

## Jesus, the Perfect Lamb of God Passage

Story:

### ★ Introduction & Story:

**Simple Timeline Recap:** “God created the world and it was perfect. Adam and Eve sinned (sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God) and everyone after them also sinned. This separates us from God, but God has a plan to have a relationship with people. And that plan is Jesus - His Son. He sent His Son to die and offer forgiveness. When we accept this forgiveness, we can live with God forever.

**Today’s Story:** This retelling will need to be simplified for the preschool age class. Please read and simplify for them - do not just read the lesson.

Jesus did many wonderful and marvelous things in his time here on earth. He performed miracles – healing the sick, causing the blind to see and the deaf to hear. He even raised some people from the dead. He did miracles that prophecy said only the Messiah could do. He loved people very much and taught them about God’s love for them.

But the most marvelous thing that Jesus did is not an easy thing to talk about.

(maybe for the older kids only) In the Garden of Eden, God said the punishment for sin (eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil) was death. In the Garden, an animal was killed to clothe Adam and Eve.

In the rest of the Old Testament, people had to sacrifice animals to cover their sin. Only the best animals would do. Those with perfect fur, perfect form – no defect. But the people’s sin would only be covered for a little while. They sacrificed the animals so that God’s wrath against sin would not fall on the people, but on the sacrifice instead. Before long they would need to sacrifice another animal.

God loved His people very much. So, he sent his Son, Jesus, to be the final - once and for all - sacrifice. He wanted to cover the people’s sin forever. Jesus’ death - as both a perfect human and God - would be enough to satisfy God’s wrath against all sin forever.

The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders did not understand who Jesus was. They had been waiting for many years for a Messiah, but they had the wrong idea about what this person would be like. They wanted someone who would conquer the Romans that fiercely ruled their country. Though there were many prophecies about the Messiah, they still didn't understand.

Remember when we talked about Jesus' birth we referred to some Old Testament prophecies about his birth. Isaiah told us that Jesus would be born of a virgin. Micah told us that he would be born in Bethlehem.

*Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel. -- Isaiah 7:14 (CSB)*

*Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. -- Micah 5:2 (CSB)*

There were prophecies about Jesus' ministry as well. Isaiah told us about the many healings that he would do.

*Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy, -- Isaiah 35:5-6 (CSB)*

When Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover feast it was the week that he would die. He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The Old Testament prophet, Zechariah told us that he would ride on a donkey.

*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 (CSB)*

That week, he had his final Passover supper with his disciples. We call it the last supper. At that gathering, Jesus told the disciples that one of them would betray him. All of the disciples were worried about who it would be. Judas Iscariot was the one who betrayed him and turned him over to the Jewish leaders. In the book of Psalms, we find a prophecy about this betrayal.

*Even my friend in whom I trusted, one who ate my bread, has raised his heel against me. -- Psalm 41:9 (CSB)*

When Jesus was questioned by the Jewish leaders, he did not answer their questions. They turned him over to the Roman authorities who also questioned him. He did not defend himself as most people would do. He remained silent. The prophet Isaiah told us that he would be silent.

*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth. -- Isaiah 53:7 (CSB)*

The Roman officials were willing to release one prisoner at this time. They gave the people a choice between Jesus and a very bad man named Barabbas. The Jewish leaders persuaded the people to choose Barabbas instead of Jesus.

During the time that Jesus hung on the cross, a group of men divided Jesus' clothes by "casting lots" which was sort of a game of chance that they used to see who "won" the clothes. Again, the book of Psalms tells us that this would happen.

*They divided my garments among themselves, and they cast lots for my clothing. -- Psalm 22:18 (CSB)*

Remember, we talked about how the animal chosen for sacrifice needed to be a perfect animal? Well, Jesus was the substitute. And he was perfect. He never once in his life sinned. He never did anything wrong. That is why we call him The Perfect Lamb of God.

But wait! There is more to the story!

Jesus was crucified and laid in a tomb, but he didn't stay there! He rose from the dead. Jesus was powerful enough to not only raise someone else from the dead, but he also raised himself! What a glorious day! Jesus is alive! He not only sacrificed himself on the cross for our sin, but he conquered death!

The Bible tells us that if we believe in him, we too can know eternal life.

*For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. -- John 3:16 (CSB)*

*If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. -- Romans 10:8-9 (CSB)*

### ★ **Connection to God's Overall Story/Plan:**

Sin makes God angry. He is so perfect, so holy, that sin makes Him angry and we cannot remain with Him – we are separated from Him.

This anger - is just, is right. This wrath - while it requires death for forgiveness - is just, is right.

God didn't just get angry. He didn't just demand death.

He provided a way to satisfy that wrath without harm to us. In the Old Testament, it was the death of animals. In the New Testament, it was the death of Jesus for all sins. Not only does this satisfy God's wrath, but He then offers us forgiveness - if we choose to believe Him, confess our sin and that He is Lord. All He asks for in return is for us to follow Him.

If you believe that Jesus is God. That He is perfect and died so that you can be forgiven and follow Him - let's tell God now.

Do you believe Jesus is God?

Do you believe that you have sinned (thought, said, or done things that displease God)?

Do you believe that Jesus died as the sacrifice and offers you forgiveness?

Do you want to accept that forgiveness and follow Jesus?

"Dear God. We know that we are sinners. We know that Jesus came as God and lived a perfect human life. We believe that Jesus died on the cross in our place. He took our punishment and then rose again. God forgive us and help us to follow you."

Encourage them to tell an adult if they prayed this for the first time.

### Follow Up:

- ★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.
- ★ **Examine:**
  - Comprehension Questions:
    - Who was the one and only Messiah and the savior of the world?
    - Do you think that the Jewish leaders should have known that Jesus was the Messiah?
    - Who can be saved and have eternal life?
  - Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"
    - God is perfect. He cannot stand sin.
    - God has a plan to satisfy His wrath and offer us forgiveness.
  - Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?"

- We have the choice to follow Jesus – even if we have sinned.

★ **Application:** Ask, “What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?”

- So that we can live with God forever. So we can know His plan.

★ **Prayer**

### Memory Verse Practice:

★ **Verse:** John 3:16 CSB - For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

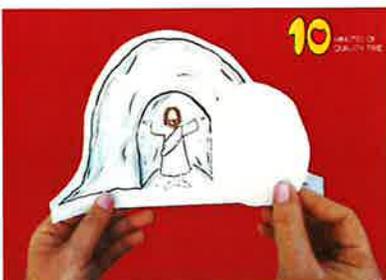
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### Sticky Activities:

★ Worksheets & coloring pages

★ Crafts



We know Jesus wasn't in the tomb, so I removed him from the tomb on the printable.

★ Sensory:

- 👁 Visual
  - Cotton Ball Lamb
  - Red Doorframe Demo (paper)
- 👃 Smell
  - Roasted Lamb Seasoning (spice smell)
  - Hyssop Herb (if available)
- ✋ Touch
  - Soft Wool
  - Paint "Doorposts" with sponge
- 🚶 Movement
  - Follow the Shepherd Game (Follow the Leader)
  - Designate teams as shepherds and sheep. The sheep try to reach a "safe wall" without being tagged, teaching about protection.
- 🗣 Sound
  - Sheep "Baa" Game
  - Quiet Worship Song

**Send Home Page:** See attached

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One day, Jesus told His friends, “In a few days, some people are going to take Me away. I’m going to be killed.” Jesus’ friends were sad. Jesus knew this was part of God’s plan so people could be forgiven for wrong things they have done. And Jesus knew He wouldn’t stay dead!

The people who wanted to kill Jesus did not like that so many people loved Him. When these people came to get Jesus, Jesus let them take Him. And He let them kill Him on a cross.

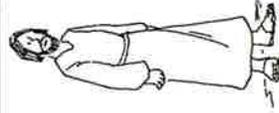
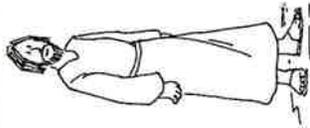
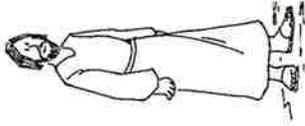
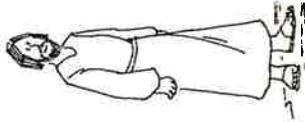
There was nothing Jesus’ friends could do. But they could at least bury Jesus’ body. So they took Jesus’ body and put it into a tomb in a nice garden. (A tomb was a little room cut out of the side of a hill.) Some men put a huge rock in front of the doorway of the tomb. Jesus’ friends were very sad. They didn’t know something wonderful was soon going to happen.





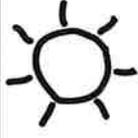
Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, hugged His feet and worshiped Him.

In each row, circle the 2 pictures that match.



Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me."

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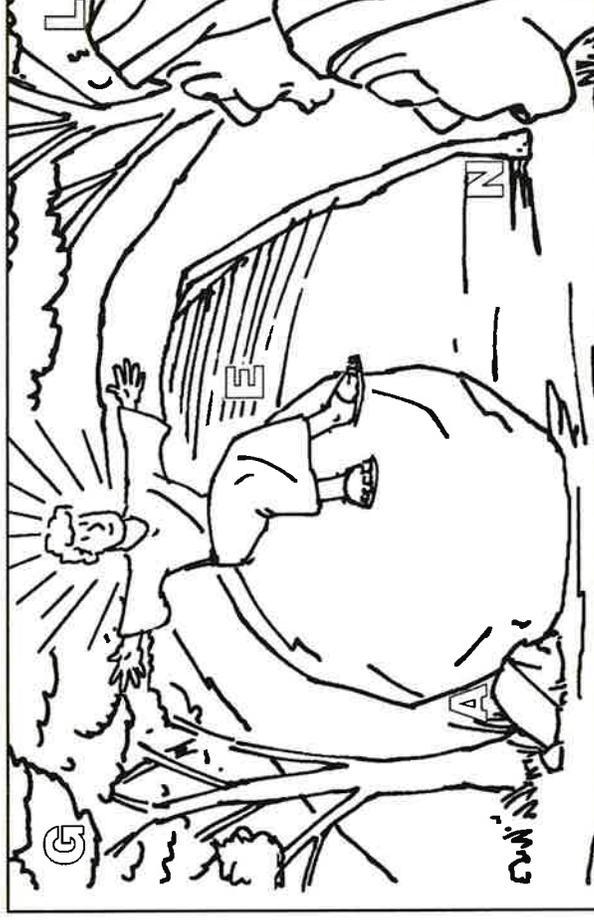
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## Jesus Is Risen

At dawn Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. The ground shook, and an angel came down from heaven. He rolled the stone from the tomb and sat on it.

Circle the hidden letters. **A N G E L**



His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

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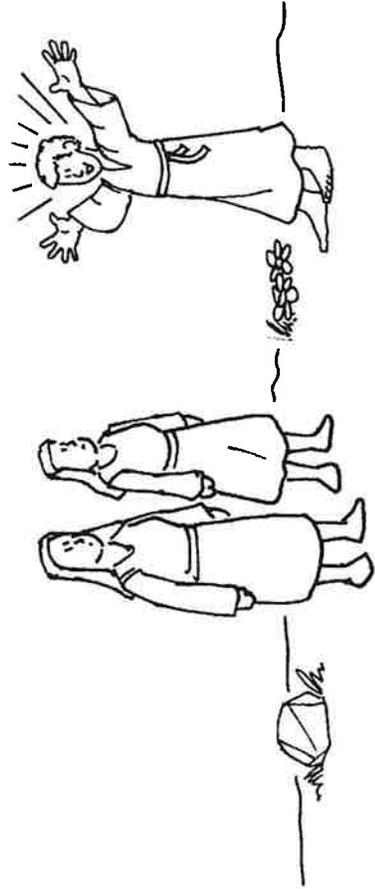
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The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ...

Write the letter "H" on each of the lines below.

... \_\_\_ e is not here; \_\_\_ e has risen, just as \_\_\_ e said. Come and see the place where \_\_\_ e lay.

Then go quickly and tell \_\_\_ is disciples: ' \_\_\_ e has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see \_\_\_ im.' Now I have told you."



So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

Connect the dots.

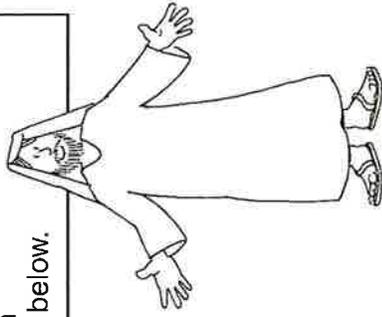
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Then the women left the tomb.  
Jesus came to them.  
What did He say?

Write the names of the pictures, then  
write the letters from the boxes on the lines below.





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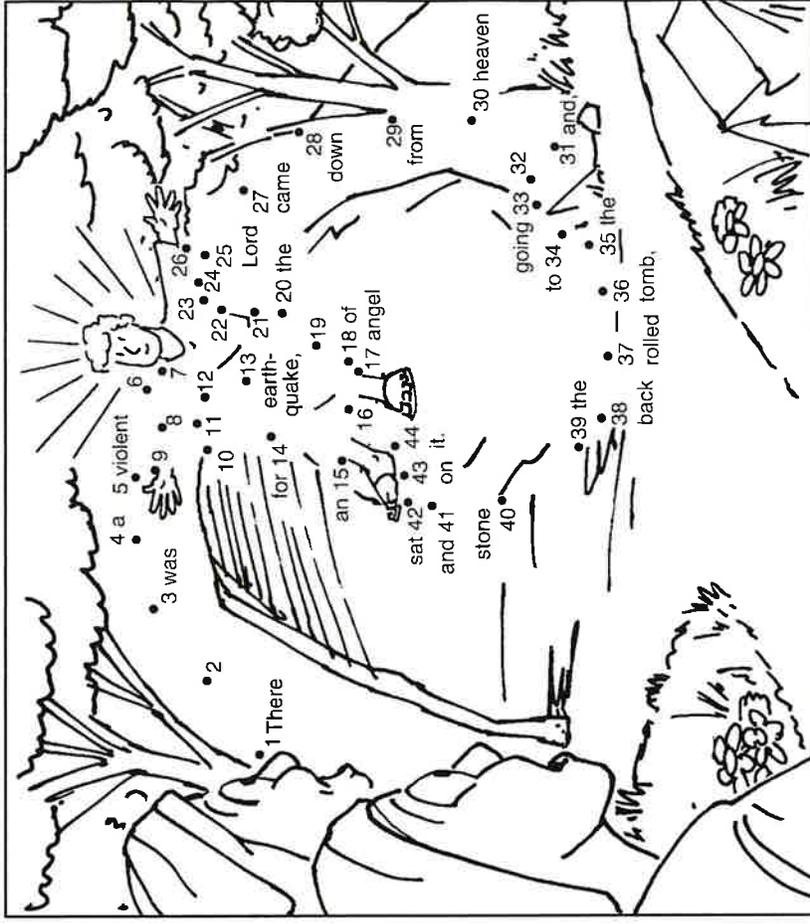
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## The Resurrection of Jesus

After the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. What happened next?

Connect the dots and read along the way.



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