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The Cross

Story and activities to do at home
while we are unable to meet.

Don't worry if you don't do everything in here.
Just do what you fancy and have fun!



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Story



New Living Translation

Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. "He saved others," they said, "let him save himself if he is really God's Messiah, the Chosen One." The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him



a drink of sour wine. They called out to him, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when

you come into your Kingdom." And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last.

When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent." And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow. But Jesus' friends, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching.

Luke 23:32-49

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Simple version

When Jesus was crucified there were two other men being crucified as well. They were criminals and were being punished. The soldiers sat around throwing dice to pass the time. Jesus said, "Father forgive them, they do not know what they are doing". The two men heard this and one of them asked Jesus "if you are the Saviour, why can't you save yourself and save us as well." The other man said, "be quiet, we deserve to be punished but he has done nothing wrong." Then he turned to Jesus and said "Jesus, remember me when you come back as King". Jesus answered, "you wont have to wait, you can come with me to heaven today."



Questions to discuss

After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:

1. Has anyone ever made fun of you? How did you feel?
2. Why were the people at the cross making fun of Jesus?
3. How does this make you feel?
4. Do you think what happened to Jesus was fair?



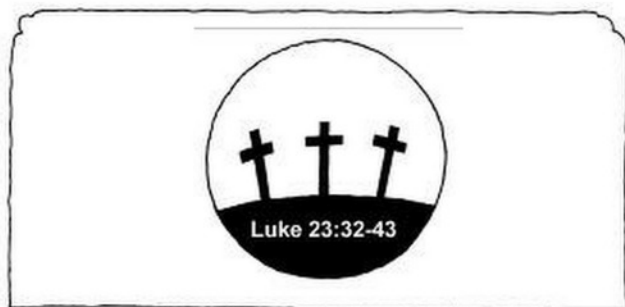
Story to colour

THE thief on the cross

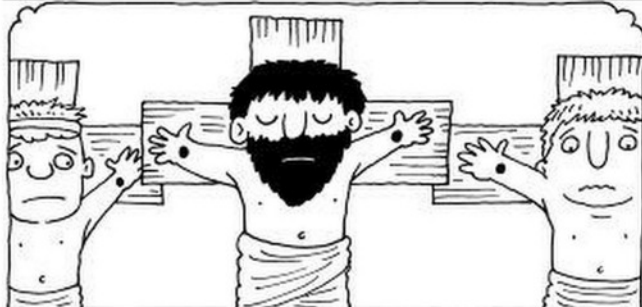
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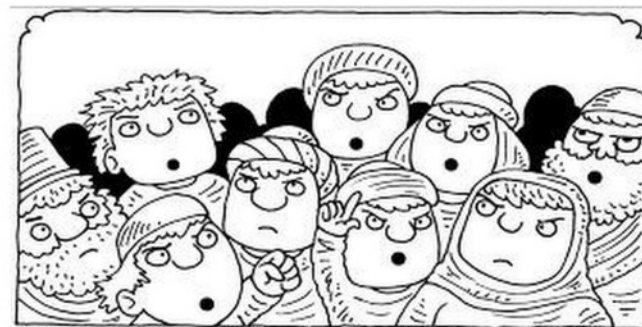
Two thieves saw and heard everything that happened when Jesus was being crucified. only one repented and was saved.



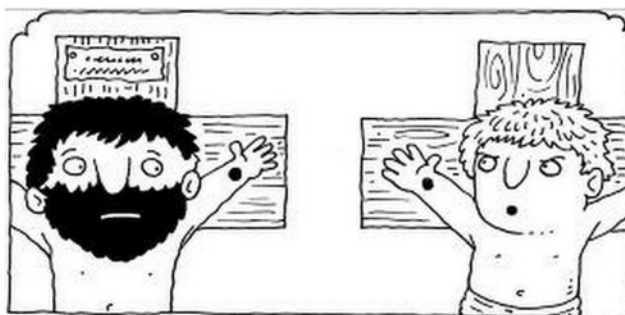
Jesus was crucified on a cross between two bad men who were being punished for stealing other people's things.



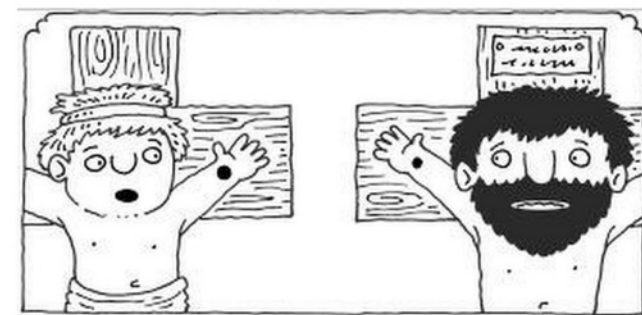
A Roman soldier nailed some words on the cross above Jesus. The words said, "This Is The King Of The Jews."



People in the crowd bowed down and made fun of Jesus, saying, "He saved others, so let him save himself if he is God's promised Messiah."



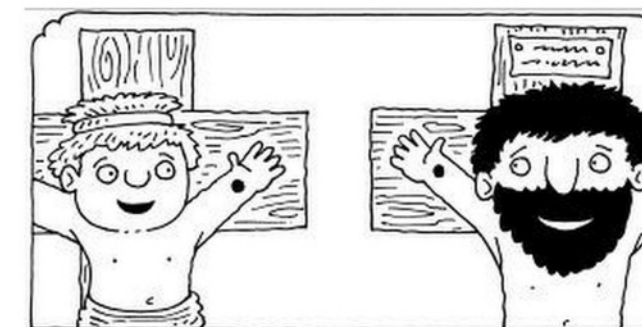
One of the bad men said to Jesus, "If you really are the promised Christ, then save yourself and save us too."



The other thief was sorry for all the bad things that he had done. "God knows that we deserve to pay for what we did, but Jesus has done nothing wrong."



"Jesus," he said, "remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered, "I tell you truthfully that today you will be with me in paradise!"



The man was forgiven and his heart was filled with peace and joy because he believed that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.

Short prayer

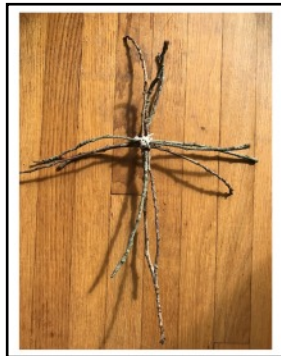
Dear God, the story of what happened to Jesus on the cross is very sad!
I'm sorry for the wrong things I have said or done.
Please forgive me.
Amen



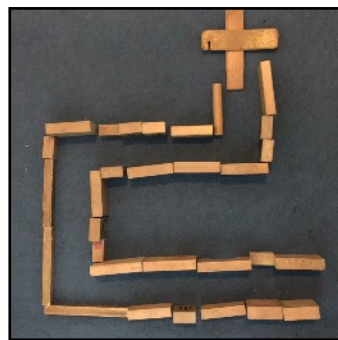
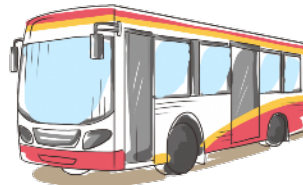
Challenges

Create a cross

Why not make a cross?
You could use paint to create a fingerprint cross, or use 2 lollipop sticks and decorate them with felt pens, or collect thin twigs and tie them with a piece of string.



Can you think of things that we miss sometimes?
Here are some examples. Draw your ideas below.



Use wooden bricks or
Lego to create a path for
Jesus to carry His cross to
Golgotha.

Sing

Jesus died upon the cross
to show the greatness of His love for me, for you.
To pay the cost of all my sin,
Jesus gave up everything for me, for you.

Why should it be that
He should love me so much?
But one thing I know;
the way that He's shown His love
is amazing to me.



Betrayed there in Gethsemane,
condemned to die on Calvary for me, for you.
But now I know when Jesus died
the gate of Heaven was opened wide
for me, for you.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me.

Watch this song and sing along at <https://youtu.be/kGChiH9YXlq>

If you want a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes ahughes@saintygymuned.org

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Puzzles

One cross is different from the others. Which one?
Colour in the one which is different.



Connect the words which are opposites.

Black

Enemy

Good

Night

Happy

White

Friend

Hard

Hot

Mean

Soft

Bad

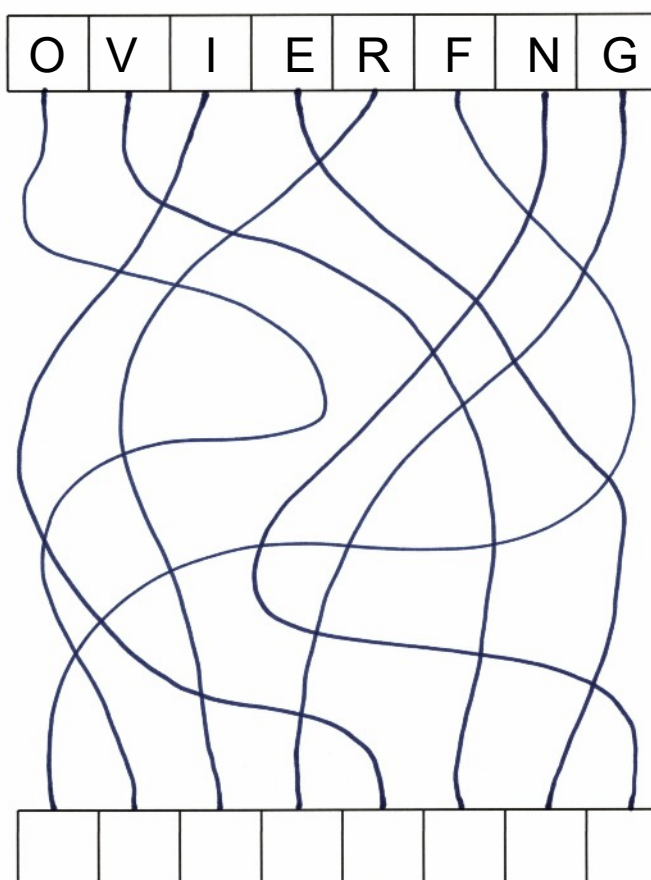
Kind

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Day

Sad

Follow the lines to find an important word.



Can you reorganise the tiles to discover the verse?

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Creative prayer

Jesus forgives

What usually happens if we do something wrong?
We get a punishment.

If you do something horrible to your brother or sister then getting sent to bed early might be the punishment.

Or if you haven't done your school work, the punishment might be to have to do it at playtime.

Imagine if someone else were willing to take the punishment instead!

When Jesus allowed them to put him on the cross, this is what He was doing. He took the punishment in our place.

Jesus took the punishment for all the bad things we have ever done.

When we say 'sorry' to Jesus for the bad things we have done, Jesus forgives us, and we get to be friends with God.

Think...

Jesus loves you with very great love!
Take a moment to think about something you want to say
'sorry' to God for.
Ask Jesus to forgive you.
Say thank you to Jesus for his great love.

Links



Video of the story
<https://youtu.be/QEckRj0OqxA>



Cartoon of the story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Video of song of the week
<https://youtu.be/kGChiH9YXlg>



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Wordsearch

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"Cross" biscuits

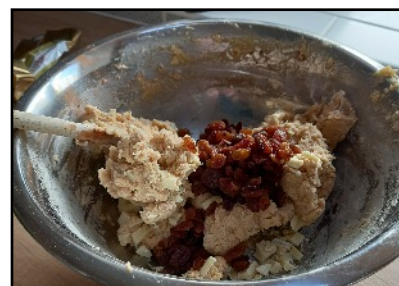
Ingredients:

- 100g of light muscovado sugar
- 200g of soft butter, and a little extra for greasing the baking trays
- 250g plain flour
- 2 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 200g white chocolate chips
- 100g of sultanas



Method:

- Preheat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease baking trays lightly with butter.
- In a large bowl, whisk the sugar, butter and egg until the mixture is smooth.
- Sift the flour, cinnamon and baking powder into the mixture to make dough.
- Add the sultanas and 100g of the white chocolate chips and mix them into the dough.
- Roll lumps of dough into balls the size of golf balls and then press them flat on the baking trays. Remember to leave enough space between them to spread out as they cook.
- Bake for 10 minutes until golden brown. Remove the biscuits from the trays and allow them to cool on a wire rack.
- Place the rest of the white chocolate in a bowl over a saucepan of warm water. Use a teaspoon or small piping bag to mark a cross on the top of each biscuit. The white chocolate must be allowed to harden before eating the biscuits.



Recipe



Cross game

You will need:

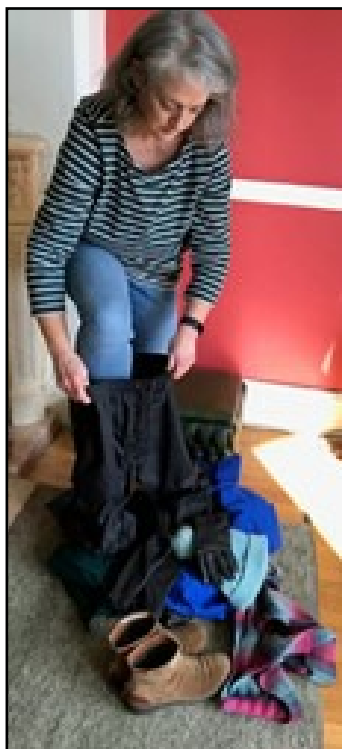
- Plastic cups - two different colors
- Ping pong balls

Place the cups in the shape of a cross and surround them with other cups as you can see in the picture.

How to play:

- Players will need to stand a reasonable distance away from the cups
- Take it in turns to throw the balls into the cups
- If you get a ball into a cup in the cross, you score 10 points.
- If you get a ball into one of the other cups, you score 5 points.

See who can score the most points.



Changing clothes race

You will need:

- Pile of clothes: trousers, t-shirt, socks, hat, coat, gloves, shoes - big enough to fit every person playing
- Timer

How to play:

- Put the clothes in a pile at one end of the room.
- The players stand at the other end of the room.
- The first player runs to the clothes pile and gets dressed.
- He comes back and removes the clothes for the next person to wear.
- If another person is playing, they go to the end of the room and remove the clothes.
- Then the next person retrieves the clothes and puts them on.
- Do this until everyone has dressed and undressed.
- Remember to time how long it takes.
- Play again to try and improve your time!

Don't say 'yes' or 'no'

You need 2 players to play the game.

- One person asks the other a question.
- The other player is not allowed to answer 'yes' or 'no' to the question - they must think of another way of answering.

Like this: Question: "Is this your jumper?"

Correct Answer: "This is my jumper."

- If they answer "yes" or "no", the player has failed.
- This person then asks the other player a question.
- Whoever manages to answer most questions without saying "yes" or "no" is the winner.