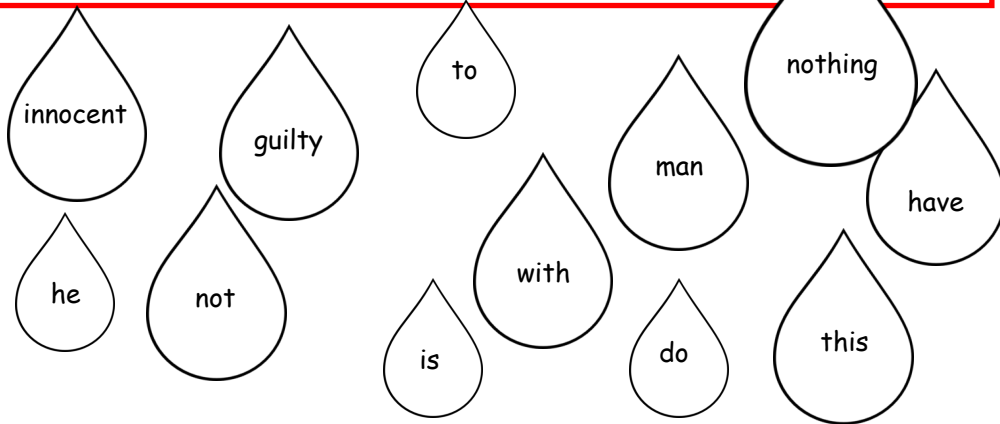
- Jesus did not carry his cross all the way to his crucifixion. Who did? See if you can find out in Luke 23.26
- Pilate was the Roman Governor of Judea. See if you can find out how the Romans ruled the countries they had conquered.
- Governor of Judea was thought to be one of the toughest





**Pilate's wife had a dream about Jesus the night before the trial.**

She was very disturbed by it. She sends word to Pilate during the trial. Her message is in the water drops. (or are they blood drops?)

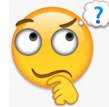


"H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s i \_ \_ \_ n.

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*What did Pilate do with his wife's advice?*

- What do you think of his behaviour?
- Do you have any sympathy with Pilate?

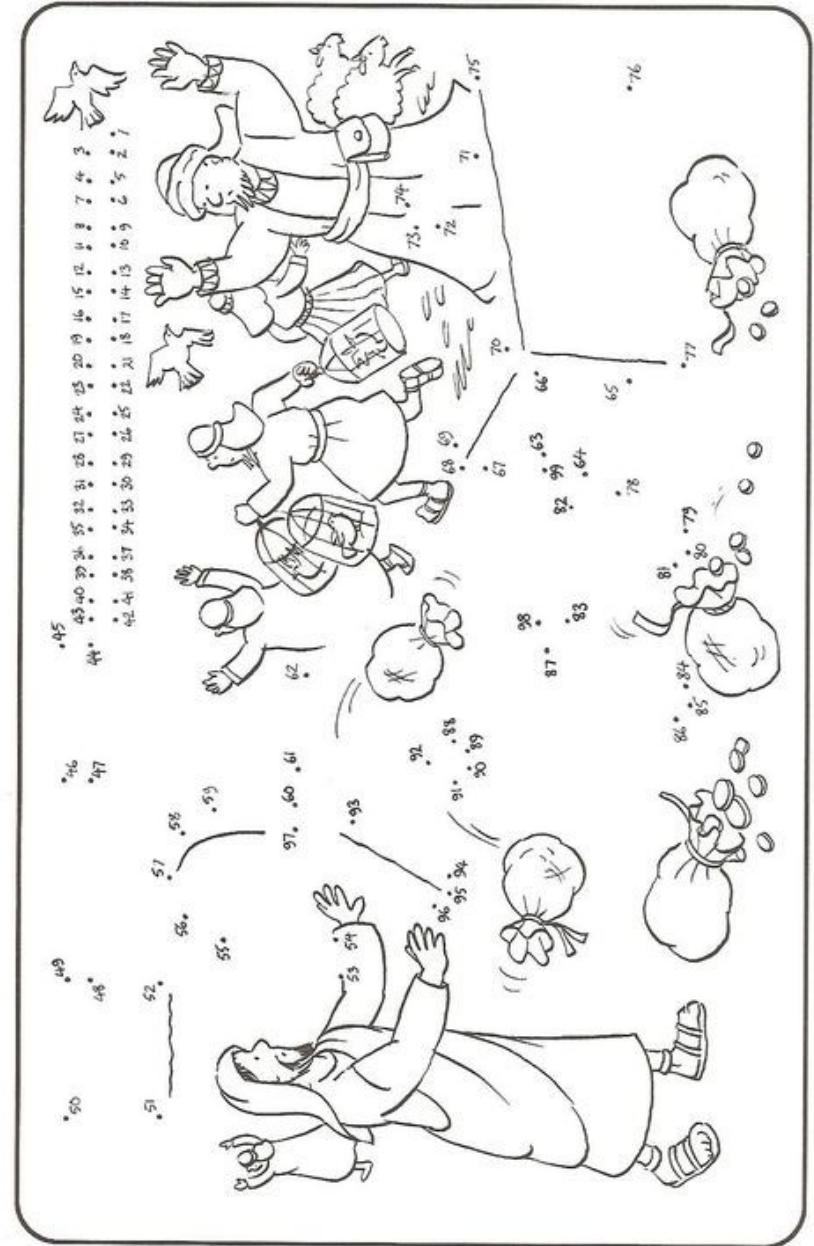


*And what about Barabbas? What was this day like for him?*

He was in prison for murder. When he heard the soldiers' foot-step outside his cell that day, he would have assumed they were coming to take him away to be crucified. Instead, he was released. Somebody else died instead of him.



If you want to know more about what happened to some of Jesus' friends. Read Peter's story in Mark 14.66-72.



Can you join the dots to complete this picture?

## JESUS ON TRIAL

"This prisoner has claimed that He is God. According to our law, He deserves to die!" shouted the angry High Priest.

But only the Roman Governor, Pilate, could pass the death sentence. They must convince him that Jesus had committed crimes against the Roman Empire, worthy of death.

So, early on Friday morning, Jesus was taken in chains, to Pilate's palace.



"This man has been stirring up trouble! He tells people not to pay taxes. He says he's a king!"

Pilate began to question Jesus himself, and very quickly, he realised that Jesus was innocent.

But all the while, a mob below in the street, mustered by the Priests and Religious leaders, were chanting over and over "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Pilate came out to speak to them. "But this man is innocent. He doesn't deserve to die."


The chant rose to a deafening roar "Crucify him! Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Pilate tried another way out: "It's Passover. Let me set Jesus free as part of the celebrations."

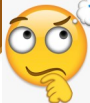
But the Religious leaders were ready with their response, "We want Barabbas! We want Barabbas!" And soon the crowd took up the cry, even though Barabbas was in prison for murder.

Pilate was at his wits' end. If the crowd rioted, he might lose his job, or worse. The Romans were not known for their kindness or mercy. He dare not release Jesus, even though he was convinced Jesus was innocent. So he washed his hands of the whole matter. "I am innocent of this man's blood." he said. And he handed Jesus over to be put to death.




 From this story we learn that Jesus thought the people had forgotten about God in their prayers and turned God's house into a den or robbers.



 What are the most precious things in your life? Not the things you can just buy but things that you couldn't replace, your treasure?

Write them down inside the heart

 Sometimes we forget what is really important to us and we focus on other things.

Discuss with your grown-up what you can do to not let this happen.



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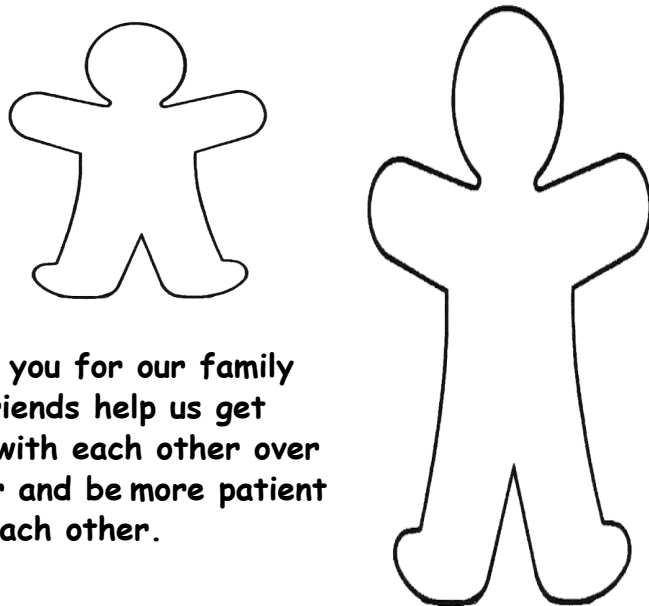
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Amen

Repeat from 26?



Jesus said some interesting things about **TREASURE**.

See if you can unjumble the words on the coins to find out one of the things He said. The first half is in **red**, the second half in **gold**



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(Matthew 16:19-21)



If you like would to know more about Jesus in the temple watch this YouTube clip:

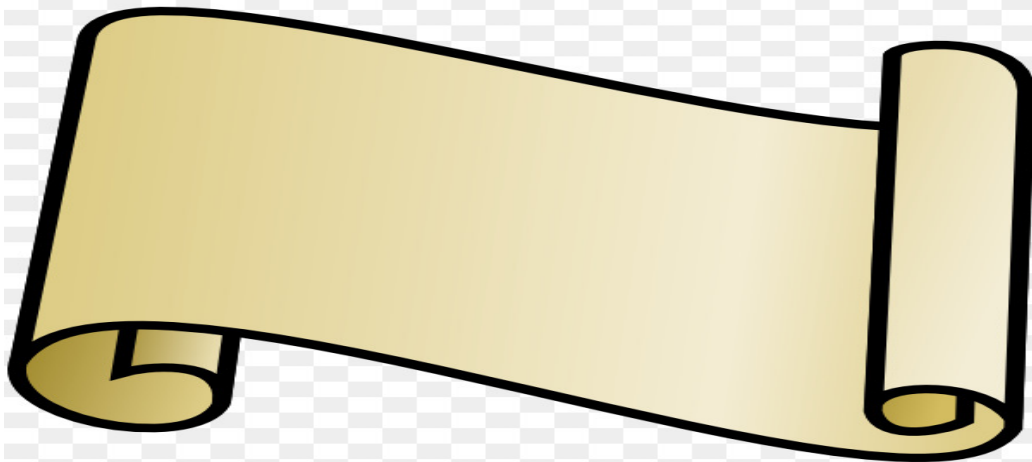
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Christians believe that Jesus still has something to say to each of us today.

Take some to think about what is important in your life.

Write down what is most important and then pray asking God to help you remember what is most important to you and to not be distracted by other things.



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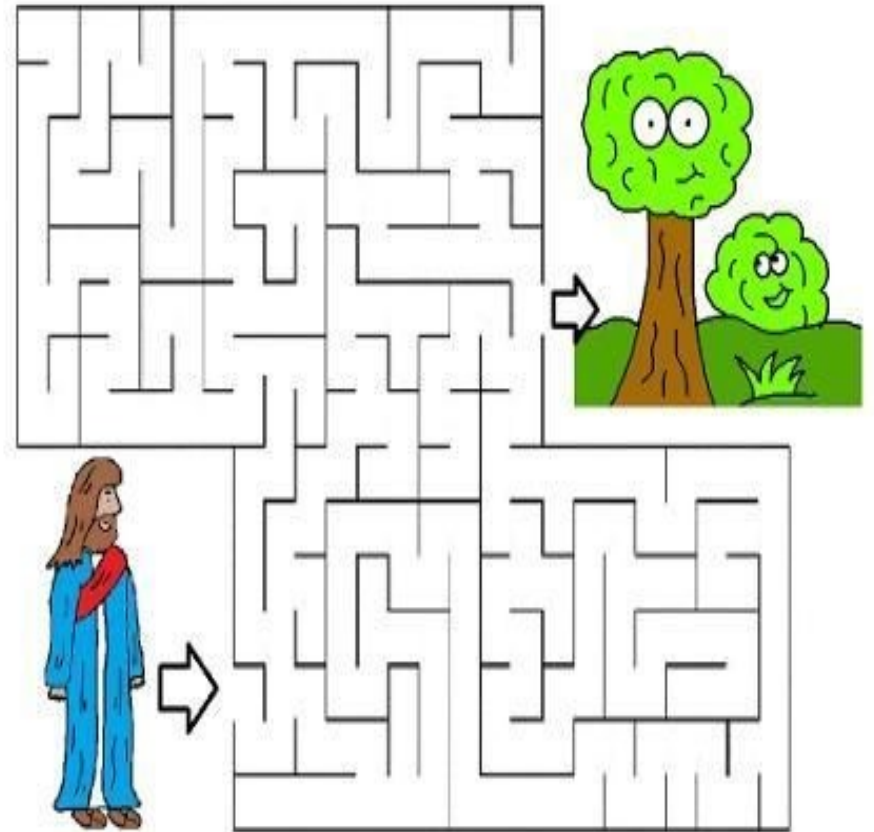
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Can you help Jesus get to the garden?



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## WHO CARES?

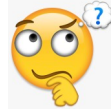


- Underline every other letter
- Put each underlined letter in the boxes so that they make words
- Find out what God says in the Bible about our worries.

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Jesus prays: "Please Father, don't let me go through the terrible suffering that lies ahead. Rescue me from it, if that is possible. But above all I want to do what pleases you—not what I want."



- Did God answer Jesus' prayer?
- How did He answer it?
- What do you notice about Jesus' behaviour at his arrest



Can you find out the continuing story of Jesus' disciple Peter? Oh dear, that poor servant! Look up some Bible verses: Mark 14.46-50 and John 18. 1-11

# Jesus and the Last Supper



## THE LAST SUPPER

It was Thursday evening. The disciples had been excited about celebrating the Passover supper, but now they began to feel more serious. They could see that Jesus was very sad.

"One of you is going to betray me to my enemies," He told them.

They were horrified. "You don't mean me, Lord, do you?" they each asked in turn.

Jesus looked at Judas Iscariot with great sadness. "Be quick and get on with what you are going to do." The disciples didn't know what was going on—they assumed Judas had been given a special job by Jesus. Judas slipped from the room and went out into the dark night.

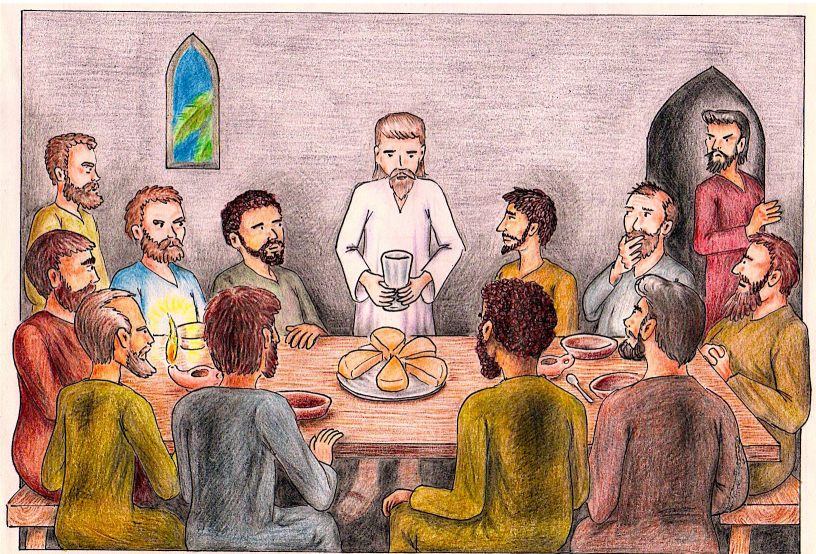
As they went on eating the meal, Jesus did something new and wonderful. He changed the traditional Jewish Passover into a supper with a special new meaning. First He took a loaf of bread and shared it among his disciples.

"All of you, eat this." He told them. "This bread represents my body which is going to be given for you all."

Thoughtfully and a little mystified, the disciples ate.

Then Jesus took a cup of wine. "Drink this—this wine represents my life blood which is going to be given for many. My blood will be the seal of God's new covenant agreement which He is going to make with people of every nation."

The disciples drank as Jesus told them.



## JESUS IN THE GARDEN

Jesus and his other disciples went to a Garden after supper, just as Judas knew they would. It was a quiet garden of silver grey olive trees called Gethsemane. Jesus often escaped there to think and pray.

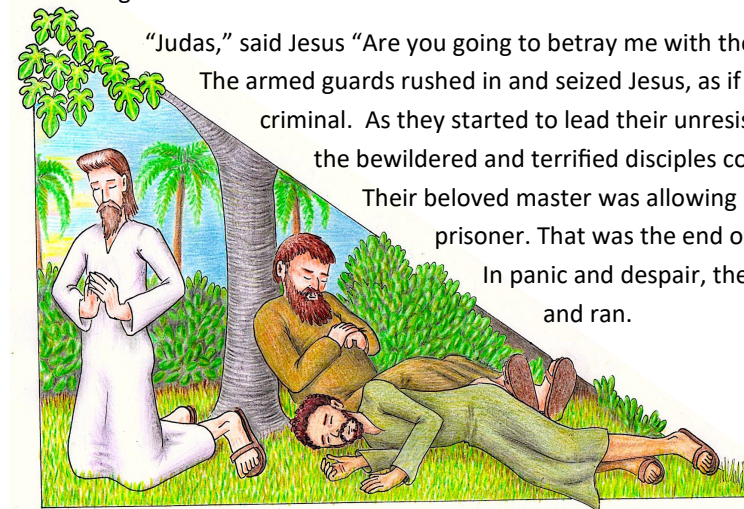
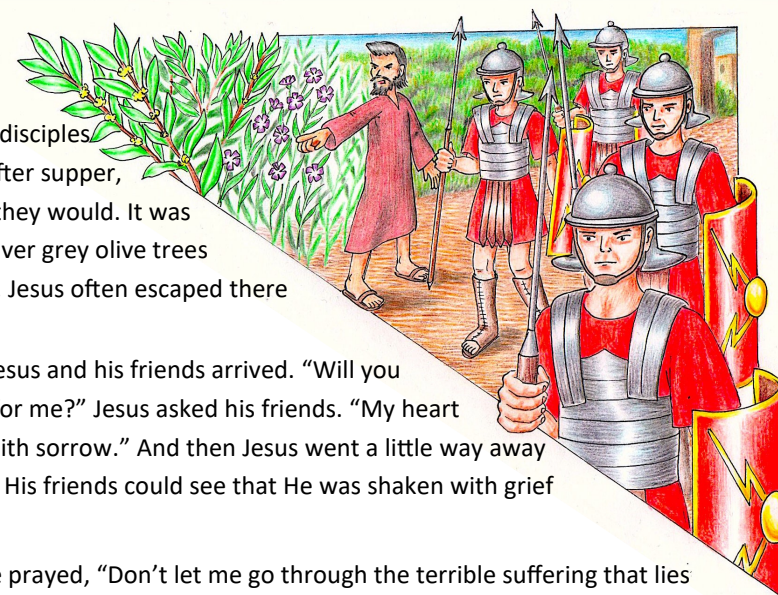
It was quiet when Jesus and his friends arrived. "Will you stay here and wait for me?" Jesus asked his friends. "My heart is nearly breaking with sorrow." And then Jesus went a little way away from them to pray. His friends could see that He was shaken with grief and distress.

"Please Father," he prayed, "Don't let me go through the terrible suffering that lies ahead. Rescue me from it, if that is possible. But above all I want to do what pleases you—not what I want."

Jesus was praying for a long time. When he returned to his friends—they had fallen fast asleep.

The startled disciples rubbed their sleepy eyes—they had been woken by lights and noises—the sound of people approaching. As the newcomers got closer, the disciples were horrified to see the familiar figure of their fellow disciple Judas Iscariot. He had come with Roman guards. He walked straight towards Jesus, "Hello Master!" he called out and greeted him with a kiss.

"Judas," said Jesus "Are you going to betray me with the greeting of a friend?" The armed guards rushed in and seized Jesus, as if He were a dangerous criminal. As they started to lead their unresisting prisoner away, the bewildered and terrified disciples could bear no more. Their beloved master was allowing himself to be taken prisoner. That was the end of all their hopes. In panic and despair, they took to their heels and ran.



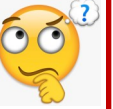
# Jesus in the garden



Can you colour in the picture?

**CHRISTIANS BELIEVE THAT:** Jesus was not going to be a murder victim, put to death because a friend betrayed him and his enemies hated Him. His death would be part of *God's great plan to save mankind*. Jesus willingly gave his own life, so that people everywhere could be forgiven and be brought back into *friendship with God*

- We all tend to spoil our friendships sometimes. How do we do that?
- Do you think we can also spoil our friendship with God?
- Do you think we can do anything about that?
- Think about the phrases in italics above—what do you think they mean?



At the Last Supper, Jesus didn't just *say things that shocked* the disciples. He also *did something that shocked* them. See if you can solve the puzzle and find out what it was. Remember—in the culture of that time and place, this is how guests would often be welcomed.

CODE: A = 26 and Z = 1

Can you work out what the other letters are and then solve the puzzle?

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- Do you want to read the whole story from the puzzle above? Look up John 13. 1–17





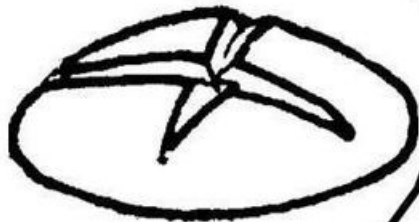
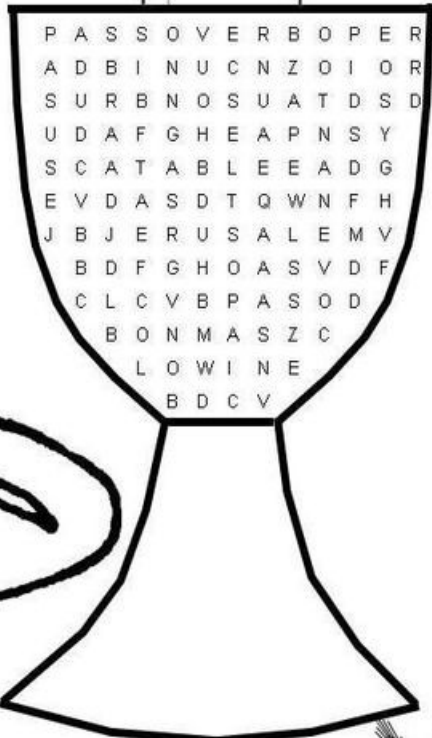
# The Last Supper



Find the Hidden Words

Word Bank

- Passover
- Table
- Apostles
- Cup
- Wine
- Bread
- Body
- Covenant
- Blood
- Jesus
- Jerusalem



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