

# Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

## Read it

Matthew 27:11-66  
Matthew 28:1-15  
John 20: 1-18

## Apply it:

As a family, pretend to be newscasters informing everyone about the events of the story. Include interviews with people in the story. Encourage kids to be creative as they present their newscast.

See attached PDF for the second activity!

## Bible Story

Jesus did not do anything wrong, but people took Jesus to jail. They took Jesus to the high priest's house. The high priest asked Jesus questions about His teaching. The high priest said that Jesus was lying about God, but Jesus always tells the truth. Jesus is God's Son! The people did not believe Jesus, so they took Him to the governor, Pilate. The leaders of the people asked Pilate to punish Jesus by putting Him on a cross. Jesus always obeyed God, but He died on the cross because He loves us. The leaders asked for a huge stone to go in front of Jesus' tomb. They said, "Jesus told His friends God would bring Him back to life in three days!" On the third day after Jesus died on the cross, Jesus' friend Mary went to the tomb early in the morning. Mary saw that the big stone had been moved away from the entrance. Mary ran to find Peter and John. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where His body is!" she said. Peter and John ran to the tomb. John looked inside and saw linen cloths lying there. Then Peter went inside the tomb and saw the cloths too. The cloth that had been around Jesus' head was folded up. John believed that Jesus was alive. Then John and Peter went home. **Mary stood outside the tomb and cried.** She looked inside and saw two angels. "Why are you crying?" they asked. "They've taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they put Him," Mary said. Then Mary turned and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Him. She thought the man was a gardener. "Why are you crying?" Jesus asked. "Who are you looking for?" Mary said, "Sir, if you have taken away Jesus, tell me where He is and I will go get Him." Jesus said, "Mary." Mary turned around and said, "Teacher!" Jesus sent Mary to tell the other friends that He was going back to the Father. Mary did what Jesus said, and she told the friends, "I have seen the Lord!" While this happened, some of the soldiers who were guarding the tomb went into the city and told the religious leaders what happened. The leaders gave the soldiers money and told them to lie about what they saw. They told them to say that Jesus' friends stole His body while they were sleeping. So the soldiers took the money and told everyone that Jesus never rose from the dead.

## Talk about it

Why did Jesus die on the cross? (Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins and came back to life to show we are forgiven)

Where was Jesus buried?

Who saw Jesus?

Why is death and resurrection of Jesus so important?

## Memory Verse

"For it is by grace you have been saved, and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God"  
Ephesians 2:8





