

The Great Parade



Shouted, "Hosanna!
Blessed is the king!"

Formed a parade
with a band.

Threw confetti on Jesus
as he rode along.

Placed branches
on the road.

Threw their coats
on the road.

Waved flags of
many colors.

Listen carefully
to the Bible.

Put branches on the road in
front of your church.

Sing songs of praise to Jesus.

Read one book every week.

Have a Jesus parade.

Pray to Jesus.

Obey Jesus' teaching.

Eat fruit for breakfast.

Be kind to others.

If you put a ? on any box, talk
about it with someone riding with
you. What does that person think?

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On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Grab a pencil. This activity has two parts.

Part 1. The words in the yellow boxes tell about the people who thought Jesus would be their earthly king. Read the words in the boxes. **Circle** the boxes that tell what people did as they ran along with Jesus. Draw a large **X** on the boxes that tell it wrong. Put a large **?** on a box if you are not sure.

Part 2. The words in the blue boxes suggest ways we can celebrate and honor Jesus as the king of our lives. Use the **circle**, the **X**, and the **?**, just as you did in Part 1.



The Great Parade

Based on Mathew 21: 1-17

It was spring. Crowds of people were on their way to Jerusalem. Once every year, God's people went to that big city to celebrate the Feast of the Passover. There they remembered all the good things God had done for them.

Jesus and his disciples were eager to celebrate in Jerusalem too. As they came near the city, Jesus stopped. "Run ahead," he told two of his disciples. "Search for a donkey tied to a post. Untie it and bring it to me."

"But, Lord," the disciples said, "what if someone asks us what we're doing?"

"If anyone tries to stop you, say that the Lord needs it," Jesus said.

The disciples wondered about it: Why would Jesus need a donkey? It seemed unusual. But they hurried off. They found a donkey tied to a post in the village, just as Jesus had told them. And sure enough, as they began to untie the donkey, someone asked, "What are you doing?"

"Jesus needs your donkey," the disciples replied. They took the donkey and brought it to Jesus as fast as they could.

Jesus' disciples put their coats on the donkey's back to make a soft seat for Jesus to sit on. Jesus climbed on the donkey's back and began riding toward Jerusalem. The disciples followed, still wondering why.

Just then an amazing thing happened. When the crowds in Jerusalem heard that Jesus was coming, they ran to meet

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him. “Why, he looks like a king riding into Jerusalem!” they said. “Wouldn’t it be wonderful to make Jesus our king?”

The idea caught on. Some people threw their coats on the road in front of Jesus. Others tore branches from trees to spread on the road. Men, women, and children gathered in a great parade. They shouted, “Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!”

As the parade came closer to Jerusalem, more people joined in. The people followed Jesus right to the temple. But when Jesus went into the temple he saw something that made him sad—and angry. People were buying and selling things inside. Instead of a place of worship and prayer, it was more like a busy store. Jesus threw the sellers out.

People who were sick or unable to walk or to see heard that Jesus was in Jerusalem. So they joined the crowd

and headed for the temple. Jesus healed them!

While all of that was going on, the children were in the temple, still calling out, “Hosanna! Hosanna to the king!” The temple leaders didn’t like the noise, but Jesus loved to hear the children’s praise.

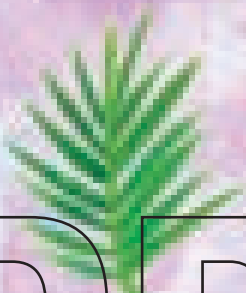
Right in the middle of it all, Jesus slipped out of the temple and away from the crowd. What a day! It started out with a noisy parade and ended so quietly.

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Celebration Calendar

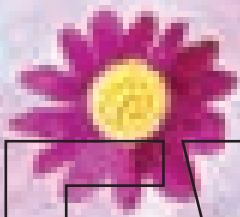
Palm Sunday

Sing a song of praise!



Monday

Take a nature walk with your family. What kinds of new life can you see?



Tuesday

Thank God for each member of your family.



Wednesday

Make cookies or a card for someone who is sick or just needs a friend.



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Thursday

Do all your chores today without having to be reminded.



Good Friday

Ask God to forgive you for hurting others or for something else you may have done wrong.



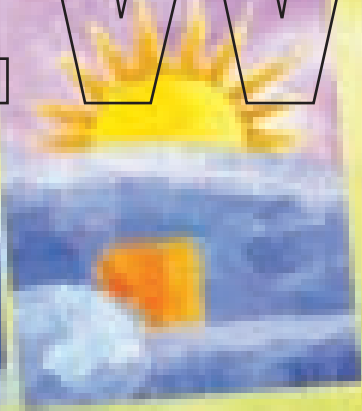
Saturday

Make a thank-you card for your pastor or church school leader.



Sunday

Celebrate Easter!



Memory Challenge:



Matthew 28:5-6

Dear Family:

We started a new unit today—one that contains the stories of Jesus' last days on earth. We also celebrated Palm Sunday and saw Jesus receive a king's welcome. Save the calendar on this page and enjoy the activities when you celebrate Holy Week at your home. You'll find other ways to explore Palm Sunday on God's Big Story card, #127. This low-resolution preview may not be printed or distributed. To order copies, visit DwellCurriculum.org or call 800-333-8300.



school friend

mom

Jesus

The Footwashing

grandpa

sister

Jesus

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school teacher

neighbor



cousin

dad

On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Ready for a challenge? Try to walk the whole path—from the starting stone to the finish stone! At each stone, give one example of how that person helps you and how you help them. You may skip a stone only if you do not have a sister, for example, or you don't have a grandma who is living. Otherwise, stop at every stone. There are several stones that say "Jesus." Each time, try to give different examples than before. Ready? Set? Go for it!

grandma

brother

Jesus

The Footwashing

Based on John 13:1-17

Read the story scene. Then take a careful look at the picture that goes with it. You will need a pencil or marker to draw the things that are missing in each picture.



Scene 1

It was time for the Feast of the Passover. Jesus and his disciples celebrated together. But when they entered the room where the supper was prepared, something seemed wrong. The food was ready. The table was set—the dishes were all on the table. The food smelled delicious. The cushions were already on the floor around the table. But . . .

“Where’s the servant?” wondered the disciples. You see, when Jesus lived on earth, it was always the job of a servant to wash the dirty feet of the guests who came to dinner. But not today. There was no servant to greet them.

Scene 2

The disciples certainly did not want the job! No one wanted to be a servant. No one wanted to wash his friends’ dusty, dirty feet. So Jesus and his disciples sat down on the cushions, dusty feet and all.

Then Jesus did something surprising. He got up, took off his outer robe, and laid it on a chair. He picked up a towel and wrapped it around his waist. He filled a bowl with water and knelt in front of the disciple who was next to him. Quietly Jesus began to wash his feet. The disciples were amazed. They wondered why Jesus was acting like a servant. That shouldn’t be!



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Scene 3

Jesus went around the table and washed the disciples' feet, one at a time, as the disciples watched. They were confused. But they didn't know what to say. But when Jesus came to Peter, Peter jumped up and said, "Lord, that's a job for servants, not for you! You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered, "Peter, you don't understand what I'm doing now, but later you will. If I don't wash your feet, you won't be able to follow me."

"Well," said Peter, "then don't stop with my feet. Wash my hands and head too!"

Jesus smiled. "No, Peter. Just your dusty feet need to be washed now." Jesus took off Peter's sandals and set them beside Peter's cushion. Then Jesus washed Peter's feet.

Scene 4

When Jesus was finished, he picked up his robe and put it back on. He laid the towel on the chair and set the bowl of water on the floor next to it. Then Jesus turned to his disciples and asked, "Do you understand what I've done here tonight?"

The disciples knew that Jesus had washed their feet—but they had no idea why. Then Jesus explained it. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord.' And you're right. I am your Teacher and your Lord. But I am willing to do anything for you, even wash your dusty feet like a servant, because I love you. And I'd like you to do that too. Love and serve each other and others in the same way that I've loved and served you tonight."



PREVIEW

A Servant's Heart

Dear Jesus, give me a servant's heart. Amen.

Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 28:5-6

Dear Family:

Ask your child to use the pictures on pages 2 and 3 to retell today's story about Jesus—you can use the story along with the matching story symbol in your God's Big Story cards, #130. Above you'll find your child's ideas for helping others this week. Encourage your child to follow through on these plans—perhaps there is a way you can serve together!

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A Sad Night

Peter lied. He said that he didn't know Jesus. We sometimes do that without realizing it. Think about how you *could* answer these questions. Then tell how you *would* answer them if you wanted others to know that you know and love Jesus.

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- Your neighbor asks you why you go to church.
- A friend asks why you won't steal a candy bar too.
- Your cousin asks you why you won't lie to your mom.



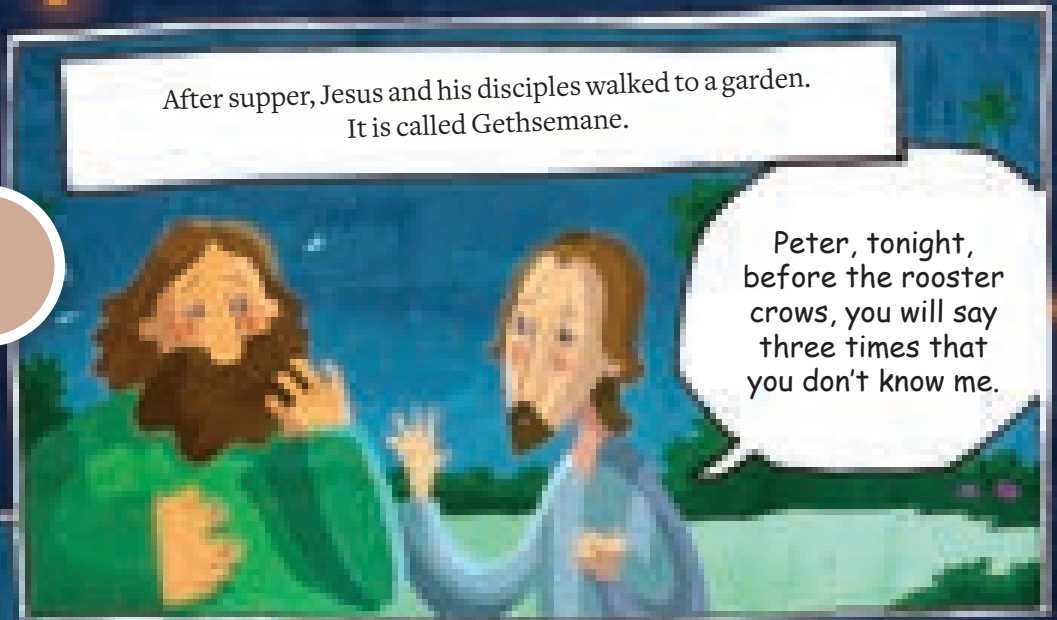
On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Grab a pencil and connect the dots to create the animal in today's story. Then read the questions on that animal. Talk with others about them as you head home.

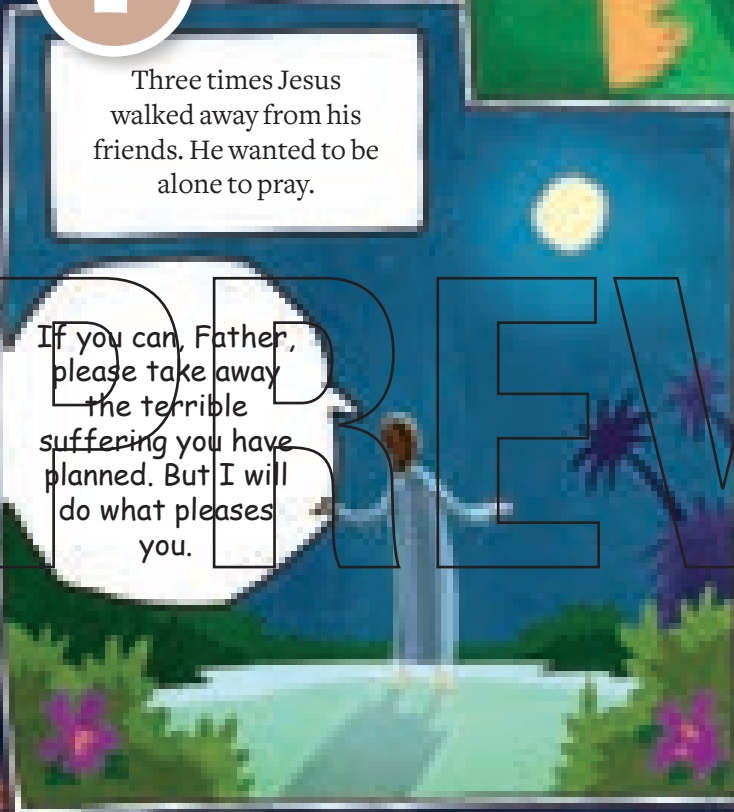
A Sad Night

Based on Matthew 26:31-50, 69-75

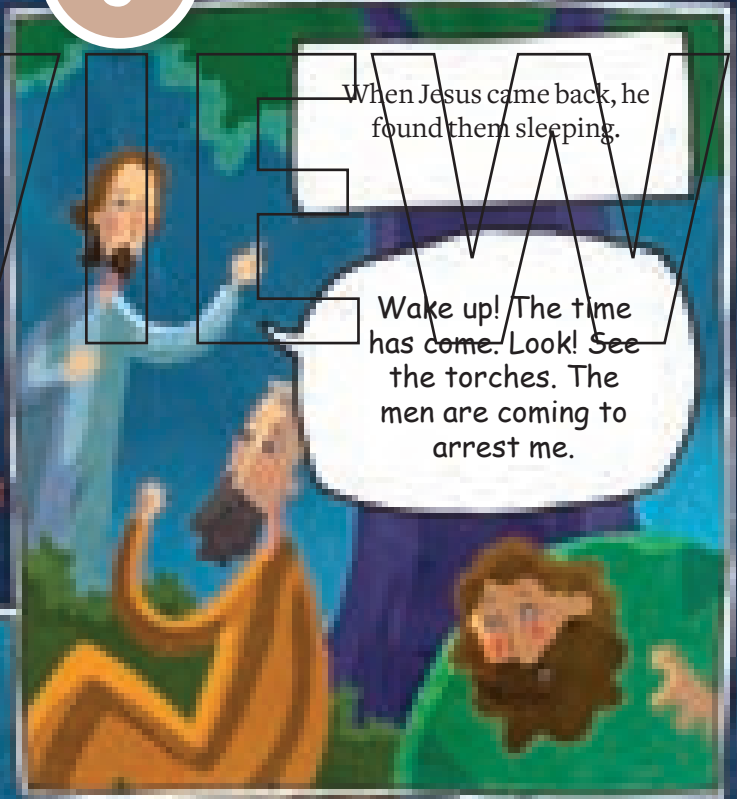
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Judas came with an angry mob. Judas ran up to Jesus and greeted him.



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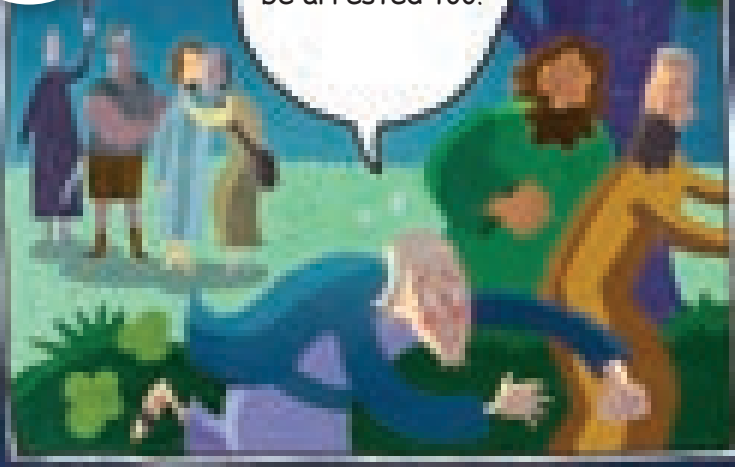
The men took Jesus to the house of the high priest. Peter followed, staying a little behind. He didn't want to be seen.



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Judas gave Jesus a kiss. The angry men arrested Jesus. The disciples were afraid. They all ran away.

Oh no, we could be arrested too!

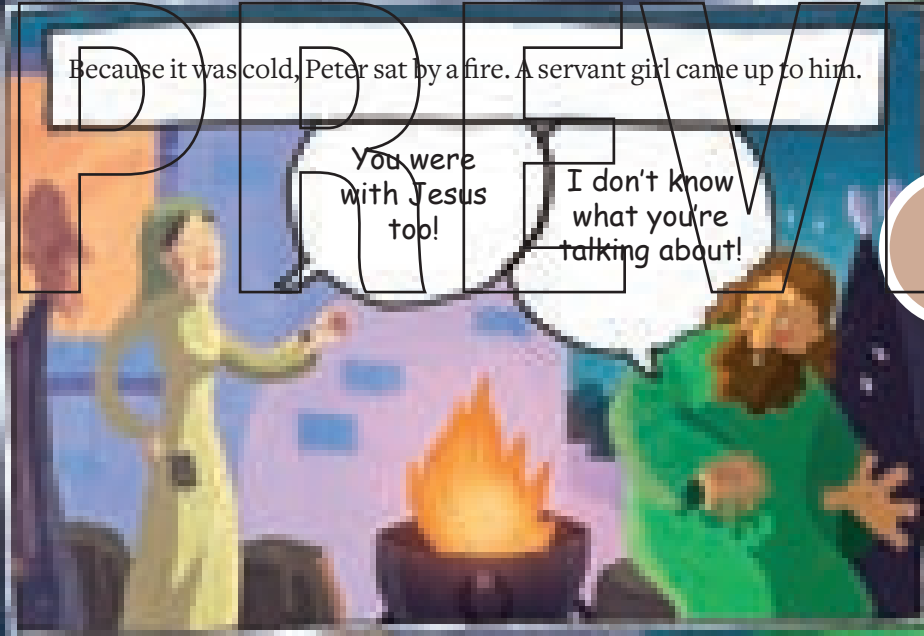


Because it was cold, Peter sat by a fire. A servant girl came up to him.

You were with Jesus too!

I don't know what you're talking about!

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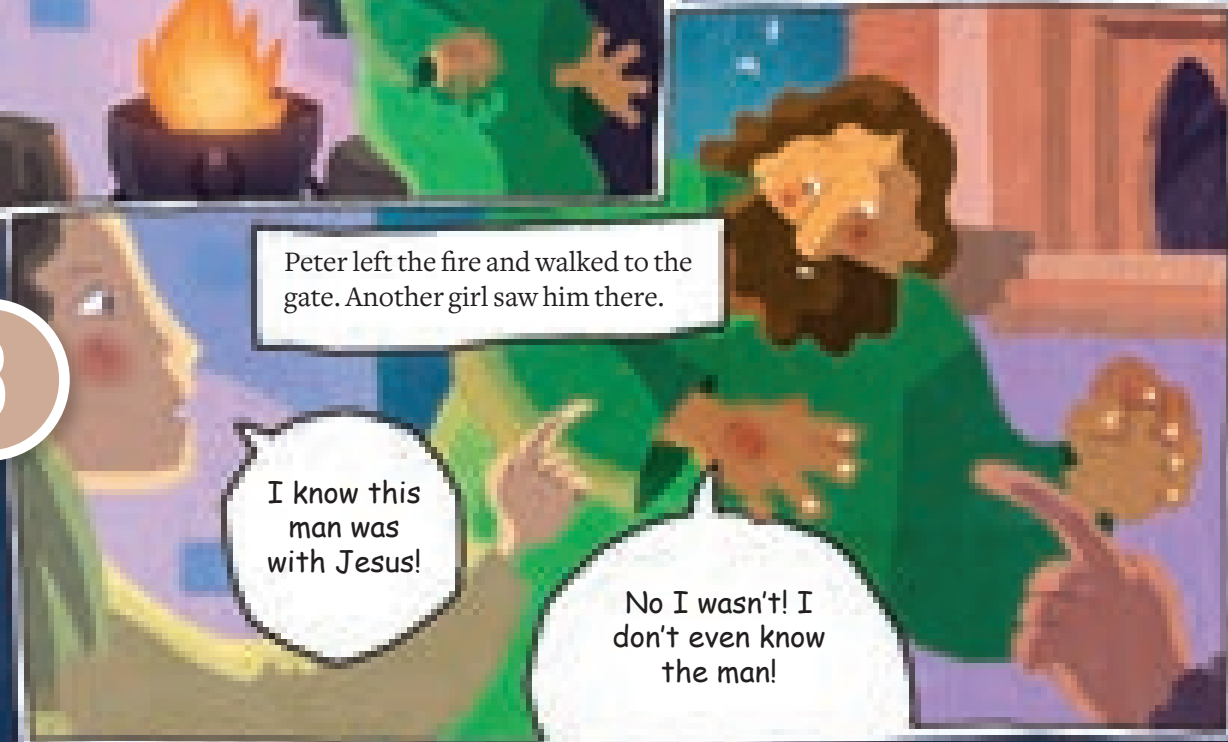
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Peter left the fire and walked to the gate. Another girl saw him there.

I know this man was with Jesus!

No I wasn't! I don't even know the man!



Soon after, other men spoke to Peter.

You must be one of Jesus' followers. You talk just like he does. You've got to be one of them!

I don't know what you mean! I swear I don't know the man.

9

Peter ran outside and fell down on his knees. He cried and cried and cried.

11

10

Just then a rooster crowed three times. Suddenly Peter remembered Jesus' words.

Ko-Ko-Ko!

Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 28:5-6

Dear Family:

Today we talked about Jesus' amazing willingness to go to the cross for us! Ask your child to tell the story using the story pictures. Thank Jesus together for going to the cross alone. Thank him too for forgiving us even when we disappoint him. For more on this story, find today's symbol in your God's Big Story cards.



Gethsemane Gazette

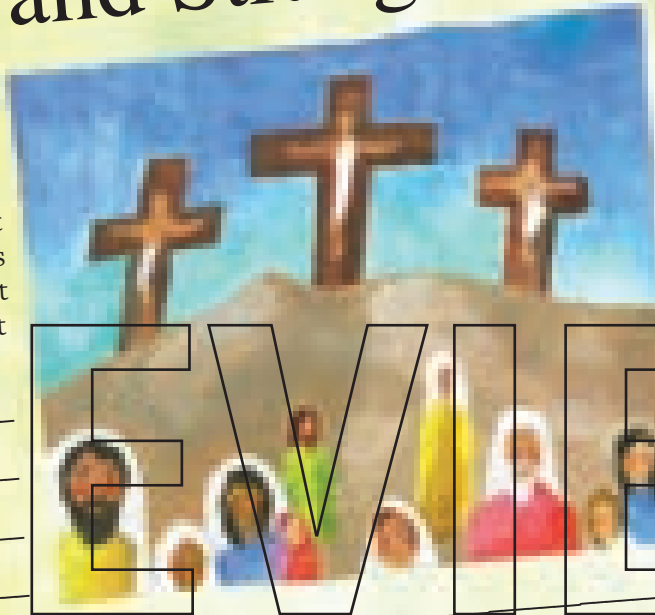
One Dollar

The Early News

SUNDAY

Strange and Stranger

Several people were in the crowd on Friday afternoon, the time when Jesus is reported to have died. They talked about some very strange things that happened that afternoon. They said that



Mary Brings the News

Mary, the woman who went to the tomb very early this morning, hurried to tell the disciples that Jesus is alive. When she told Peter, his face _____

PREVIEW

He said, _____



On the Way Home

Hey Kids! Grab a pencil! You are the reporter for the *Gethsemane Gazette*. It's your job to write the news. Start by reading the headlines for the Sunday morning newspaper. Then finish each story. For some, you will have to imagine what happened.

Mourners at the Cross

Several people gathered at the foot of the cross—soldiers, Jesus' friends, and others who just wanted to see what was happening. When Jesus died, the crowd broke up. These are a few things they said.

A friend of Jesus: _____

A soldier: _____

A bystander: _____

Today: Sunny
High 56/Low 40

Tomorrow: Sunny
High 54/Low 36

Tue: Sunny
High 60/Low 46

Wed: Mostly Sunny
High 56/Low 42

Thu: Mostly Cloudy
High 54/Low 40

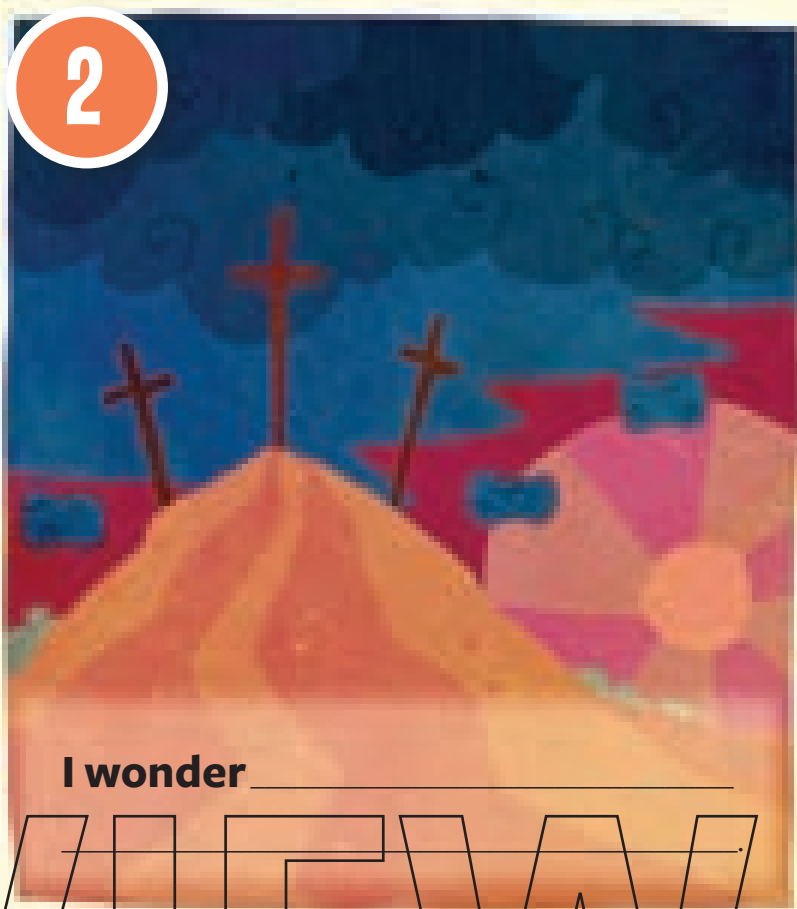
Fri: Few Showers
High 45/Low 37

Sat: Partly Cloudy
High 51/Low 35





2



I wonder _____

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Jesus Died

Based on Matthew

On Good Friday Jesus died on the cross for you. As you walk along the story path, imagine the scene. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you think? What do you wonder? Write your thoughts.



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I wonder _____

6

I wonder _____

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I wonder _____

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Jesus Lives!

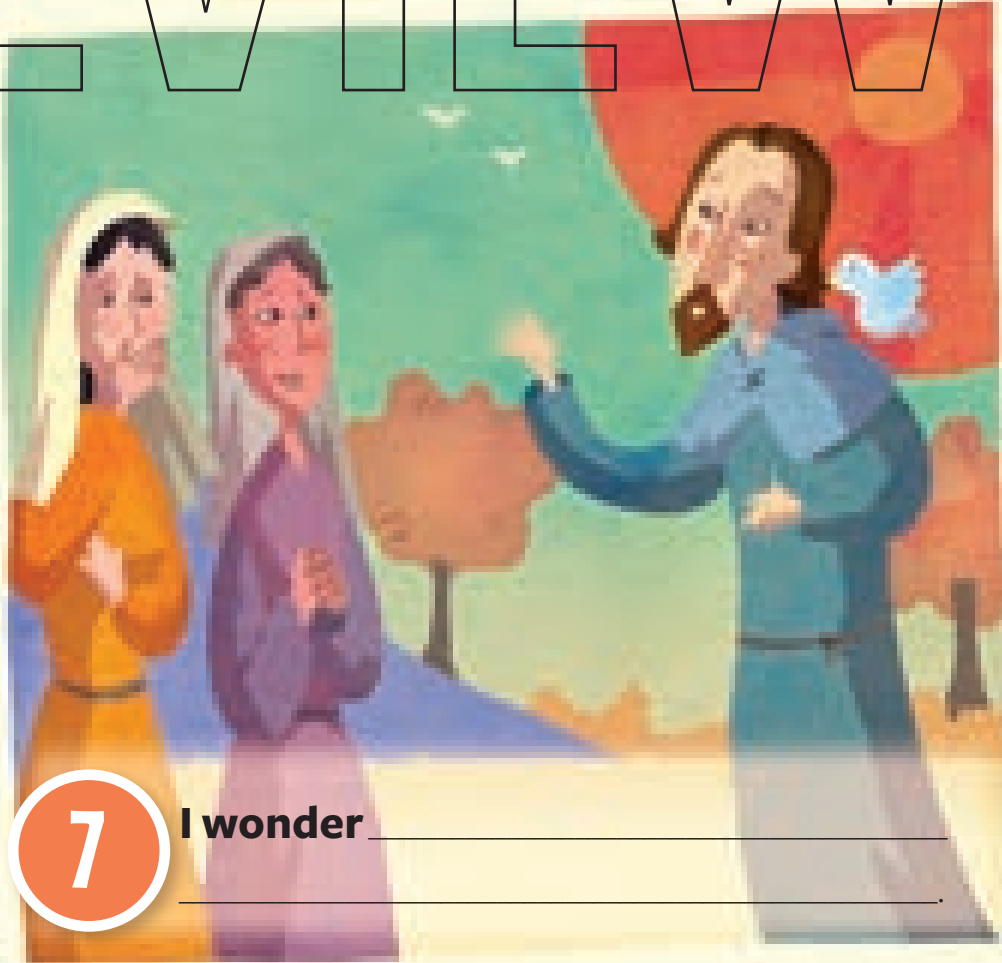
Matthew 27:27-66; 28:1-10

for us. Three days later he became alive again. As if you were there. What do you wonder at each step? Write it on the lines.



4

I wonder _____



7

I wonder _____

Hey Kids! Go tell the good news! Help Mary and Mary Magdalene find the fastest path to the disciples!

PREVIEW

Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 28:5-6

Dear Family:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! That was the resounding praise your child participated in today. Our feelings moved from fear and sadness at Jesus' death to joy, wonder, and amazement at his resurrection. Celebrate Christ's resurrection as a family. Let your child lead the way by retelling the story, using the pictures on pages 2 and 3. It's an amazing story. Wonder about the details together. Be sure to read the articles your child wrote on the front of this paper.

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On the Road to Emmaus

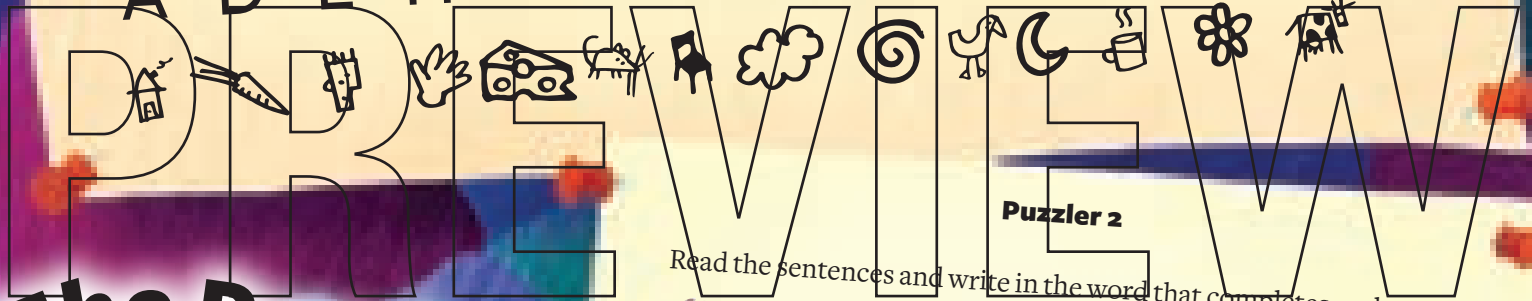


Puzzler 1

The message below is in secret code. Use the chart to crack the code!



A D E H I J L O P R S T U V



The Puzzlers





On the Way Home



Hey Kids! Grab a pencil and get busy!
The Puzzlers are waiting for you!



Puzzler 2

Read the sentences and write in the word that completes each one.



 and his  didn't know who _____
was at first.

At supper,  broke _____.

 appeared to the eleven  and said,
"_____."

The  thought they saw a _____
when they first saw .

The  said that _____ had already
seen .

The  were _____ when they knew
that  was alive.

True Surprises

Based on Luke 24: 13-49



Bible



Cleopas



Friend



Jesus

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disciples

It was the evening of Jesus' resurrection. Cleopas and his friend were walking home.

Why did Jesus have to die?

This morning some women went to the tomb. Jesus' body was gone. An angel told them that Jesus is alive.

Some say Jesus is alive. But how can that be?

Peter checked the tomb too. Sure enough, it was empty!

Just then a stranger began to walk with them.

But don't you know these things had to happen?

What are you talking about? You look so sad.

You must be a visitor in town. Haven't you heard what's happened?

The stranger told them many ways the Bible had already predicted these events. Cleopas and his friend were surprised that this man was so wise. Before they knew it, they were at Cleopas's house.

No, what?

Jesus, our friend and teacher, is dead. We thought he was going to save us. But three days ago Jesus died on the cross.

Please, sir, stay and have supper with us. Then we can talk some more.

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They went into the house and sat down to eat. The stranger took the bread and thanked God for it. Then he broke the bread. At once Cleopas and his friend knew that it was Jesus. Just then, Jesus was gone!



Peace be with you.



The disciples were afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.



Why are you afraid? Look at my hands and feet. It's really me. Touch me and see. Ghosts don't have bones and skin like I do.



Let's go back to Jerusalem right now and tell the other disciples.



They ran all the way back and found the disciples.



Someone gave Jesus a piece of fish and he ate it. Then Jesus talked to the disciples for a long time.



It's true. Jesus is alive! Peter has seen him.



Everything has happened just like God said it would.



Yes, we saw him too! We didn't know who he was at first.



We invited him to supper. He said the prayer and broke the bread. We knew at once that it was Jesus. But before we could say anything, he was gone.



Then Jesus disappeared. But the disciples were happy. They knew for sure that Jesus was alive!

PREVIEW



Suddenly Jesus was right in the room with them!



Litany of Praise

For loving us so much—
Jesus, we praise you!
For telling us about yourself in the Bible—
Jesus, we praise you!
For staying on the path to the cross—
Jesus, we praise you!
For dying on the cross for us—
Jesus, we praise you!
For showing us that you are alive—
Jesus, we praise you!
For being with us today—
Jesus we praise you!

Get a pencil and write your own litany
of praise to Jesus.

Be sure to write your name at the end so people will know who wrote it.

For _____
Jesus I praise you!

For _____
Jesus I praise you!

For _____
Jesus, I praise you!

For _____
Jesus, I praise you!

Written by _____

Dear Family:

Jesus is alive again and is with us now! Today's story affirmed that wonderful truth for your child. Read the story or act it out together. For your family devotions use the litanies.

Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 28:5-6

Thomas, the Doubter



Really Big Question

The Bible says that Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive! Can you believe it without seeing it?

1. Do you know a story your parents or grandparents tell about you? A story about when you were too young to remember it? It may be something funny that you did. Write it down.

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2. Ask the people riding with you to tell a story about themselves that they heard from their parents—maybe something funny they did when they were too little to remember.

3. Ask if they believe the story about them is true.

Yes No

4. Chances are that everyone believes the stories are true, even though they can't remember them. Why? Maybe it's because the person who tells the story is someone you trust—someone who would not lie to you.

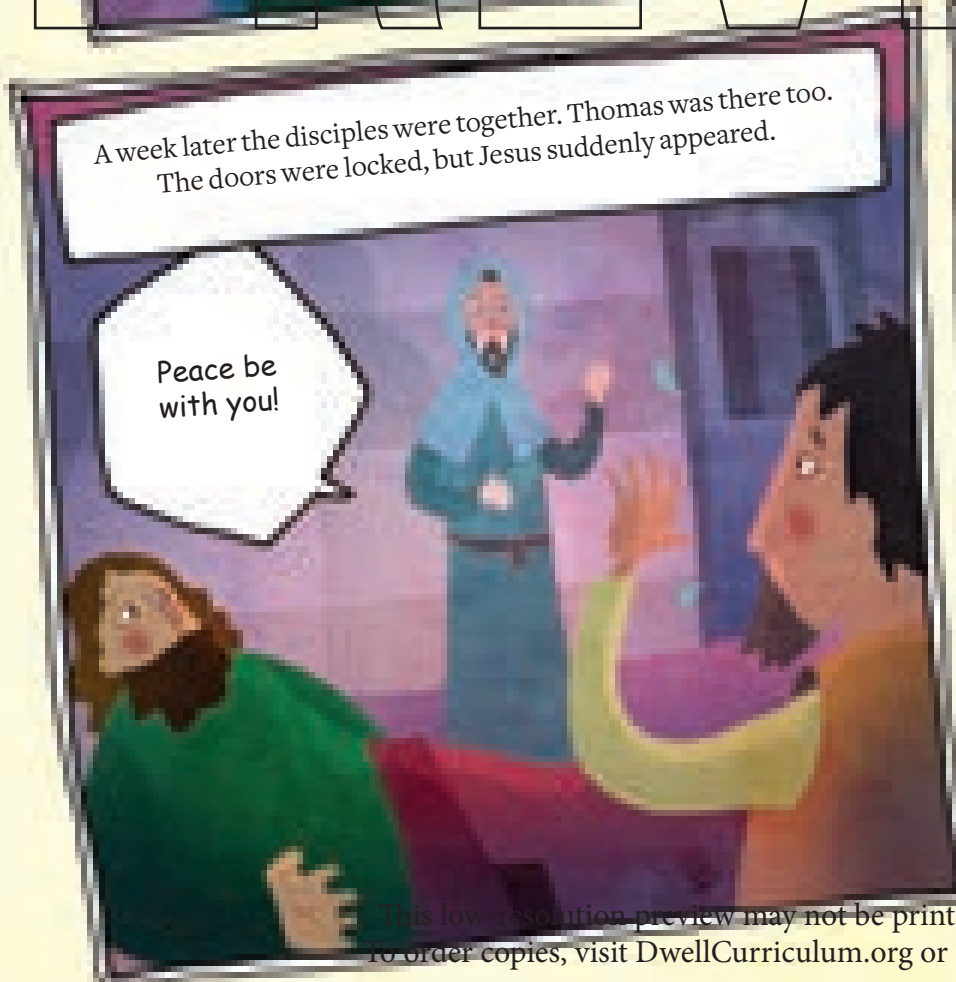
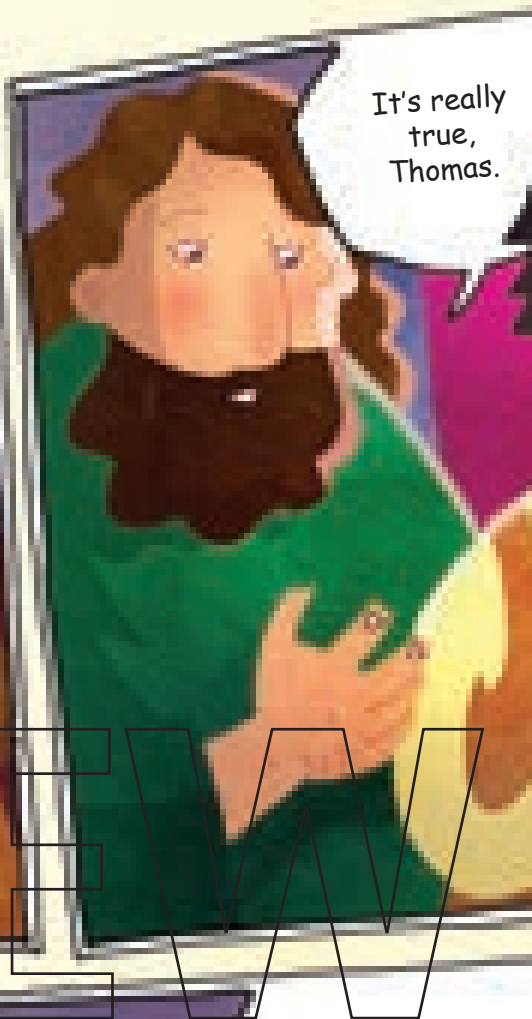


On the Way Home

Hey Kids! We believe a lot of things that we don't see. Think about it. Do the four questions. Then ask yourself the Really Big Question!

Thomas Believes

Based on John 20: 24-31





Where's Grandpa?

PREVIEW

You see Grandpa's cap, suitcase, coffee cup and the bag of donuts he always brings. But you don't see Grandpa. Do you think he is there even though you don't see him right now?

Memory



Challenge:

Matthew 28:5-6

Dear Family:

Jesus is alive! Today your child heard about Jesus' appearance to Thomas, confirming for Thomas and for us that Jesus is indeed alive. Relive that event with your child as you read the story on pages 2 and 3. Have your child find today's story symbol in the God's Big Story cards and use the activities to dive deeper into the story together. Most of all, do share your own belief that Jesus is alive!

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