

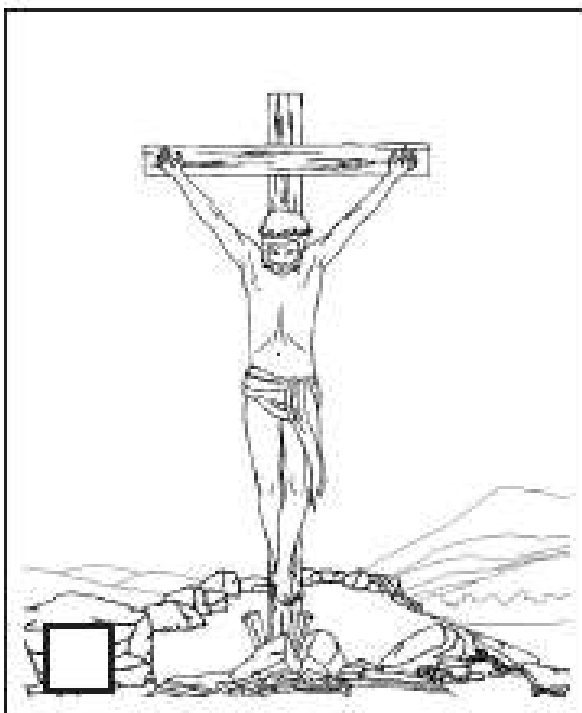
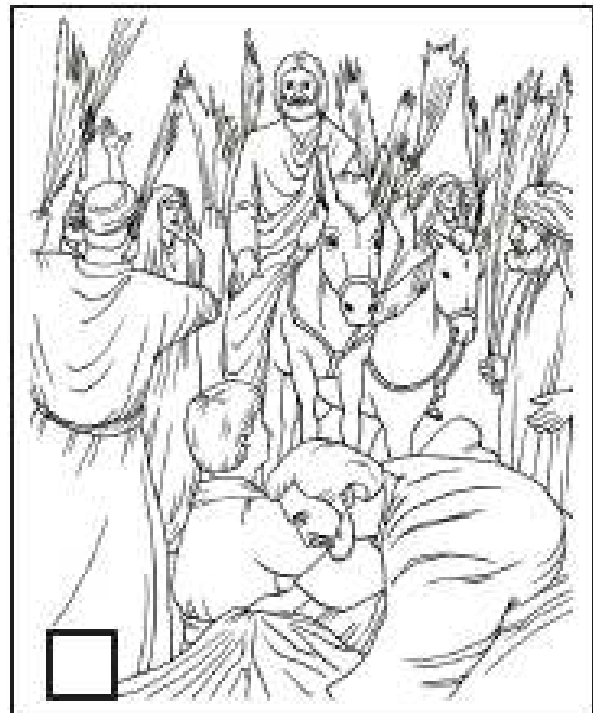
The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Jesus

The week after the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Jesus suffered a lot: Judas betrayed Jesus. Peter denied him. The disciples left him, and the crowds laughed at him. Then he died on the cross. All these sufferings were underserved. But Jesus knew this was going to happen. This was his mission: to die for our sins so that we might have eternal life. But can a dead person give eternal life? No. So, three days after his death, Jesus rose from the dead. That's why we are so happy and say: Christ is risen!



"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."
John 11:25

What is happening in these pictures? Which is the correct order of events?



Do you know what the Bible says in John 3:16?



Lesson 23

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Bible Text: Luke 22, 23, 24:1-12.

Key Verse: John 11:25.

Purpose: The children will discover the significance of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Please note!

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

I. Lesson

Teach the lesson before working on the coloring page.

Suggestions:

For younger children, tell the story using the images from a children's Bible. Through your discussions make sure that the children understand God's love, Jesus' sacrifice and eternal life. Answers should be simple for the children to understand them.

For older children, divide them into teams of two or more children. Each child can do something. One child can read the Bible text, while the others can ask the questions about the text. Help the children discuss the questions, using the following ideas:

Texts and questions:

Team #1: Luke 22:1-30

What does Passover mean for the Jewish people?

What does Passover (Easter) mean to you?

With whom did Jesus celebrate the Passover?

With whom do you celebrate Easter?

What did Jesus do before eating?

Do you pray before you eat?

Who is great in God's eyes?

Are you great in God's eyes?

Team #2: Luke 22:31-53

How did Jesus know that Peter would deny him?

Does Jesus know what's in your heart?

What does it mean to deny Jesus?

Have you ever been ashamed to tell your classmates that you are a child of God?

What cup did Jesus pray to be taken away from him?

Are you ready to do what God asks you to do?

What did Jesus say to the disciples when he found them asleep?

Are you awake or asleep?

How did Judas betray Jesus?

Have you ever behaved as Judas with someone close to you?

What did Jesus do for the man whose ear was cut off?

What do you do when someone hurts you?

Team #3: Luke 22:54-71 and 23:1-25

What did Peter do after he denied Jesus?

What do you do when you realize you committed a sin?

What was Jesus' reaction when the crowds mocked and beat him?

What is your reaction when the others make fun of you because you are a Christian?

Did Herod and Pilate find Jesus guilty or not-guilty?

When you are blamed of something, are you guilty or not-guilty?

Team #4: Luke 23:26-56

How did Jesus suffer on the cross?

What does the cross of Jesus mean to you?

What did the criminals, who were being crucified with Jesus, tell him?

Which of the two criminals would you rather be like?

Who buried Jesus?

What is the last nice deed you did for Jesus?

Why did Jesus die?

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins?

Team #5: Luke 24:1-12

What did the women find at the tomb?

What did the women do when they saw that the tomb was empty?

Do you believe in Jesus' resurrection?

Do you tell others about what Jesus has done in your life?

When did Jesus rise from the dead?

When did you receive Jesus into your life?

II. Activities

1. The Key Verse

a. Read the key verse out loud.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."
John 11:25

b. Explain the verse:

"I am the resurrection and the life" – eternal life exists only in Jesus.

"He who believes in me will live" – only those who believe that Jesus is God's Son will live forever.

"Even though he dies" – physical death is not the end. After the body dies, the soul continues to live.

c. Help the children memorize the verse.

2. Review questions for the children:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- Who sent Jesus to earth to die for sinners?
- Why did God the Father allow Jesus to die on the cross?
- Why do we believe in the resurrection?
- Who will live forever in heaven?

III. Conclusion

Jesus did many wonderful things for you. Receive him today! Only those who have received Jesus into their lives will have eternal life in heaven with him.