# **Journal Page**

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

#### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did Jesus' death accomplish?
- Why does Jesus' resurrection give us hope?
- Can we ever be good enough to get to God on our own? Why?

# **Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection**

Matthew 26–28; 1 Corinthians 15

#### STORY POINT: JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES US HOPE FOR ETERNAL LIFE.

After Jesus was arrested, He 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, "He has spoken against God! He deserves to die!"

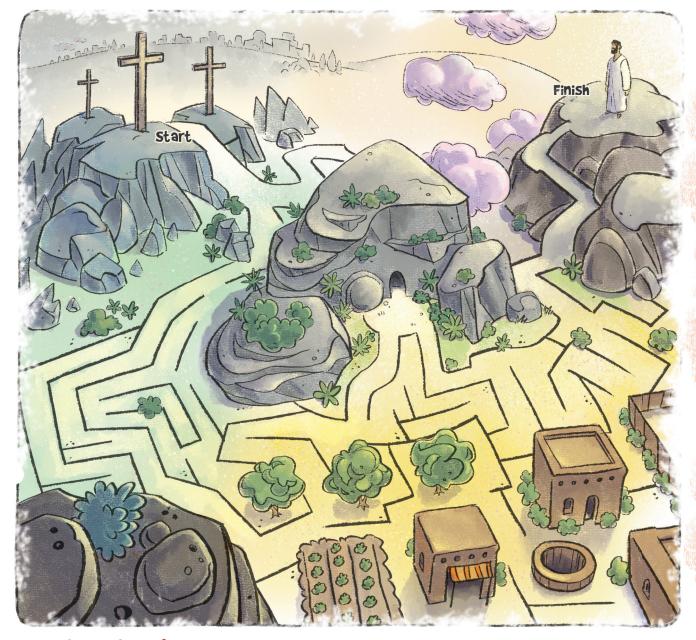
In the morning, the religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Yes," Jesus replied.

"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: "Here is the King of the Jews!" They beat Jesus 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?" Jesus shouted again and then He died.

Jesus was buried in a tomb. On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. 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 there. He has risen, just like He said He would."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. The women worshiped Him. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there." Jesus appeared to Peter and then to the other disciples. Many people witnessed that Jesus is alive!

Christ Connection: Jesus' death and resurrection is the center of the gospel. In Adam, we were spiritually dead in sin, but Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is alive! God gives new life to everyone who trusts in Jesus.



**He's Alive** Find the path from the cross to the tomb and then to Jesus.

# **Easter Scramble**

Unscramble the key words from today's Bible story.

#### AISESMH

This name for Jesus means "anointed one."

#### AITLEP

This governor handed Jesus over to the crowds.

#### **OTNHRS**

Jesus' crown was made of these.

## AICTURN

This split from top to bottom when Jesus died.

**ONTES** Jesus' tomb was sealed with this.

## IAELLEG

Jesus said His followers would see Him here.

## SUSEJ

He greeted the women and they worshiped Him.

IRTHD Jesus rose from the dead on this day.

