



THE CROSS AND THE EMPTY TOMB

BIBLE PASSAGE: Mark 15:13–16:8; Luke 23:26–24:1–9

FOCUS VERSES: Ephesians 1:19–20; Romans 6:4–5;
John 11:25–26

Summary: After His arrest, Jesus was led away and put on trial by religious and political officials. Even though He had done nothing wrong, Jesus was beaten, mocked, and sentenced to die on the cross. Jesus was crucified in between two thieves. One made fun of Him. After Jesus died, He was buried in a tomb. When some of His followers returned on the first day of the week, they were shocked to find an empty tomb. Angels said, “He is not here! He is risen!” Jesus defeated death!



MONTHLY Memory Verse

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

(JOHN 3:16)

BRITE Idea

Jesus defeated death!

HE

HOW COULD JESUS RISE FROM THE DEAD?
God, in His great power, raised Jesus from the dead, proving that He had defeated death and sin forever.

WE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US THAT JESUS IS ALIVE?
Because Jesus defeated death, we can be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life with God forever. We can choose to trust in Him as our Savior.

ME

HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?
Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



MEMORY MATCHING GAME

PROBLEM	MIRACLE
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MIRACLE MATCH

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<p data-bbox="326 579 748 842">Daniel is surrounded by lions (Daniel 6:16-17)</p>	<p data-bbox="889 621 1328 810">God shuts the lions' mouths (Daniel 6:21-23)</p>
PROBLEM	MIRACLE
<p data-bbox="318 1335 748 1535">A widow owes a great debt (2 Kings 4:1-2)</p>	<p data-bbox="862 1272 1349 1619">God uses Elisha to make enough oil to fill every jar she can find (2 Kings 4:3-7)</p>



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MIRACLE

Jesus multiplies the food and there are leftovers (John 6:10-13)

PROBLEM

A man was born blind (John 9:1)

MIRACLE

Jesus healed the man so he could see (John 9:6-7)



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Jesus died on the cross (John 19:30)	Jesus's tomb was empty! He rose from the dead! (Matthew 28:1-10)



LEADER GUIDE

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CROSS PRAYER

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Instructions :

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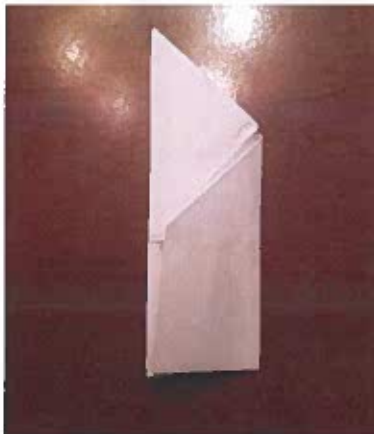


2. Next, fold the top left corner down to the right side of the paper to make what looks like a house.



3. Next, fold the house in half from left to right.

4. Fold the paper again from right to left.



5. Point the point down, and starting on the flat top, rip down the middle of the paper. It will be difficult in the middle where there are many folds.



6. Once ripped, open the largest pieces of paper, and it should be a cross.





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HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Large empty box for drawing or writing a response.



DRAW OR WRITE YOUR RESPONSE

CHOOSE YOUR Challenge

- Memorize John 3:16 by making a verse poster.
- Use half a donut and a donut hole to retell the story of the stone being rolled away from the tomb.
- Praise Jesus that we can trust Him as our Savior!

SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME DISCIPLESHIP
DISCUSSION



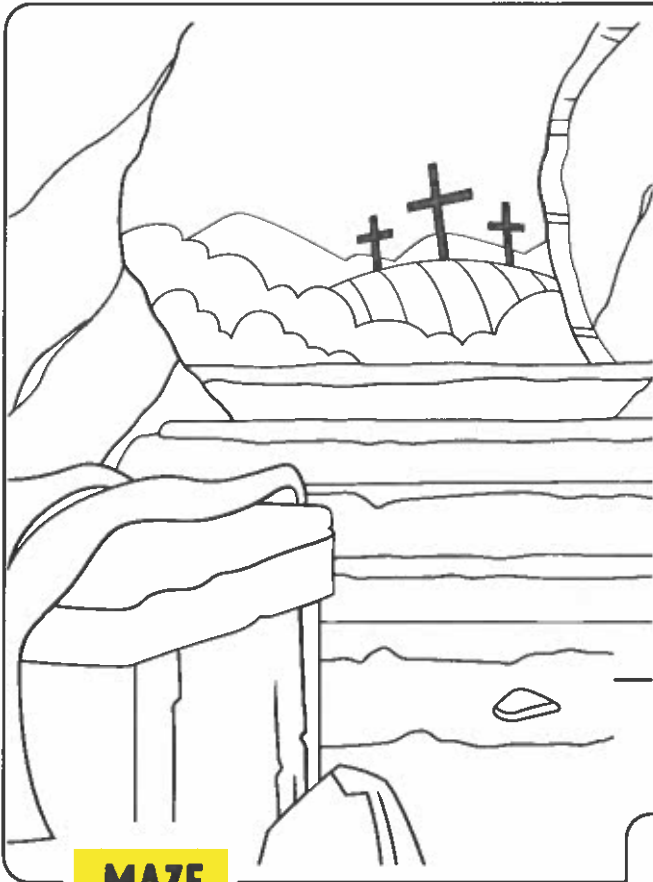
NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD

Did the resurrection really happen can be a tough topic for kids. We can help kids view this topic through the lens of Scripture. Learn more about this and how to have a conversation at home here: Britecurriculum.com/tough-topics



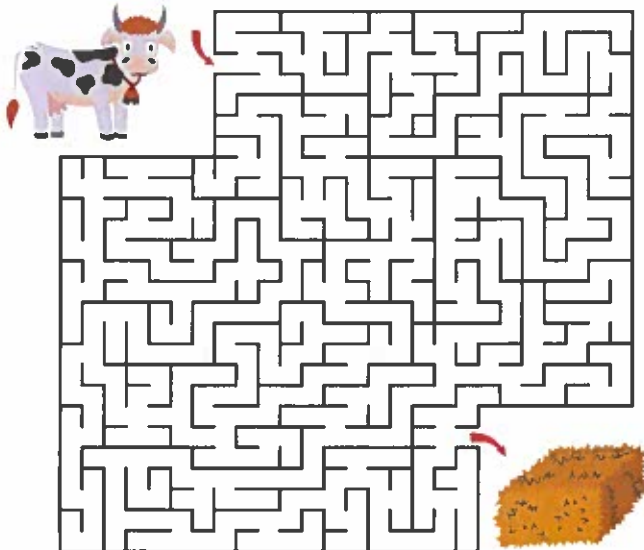
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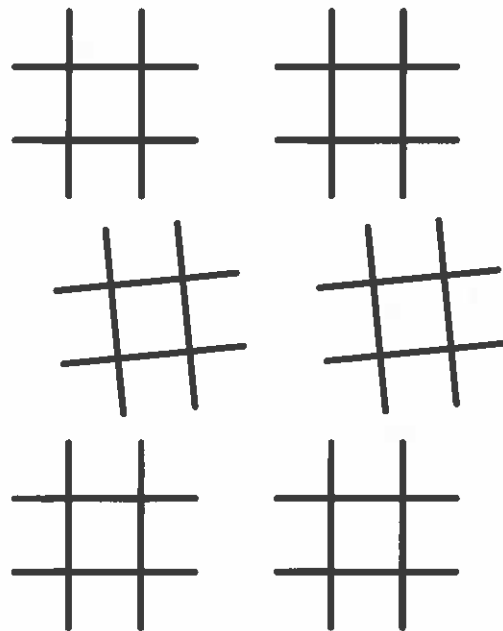


FINISH THE ILLUSTRATION

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HEY, FAMILIES!

This month's theme is:



Here's what we're learning:



MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Week 1

Brite Idea: Jesus defeated death!

He Question: How could Jesus rise from the dead?

God, in His great power, raised Jesus from the dead, proving that He had defeated death and sin forever.

We Question: What does it mean for us that Jesus is alive?

Because Jesus defeated death, we can be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life with God forever. We can choose to trust in Him as our Savior.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

(Luke 24:13-35)

Week 2

Brite Idea: God gave us the Bible to point to Jesus.

He Question: What is the Bible?

The Bible is God's message to us. It is the true story of God's plan to redeem His people.

We Question: Why is reading the Bible important?

The Bible is a gift from God because it teaches us how to have a relationship with Jesus and how to live life His way.

JESUS' PROMISED RETURN

(Acts 1:1-11)

Week 3

Brite Idea: Jesus will return one day.

He Question: Why will Jesus return?

Jesus will return as the ruling King to fully complete God's plan of salvation and make all things new again. This hasn't happened yet, but we can be confident it will.

We Question: What does God want us to do while we wait for Jesus' return?

God wants us to be His witnesses and share the Gospel with the whole world.

THE HOLY SPIRIT ARRIVES

(Acts 2:1-41)

Week 4

Brite Idea: The Holy Spirit lives in believers.

He Question: Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God and has all of the power and authority of God. The same Holy Spirit given to believers at Pentecost lives in followers of Jesus today.

We Question: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

When we trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. He helps us know how to follow God and spread His love.

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FAMILY CALENDAR



SUNDAY REMEMBER & RESPOND	MONDAY WONDER & DISCUSS	TUESDAY EXPLORE	WEDNESDAY REVIEW	THURSDAY PUT INTO PRACTICE	FRIDAY & SATURDAY PREPARE AHEAD
<p>WEEK 1 -----</p> <p>Jesus defeated death! What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: John 11:25-26. What does Jesus mean when He says we "shall never die"?</p>	<p>Draw a cross with sidewalk chalk for your neighbors to enjoy.</p>	<p>JOHN 3:16 What does "eternal life" mean?</p>	<p>Plant a seed together. Talk about how it is buried in darkness, but it won't stay in darkness—new life will sprout soon!</p>	<p>Sing or listen to "He Lives" or another Resurrection Sunday song. READ TOGETHER: Luke 24:13-35 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 2 -----</p> <p>God gave us the Bible to point to Jesus. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: 2 Timothy 3:16 How should we treat the Bible based on this verse?</p>	<p>Underline a few of your favorite Bible verses. Share why they are your favorites.</p>	<p>JOHN 3:16 How does the Bible help us believe in Jesus?</p>	<p>Make a poster of Old Testament stories. Draw a picture of the cross in the center. Think about how these stories point to Jesus.</p>	<p>Play Charades with Bible stories and characters. READ TOGETHER: Acts 1:1-11 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 3 -----</p> <p>Jesus will return one day. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: Matthew 28:19-20. How is Jesus always with us?</p>	<p>Look up at the clouds together. Imagine what it was like when Jesus ascended.</p>	<p>JOHN 3:16 Why did God give us Jesus?</p>	<p>Make a promise to each other and keep it! Talk about how Jesus kept His promise in sending us our Helper.</p>	<p>Be a helper in your neighborhood. READ TOGETHER: Acts 2:1-41 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>
<p>WEEK 4 -----</p> <p>The Holy Spirit lives in believers. What does this mean for me?</p>	<p>READ TOGETHER: John 14:16-17 Who is the "Spirit of truth?"</p>	<p>Create your dream dwelling together.</p>	<p>JOHN 3:16 What do we need to do to have eternal life with Jesus?</p>	<p>Inflate balloons and talk about how the Holy Spirit "fills" your lives, just as your breath "filled" the balloons.</p>	<p>Go on a family walk together to help take care of your body (as the temple of the Holy Spirit). READ TOGETHER: Acts 4:32-37; 5:1-11 DISCUSS: What does this teach us about God?</p>