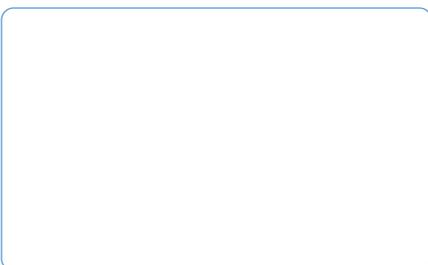
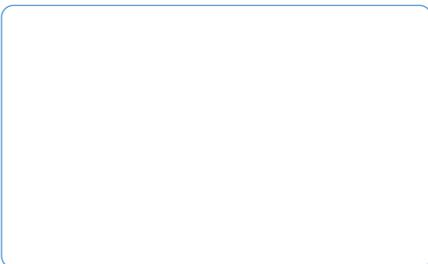
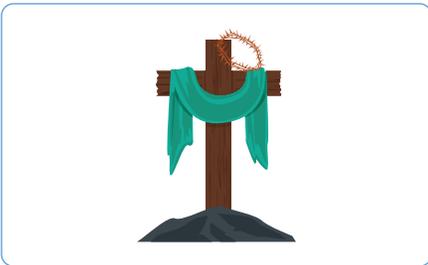
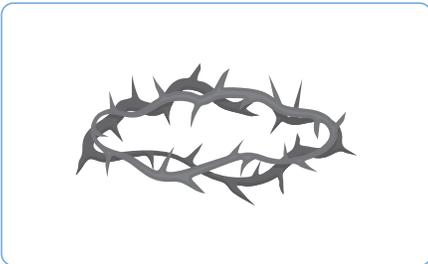
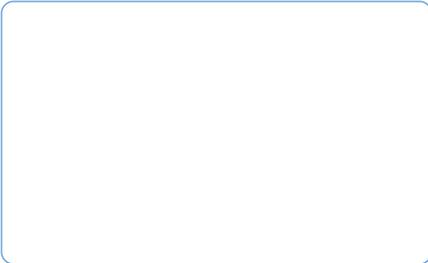


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Jesus Ordered to be Crucified

John 19:1-16

Circle the pictures of words you hear in the story or draw your own.



Pilate needed to do something, so he had the soldiers beat Jesus with sticks and whips. Pilate's soldiers mocked him by making a crown of thorns, putting a purple robe on him, and calling him "King of the Jews." They did not like that Jesus taught about his own kingdom and rule. They also did not like that many people followed him. This made them worry that their own power might be lost.

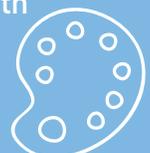
Then, Pilate brought Jesus to the people again, hoping they would be satisfied that Jesus had been beaten. Once again, he told them that he had not found any wrongdoing. This was not enough. The people were sure of what they wanted to happen to Jesus. Their minds were not going to be changed.

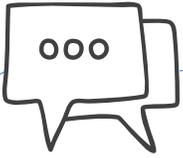
They shouted, "Crucify him!" They were begging for Jesus to be nailed to a cross and left to die.

Again, Pilate told them that he saw no reason for Jesus to be killed. The Jewish leaders insisted that Jesus must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God. It was against their law to claim this if you were not the Son of God. They did not see that Jesus was truly God's Son. This scared Pilate. What if Jesus was who he said he was? He did not want to kill the Son of God.

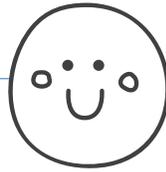
Pilate kept trying to free Jesus. He did not want to be a part of what the people were trying to do. But, Pilate was tired of fighting. Finally, the people convinced him to order Jesus' death on the cross. Pilate hung his head and gave Jesus to the people, so they could do what they wanted with him. They knew what they wanted - to crucify him.

As you listen to the story, you might be reminded of unkind things that others have said about you. Draw a few of those, then stop and consider what the truth actually is. Draw an X through those pictures and draw something you like about yourself.

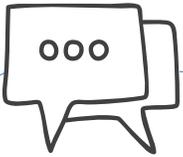
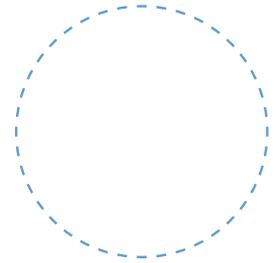




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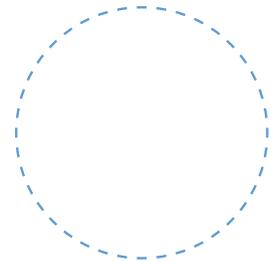
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[draw a picture to show his feelings]



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Write or draw your prayer here.

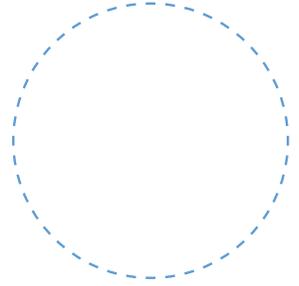




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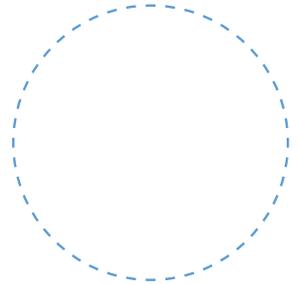
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Read

Consider reading the story a few times as you reflect and respond. You could use another translation of the Bible that you have at home, an app, or online to hear the story a little differently, maybe even read a kids version.

JESUS SENTENCED TO BE CRUCIFIED

John 19:1-16

So Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped. The soldiers, having braided a crown from thorns, set it on his head, threw a purple robe over him, and approached him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they greeted him with slaps in the face.

Pilate went back out again and said to them, "I present him to you, but I want you to know that I do not find him guilty of any crime."

Just then Jesus came out wearing the thorn crown and purple robe. Pilate announced, "Here he is: the Man."

When the high priests and police saw him, they shouted in a frenzy, "Crucify! Crucify!"

Pilate told them, "You take him. You crucify him. I find nothing wrong with him."

The Jews answered, "We have a law, and by that law he must die because he claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he became even more scared. He went back into the palace and said to Jesus, "Where did you come from?"

Jesus gave no answer.

Pilate said, "You won't talk? Don't you know that I have the authority to pardon you, and the authority to—crucify you?"

Jesus said, "You haven't a shred of authority over me except what has been given you from heaven. That's why the one who betrayed me to you has committed a far greater fault."

At this, Pilate tried his best to pardon him, but the Jews shouted him down: "If you pardon this man, you're no friend of Caesar's. Anyone setting himself up as 'king' defies Caesar."

When Pilate heard those words, he led Jesus outside. He sat down at the judgment seat in the area designated Stone Court (in Hebrew, Gabbatha). It was the preparation day for Passover. The hour was noon. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your king."

They shouted back, "Kill him! Kill him! Crucify him!"

Pilate said, "I am to crucify your king?"

The high priests answered, "We have no king except Caesar."

Pilate caved in to their demand. He turned him over to be crucified.

Use the blank space on this page to write or doodle what you picture as you read the story or find the coloring page for this story to color.



Reflect

What did you wonder about in this story?

What did you find new or interesting in this story?

What word[s] or phrase stuck out to you in the passage?

How do you imagine Jesus felt in this story?

Think of a time when you felt that way. How did you respond?

Respond

Really notice the feelings the story evoked and the things that stood out to you in it. Use the following questions to consider how you can respond to this story.

What does this story tell me about who God is? And who I am?

What might that mean for how I live my life?

What might God be calling me to in response to this story?

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