

Dear Student,

This month we are looking at the symbol of the cross. The cross is perhaps that most common and best known symbol of the Christian church. In your bible, please turn to Mark and read Chapter 14 verses 27-72, and all of Chapter 15 (p. 1042-1045). This is a long story, but important. There is a lot that happens.

Jesus is betrayed and denied by His friends. He has a trial where people lie and another one where He is found not guilty, yet He is still sentenced to death. What does Jesus' suffering tell us about the nature of humans?

The women see the angel but are afraid to tell anyone what they saw. Eventually, they must have told someone, because we know their story. When Mary Magdalen tells the disciples that she has seen the risen Jesus, they do not believe her. Have you ever been afraid to tell someone something? Did they believe you?

Do you think the cross, the reminder of Jesus' suffering, is a good symbol?

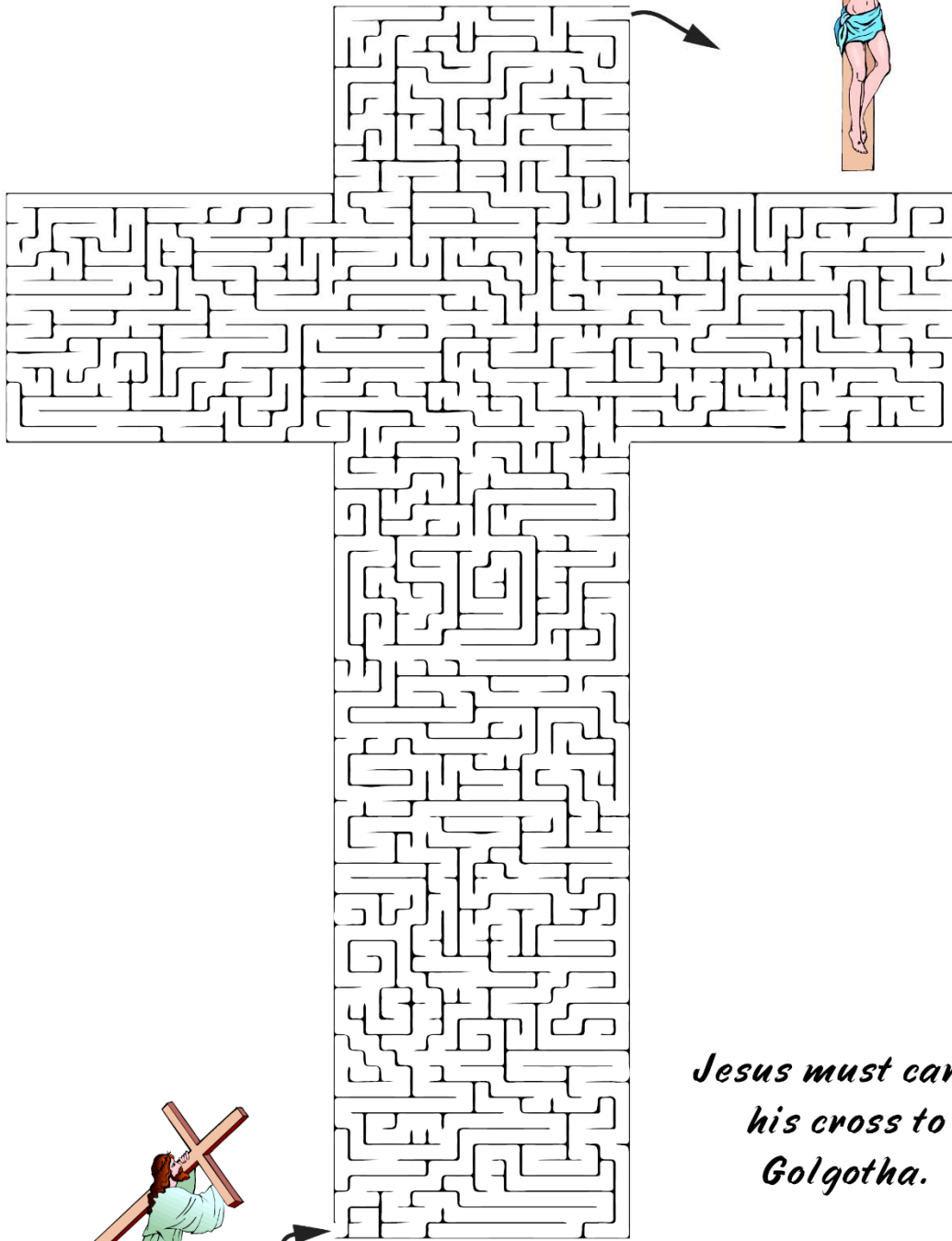
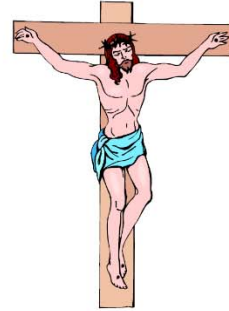
Easter is when we celebrate Jesus being risen from the dead. Every time we see an empty cross, we are reminded that death did not win. God raised Jesus and life and love won! Easter is celebrated for 50 days. How will you celebrate?

In the packet is a chart with 50 days' worth of celebrating. Feel free to add your own ideas. In the packet is also a maze and coloring page and a crossword puzzle. The crossword references multiple books in the Bible that tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection on the cross. Our fun craft this month is a sand cross.

Celebrate for 50 Days!

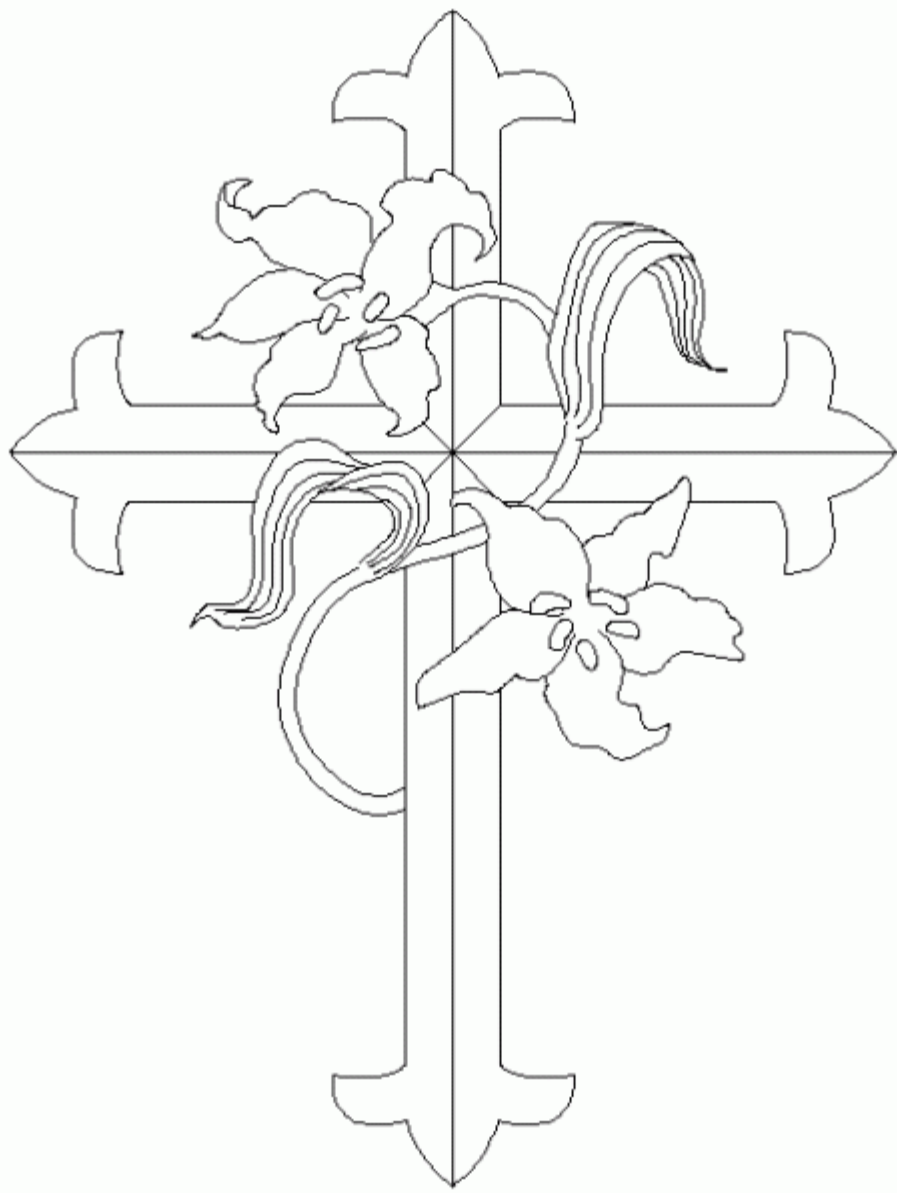
1 Sing a Song	2 Dance	3 Hug Someone	4 Play a Game	5 Jump Up	6 Play an Instrument	7 Have a Yummy Treat
8 Make a Joyful Noise	9 Run Around	10 Give a Fist Bump or High Five	11 Play Hide and Seek	12 March Around	13 Cheer	14 Blow up Balloons
15 Give Someone a Gift	16 Tell Someone you Love Them	17 Enjoy a Feast	18 Be extra Helpful to Someone	19 Blow a Noise Maker	20 Wear a Silly Hat	21 Watch a Movie with Loved Ones
22 Dress Up in Fancy Clothes	23 Do a Jig	24 Tell Jokes	25 Learn a Magic Trick	26 Dress up like a Clown	27 Smile	28 Go Outside
29 Laugh	30 Pick some Flowers	31 Have Tea and Cookies	32 Tell a Story	33 Play Music	34 Sit with a Friend	35 Blow Bubbles
36 Do a Puzzle	37 Play Tag	38 Draw a Picture	39 Listen	40 Go for a Walk	41 Clap your Hands	42 Have a Race
43 Look	44 Enjoy a Refreshing Drink	45 Play Catch	46 Hold Someone's Hand	47 Make a Chalk Drawing	48 Shout for Joy	49 Help Clean
50 Tell Someone Thank You	Use this chart as a guide. Can you think of other ways to celebrate?					

The Crucifixion of Jesus Christ



*Jesus must carry
his cross to
Golgotha.*

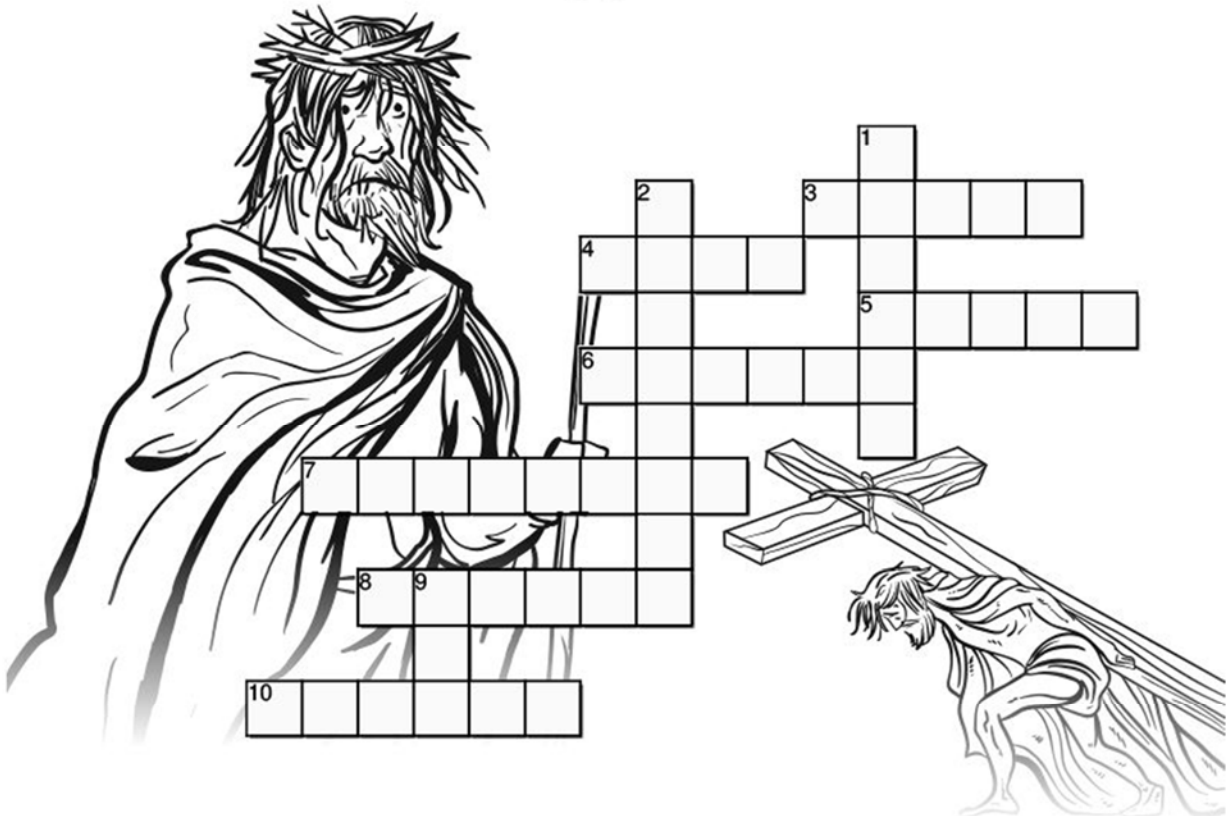
*Can you help him
find the way?*



He is Risen

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

**Matthew 26:1-27:55,
Mark 14:22-15:40;
Luke 22:1-23:56; John 18:1-19:37**



Across

3. The disciple who betrayed Jesus was _____.
4. Jesus died for the _____ of everyone in the world
5. Who denied knowing Jesus?
6. What was the Roman leader's name?
7. Jesus was crucified on a hill called _____, which means 'Hill of the Skull.'
8. Jesus _____ the injured soldier.
10. Jesus told his disciples that one of them would _____ him.

Down

1. During the festival of Passover, Jesus and his disciples had their last _____ together.
2. Jesus's last words were 'It is _____.'
9. When Peter was trying to protect Jesus from the soldiers he cut off the _____ of one soldier.

