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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What was unusual about Jesus' arrival at Jerusalem?
- What did the people expect Jesus to do for them?
- Why does Jesus deserve our praise?

Jesus' Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 12

STORY POINT: PEOPLE WELCOMED JESUS TO JERUSALEM AS THEIR KING.

Jesus and His disciples traveled to Jerusalem. Jesus sent two of His disciples ahead into a village. "As soon as you enter the village," Jesus told them, "you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

The disciples did as Jesus asked. They brought the donkey to Jesus, threw their robes onto the donkey, and helped Jesus get onto it. People spread their robes along the road for Jesus, and others spread palm branches cut from the fields.

The whole crowd praised God. "Hosanna!" they said. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Some religious leaders asked Jesus to tell His disciples to be quiet. Jesus answered, "If they did not praise Me, the rocks would praise Me!"

While Jesus was in the temple complex, people who were blind and people who were lame came to Him. Jesus healed them.

Jesus went to the town of Bethany to spend the night.

Christ Connection: During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you; he is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything.



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Where Jesus Walked

Unscramble the names of places Jesus lived in or visited. Then trace Jesus' journey by drawing lines on the map between the places in order.

1. Jesus was born in **LEEHTMEB**.

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2. Jesus' parents dedicated Him at the temple in **MEJERLASU**.

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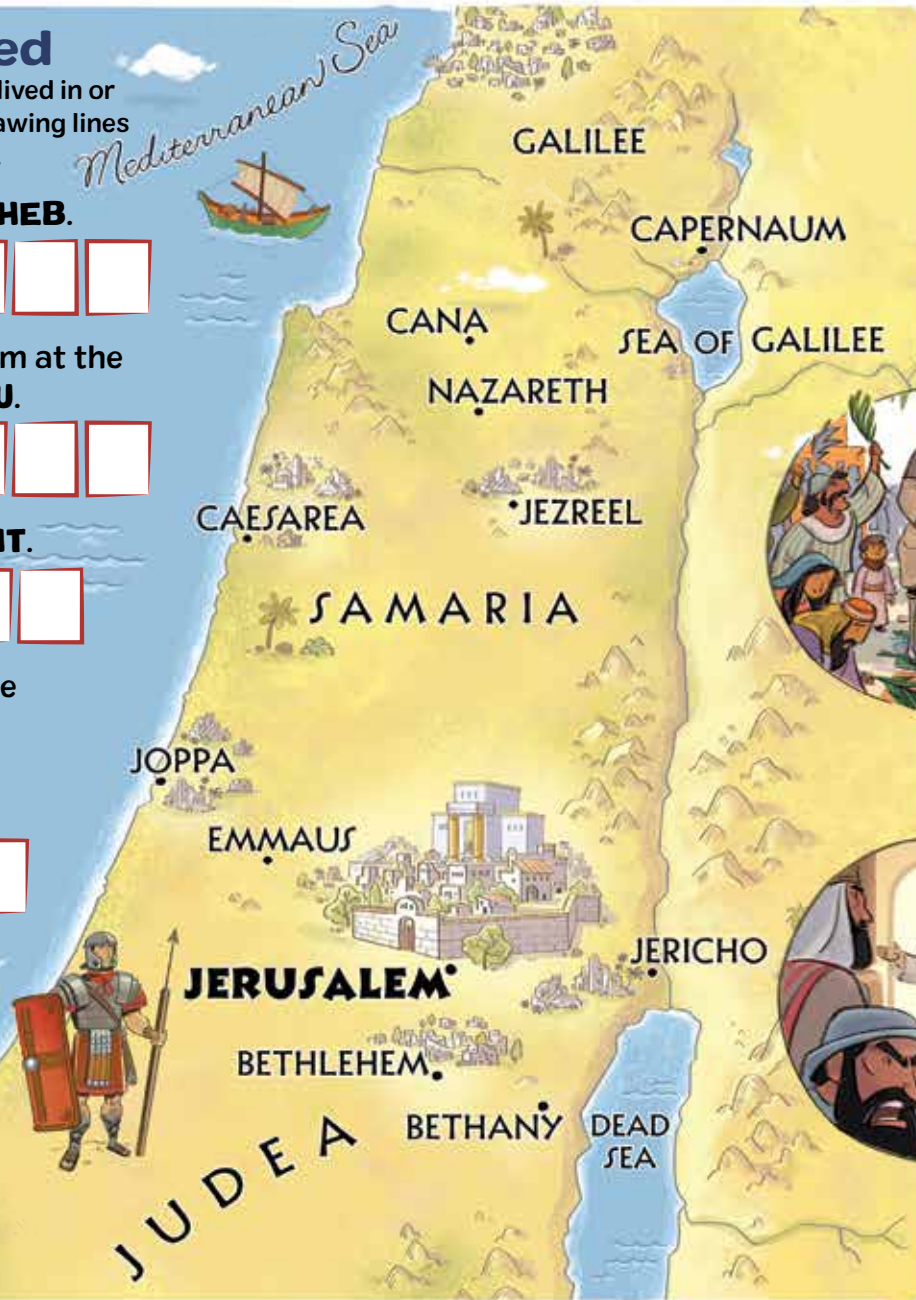
3. Jesus grew up in **ZAARENHT**.

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4. Jesus called disciples by the **ASE FO LEELIAG**.

5. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead in **TBEYANH**.

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Hosanna!

Number the events in the order they happened. Read Matthew 21:1-17 if you need help.



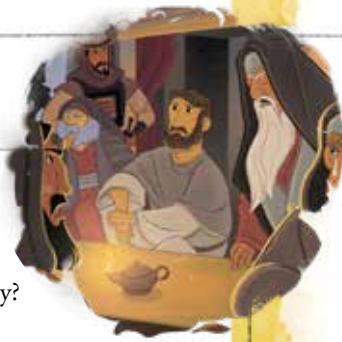








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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do we "give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what belongs to God"?
- Has anyone else ever tried to get you into trouble? How did you respond?
- If you were to ask Jesus one question, what would you ask?

Jesus Was Questioned

Matthew 22; Mark 12; Luke 20

STORY POINT: JESUS SPOKE WITH WISDOM AND AUTHORITY.

The religious leaders decided to ask tricky questions to catch Jesus saying something wrong. They sent some men to Him. The men said, "Teacher, is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

"Why are you trying to trick Me?" He asked. "Show Me the coin you use to pay taxes."

The men brought Him a denarius. Jesus asked, "Whose picture is on the coin?"

"Caesar's," they answered.

Jesus said, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what belongs to God."

The men were amazed at what Jesus said, and they went away.

Later, the religious leaders came to question Jesus again. "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" they asked.

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second most important command is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Then Jesus asked the religious leaders a question: "Whose son is the Messiah?"

"David's," they said.

"How can that be?" Jesus asked. "David called the Messiah 'Lord.' Why would he do that if the Messiah is his son?"

The religious leaders didn't know what to say. Their plan had failed, and no one was brave enough to ask Him any more questions.

Christ Connection: When the religious leaders questioned Jesus, He answered with wisdom and power. Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. He is the Word of God, who came to show us exactly what God is like. Jesus has authority in heaven and on earth.

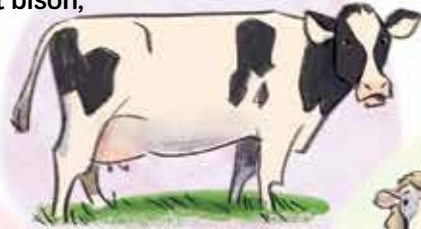


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Can You Spot the Truth?

Circle the statements that are true, and cross out the statements that are false.

A *beefalo* is part bison, part cow.



Bloodhounds can follow a scent that is 40 days old.

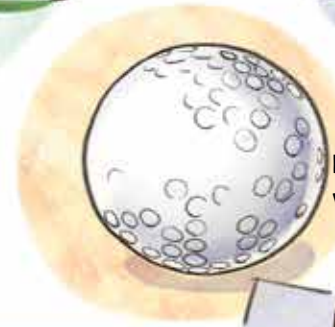


The Book of Psalms contains 150 psalms.

A baby porcupine is called a *porcupette*.



New Zealand has more sheep than people.



Early golf balls were filled with marshmallows.

Gospel Truths

Find and read each passage in your Bible. List what you learned from the verses.

God rules.
Colossians 1:16-17

We sinned.
Romans 3:23

God provided.
John 3:16

Jesus gives.
Romans 5:8

We respond.
Romans 10:9-10

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did the Passover meal celebrate? (See Exodus 13:3,14.)
- How do you think the disciples felt at the Last Supper?
- Why do you think it's important to remember what Jesus did for us?

The Last Supper

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13

STORY POINT: JESUS COMMANDED HIS DISCIPLES TO REMEMBER HIS SACRIFICE.

Jesus and His disciples were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. On the day when the Jewish people were supposed to kill the Passover lamb, Jesus sent Peter and John to get the meal ready.

When the Passover meal was ready, Jesus and His disciples reclined to eat. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray Me." The disciples were upset, but Jesus knew this was part of God's plan. Peter said he would never betray Jesus, but Jesus said Peter would deny Him three times.

Then Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it, and then gave it to His disciples to eat. Jesus said, "This is My body, which I am giving for you. Do this to remember Me."

Jesus took the cup and gave it to His disciples. They drank from it, and Jesus said, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many."

They sang a hymn together, and then they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Christ Connection: Jesus showed His disciples with the bread and the drink that He is the true Passover Lamb. God's people had broken the old covenant, and God promised to make a new covenant to forgive sins. The new covenant says that everyone who turns away from sin and trusts in Jesus' death and resurrection will be forgiven of his sins and will have eternal life.



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Discover the Story

For each set of letters, cross out the first letter and every other letter to reveal a key word in today's Bible story.

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GBHRIEJAKD

LCMONVOEPNQARNST

TEUGVYWPXT

YHZYAMBN

CJDEERFUGSHAILJEKM

LLMANMOB

PPQARSSSTOUVVEWR

XPYEZTAEBR

Last Supper Crossword

Use the clues below and the key words from "Discover the Story" to complete the crossword puzzle.



ACROSS

- the animal sacrificed for the Passover meal
- a promise between two people or between a person and God
- Jesus said the drink at Passover represented this
- a city in Judea where Jesus and His disciples celebrated Passover
- a type of song Jesus and His disciples sang after the Passover meal
- Jesus' disciple who denied Him three times

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- the food Jesus shared at Passover to show His body would be broken
- a feast to remember how God delivered His people from slavery
- the place from which Moses led God's people out of slavery

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why was Jesus arrested?
- Why didn't Jesus fight back against His enemies?
- If you had been there, what do you think you might have done?

Jesus Was Arrested

Matthew 26–27

STORY POINT: JESUS ALLOWED HIS ENEMIES TO ARREST HIM.

Jesus came with His disciples to a garden. Jesus took three of His disciples into the garden, and Jesus became very sad and troubled. He fell facedown and prayed, "Father! If it is possible, spare Me from this. But I want to do Your plan."

Jesus came back and found the three disciples asleep. Jesus went away and prayed a second time. Then He said, "Get up, for it is almost time. Someone is going to betray Me."

Suddenly Judas arrived with a large crowd carrying swords and clubs. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him. Jesus' followers ran away, but Peter stayed nearby to watch. The men who arrested Jesus led Him to the high priest. The religious leaders wanted a reason to kill Jesus, but they couldn't find one. The high priest asked, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?"

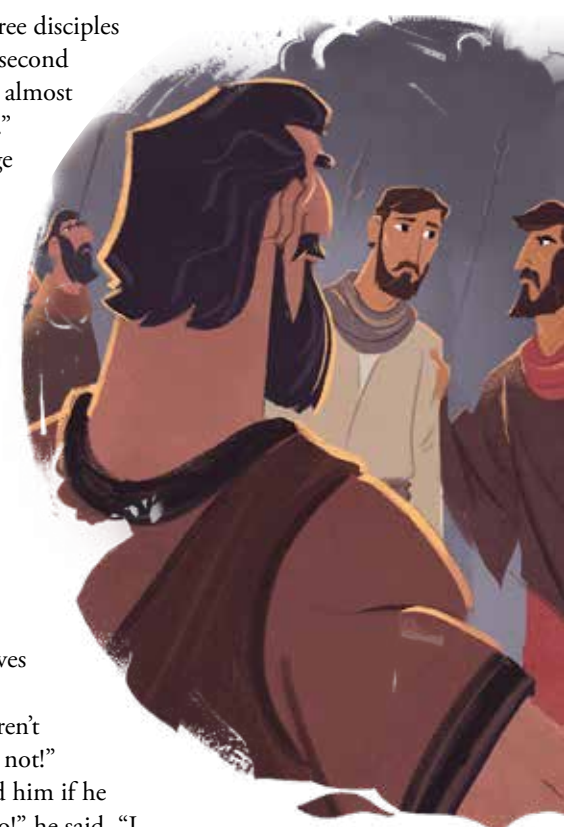
Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right."

Caiaphas and the religious leaders did not want to believe that Jesus is God's Son. They said Jesus was lying. The crowd said, "He deserves to die!"

A servant saw Peter and asked, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?" "No, I'm not!" Peter said. Twice more someone asked him if he was a follower of Jesus. Peter lied. "No!" he said. "I don't even know Him!"

The next morning, the religious leaders decided how they would kill Jesus. Then they took Him to Pilate, the governor.

Christ Connection: Jesus knew that His death was God's plan to save people from sin. Jesus' friends turned against Him and He was arrested and put on trial, but Jesus followed His Father's plan in order to bring salvation to the world.



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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How was Jesus' death part of God's plan to save sinners?
- Did Jesus deserve to die? Do we deserve to die? Why?
- How do you feel knowing Jesus died for all your sins—past, present, and future?

Jesus' Crucifixion

Matthew 26–27; John 18–19

STORY POINT: JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY FOR OUR SINS.

Jesus stood before Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right." Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus did not say anything.

Pilate asked, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate asked, "Why? What has He done wrong?"

But the crowd kept shouting, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate's soldiers took off Jesus' clothes and put a scarlet robe on Him. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They put a sign above His head that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were crucified next to Him.

Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, "It is finished!" Then Jesus died. Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb, and Roman soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.

Christ Connection: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Savior. Jesus never sinned, but He died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, and those who trust in Him have forgiveness and eternal life.



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Cross Search | Find the words hidden in the word search.

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| arrested | cross | hosanna | Passover |
| bread | crown | Jerusalem | Peter |
| Caesar | cup | Jesus | Pilate |
| Caiaphas | disciples | Messiah | pray |

Made Right | Circle the correct words or phrases to tell the story of Jesus' death.

Jesus stood before Herod / Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King / Coach of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right."

Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus protested / did not say anything. Pilate asked, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Crucify / Arrest Him!"

Pilate's soldiers put a scarlet robe / coat on Jesus. They made a crown of gold / thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two / ten criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, "It is finished!"

Then Jesus died / disappeared. He was buried in a rich man's tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb and Roman children / soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.

A large cross-shaped word search grid. The vertical stem of the cross contains the words 'ARRESTED', 'JERUSALEM', 'CROSS', 'MESSIAH', 'DIED', 'BURIED', 'GUARD'. The horizontal bar contains the words 'PILATE', 'KING', 'COACH', 'SCARLET ROBE', 'CROWN', 'GOLD', 'THORNS', 'TWO', 'TEN', 'CHILDREN', 'SOLDIERS'.