

**Preschool Good Friday**  
**Jesus Dies on the Cross**  
**Luke 22:63 – 23:56**

**Bible Truth: Jesus died to take away sins**  
**Jesus said: "Father, forgive them." Luke**

**Telling the Bible story:**

1. Draw 3 hearts: black (our heart with sin), red (Jesus' blood), white (our heart washed clean)  
Black + Red = White; What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
- . Sin: What we do with our hands, what we say with our mouth, what we have in our heart that does not honor God.

**Tell the Bible story from the sheet provided, or any other Bible**

**Story review questions:**

1. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God's Son.
2. Why did Jesus come to earth? To rescue us from sin and take us to heaven
3. Can we go to heaven just as we are? No, we need new hearts.
4. What happened when Jesus died? The sky turned black. The earth shook. Jesus died for our sins.
5. Where did the men put Jesus after He died? They put Him in a tomb.
6. What is a tomb? A tomb is like a cave.
7. Did Jesus stay in the tomb? NO! He defeated death and rose again.

Remind them that Easter is when we remember that Jesus takes away our sin and gives us His eternal life. Jesus rose and now lives in heaven and in the hearts of His children.

**Pray!**



## Bible Time

5 min

Open your Bible to Luke 22:63–23:56. Explain italicized words below using definitions from Bible Background (p. 39) as you tell the story.

God gave us the Bible to tell us this important story. *Show Teaching Aid 4.* If we want to know God we have to know this story. Listen carefully. Listen quietly. Think about how wonderful Jesus is and how much he loves us.

Every place Jesus went, people followed him. People watched him. Some said, “Jesus is Christ, the King!” Others yelled, “No, he is not!” People got upset and mad. They wanted to get rid of Jesus. It was a sad, sad time. Some people even wanted Jesus to *die!*

Remember—Jesus is God’s Son. Jesus never sinned. He always obeyed his Father in heaven. Jesus lovingly healed the sick. Jesus taught God’s Word to the people day after day.

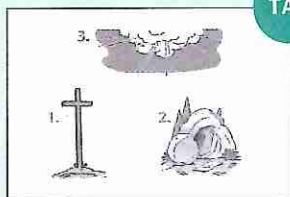
One day when Jesus was in a garden, men came and took him away. They were mean to Jesus. They laughed at Jesus. Jesus stayed quiet. Jesus knew what was going to happen. Jesus came to do a special job for God. Jesus came to die for his people—his BIG family.

Mean men put Jesus on a *cross*. *Show Teaching Aid 4.* It hurt Jesus to hang there. He was up high where everyone could see him. Jesus was in trouble for something he did not do. Jesus never did anything wrong. Jesus showed love to the people even when they hurt him. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them.”

Jesus died on the cross. The sky turned dark. The earth shook. Jesus took all the *punishment* for his people that day. Jesus died for sinners. Jesus died for his disciples. They trusted Jesus to take away their sins. Jesus died for me, your teacher, that day. I sin every day. I tell Jesus that I’m sorry when I disobey. I trust God to forgive me because Jesus died on the cross. Jesus was punished in my place.

After Jesus died, his friends wrapped Jesus’ body in cloth and placed it in a tomb. *Show Teaching Aid 4.* A *tomb* is a room cut into a big, big stone where the bodies of dead people are buried, kind of like a cave. Men put a big round rock in front of the doorway so no one could get in.

The sad day that Jesus died was really a wonderful day because Jesus finished his special work for God. Next week we will hear the good news that Jesus didn’t stay dead. He became alive again!

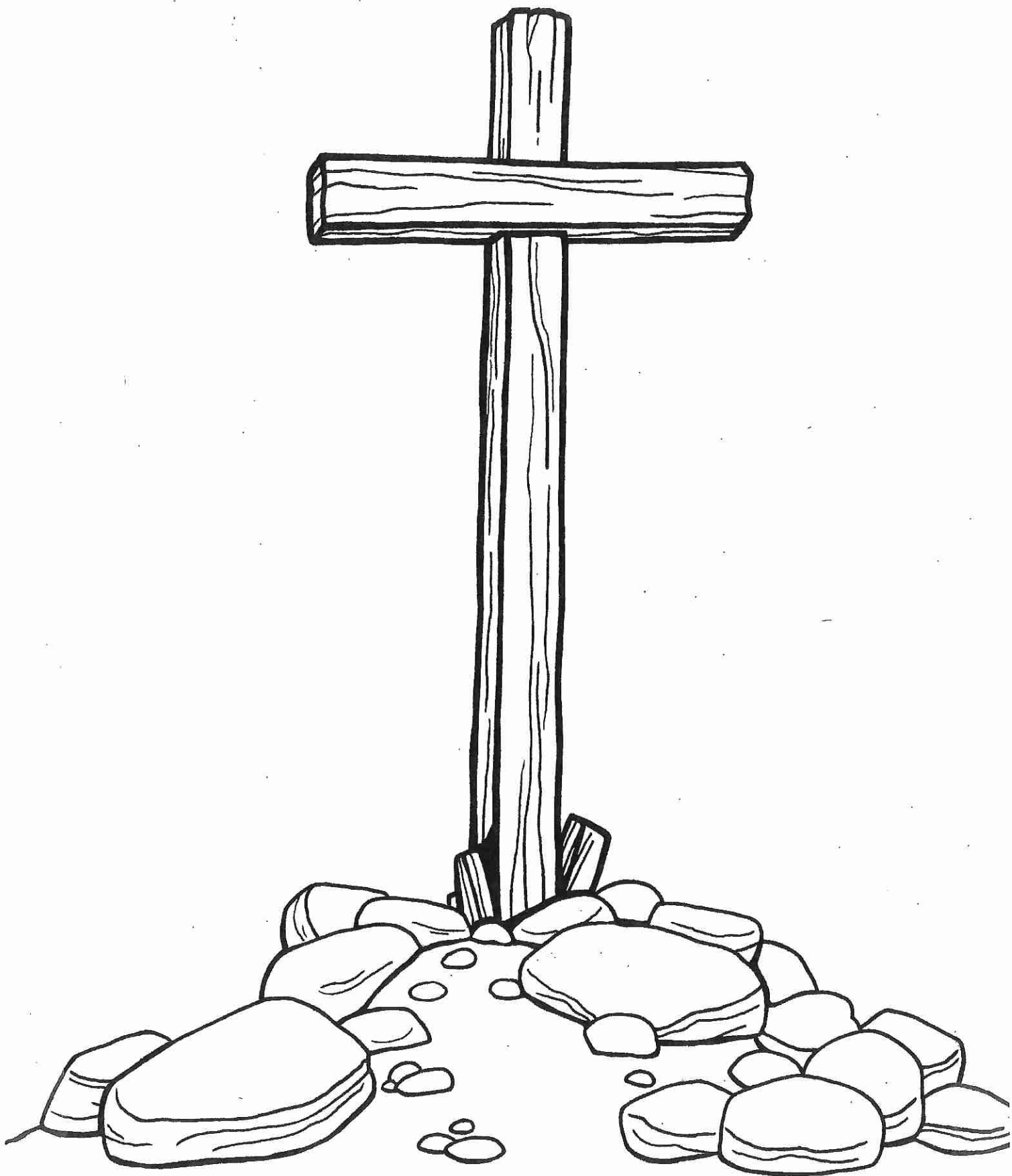


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### Bible Time at a Glance

#### People wanted to get rid of Jesus.

- Jesus is God’s sinless, obedient Son.
- Mean men put Jesus on the cross.
- Jesus died for sinners.
- Jesus’ body put in tomb (he is alive now).



**Jesus died on the cross.**

Luke 23

**Good Friday      Mark 15:33-39**

**The Death of Jesus**

<p>33 And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.</p>	<p>Draw a clock, color the square black.</p>
<p>34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"</p>	<p>Scribble in black all over the box.</p>
<p>35 And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, He is calling Elijah."</p>	<p><b>ELIJAH!</b></p>
<p>36 And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down."</p>	<p>Draw a sponge on a pole.</p>
<p>37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last.</p>	<p><b>It is finished!</b></p>
<p>38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.</p>	<p>Draw a rod with a curtain split in half.</p>
<p>39 And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"</p>	<p>Draw a King's crown.</p>

Words you heard:

Verse you heard:

What question do you have: