

BIBLE LESSONS

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LESSON 7: OUR FATHER SENT HIS SON

AIM: To show children that Jesus died and rose again so they can know the great love of the Father, and that Jesus is alive and lives in Christians.

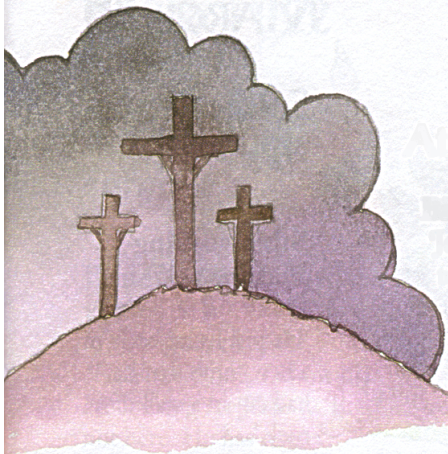
OPENING IDEA: Prepare a cardboard shoebox with lid. Have the box in view during singing time. Peek inside the box occasionally to heighten the children's anticipation. Do not tell what's inside. At an appropriate time hold the box up to the children, and ask them to guess its contents. Eventually tell the children that someone told you that God was in the box—would they like to see? Remove the lid from the empty box and show the children. Explain that God can't be kept in a box or a room or a church, or any one place because He is everywhere and especially inside the people who love Him. Some people tried to put Jesus in a kind of a box – a tomb—but He was too powerful. Jesus won't stay in a box of any kind, He is with us sharing His power and love.

MEMORY VERSE: *'The Lord is risen, indeed!'* (Luke 24:34)

PRESENTATION:

- Empty match boxes can be painted or covered and the memory verse written on a card, small enough to fit inside, or
- Verse can be written on angel shape, or
- You may like to use the enclosed picture of the empty tomb. Get the children to write the verse. They can colour in the picture at home and bring it the following week as a competition.

STORY: JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN (Mt 21-28, Mk 11-16, Luke 19-24, John 12-20)



It is important that the children grasp the reason why Jesus died so that they can make the appropriate response. The 'bridge' concept (see next page) is probably the best method.

Because of Adam and Eve's sin, every person born has sin in their nature. God is holy (perfectly clean and pure) and cannot have anything to do with sin.

But God loved the people and wanted to give them an opportunity of coming back to Him. So God sent Jesus, His Son, who was also holy and allowed Him to take every person's sins on Himself, and to die for those sins (making payment for them with His own life), thereby forming a bridge across to God.

When we believe in Jesus and confess our sins, we walk across the bridge and become a child of God.

Emphasize that Easter is a time of rejoicing because Jesus is alive.



FATHER GOD SENT HIS SON

Jesus was arrested in the garden while he prayed. He was put on trial, and found Him guilty of saying He was the Son of God.



Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people shouted "Hosanna to the King!"



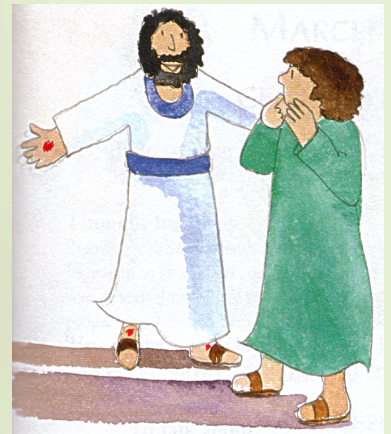
Jesus died on a cross. He had done nothing wrong, but because He loved us, He was willing to die so that we might live.



Jesus' body was placed in a tomb. Three days later, it was empty. An angel said Jesus was alive! The people were so happy.



"JESUS CAME TO GIVE HIS LIFE" (Mark 10:45)



Jesus had risen, indeed! For forty days He was seen by many people, before He went back to heaven to be with the Father.



Me

Eternal DEATH
All have sinned (*Romans 3:23*).
The punishment for sin should be death (*Romans 6:23*).
The heart is deceitful (*Jeremiah 17:9*).

Sin separates me from God

Hell
Revelation 21:8

Eternal LIFE

Yes! The Good News is The Gospel... GOD

... Jesus died for our sins.
... He was buried.
... He rose again.

REPENT

Repent means to turn away from sin and go God's Way (*Ezekiel 33:11, 2 Peter 3:9, Mark 1:15*).

Believe that Jesus died for you, He was buried and He rose again. He loves you. You can trust Him (*John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:3*).

Jesus Christ is the BRIDGE between God and me.

Good deeds
Good morals
Education
Religion

BELIEVE

Eternal LIFE

I

Eternal DEATH
My own good works cannot bridge the gap (caused by my sin) between God and me.
(Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Timothy 1:9, Titus 3:5)

Good deeds
Good morals
Education
Religion

Eternal LIFE

GOD

CONFESS

Confess Jesus as Saviour and Lord (that is, Master) of your life (*Romans 10:9-10*).

Those who believe in Him have eternal life (*John 5:24*).

RECEIVE

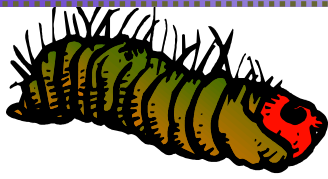
Eternal LIFE
Those who receive Him will know Him (*Rev 3:20*), and become His children (*Jn 1:12*).

PRAYER:
Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God and that you died for me. Forgive me my sins. Come into my heart, I receive you as my Saviour and Lord. Thank you for loving me and making me your child. Amen.

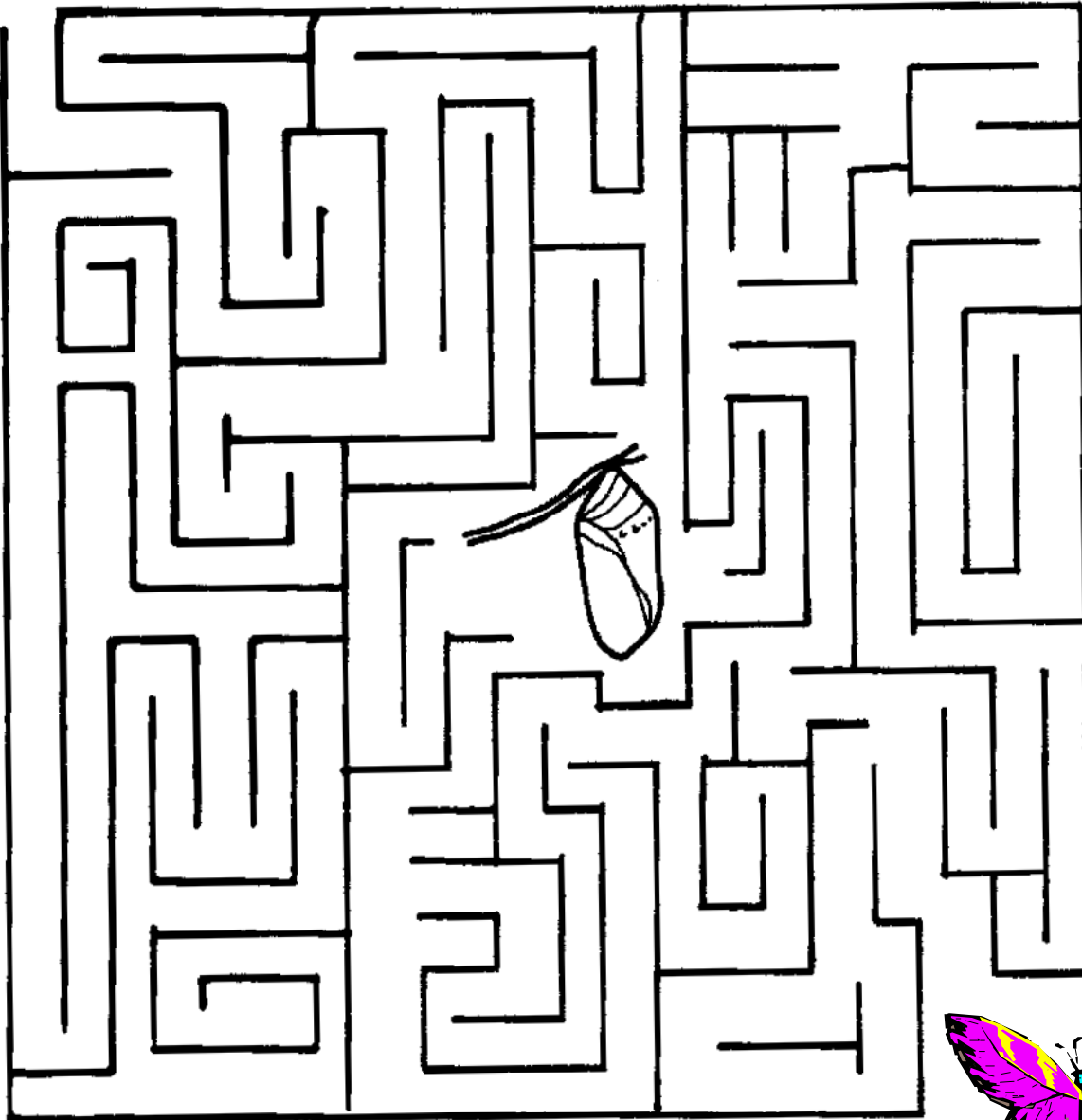
NEW LIFE *in* JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ died and rose again for the forgiveness of our sins.

When the caterpillar spins a cocoon and then emerges as a beautiful butterfly, we are reminded that when we die to our sins, we are given new life through Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)



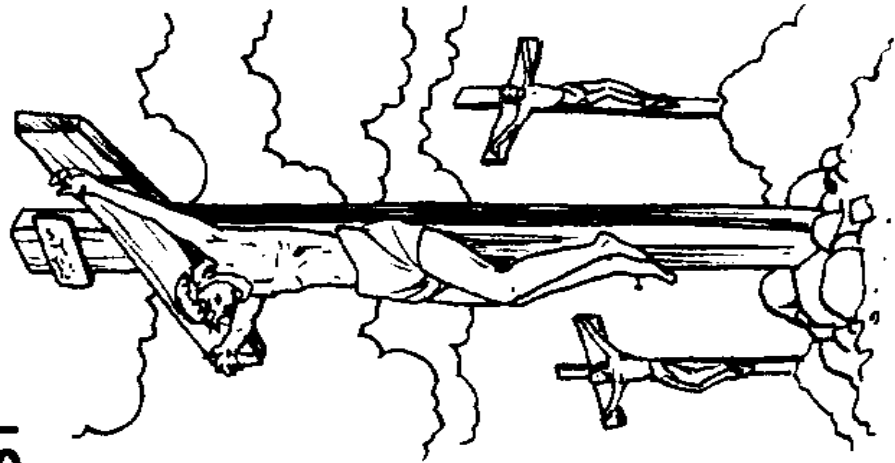
Help the caterpillar find its way to the cocoon, then it can turn into a butterfly. Show it the way.



WORD SEARCH

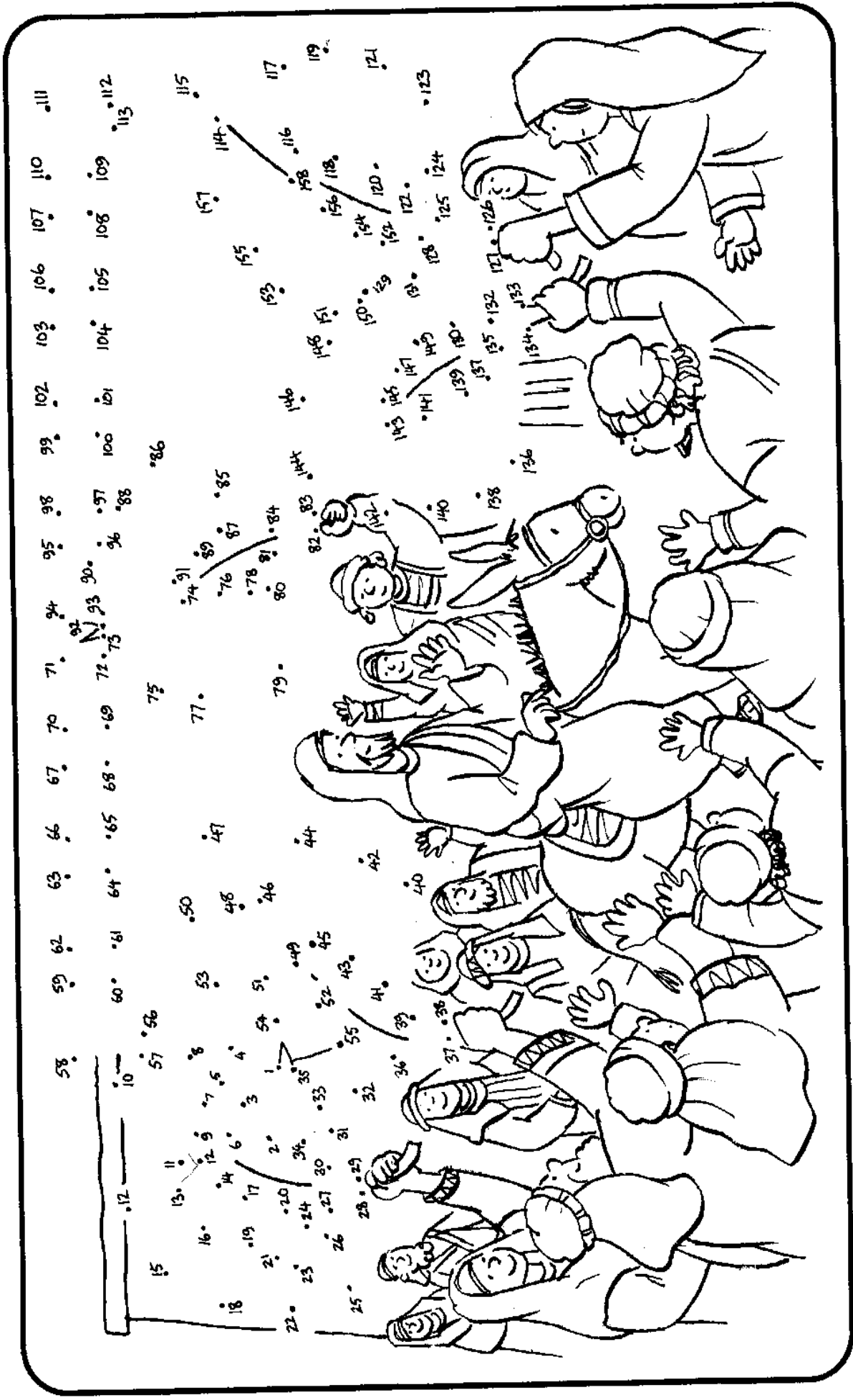
WORD LIST

- CROSS
- CRUCIFIED
- FINISHED
- FORGIVE
- GAVE
- JEWS
- KING
- LOTS
- MOTHER
- SPIRIT
- THIEVES
- TORN
- UP
- VEIL
- WOMEN

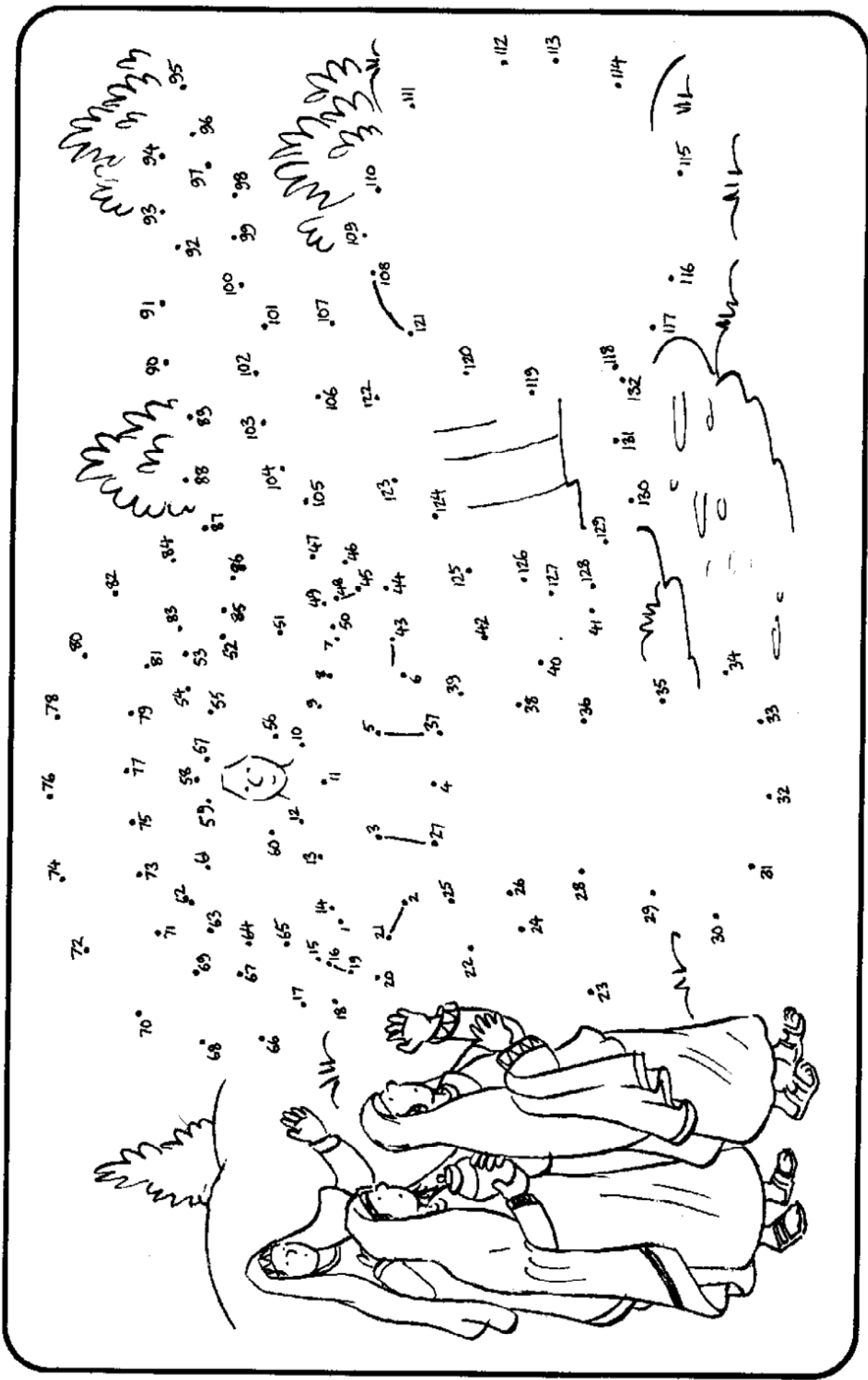


Jesus Is Crucified - John 19:16-30

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E	V	I	G	R	O	F	I	D



Join up the dots. As Jesus rode on a donkey, what kind of branches did people wave at him? (P ----.)
 You can find this story in John chapter 12, verses 12-19.



Join up the dots. Three women went to visit Jesus' body but an _____ had a surprise for them.
You can find this story in Luke chapter 24, verses 1-12.

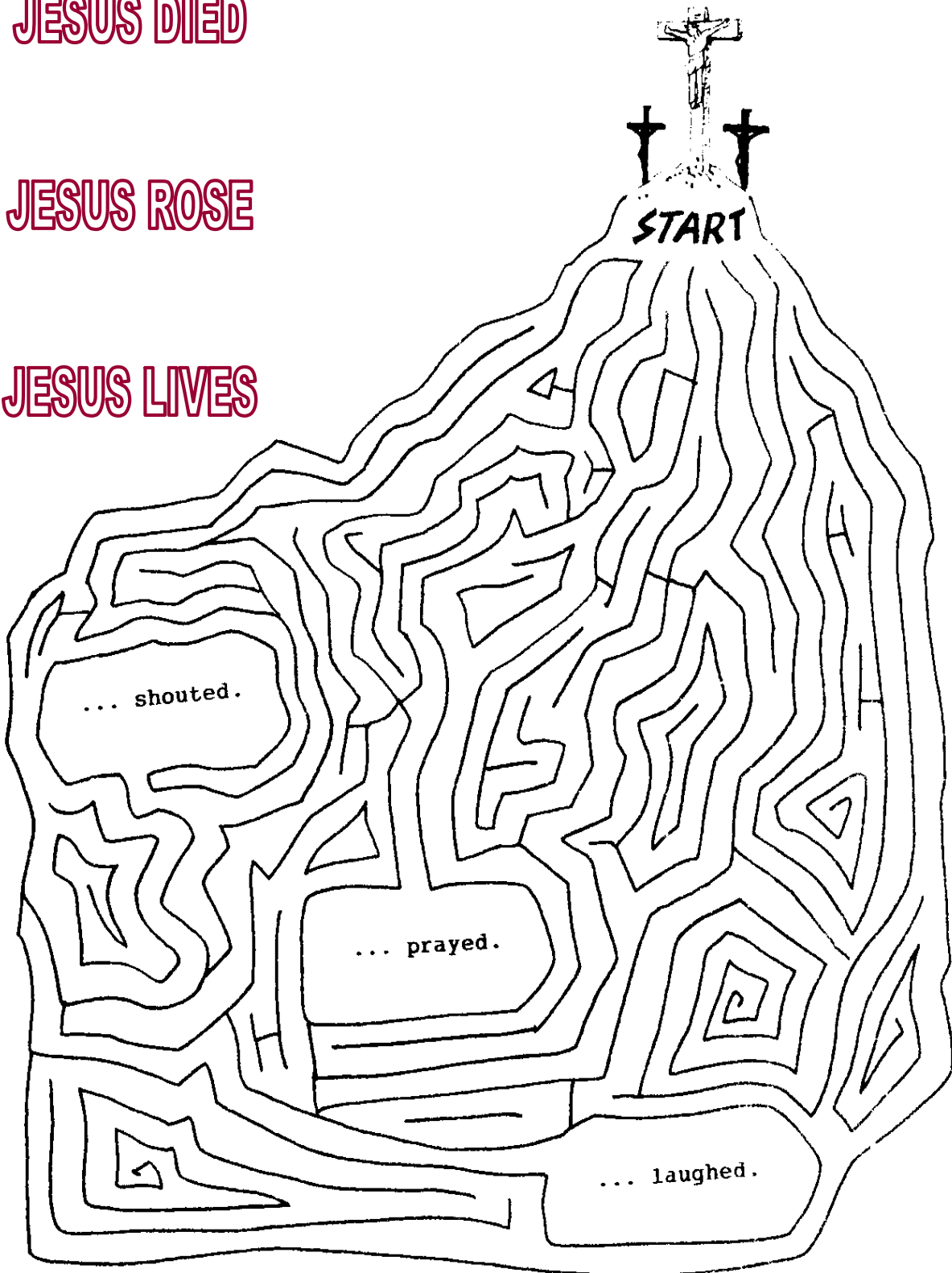
On the hillside of Calvary, the soldiers fastened Jesus' hands and feet to the cross. They raised the cross high in the air and planted it firmly in the ground. From the cross, Jesus ...

Travel through this maze to complete the sentence.

JESUS DIED

JESUS ROSE

JESUS LIVES



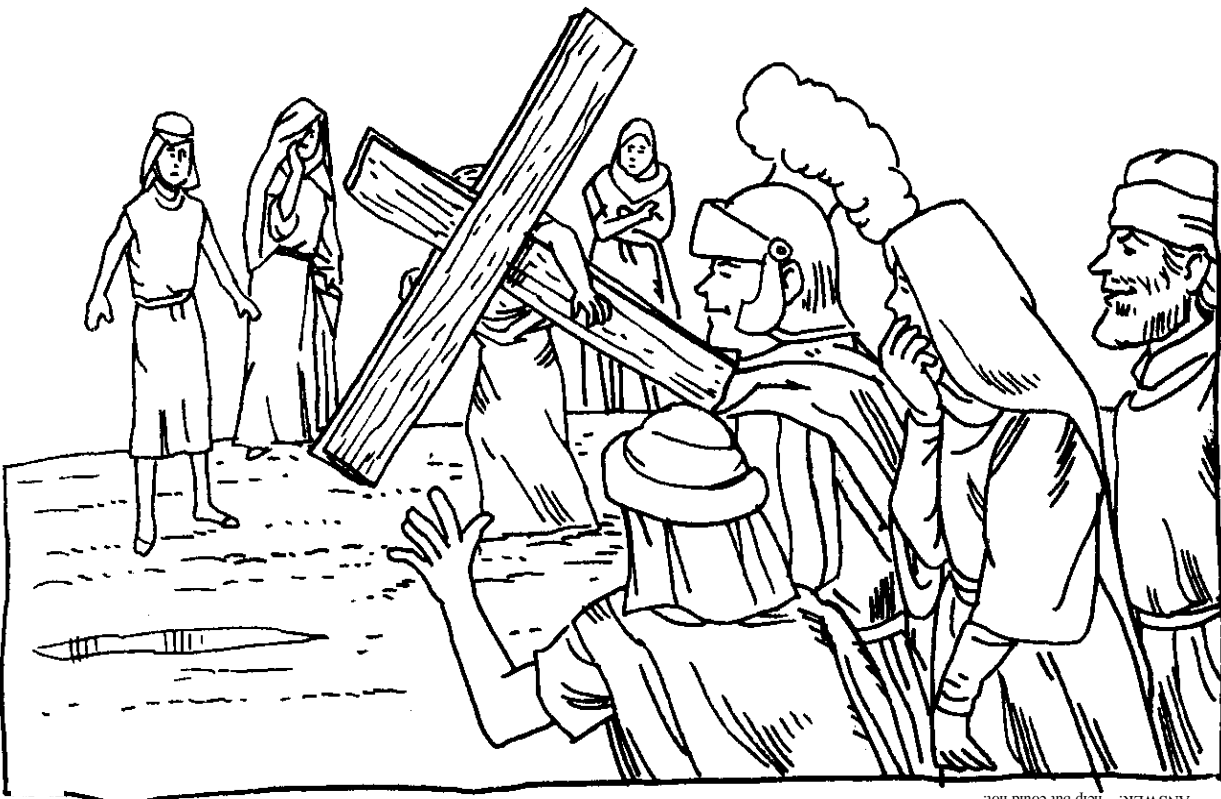
JESUS CRUCIFIED FOR WORLD'S SIN

Jesus was going to be crucified. A crowd of people followed Jesus and the soldiers. Many in the crowd were Jesus' enemies, others were friends who longed to

Circle the even numbered letters and list them in the spaces below.

12	H	16	E	5	B	7	C	11	S
13	R	1	E	2	L	21	S	8	P
5	T	10	B	4	U	7	U	9	P
6	T	17	D	1	P	3	E	20	C
5	L	18	O	7	Y	14	U	9	S
2	L	4	D	9	T	11	E	22	N
13	R	17	C	26	O	21	K	30	T

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ANSWER: help but could not.

JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS



AND ROSE AGAIN THREE DAYS LATER

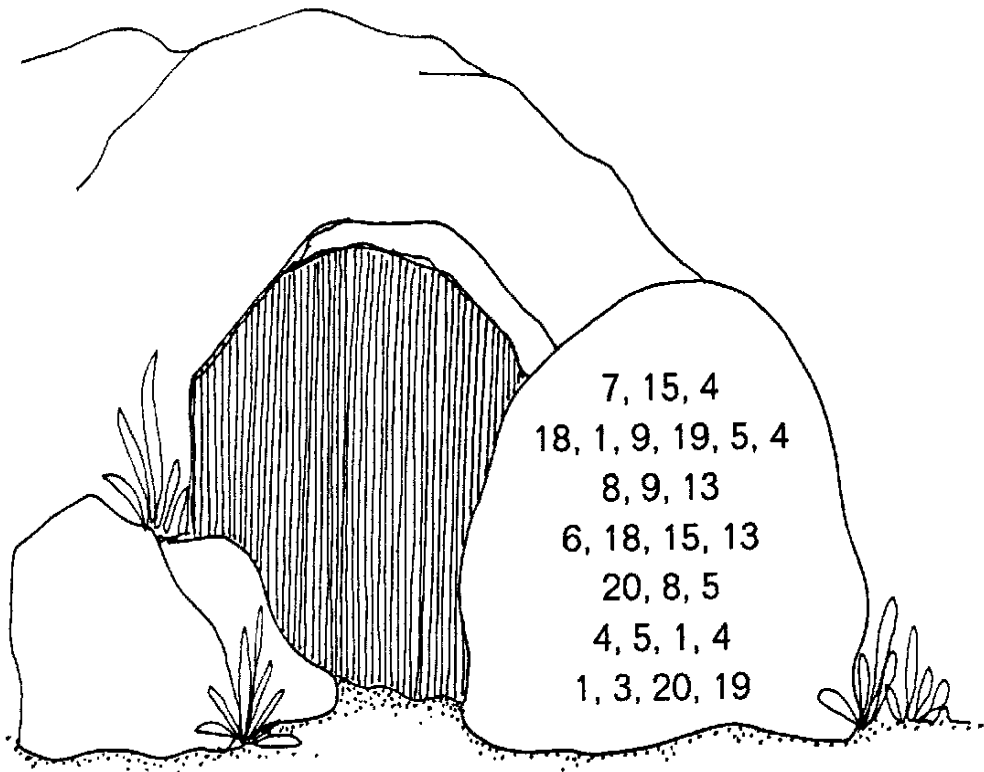
What does it mean to you that Jesus died for the sins of the world?

He is Risen!

You killed the author of life, but

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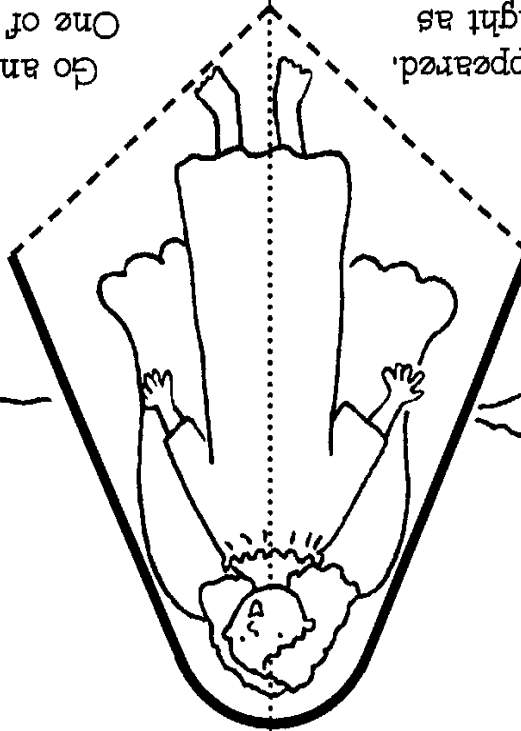
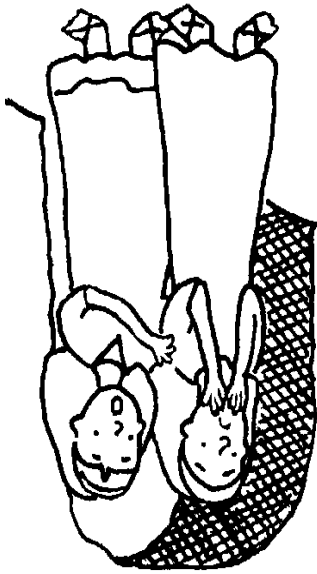
Fill in the blanks using the alphabet code below.



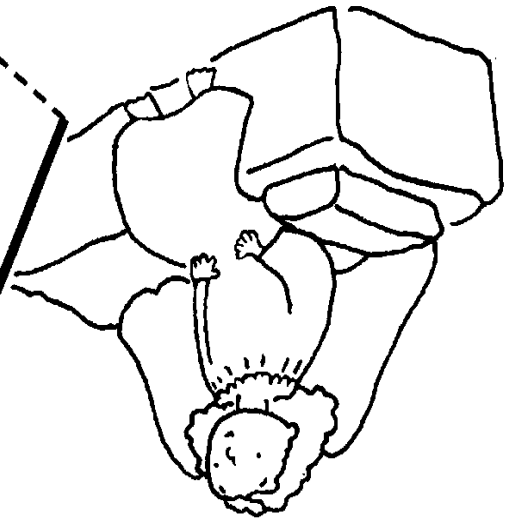
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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

TO MAKE A 3D CARD: Colour the pictures, cut along dark lines, fold on dotted lines, trim edges.

Go and tell His friends,"
One of the women, Mary
Magdalene, started to cry.



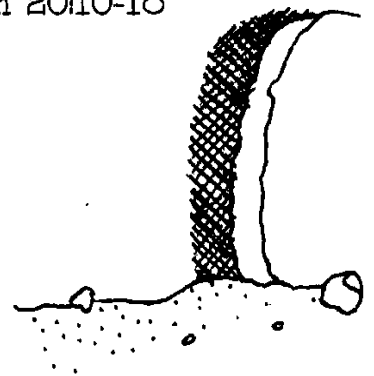
Suddenly two angels appeared.
Their clothes were as bright as
lightning. "Don't be afraid," they
said, "Jesus is not here. He is alive."



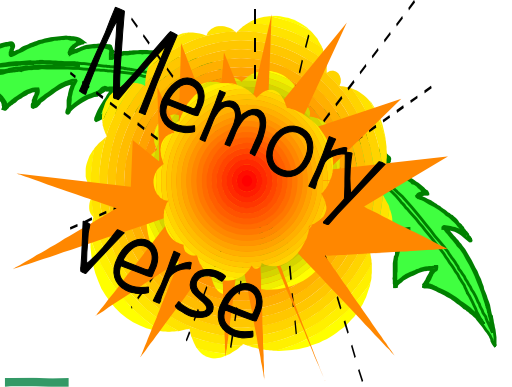
"Mary," said a voice from behind
her. When she turned around, she
saw Jesus, alive! She was so happy!
"Go and tell My brothers I am alive,"
Jesus said. Mary went to Jerusalem
to tell the good news to the disciples.

Resurrection

Luke 24:1-8,
John 20:10-18



Early Easter morning, some women
went to the tomb of Jesus. They
wondered who would roll the heavy
stone away from the door of the
tomb. When they got there, they
were surprised. The stone had been
rolled away already, and the tomb
was empty!

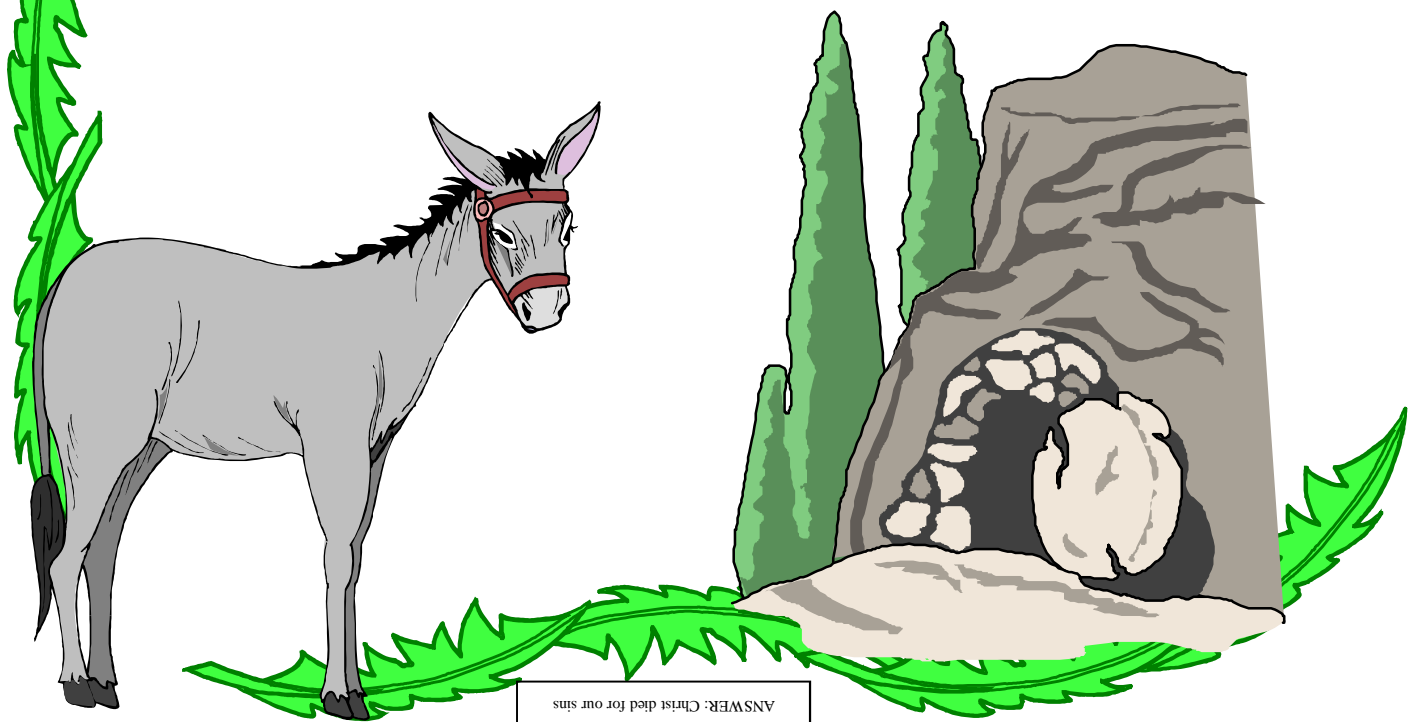


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(1 Corinthians 15:3b)



ANSWER: Christ died for our sins