



Good Friday

John 19:16-30

¹⁶ Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ He went out, carrying his cross, and came to "The Place of the Skull," as it is called. (In Hebrew it is called "Golgotha.") ¹⁸ There they crucified him; and they also crucified two other men, one on each side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate wrote a notice and had it put on the cross. "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews," is what he wrote. ²⁰ Many people read it, because the place where Jesus was crucified was not far from the city. The notice was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests said to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews.'"

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written stays written."

²³ After the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took the robe, which was made of one piece of woven cloth without any seams in it. ²⁴ The soldiers said to one another, "Let's not tear it; let's throw dice to see who will get it." This happened in order to make the scripture come true:

"They divided my clothes among themselves
and gambled for my robe."

And this is what the soldiers did.

²⁵ Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "He is your son."

²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "She is your mother." From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

²⁸ Jesus knew that by now everything had been completed; and in order to make the scripture come true, he said, "I am thirsty."

²⁹ A bowl was there, full of cheap wine; so a sponge was soaked in the wine, put on a stalk of hyssop, and lifted up to his lips. ³⁰ Jesus drank the wine and said, "It is finished!"

Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Talking about the passage:

In ekids today we will be helping the children focus on what happened on Good Friday. Here are a couple of videos you might want to use to retell the Good Friday Story.

For Pebbles/Rocks

This is from the beginners bible it is two videos back to back, one for Good Friday and one for Easter day https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bkNTU_Vv5Ew

For Boulders

This retelling of the Easter story focuses on Jesus the Rescuer and Jesus the King, points that Rich will be thinking about in the sermon. The first 3 minutes are Good Friday and then it goes on to the events of Easter Sunday <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUVO8>

Ways to talk about the passage,

Probably the best way to talk about the passage is to get your children to tell you what happened on Good Friday.

The older the child the more detail they will add. Help them to piece it together in chronological order, focus on the flow and not every detail.

Jesus died- which is what I imagine Pebbles will be aware of

For some death will be an unfamiliar idea, some will ask what death is, but others won't. Do try and answer any questions that your children ask (one way is to explain death as everything in a body stops. Breathing, talking, laughing, moving etc, don't worry if you struggle, children will ask again if they want to know more, straight away or even weeks later when you're least expecting it!

Children may be sad that Jesus died, and it is sad, but talk about how Jesus loves us and died so that we can go to heaven.

If you have children of school age you might be asked why Jesus needed to die. This is a daunting task, but the great thing about children is that they will keep asking until they are satisfied with your answer, and it's something you can all keep coming back to.

Here's one possible starter Jesus had to die so that God doesn't have to be angry with us anymore.

A Prayer

Thank you, God, for sending Jesus to earth.

Thank you, Jesus, for dying so that we can go to heaven

Please help us to treat you like a King

Activities

The following craft is done using a paper plate which you may not have, but you could use any card you may have, or from a cereal box

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For those who don't get an email:

One way of thinking about Easter that may work for your family is to make an Easter Garden. I have included a variety of ideas below, but they are only ideas. You can use ANY THING you like to build with and you can make it in anything too, a baking tin, an old basket, a tray or you can even make one out of lego. If you can set this up with crosses and a tomb that has something rolled in front of it that you can then roll away you can use it for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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A Crossword to remind you of today's bible story.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Check how much you know about the events of Good Friday by completing this CROSS word puzzle!



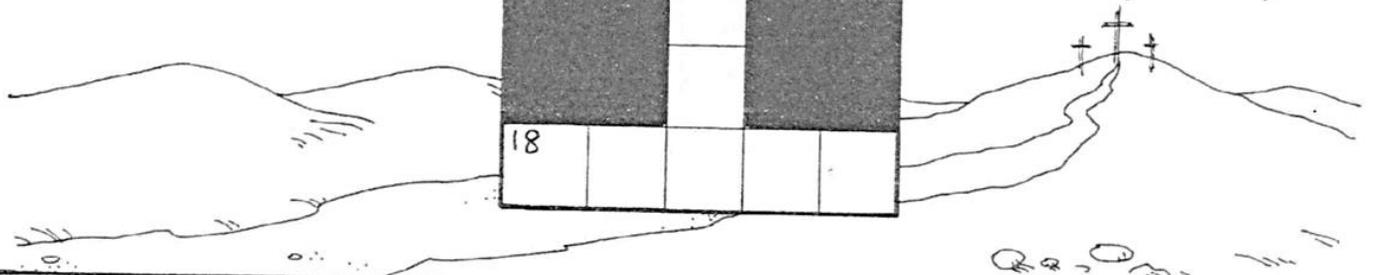
Answers begin on squares numbered at end of questions:-

- Who betrayed Jesus? **8** DOWN (5 letters).
- Who denied knowing Jesus? **12** (5 letters)
- Who was the Roman governor? **3** (6 letters).
- Who was the king Jesus was sent to see? **17** (5 letters).

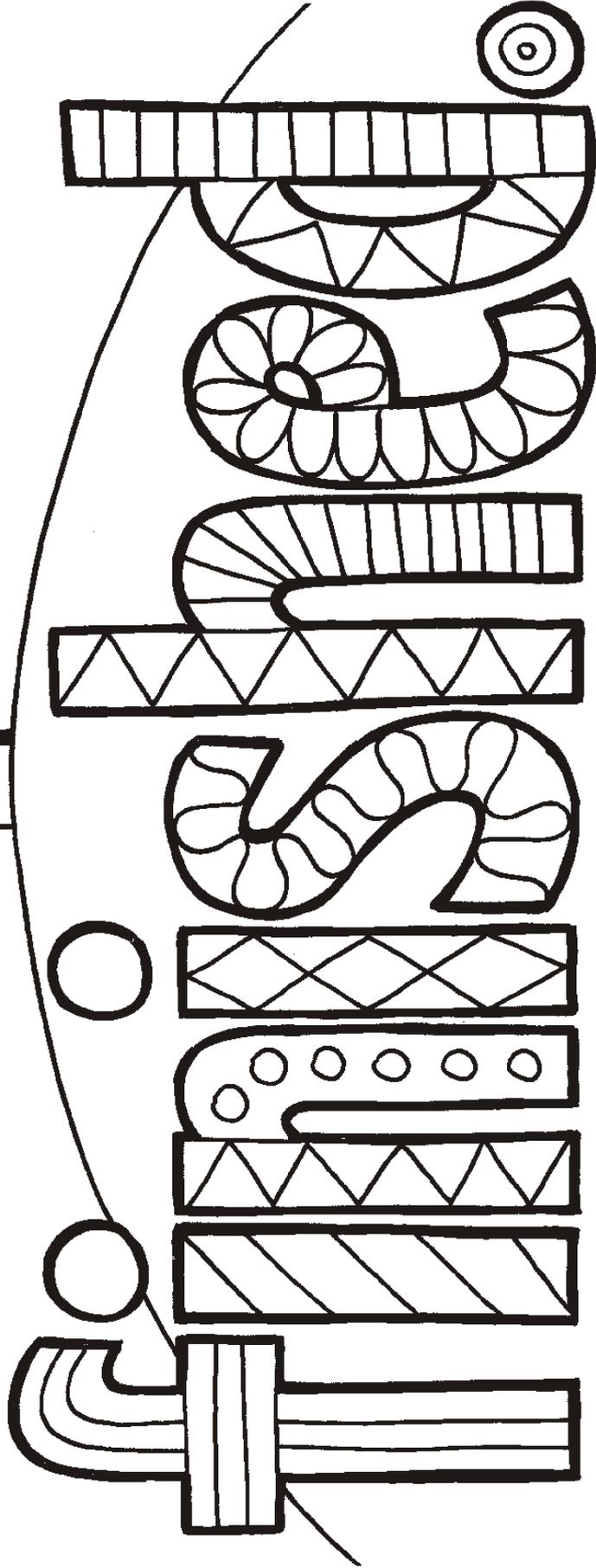
- Did the king or governor find Jesus guilty? **13** (2 letters).
- Who did the crowd want to free? **16** (8 letters).
- Who did the governor want to release? **18** (5 letters).

- Who carried the cross? **9 5 and 11** (5, 2 and 6 letters).
- Where was Jesus crucified? **2** (8 letters).
- What words were written on the cross? "The 1 of 10 **8** ACROSS" (4, 3 and 4 letters).

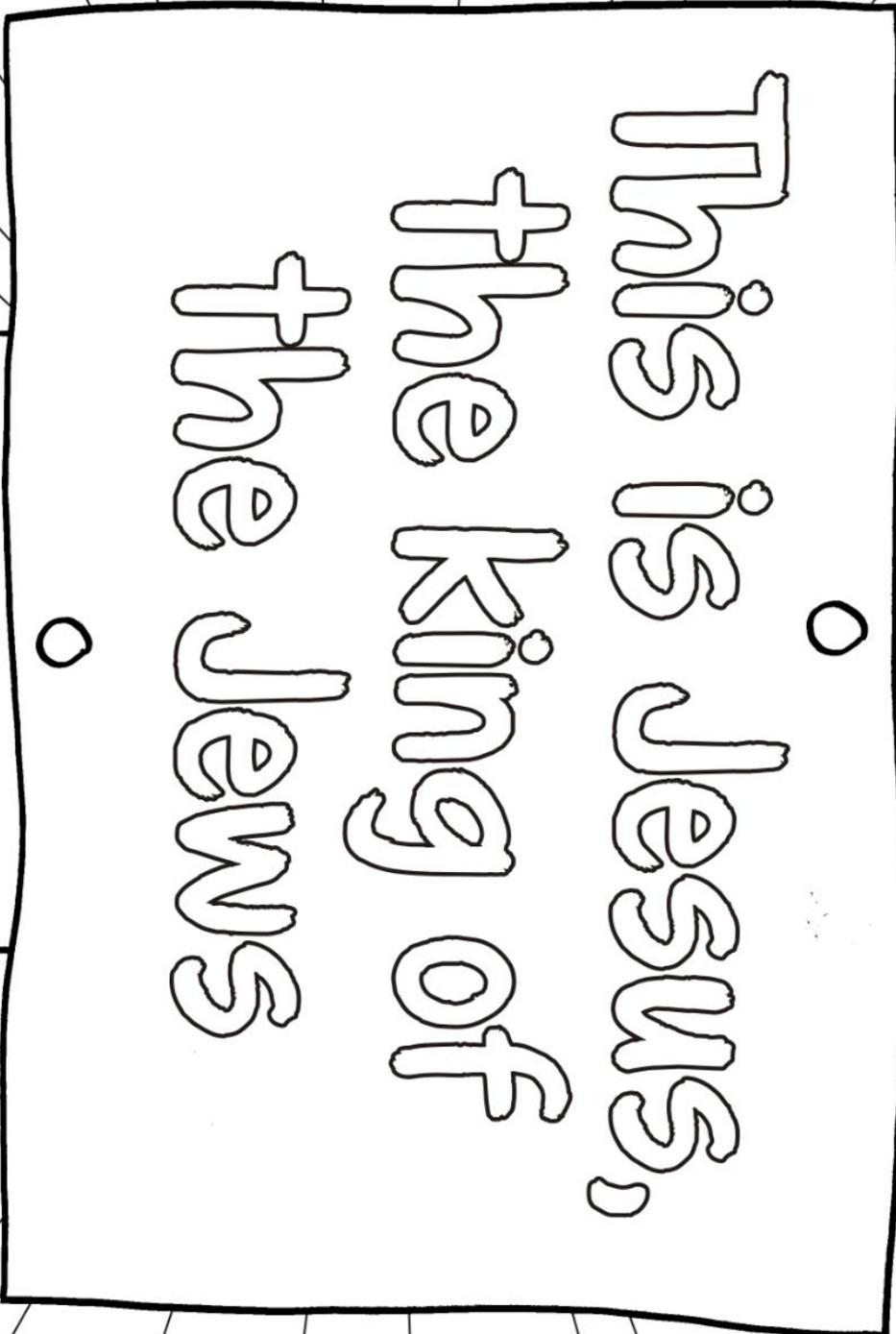
- Who took Jesus' body for burial? **4, 5, 6** (6, 2 and 9 letters).
- What did they put across the tomb entrance? **15** (5 letters).
- What day was it? **14** (6 letters).
- Name one of the women there. **7** (4 letters).



It is



John 19v30



This is Jesus,
the King of
the Jews

Matthew 27:37