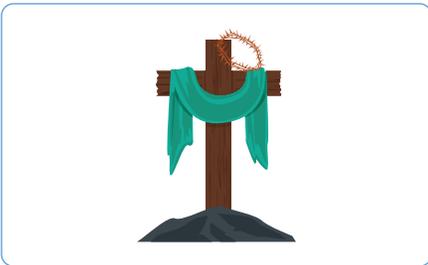
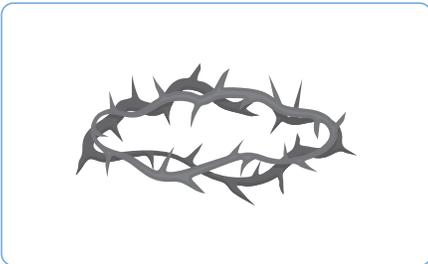


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Jesus is Crucified

John 19:17-42

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



The angry people wasted no time. As soon as Pilate turned Jesus over to be crucified, the soldiers took him with his cross to Golgotha, which means the Place of the Skull. Many people had died there. This is where they punished people who had broken big laws. Jesus had done nothing wrong though.

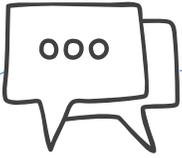
Jesus was going to die, but the soldiers and angry people wanted him to suffer even more. They beat him, stripped him of his clothes, and mocked him. They treated Jesus as if he had done something very wrong, even though they could find nothing to blame him for. Finally, they hung him on the cross between two other men who were criminals. They put a sign above his head calling him, "The King of the Jews," and left his crown of thorns on his head. Even as he was dying, they were being mean.

As Jesus hung on the cross, he still asked God, his Father, to forgive the people. He loved them no matter what. Jesus could have used the power of God to come off the cross, but he did not. He came to the earth to die for our sins, so we could live. Jesus chose to stay on the cross for all the people he loved. After a bit, Jesus knew he had done all that he needed to do. He declared, "It is finished," and released his final breath. The soldiers wanted to be sure that he was dead before they took him off the cross, so they stuck a sword in his side. It was clear that Jesus was truly dead.

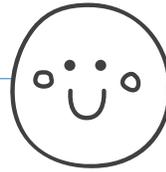
Later that day, a man named Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for his body. The man was a follower of Jesus, but did not want people to know that. Pilate gave him the body, and he took it to prepare it for burial. Nicodemus brought spices and helped him get it ready. Together, they wrapped Jesus' body in spices and cloths, just as they would any other dead body. Then, they laid him in a tomb. This tomb was a special one. It was new. No other body was there, and it was in a garden. We know Jesus loved spending time in gardens.

Pull some herbs, spices, extracts, or oils out of your cupboard and smell them as you listen to the story. Try creating a nice smelling combination and leaving it out this week, so the smell reminds you of Jesus' life and sacrifice.

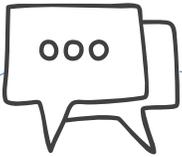
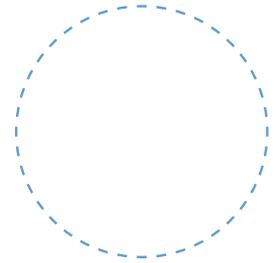




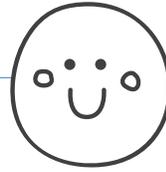
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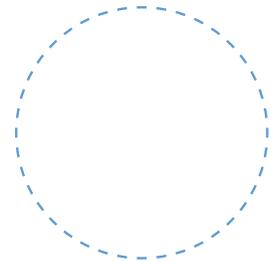
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Draw or write your prayer here.

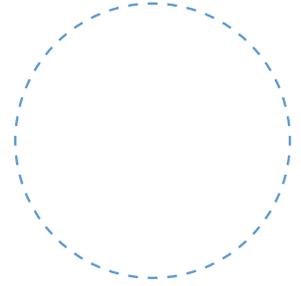




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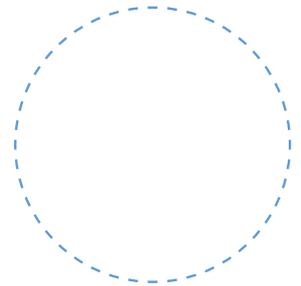
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Read

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 is Crucified

John 19:17-42 [MSG, condensed]

They took Jesus away. Carrying his cross, Jesus went out to the place called Skull Hill, where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side. Pilate wrote a sign and had it placed on the cross. It read: "Jesus the Nazarene - the King of the Jews."

Many of the Jews read the sign and objected. "Don't write that!" they said to Pilate.

Pilate said, "What I've written, I've written."

When they crucified him, the Roman soldiers took his clothes and divided them. But his robe was seamless, so they said to each other, "Let's not tear it up. Let's throw dice to see who gets it." This confirmed the Scripture that said, "They divided up my clothes among them and threw dice for my coat."

Jesus' mother, his aunt, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her. He said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that moment the disciple accepted her as his own mother.

Jesus, seeing that everything had been completed so that the Scripture record might also be complete, then said, "I'm thirsty." Someone put a sponge soaked with sour wine on a javelin and lifted it to his mouth. After he took the wine, Jesus said, "It's done . . . complete." Bowing his head, he offered up his spirit.

Then the Jews, petitioned Pilate that their legs be broken to speed death, and the bodies taken down, so they wouldn't stay on the crosses over the Sabbath. The soldiers came and broke the legs of the men crucified with Jesus. When they got to Jesus, they saw that he was already dead, so one of the soldiers stabbed him in the side with his spear. Blood and water gushed out.

These things that happened confirmed the Scripture, "Not a bone in his body was broken," and the other Scripture that reads, "They will stare at the one they pierced."

After all this, Joseph of Arimathea (he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly) petitioned Pilate to take the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission. So Joseph came and took the body. Nicodemus also came carrying a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took Jesus' body and wrapped it in linen with the spices. There was a garden nearby with new tomb in which no one had yet been placed, so they placed him in it.

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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