Journal Page

Write one or two ideas of things you could do to show love for someone.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did the people want to kill Jesus?
- How do you think Jesus' disciples felt when Jesus was arrested and killed?
- How do you think Jesus' disciples felt when they saw Jesus was alive?



Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26:36-28:10; John 18:1-20:18

MAIN POINT: JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM SIN, AND HE IS ALIVE.

Jesus prayed to God, "Father! If it is possible, take this suffering away from Me. But only if it is part of Your plan." Suddenly Judas arrived with a large crowd. The crowd grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.

Jesus was led to the high priest. The high priest asked, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?" Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right."

The high priest said, "Ah ha! He has spoken against God. He deserves to die!" When morning came, the religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Yes, that's right," Jesus replied.

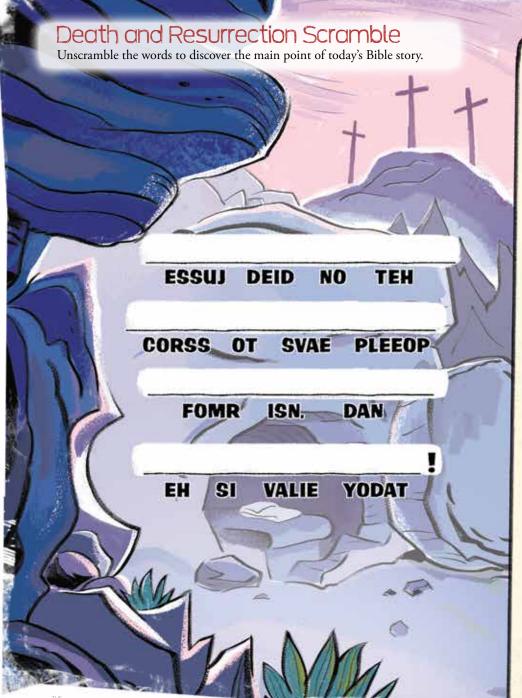
"What should I do with Jesus?" Pilate asked the crowd. "Crucify Him!" they answered. The governor's soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they mocked Him, beat Him, and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Then Jesus died. He was buried in a tomb.

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. Suddenly there was an earthquake. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! Jesus is not here. He has been resurrected."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus met them. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Go tell My disciples to meet Me in Galilee."

Christ Connection: The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. We are forgiven only through Jesus. (Acts 4:12)



The Gospel: God's Plan for Us

Match each part of the gospel plan to its description.

We respond. God

God provided.

Jesus gives.

God rules.

We sinned.



God created everything. He is in charge of everything. Read Revelation 4:11.



Everyone sins, or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. Read Romans 3:23.



God is holy and must punish sin. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Read John 3:16.



Jesus took our punishment for sin by giving His life, and He gives Us His righteousness. God sees us as if we lived the perfect life Jesus lived. This is the best gift ever! Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.



Everyone has a choice to make. Will you trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord? You can turn from self and sin and turn to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10.

