Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?
- Who raised Jesus from the dead?
- How can people be forgiven of their sins?

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Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26–28; John 20

STORY POINT: JESUS' RESURRECTION GIVES TRUE JOY TO BELIEVERS.

Jesus had been arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor. The governor's soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus and made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They beat Jesus and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again and then He died. Jesus was buried in a tomb.

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it.

The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen, just like He said He would."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. The women worshiped Him. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there."

Jesus appeared to Peter and then to the other disciples. Many people witnessed that Jesus is alive!

Christ Connection: Jesus' death and resurrection is the center of the gospel. Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is alive! God gives hope and true joy to everyone who trusts in Jesus.

The Word Alive

What words can you make using the letters in ***RESURRECTION***? List them below.

The Perfect Fit

Circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

The governor's soldiers made a crown of _____ and put it on His head. **(flowers / thorns)**

Then they mocked Him: "Here is the _____ of the Jews!" **(boss / King)**

The _____ nailed Jesus to a cross. **(soldiers / criminals)**

Jesus cried out, "My God, why have You _____ Me?" **(laughed at / forsaken)**

One of the men guarding Jesus' body said, "This man really was God's _____!" **(Son / enemy)**

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the _____. **(garden / tomb)**

An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and _____ on it. **(sat / spat)**

The angel spoke to the women, "Jesus is not here. He has _____." **(died / risen)**

Just then Jesus greeted them. "Don't be _____," Jesus told them. **(afraid / mad)**

Jesus appeared to more than _____ people who followed Him. **(500 / 5 million)**

Jesus is _____! **(missing / alive)**