

Virtual Sunday School Lesson

Jesus is Crucified (Mark 15)



Bible Verses (NIV):

Mark 15: 25-47

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Activity: The Ultimate Victory

Theme: Jesus has the ultimate victory over death.

Supplies: Picture of the Arizona Memorial

Suggested Script:

December 7, 1941 is a day that many people will never forget. The United States navy was peacefully anchored in Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian Islands, when it was attacked by Japanese airplanes. The American battleship Arizona exploded when a bomb penetrated one of her ammunition magazines, killing over 1000 men in an instant. The memorial built over the sunken wreck is unique in shape, having two peaks at each end, then a sag in the center, representing the ultimate victory; Pride before the battle, depression after the attack, then rising to win the battle.

The events of Easter week are identical to the shape representing the ultimate victory. We begin with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters Jerusalem. Many people thought of Jesus as an earthly king, coming to do battle against the Roman Empire and free them from their harsh rule. They cheered "Hosanna" with pride to welcome the saviour, but did not understand that Jesus came to earth to fulfil God's plan, not theirs.

Then came the arrest of Jesus and people were depressed. Many called for his crucifixion; then scoffed at Jesus as he was led to the cross to die. As Jesus suffered for our sins as the lamb of God, then died, a witnessing Roman officer declared that Jesus truly was the Son of God. One of the followers of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea went to Pontius Pilate and received permission to remove the body of an innocent man, and lay him in a tomb that had just been made.

This was a very low time for Jesus' followers. For three days they mourned and were afraid that they would be next.

Then comes the rise to victory as Jesus returns from the dead to tell everyone that he has conquered death and the price for sin has been paid. Jesus has paved the way for us to live with God forever, by taking the sins of the world upon himself as the sacrificial Lamb of God.

God so loved the world that he gave his only son, Jesus, so that we may be closer to him. Jesus came back from the dead to tell us that the ultimate victory had been won.

Closing Prayer

Gracious Father; thank you for sending your son, Jesus Christ, to fight and win the ultimate victory; bringing your people closer to you. Amen.

Video: Jesus Dies for Us <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KoLIxNNpYw>

jacobkirankumar: Jesus was sentenced to die on the cross, where he took the punishment for all our sins. This video does an excellent job explaining how our sins were placed on Jesus.

Duration: 4:26

Craft: Sea Salt Cross (Preschool)

Supplies: Construction paper, colored sea salt, white glue

Directions: Give each child a sheet of construction paper (dark color preferred). Take a bottle of white glue and squeeze out the outline of a cross. Take colored sea salt and sprinkle onto the glue, then tip the page and let excess salt fall onto a spare sheet. Children can be creative and add to their cross, as long as they retain the initial shape.

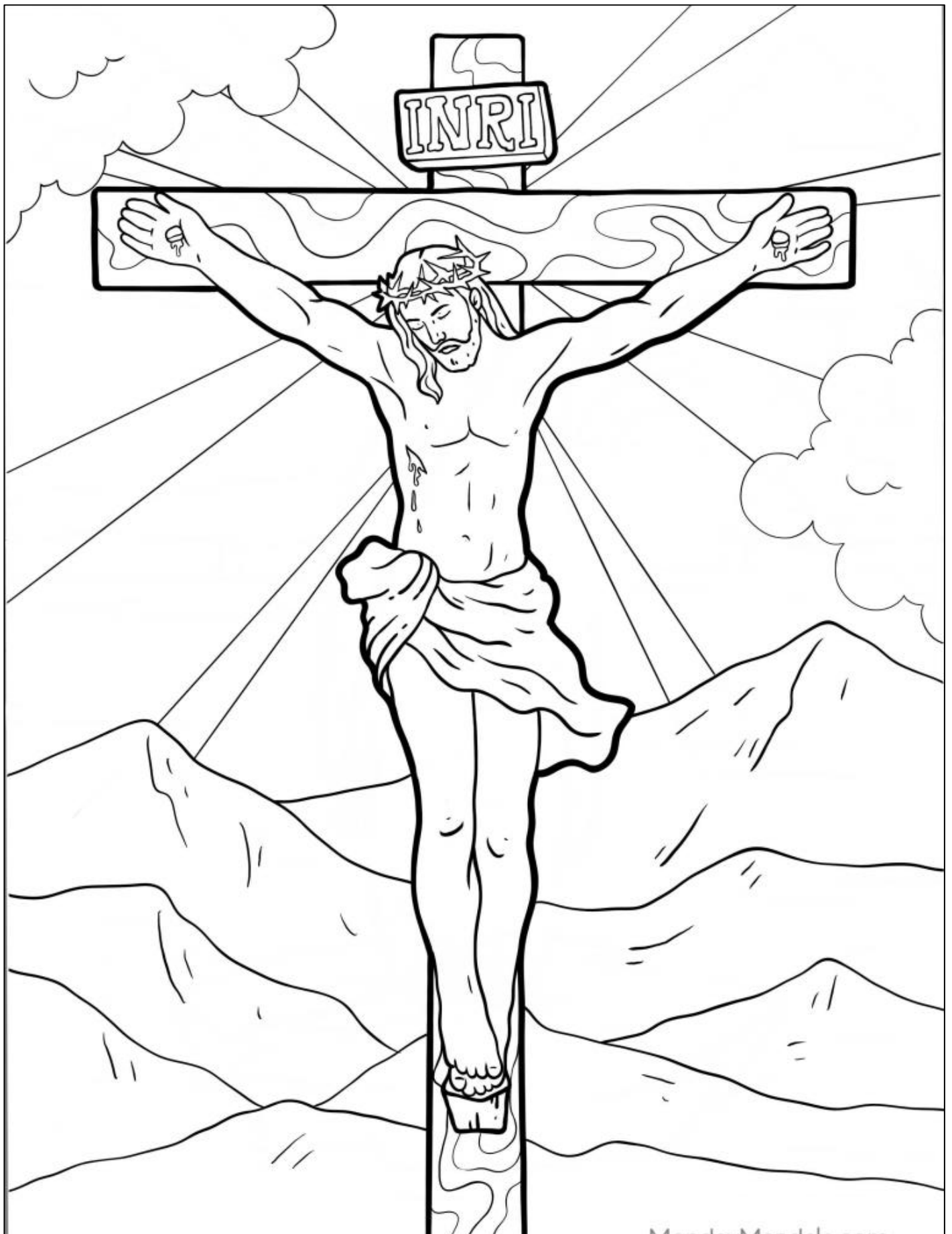


Craft: Stand up Cross

Supplies: "Stand Up Cross" page, scissors, glue, decorating supplies

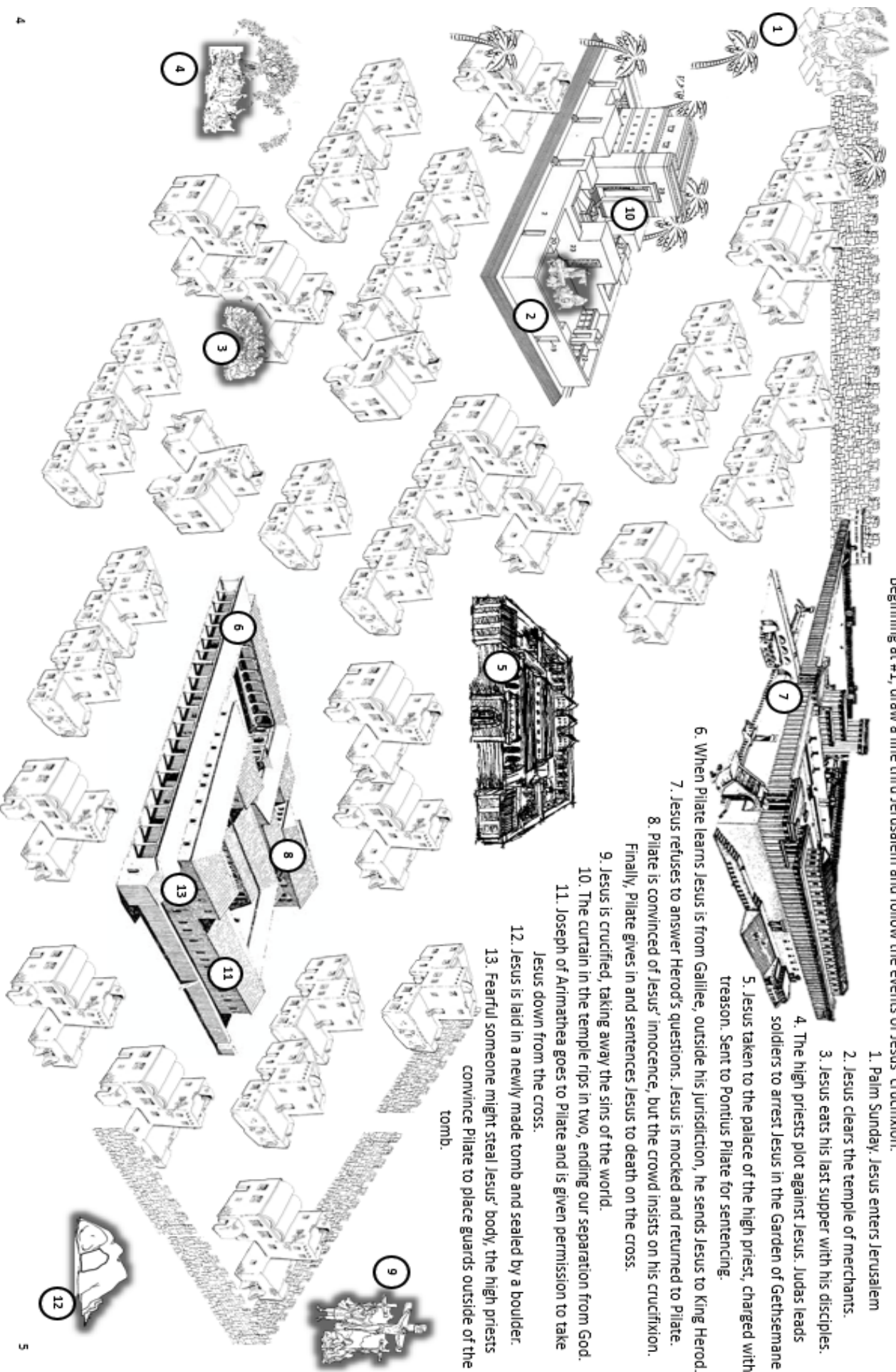
Directions: Print off a "Stand Up Cross" page for each child on cardstock. Color just the cross area, cut out and glue as directed on page. Use stickers or other decorating supplies.





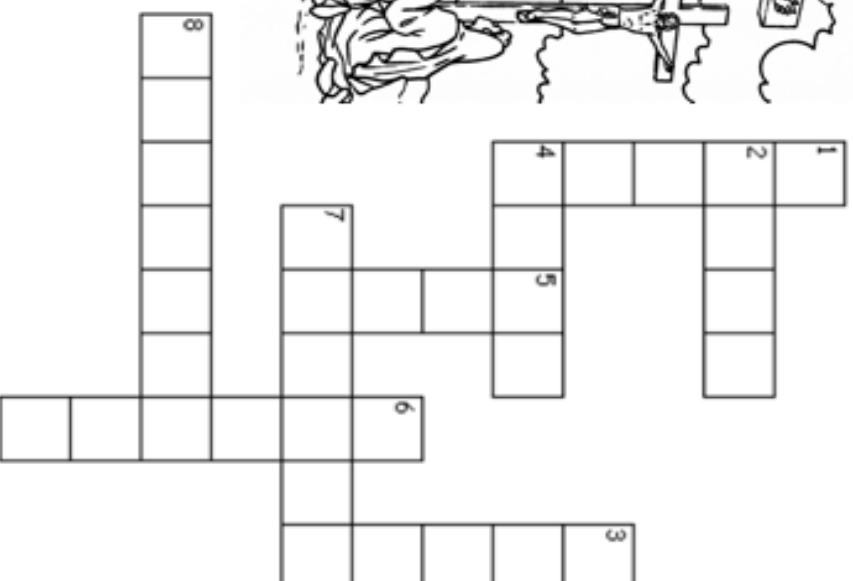
Jesus gave his life on the cross to save us from sin.

Beginning at #1, draw a line thru Jerusalem and follow the events of Jesus' crucifixion.



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Across

2. Jesus was laid in a ...
4. They rule over others.
7. Where people go to worship.
8. Cloth that covers an opening.

Down

1. A long piece of wood.
3. Another name for rock.
5. Comes after eight.
6. Something that holds water.

CURTAIN	JESUS	JOSEPH
KING	MARY	NINE
PILATE	SPONGE	STICK
STONE	TEMPLE	TOMB