

JESUS SUFFERS AND DIES

The true Easter story – series 1



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

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This Bible story teaching pack is titled “Jesus suffers and dies: The true Easter story – series 1”. It summarises the events that led to the death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. These events include the Passover feast; betrayal of Jesus by Judas; the denial of Jesus by Peter; the trial of Jesus before Caiaphas, the high priest and Pontius Pilate; mockery by the soldiers and so on. The story also emphasises the importance and necessity of the suffering and death of Jesus. So, it is not just a story – it is a life-changing event that spans through generations till date.

The bible references for the story are as follows: Matthew 26:1-38, 45-52; Luke 23:39-43.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards.

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This is the section that contains the retelling of the story of how Jesus suffered and died. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Sequencing flashcards.

Use these cards in a group activity to assess children's understanding of the story of how Jesus suffered and died. Shuffle the cards, then, ask the group to rearrange the flashcards in the correct order. Don't forget to shuffle the cards first!

3. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the events and significance of the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

4. Story starter cards

Each of these cards contains a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the story of how Jesus suffered and died in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

5. Handwriting sheet

A handwriting sheet is provided to be used for home, class, or church assignment or to be completed immediately after the

study. You get to decide. The lessons will be indirectly emphasized as they trace the words provided.

6. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week. You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The end goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

7. Reveal-the-picture game

This game contains some questions or quiz that need to be answered before the children can see the picture underneath the quiz. Print out the picture. Then, print out the quiz sheet and cut out each question along the lines provided. Using a light tape, or an adhesive, paste each question on the picture until the picture is covered. Then, let the children answer the questions randomly and guess what's underneath. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

8. Crossword puzzle

Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.

9. Maze

Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.

10. Word search

Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.

11. Word scramble

Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word-list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the word-list.

12. Acrostic poem card

This poem card gives older children the opportunity to explore the significance of the suffering and death of Jesus.

13. Learn and colour

Another activity aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

14. Reward “stickers”

A set of stickers to say, “thank you” and “well done” to the kids for listening and engaging during the study. Print out the sheet, cut out the stickers and use a glue to apply each “sticker” to a child’s worksheet when needed.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators, but you know your child/children best; so feel free to adapt the contents as relevant to the different age groups you are in charge of.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please contact us at contact@godlypearls.com or on our [Facebook page](#).

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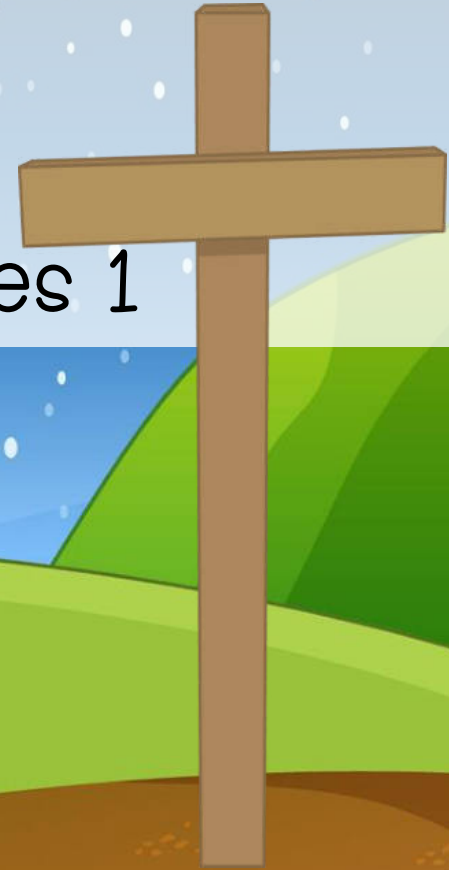
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A title in the *Bible story teaching pack* by Godly Pearls

Bible References: Matthew 26:1-38, 45-52; Luke 23:39-43

- ❖ *Explain the events that led to the death of Jesus on the cross and the significance of the death of Jesus.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*
- ❖ *Engage kids in the various activities to reinforce the story and the lessons.*

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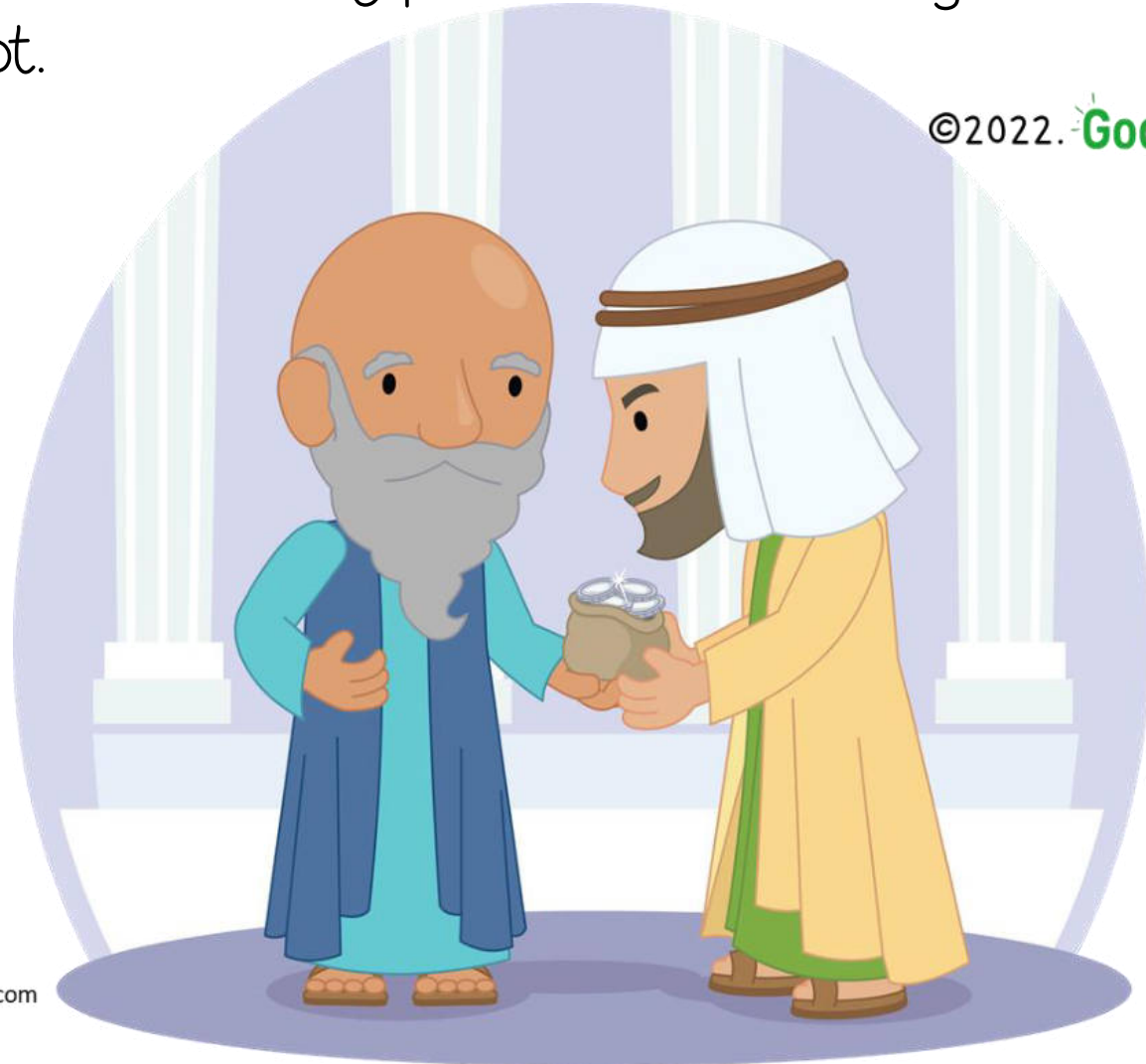
This is series 1 of *The true Easter story*. Download Series 2 "Jesus is alive" from the website

Jesus had been busy telling the good news to everyone. He had healed the sick, raised the dead, fed lots of people and had done many miracles. Some groups of people were not happy with Jesus. They were jealous and planned to kill Jesus.



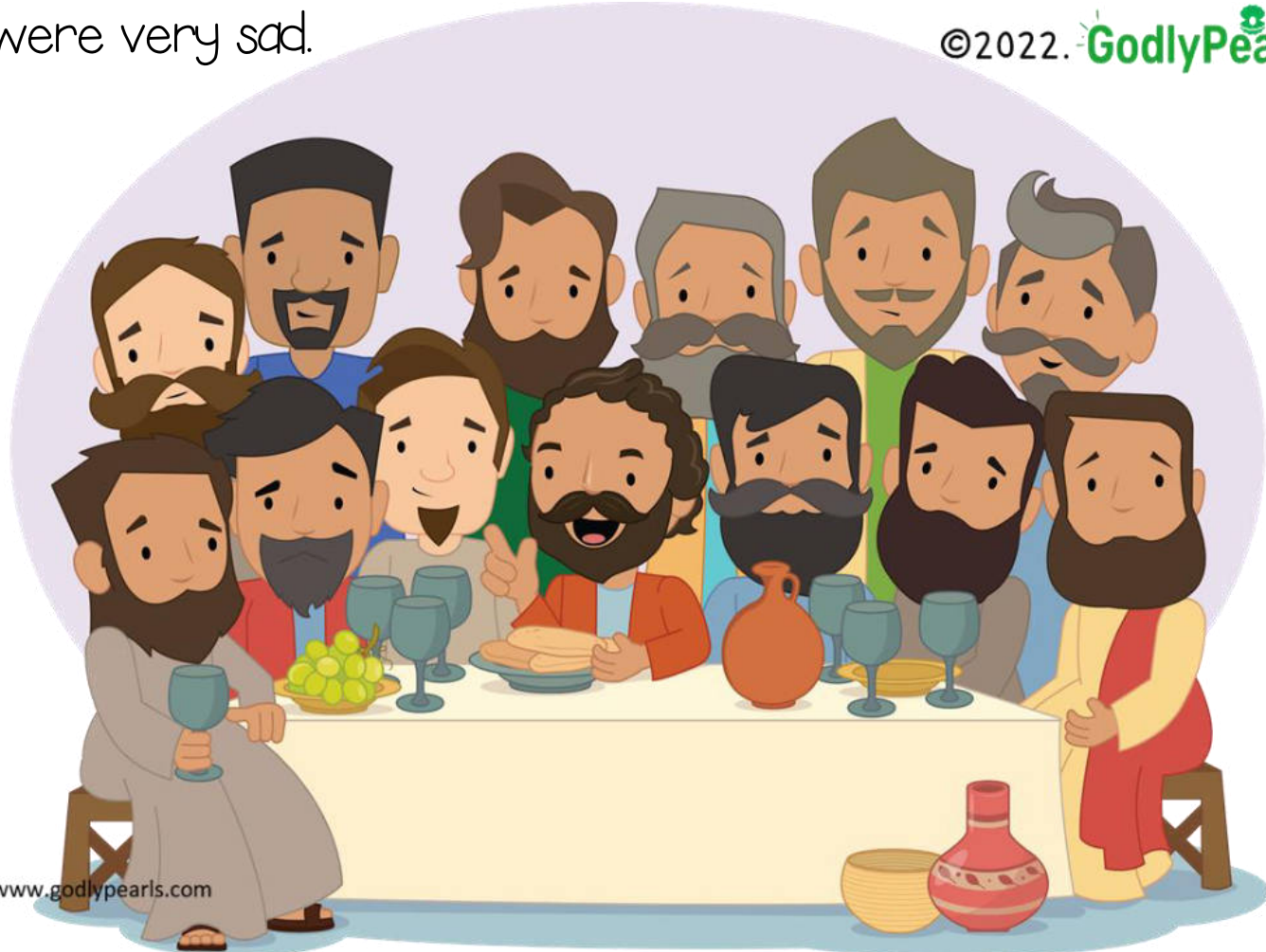
One of the disciples of Jesus called Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests and said, “how much will you pay me if I handover Jesus to you?” So, they counted thirty pieces of silver and gave the money to Judas Iscariot.

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After some time, Jesus and His disciples went to a man's house to celebrate the Passover. The Passover is a feast where the children of Israel remember and celebrate how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt. While they were eating, Jesus told His disciples that Judas would hand him over to be crucified. The disciples were very sad.

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Then Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He shared the bread and gave them to His disciples. He took a cup of wine and gave thanks. Then He gave the cup to His disciples and asked them to drink from the cup. Jesus told His disciples that the bread was a symbol of His body and the wine was a symbol of His blood. Jesus would soon die and through His blood, our sins will be forgiven.

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Jesus took His disciples to the Mount of Olives. He told them He will be arrested and all of them will run away and leave Him. He said He would die but will rise up again and will meet them in a place called Galilee.

Peter said, “I will never run away and leave you”. Jesus told Him, “I am telling you Peter, this night, before the rooster crows, you will say that you don’t know me – three times”. Peter replied, “I will never say I don’t know you. I will even die with you!”.



Then Jesus and His disciples went to a place called Gethsemane. He was very sorrowful and disturbed because He was going to die soon. He moved away from His disciples and started to pray. He said, "Oh My Father, if it is possible, don't let me die on the cross. But do Your will, not My will".

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While Jesus and His disciples were still at Gethsemane, Judas came with lots of people. They came to arrest Jesus. Judas had already told them, "I will kiss Jesus and you will arrest Him". So, Judas kissed Jesus and the crowd took Him away. When the disciples saw that Jesus had been taken away, they ran away and left Him.

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Jesus was taken to Caiaphas, the high priest. The chief priests and lots of people were there. They all said bad things about Jesus but he did not do anything wrong. Peter was around the court where they kept Jesus.

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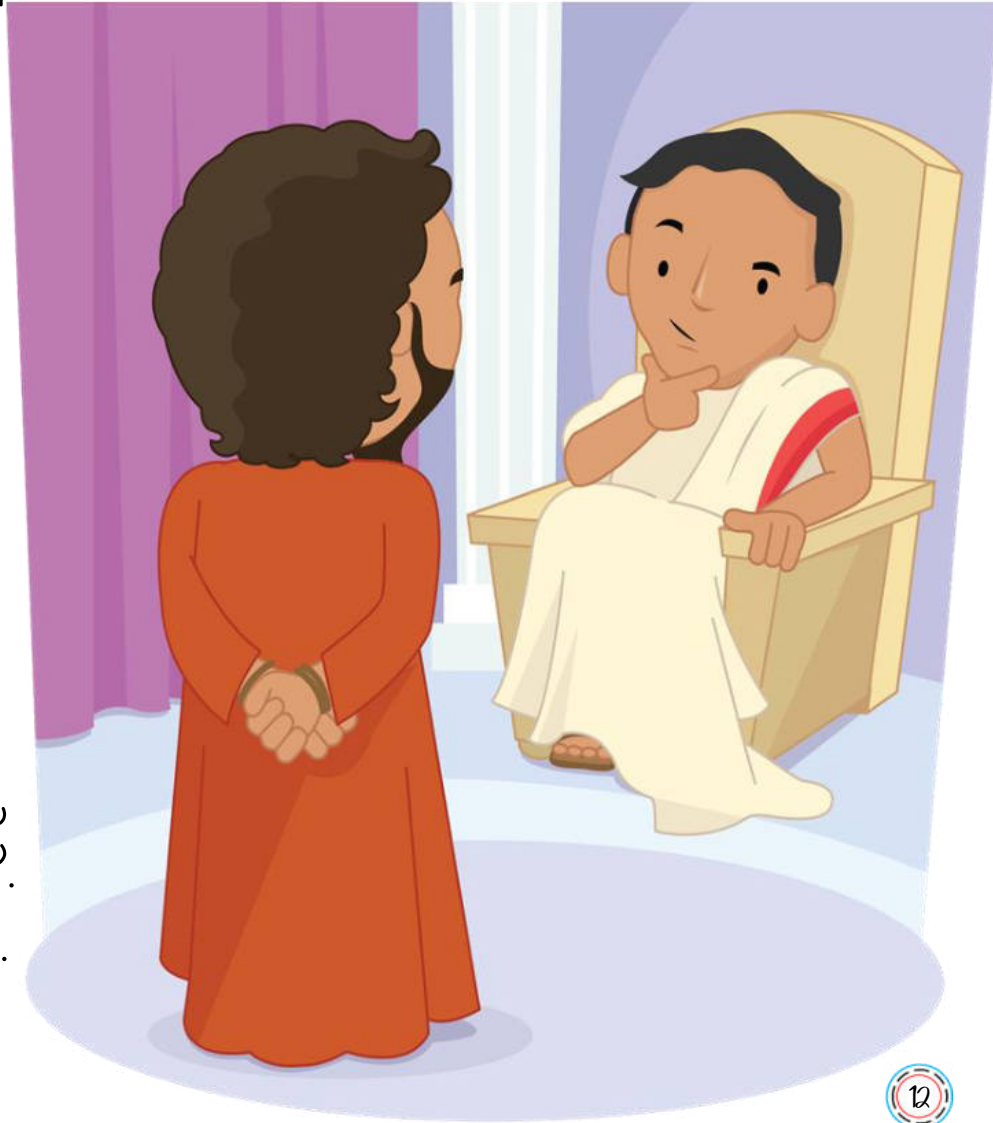


A servant girl told Peter, “You were with Jesus”. Peter said, “no, not me! I don’t know what you are saying”. Two other people came to him and said, “You were with Jesus”. Peter kept saying, “I am telling you, I do not know the Man!” Then, the rooster crowed. Peter remembered what Jesus said to Him. He was very sad and sorry, and started crying.



The next day, Jesus was bound and taken to meet the governor, Pontius Pilate. The governor asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?". Jesus answered, "It is as you have said". Pontius Pilate said to the crowd that followed Jesus, "I find nothing wrong with Jesus. Do you want me to set Jesus free or Barabbas the prisoner?"

The crowd shouted for a long time, "Set Barabbas free! Crucify Jesus!". So Pontius Pilate set Barabbas free.



The soldiers took Jesus away. They beat Him, bullied Him and made fun of Him. They spat on Him and put a crown of thorns on His head. They pretended to worship Him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!". Then they led Jesus away to crucify Him.

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As they were taking Jesus to nail Him on the cross, they saw a man named Simon. He was from a city called Cyrene.

The soldiers forced Simon to carry a wooden cross for Jesus.

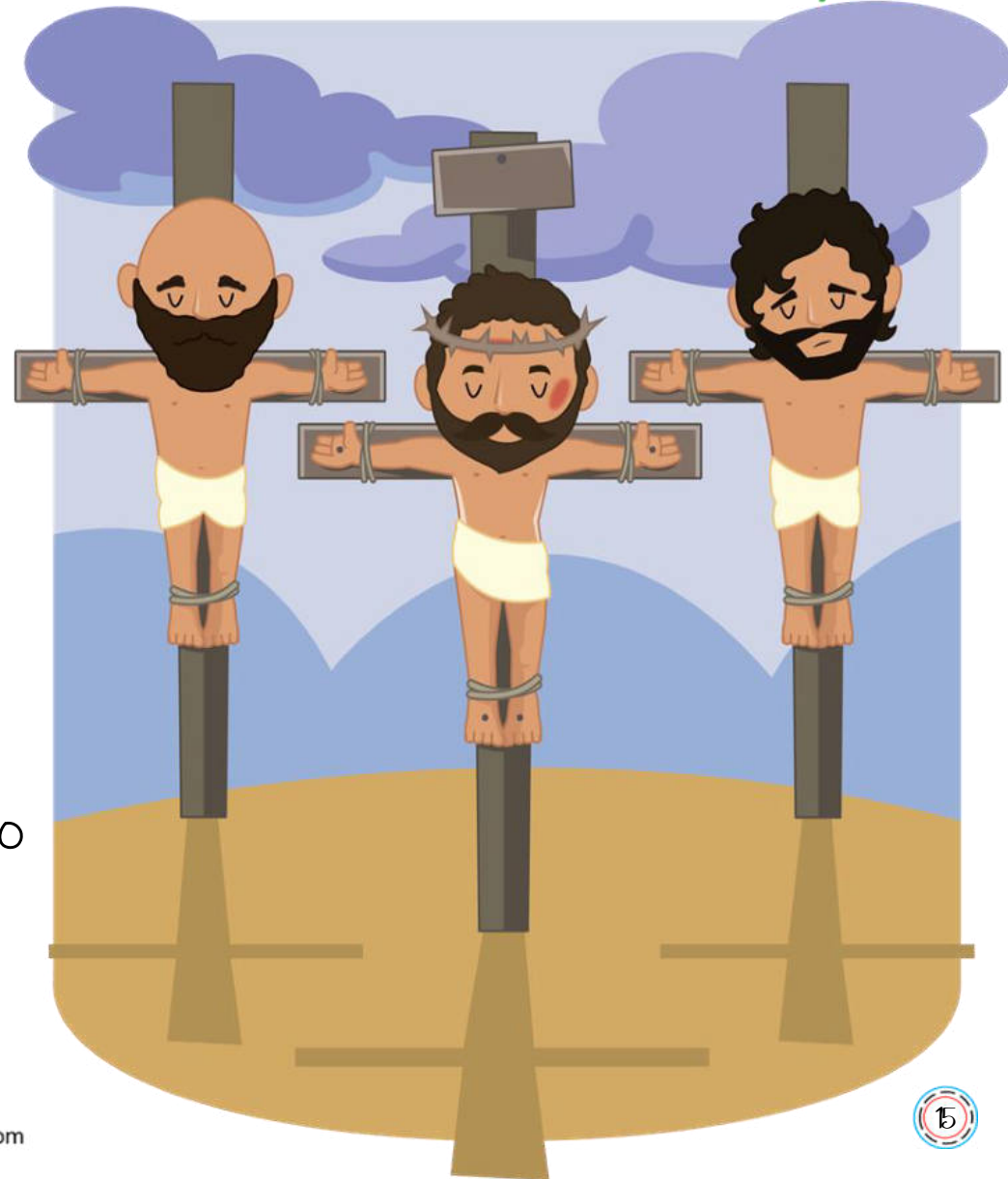


When they got to a place called Golgotha, they put Jesus on the cross and nailed his hands and feet to the cross. Two criminals were also crucified with Jesus.

One of the criminals said, “If you are the Christ, save yourself and save us too”.

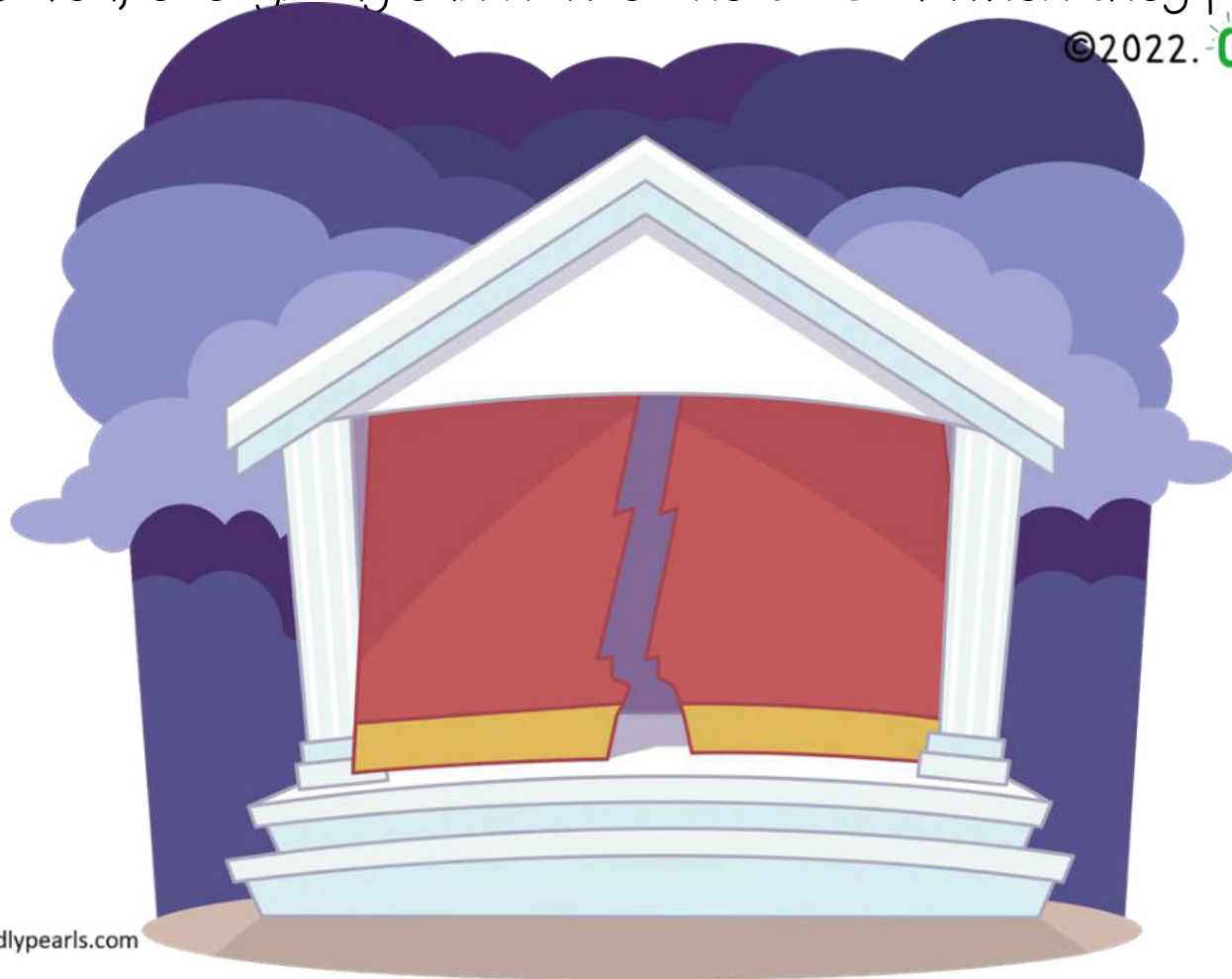
The other criminal said, “Don’t you fear God? We deserve to die but this Man has done nothing wrong”. He then said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom”.

Jesus replied, “I am telling you, today, you will be with Me in Paradise”.



After some hours, Jesus cried out loud, “My God, My God, why have you left me alone?”. Later, Jesus died. Immediately He died, there was an earthquake and the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. This means because Jesus died, everybody can now come to God when they put their faith in Jesus.

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Jesus died on
the cross so I
can be free
from sins.



One of the
criminals asked
Jesus to
remember him in
Paradise. Jesus
forgave him.



The veil of the temple tore into two when Jesus died.

I can now freely
talk to God
because Jesus
died.



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Sequencing Flashcards

Assess kids understanding of the events that led to the death of Jesus on the cross by asking them to arrange these sequencing flashcards in the correct order.

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Jesus had been busy telling the good news to everyone. But some groups of people were not happy with Jesus. They were jealous and planned to kill Jesus.



Judas Iscariot collected thirty pieces of silver to hand over Jesus to the chief priests.

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Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Passover feast together. Jesus told His disciples many things that would happen to Him – how He would be betrayed, suffer, die and rise up again.

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Judas kissed Jesus and He was arrested. When the disciples saw that Jesus had been taken away, they ran away and left Him.

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After Jesus was questioned by Caiaphas, the high priest and Pontius Pilate, the soldiers took Him away. They beat Him, bullied Him and made fun of Him. They spat on Him and put a crown of thorns on His head. Then they led Jesus away to crucify Him.

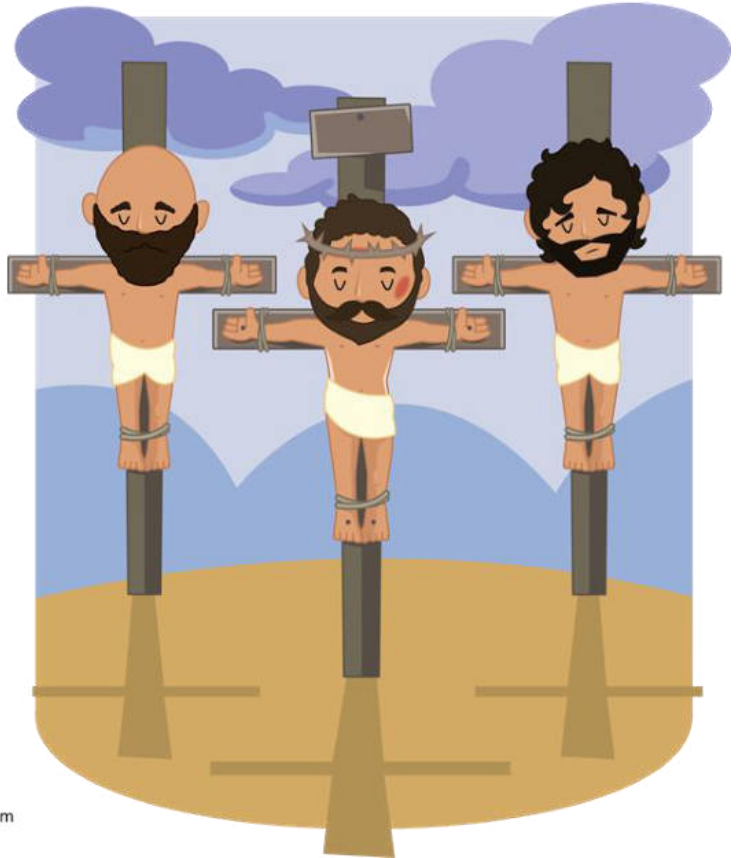
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Jesus was crucified with two criminals.

One of the criminals made fun of Jesus but the other one asked Jesus to remember him.

Jesus replied, "I am telling you, today, you will be with Me in Paradise".



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Join me to
answer the
questions and
find the picture!

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Reveal the Picture Cards

Encourage kids to answer the questions to find out the picture underneath! The questions will help emphasize the lessons in the study.

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Mention some miracles that Jesus did.

What question did Pontius Pilate ask Jesus?

What did the soldiers do to Jesus?

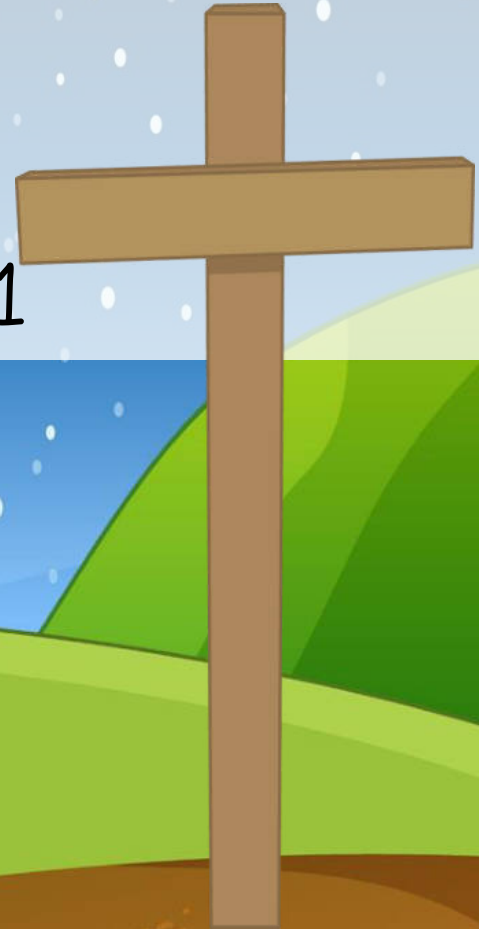
Who carried the wooden cross for Jesus?

How much did Judas collect to betray Jesus?

What does the wine at the Passover represent?

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Story Starter Cards

Encourage kids to retell the story 'Jesus suffers and dies' in their own words with these story starter cards.

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Jesus did a lot of good things, but...



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Judas Iscariot...



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At the Passover, Jesus...



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4

At the garden of Gethsemane....



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5

Later, Peter...



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The soldiers.....



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On the way to crucify Jesus...



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8

Jesus was...

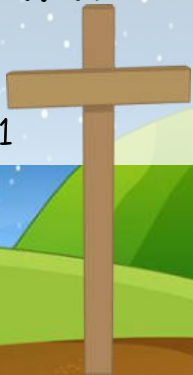


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Conversation Cards

Encourage kids to explore the events and significance of the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross using the questions in these cards. You will be amazed what you find out!

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Why do you think Peter denied Jesus? When might you be afraid to say you are a Christian?

What can you do when
you feel sad, sorrowful
or disturbed?

What other things do we
have because Jesus
suffered and died on the
cross?

Read Isaiah 53:3-6

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Memorize and Pray

Encourage kids to memorize the Scripture verse and pray using the prayer prompt. Feel free to let them use their own words when praying – the prompt is just a guide.

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I CAN MEMORIZE

For this is My blood
of the new covenant,
which is shed for
many for the
remission of sins.

Matthew 26:28



I CAN PRAY



Dear Lord,

I thank you for dying on the cross so I can be free from my sins. Please forgive me of all my sins today.

In Jesus name

I pray

Amen.

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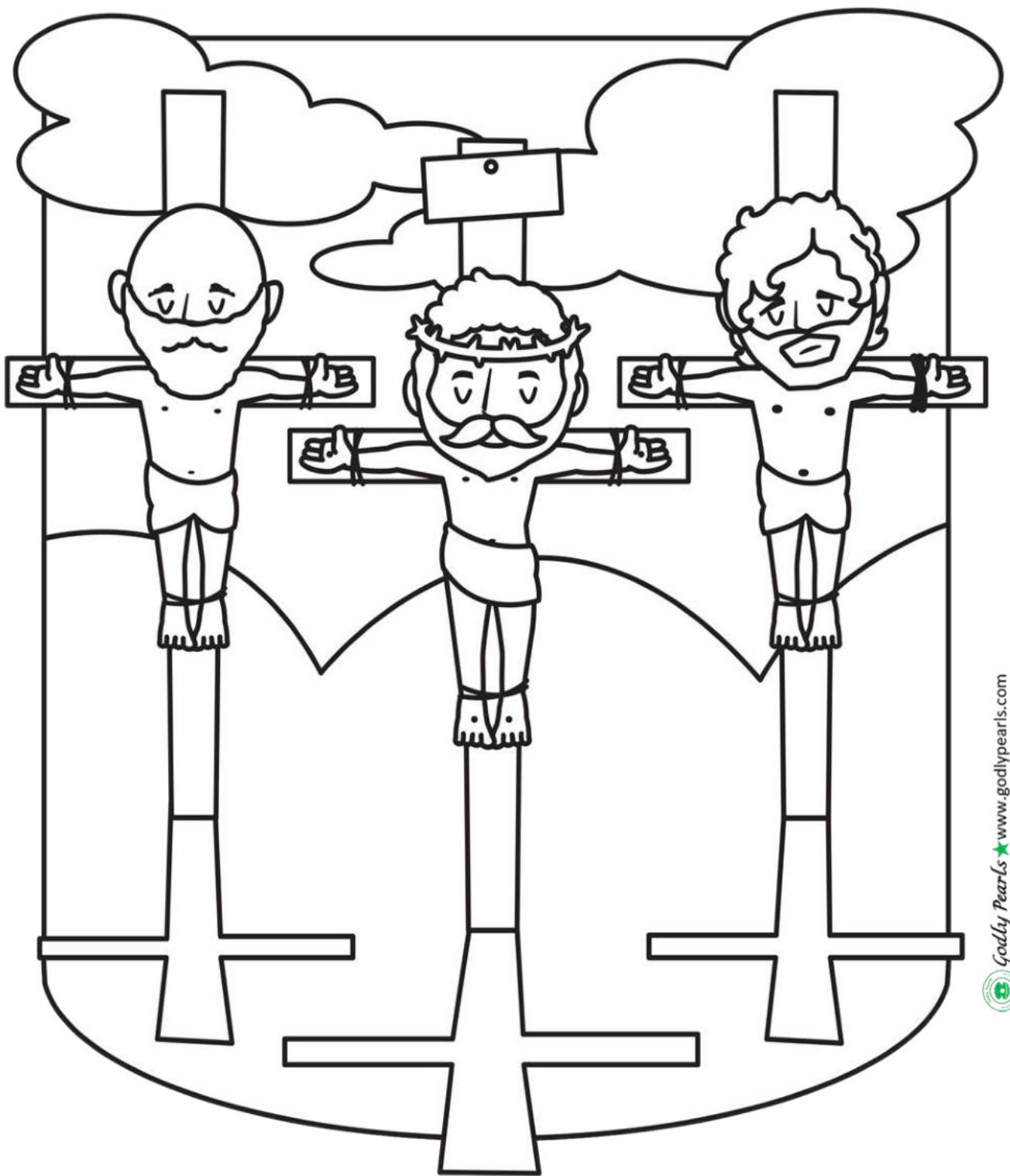
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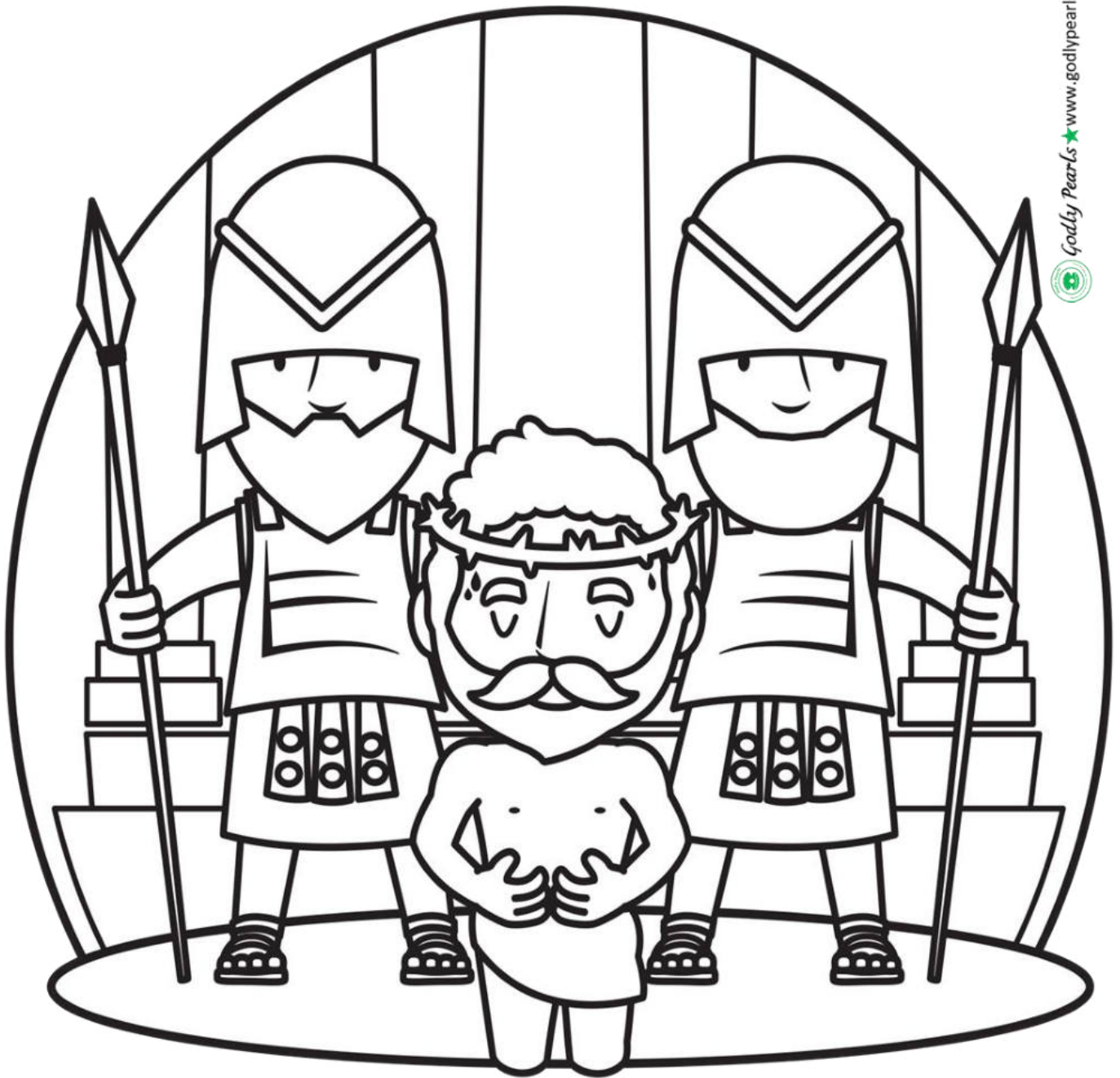
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Judas betrayed Jesus with a Kiss in the garden of Gethsemane.

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The soldiers beat Jesus, bullied and made fun of Him. They spat on Him and put a crown of thorns on His head.

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At three different times, Peter said he did not know Jesus at all. He was very sad and sorry he denied Jesus.



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Read out and trace the sentence below

Name

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the cross so I

can be free

from sin.

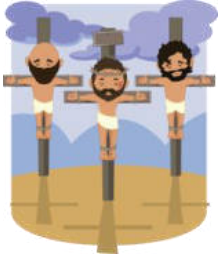
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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

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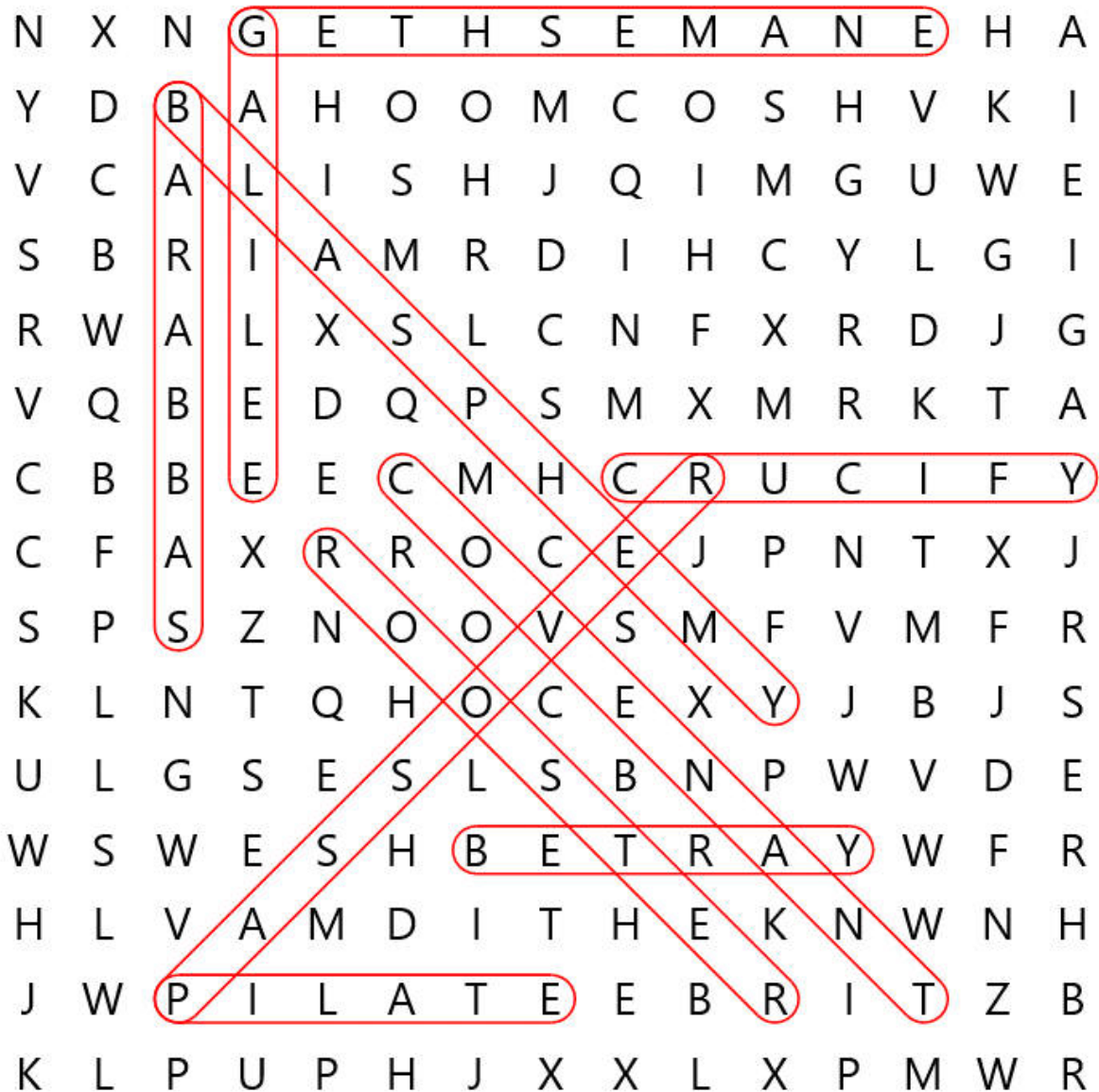
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Word Search - Answers

Find and circle the words below



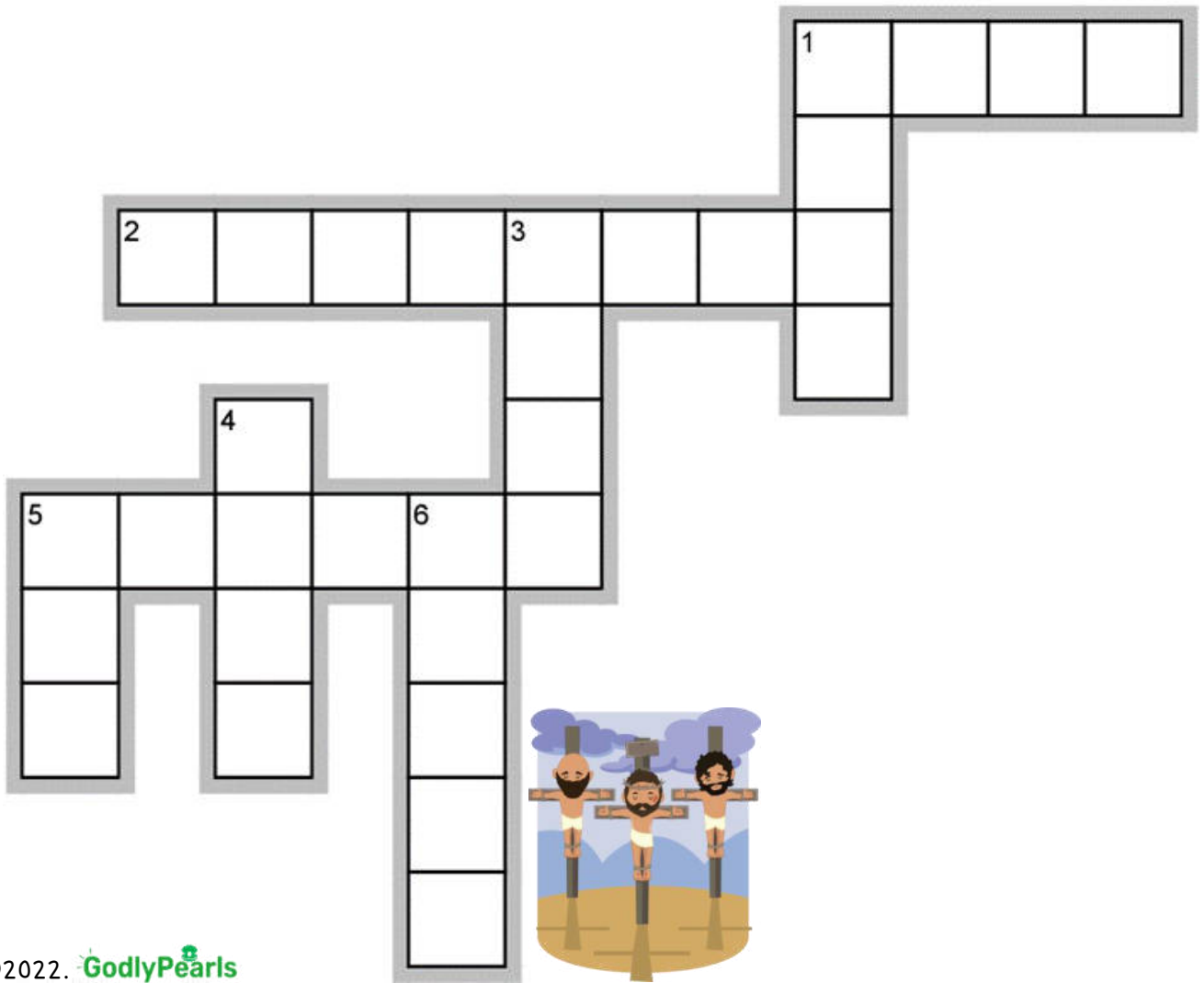
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

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Across

1. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the of the Jews?" (4)
2. Who was released to the angry crowd instead of Jesus? (8)
5. Judas agreed to betray Jesus for pieces of silver (6)

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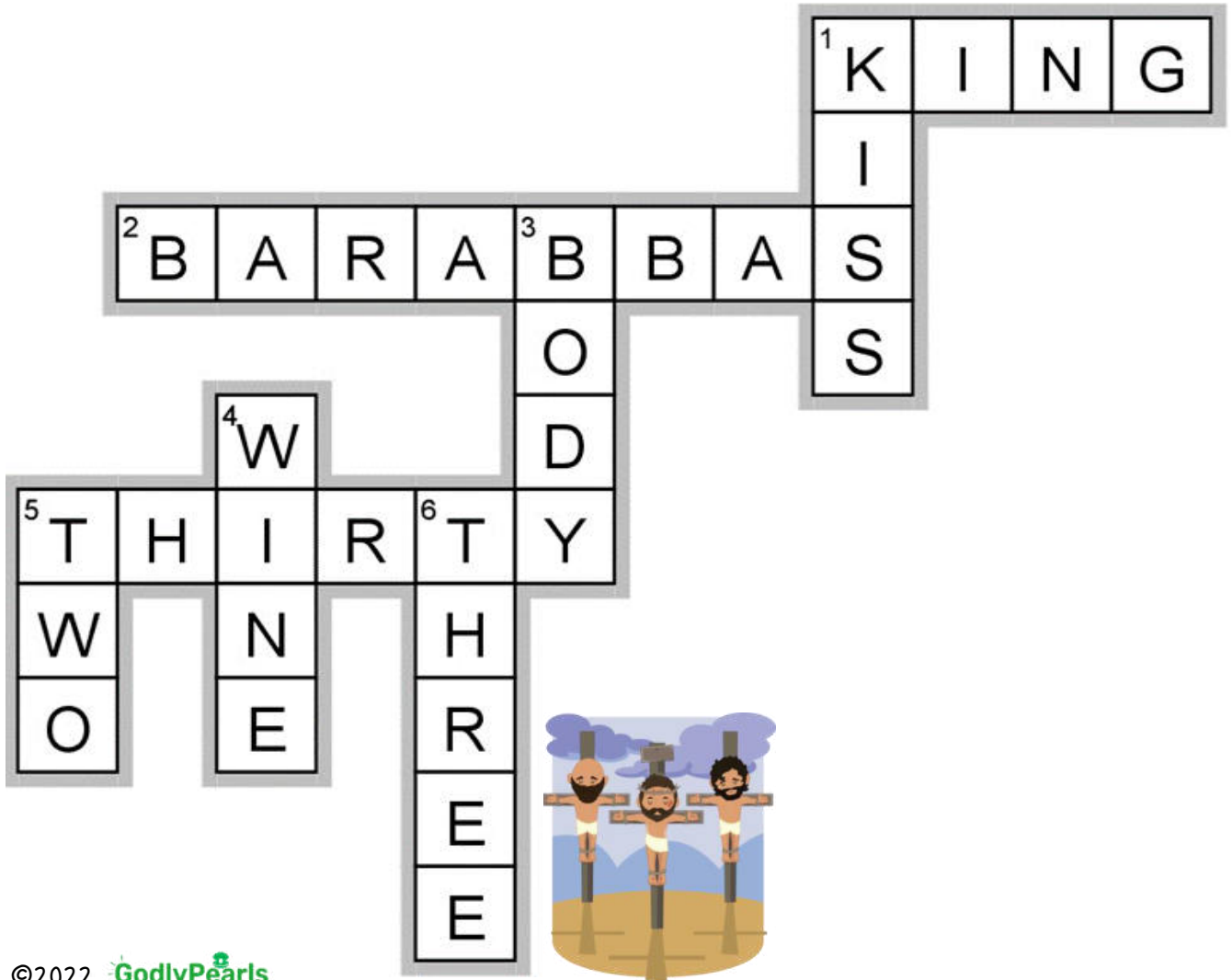
1. Judas betrayed Jesus with a ... (4)
3. The bread at the Passover was a symbol of the of Jesus (4)
4. What was the symbol of the blood of Jesus at the Passover? (4)
5. How many criminals were crucified with Jesus? (3)
6. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? (5)

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Crossword Puzzle - Answers

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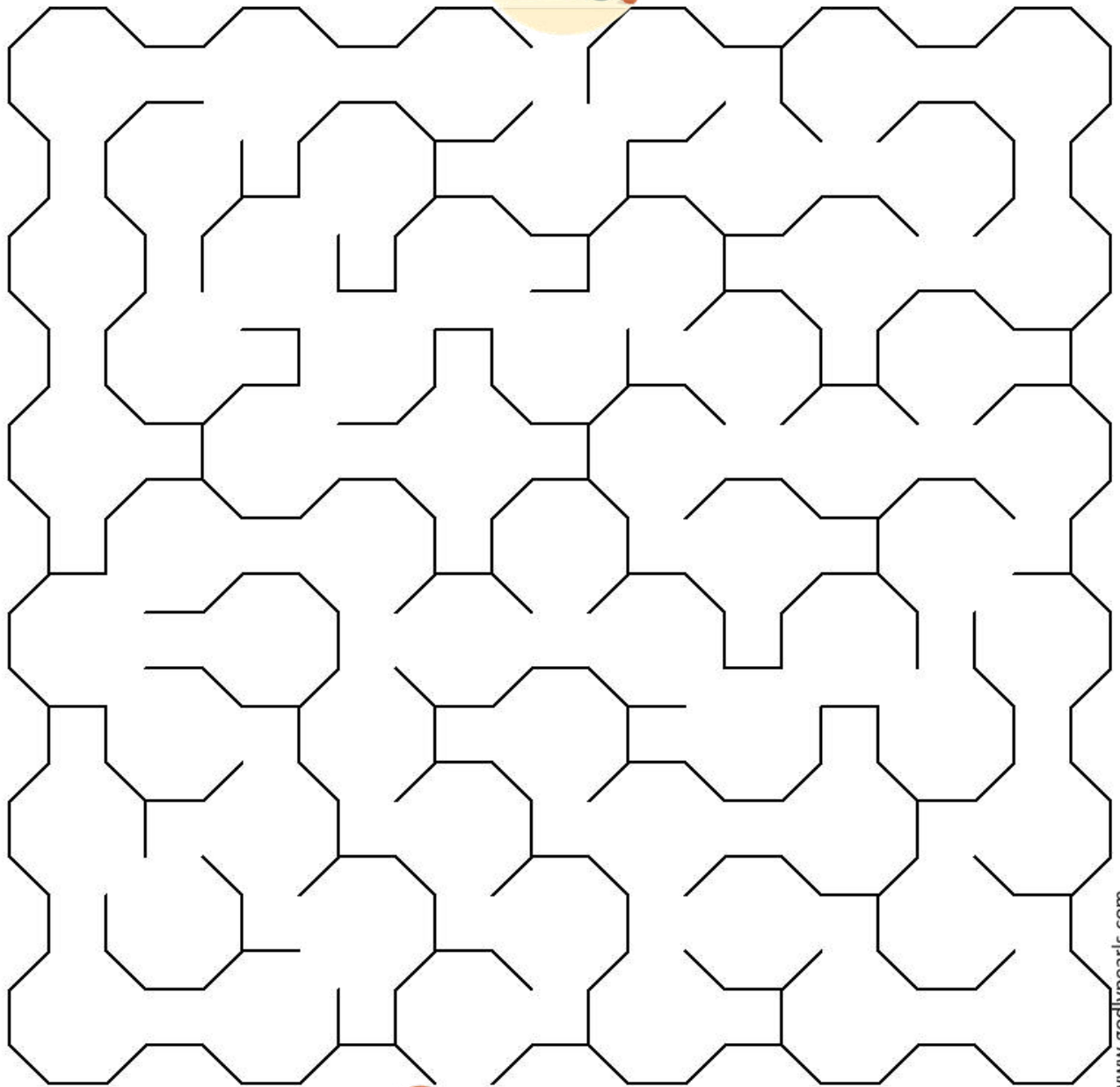
1. Judas betrayed Jesus with a ... (4)
3. The bread at the Passover was a symbol of the of Jesus (4)
4. What was the symbol of the blood of Jesus at the Passover? (4)
5. How many criminals were crucified with Jesus? (3)
6. How many times did Peter deny Jesus? (5)

JESUS CELEBRATES THE PASSOVER

Puzzle sheet

Hurry! Join Jesus to celebrate the Passover

Name:



JESUS SUFFERS AND DIES

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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

OOERRST

IGNK

WCORN

PESRTI

RGTAENM

IOSEDRSL

RSOCS

RNPISORE

Word list

Prisoner
Crown
Cross
King

Soldiers
Garment
Priest
Rooster





JESUS DIED FOR ME SO I CAN BE...



INSTRUCTION: Use the first letter of the word below to write a thought or story about FREE.

Name:

F.....

R.....

E.....

E.....

FROM SIN, SICKNESSES AND THE DEVIL



