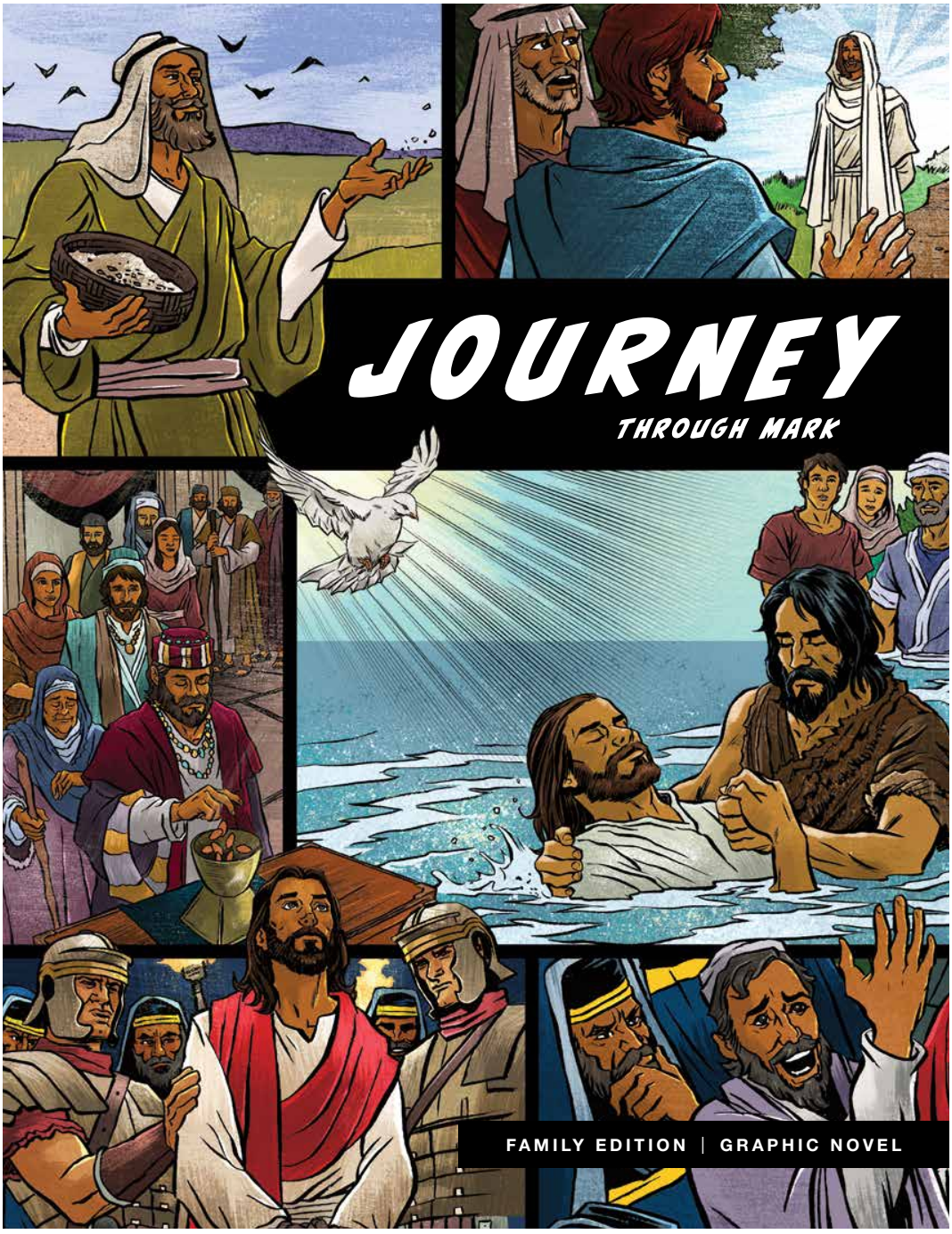
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HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

We recommend that 2nd – 5th graders use this resource together with their parents as a Family Edition. The purpose is for kids and parents to benefit from quality time together while also learning more about who God is and who He has made them to be.

- Journey Through Mark: Family Edition | Graphic Novel includes 8 selected stories from the book of Mark. Each day, there is an introduction that explains background information to understand the Scripture passage.
- Each Bible passage in this book corresponds to Journey Through Mark: Family Edition | Storybook as well. If you have younger children who are reading the Storybook version, your whole family can read, learn, and discuss together.
- We have included two days of reading each week so that families have plenty of time to complete each reading without feeling rushed. In addition, families can reread each day's Scripture more than once throughout the week to let the lessons soak in. Repetition in different forms is a great way to help kids learn! For example, you might read Part 1, discuss the questions, and begin practicing the memory verse on Monday. On Tuesday, you might reread Part 1, practice the memory verse again, and complete the activity page. On Wednesday, you might reread Part 1 while your child colors the coloring page, and then practice the memory verse once more. Then, you can repeat this process for Part 2 on Thursday – Saturday.
- Each week, we have included a memory verse. Committing Bible verses to memory allows the Holy Spirit to bring Scripture to mind in times of stress, worry, fear, or other emotions. Memorizing God's Word can be very beneficial for both kids and parents!

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- There are also family discussion questions for each Bible passage. Take time to talk about each question with your child after you read together. This gives you the opportunity to check your child's understanding of the story as well as to see it from their perspective. Don't forget to answer each question yourself. If a question sparks a memory, feel free to share it with your child. Kids love to hear stories about when their parents were children!
- In addition, there are one or more activity pages and a coloring page for each Bible passage. We encourage families to try out all of the activities because you never know what type of activity will spark an interest or further understanding in your child.
- Finally, take time to pray together after you finish your Journey reading each day. Parents can certainly start the prayer, but be sure to encourage your child to talk to God as well. Fancy words are not necessary. God just wants us to be honest and spend time with Him.

VERSION

We have used the New International Reader's Version (NIRV) in this book. Background information in the introductions for each day was also inspired by the NIRV.

INTRODUCTION TO MARK

Who wrote the book of Mark? Many people believe that John Mark, a friend and coworker of the apostles Peter and Paul, wrote this book about 25 – 40 years after Jesus' death. He may have been present as a young boy at one or more of the events he wrote about. He would have learned the rest of this information from Peter, Jesus' disciple. God used him to write these words, and we know that He is still using these words today to teach believers like us.

John Mark probably wrote this book in Rome. Many scholars believe that John Mark was writing to Gentile believers rather than Jewish believers. This is because he explains a lot of words and phrases that Jewish believers would have already been familiar with.

Why is it important to read the book of Mark? It is one of four gospels in the New Testament – books of the Bible that tell the story of Jesus' earthly life. By reading the book of Mark, we can learn who Jesus is, what He taught, and how He treated others here on earth. We can also learn how to grow closer in our relationship with Jesus.

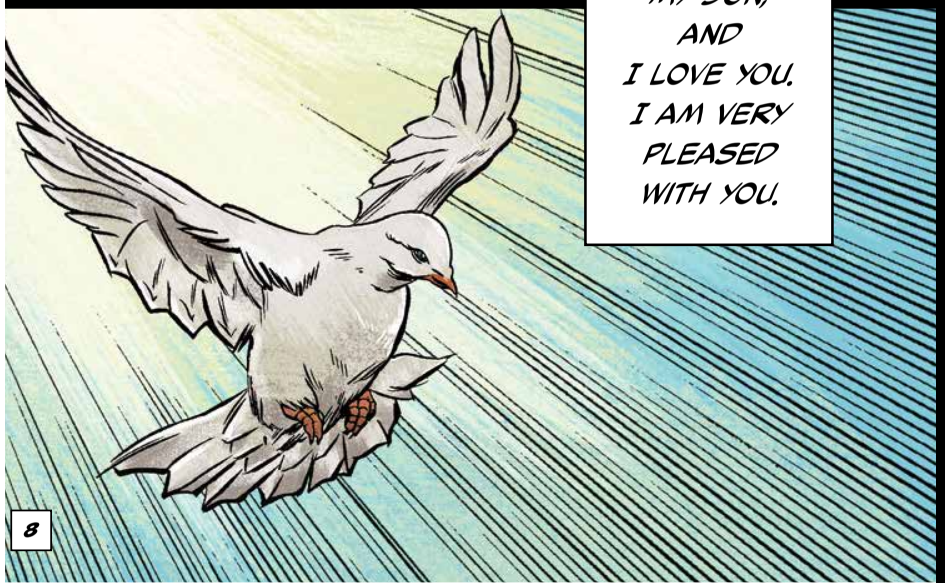
Journey Through Mark: Family Edition | Graphic Novel includes 8 stories from the book of Mark. As your family reads these passages together, remember that these are more than just stories. They are true, and they give us a plan for how we should live our own lives. As you read, take time to ask God to show you what He wants you to learn from each passage of Scripture. We hope that when you engage in reading Scripture together as a family, your relationships with Jesus and with each other will grow!

As you read, be on the lookout for these big ideas in the book of Mark:

- Jesus listened to and obeyed God the Father, and we can do the same.
- Jesus needed to spend time with God the Father every day, and so do we.
- Jesus came to earth to teach, heal, and save people like us.
- Jesus wants God's message to take deep root in each of our hearts.
- Jesus pays attention to the reasons why we do things just as much as what we do.
- Jesus wants us to tell the whole world the good news about Him.

WEEK 1 PART 1

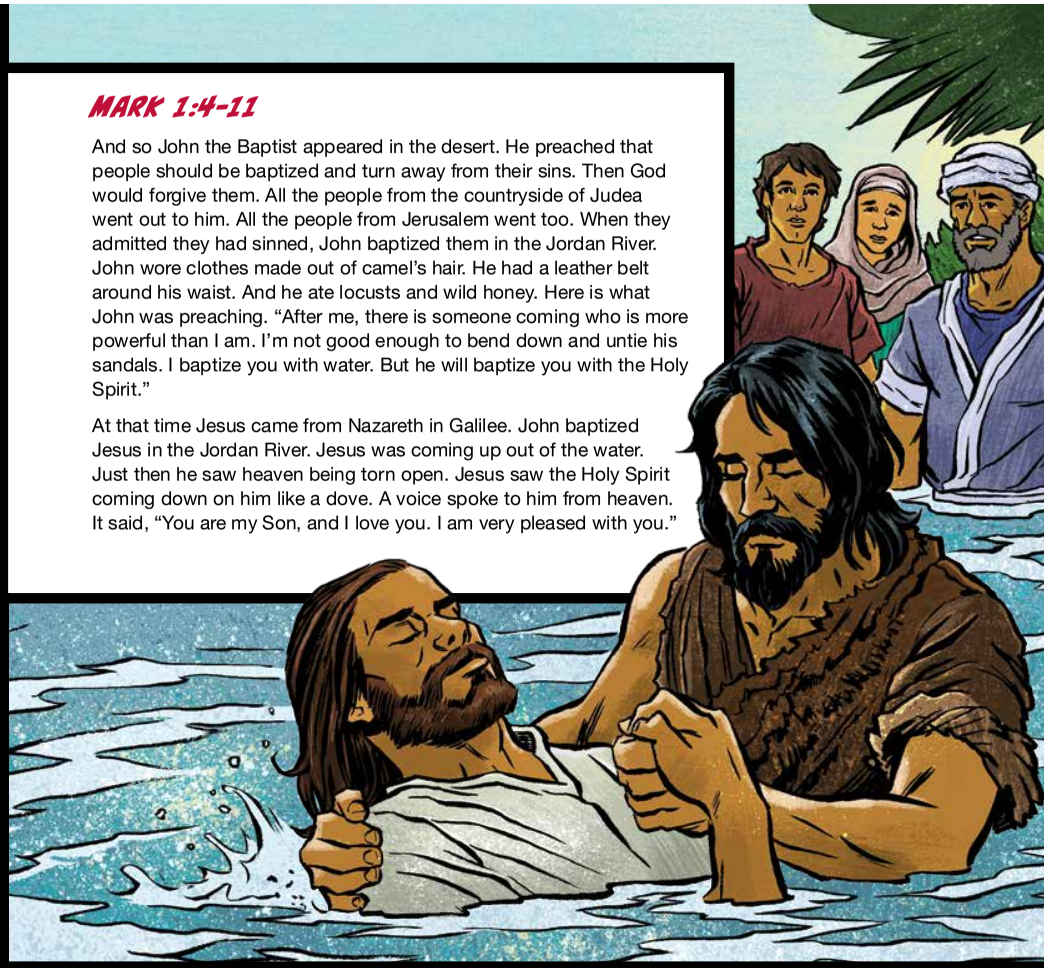
IN THE OLD TESTAMENT OF THE BIBLE, THE PROPHET ISAIAH TOLD THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO TURN BACK TO GOD AND THAT A SAVIOR WAS COMING. THEN, THE PEOPLE HAD TO WAIT HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE THEY HEARD ANYTHING ELSE FROM GOD! SO, IMAGINE THEIR SURPRISE WHEN AN UNUSUAL MAN NAMED JOHN BEGAN BAPTIZING PEOPLE IN THE JORDAN RIVER AND ANNOUNCING THAT A SAVIOR WAS ON HIS WAY! JOHN DID SOME ODD THINGS LIKE WEAR CAMEL'S HAIR CLOTHES AND EAT INSECTS, BUT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVED HIM. THEY CONFESSED THEIR SINS AND WERE BAPTIZED. FINALLY, JOHN BAPTIZED SOMEONE VERY SURPRISING – THE VERY SAVIOR HE HAD BEEN ANNOUNCING!



MARK 1:4-11

And so John the Baptist appeared in the desert. He preached that people should be baptized and turn away from their sins. Then God would forgive them. All the people from the countryside of Judea went out to him. All the people from Jerusalem went too. When they admitted they had sinned, John baptized them in the Jordan River. John wore clothes made out of camel's hair. He had a leather belt around his waist. And he ate locusts and wild honey. Here is what John was preaching. "After me, there is someone coming who is more powerful than I am. I'm not good enough to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water. But he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Jesus was coming up out of the water. Just then he saw heaven being torn open. Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a dove. A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you."



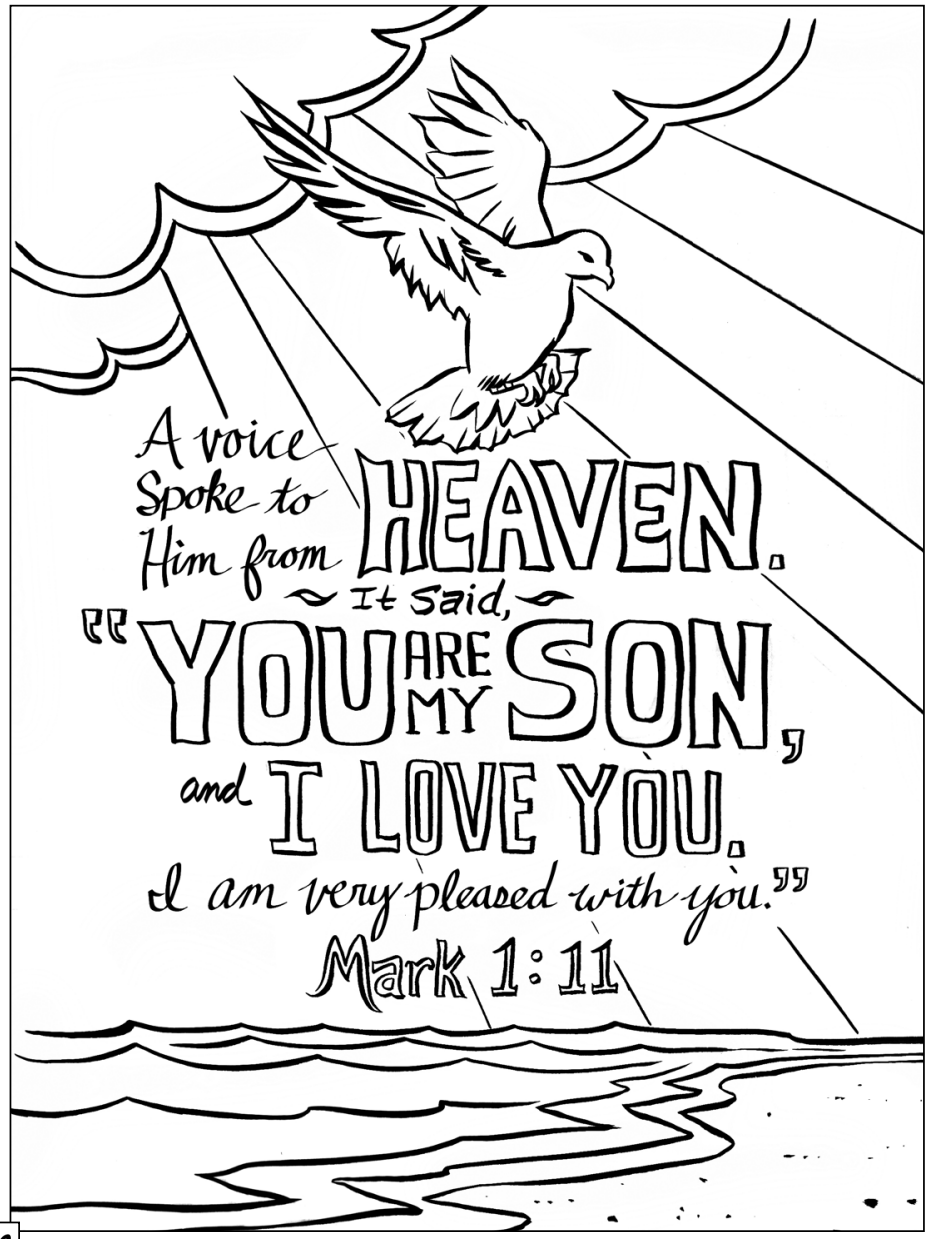
MEMORY VERSE

MARK 1:11

A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you."

QUESTIONS

1. What unusual things happened when John baptized Jesus?
2. John the Baptist dressed in an unusual way and ate odd things. God still used him for a very important purpose – to announce that Jesus was on His way. How do you think you would have reacted to John the Baptist? Do you ever judge others by how they dress or the things they do?
3. Jesus chose to be baptized to be obedient to God and show others who He was. When you are older, you can also choose to be baptized. What questions do you have about baptism?



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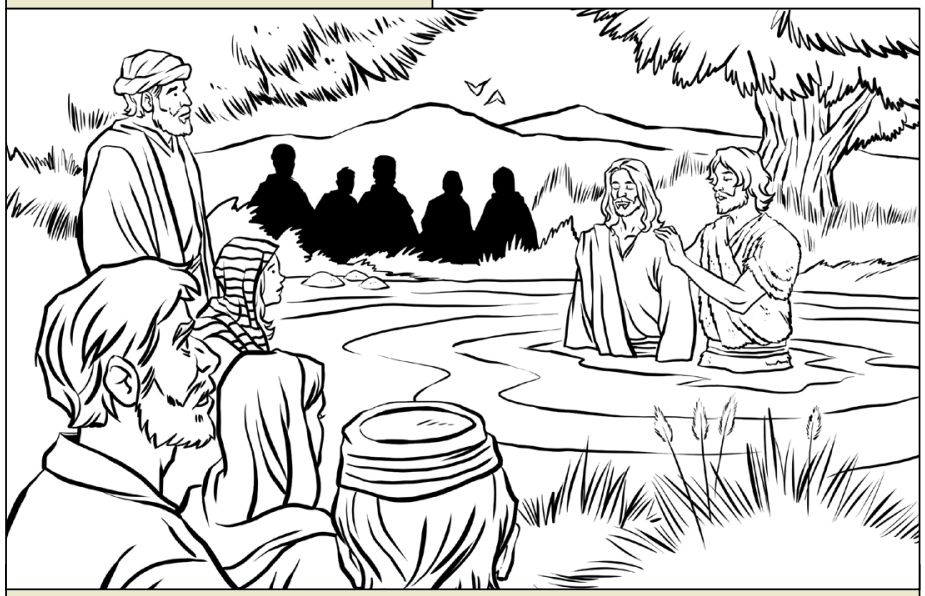

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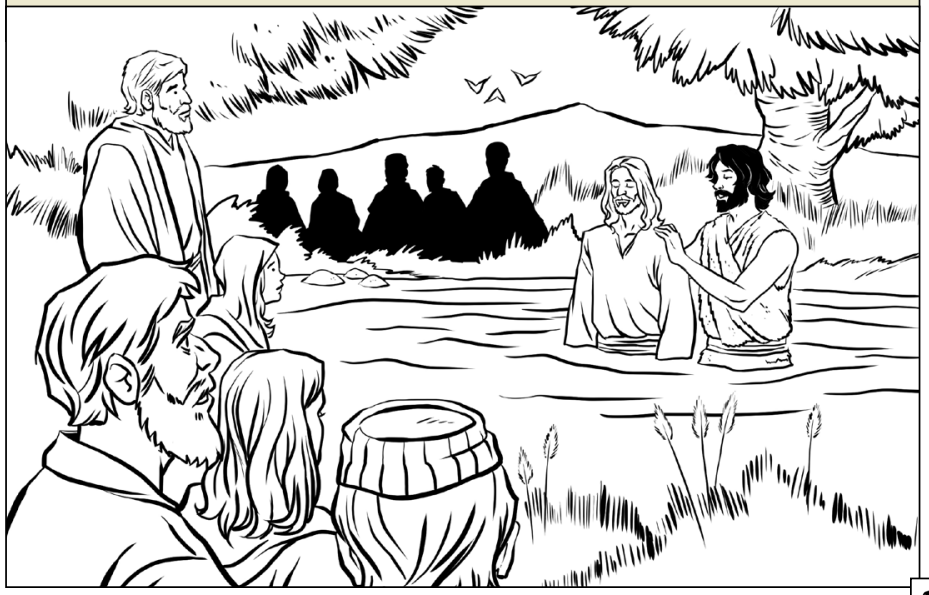
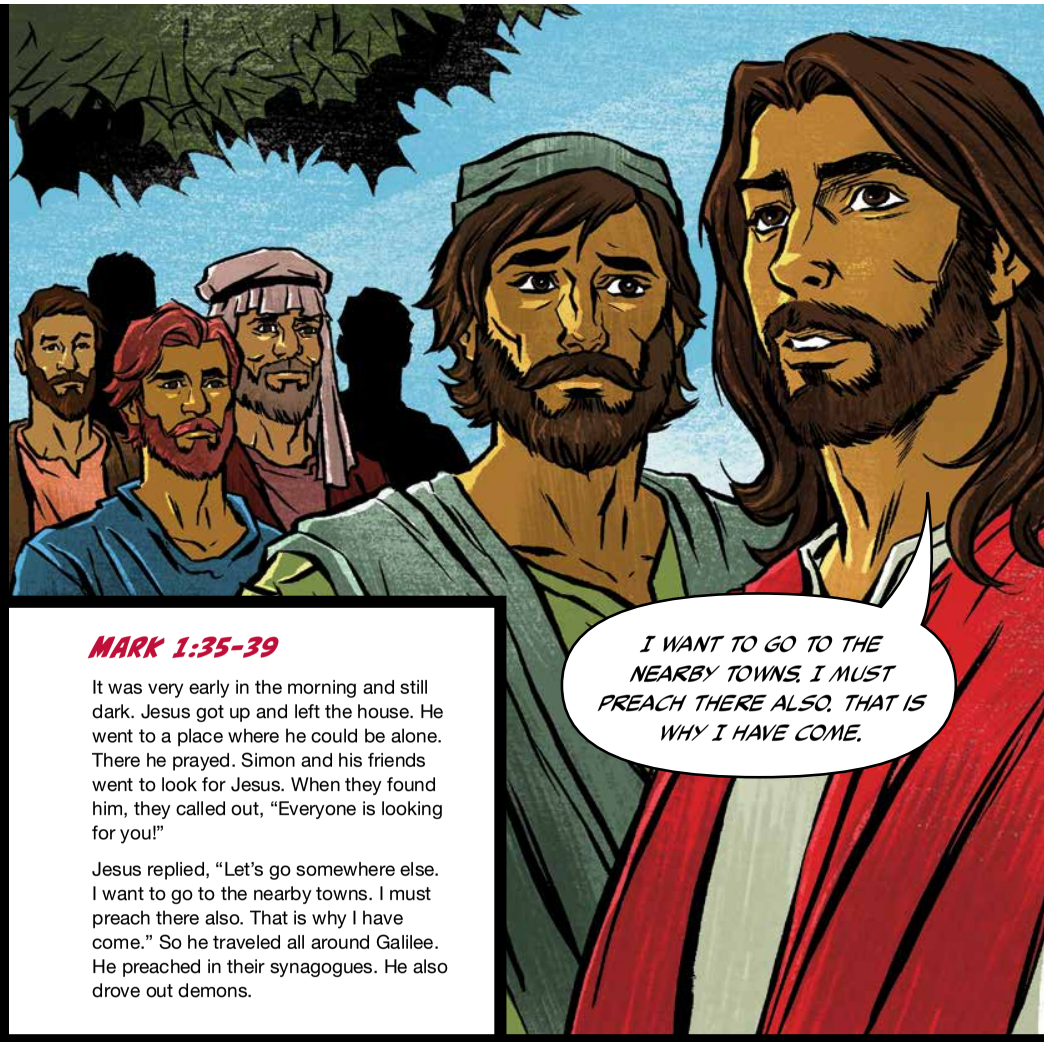


WEEK 1 PART 2

THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE MAY SEEM VERY SIMPLE AND EVEN UNIMPORTANT, BUT MARK WAS INSPIRED BY GOD TO INCLUDE IT FOR A REASON. JESUS WAS FULLY GOD, BUT EVEN HE NEEDED TO SPEND TIME ALONE PRAYING AND TALKING TO GOD THE FATHER. IF JESUS NEEDED IT, THEN WE NEED IT EVEN MORE! HERE, JESUS SHOWS US HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO MAKE TIME TO TALK WITH GOD EVERY DAY. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT JESUS TALKED ABOUT WITH GOD THE FATHER THAT DAY, BUT WE CAN GUESS. RIGHT AFTER HE PRAYED, HE TOLD SIMON THAT HE NEEDED TO VISIT EVEN MORE TOWNS TO TEACH AND HEAL EVEN MORE PEOPLE. IT MAY BE THAT JESUS GOT CLEARER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE FATHER WHILE HE WAS PRAYING. WE CAN ALSO EXPECT TO GET CLEARER ON WHAT WE NEED TO DO WHEN WE SPEND TIME ALONE WITH GOD.



MARK 1:35-39

It was very early in the morning and still dark. Jesus got up and left the house. He went to a place where he could be alone. There he prayed. Simon and his friends went to look for Jesus. When they found him, they called out, "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let's go somewhere else. I want to go to the nearby towns. I must preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled all around Galilee. He preached in their synagogues. He also drove out demons.

MEMORY VERSE

MARK 1:11

A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you."

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus do when He left the house alone early in the morning?
2. Do you ever spend time alone with God? What do you talk with Him about?
3. Is there anything you don't think you could talk to God about? Why? Take some time right now and try talking to Him about it.

JESUS TRAVELED TO NEARBY TOWNS TO TEACH AND HEAL MANY PEOPLE.

HOLE-Y PRAYER

Today's Bible story shows us that Jesus made sure to spend time with God the Father each day. Take some time to spend with God right now. Think about what you want to say to Him. Then, use a pen, pencil, toothpick, or other pointed object to poke holes in this page to write out your answer. The first words are started for you.

EARLY MORNING MESSAGE

WEEK 1 PART 2

Find each letter in the crescent moon to the right. Next, follow the arrows from that letter to the final letter, and write it on the line. Then, write the decoded letters in number order on the blank lines below to answer the question.

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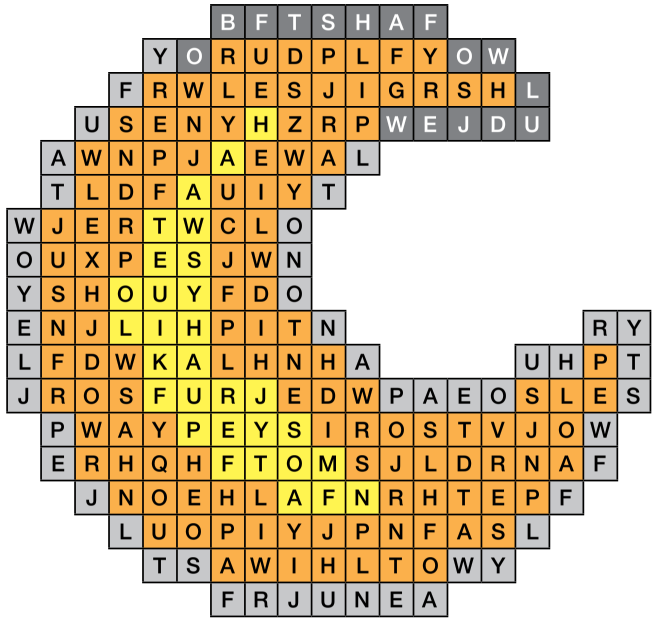

What can we learn from this simple Bible story?

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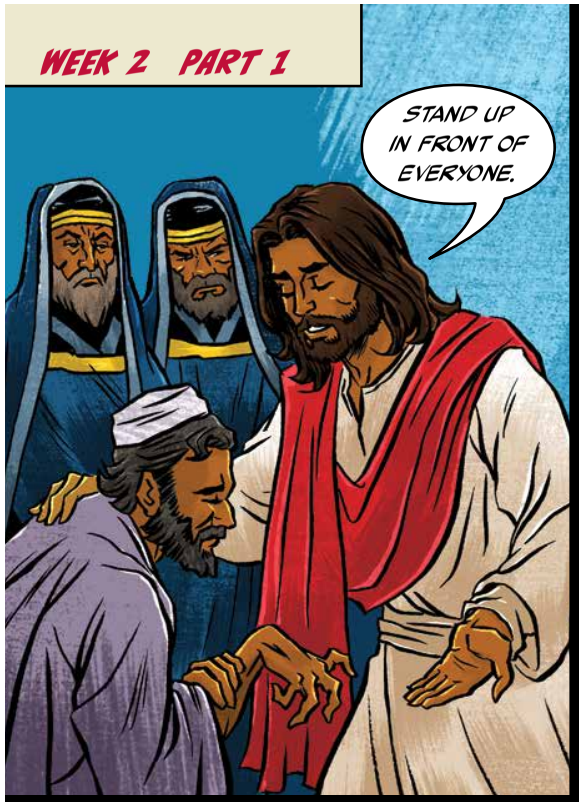
WEEK 2 PART 1



DURING JESUS' TIME ON EARTH, THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW MANY RULES. ONE VERY IMPORTANT RULE DID NOT ALLOW ANY JEWISH PERSON TO WORK ON THE SABBATH DAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE WEEK. THIS DAY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SET ASIDE FOR WORSHIPING GOD ONLY. THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THE PHARISEES TOOK THIS RULE TOO FAR. NOT ONLY DID THEY NOT WORK, THEY REFUSED TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL, NOT EVEN HELPING A PERSON WHO WAS SICK OR IN DANGER! THEY ALSO LOOKED DOWN ON ANYONE WHO DIDN'T FOLLOW THE RULE IN THE EXACT SAME WAY THEY DID. JESUS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REASON FOR THIS RULE WAS TO HELP PEOPLE REMEMBER TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE OTHERS, NOT TO GET PEOPLE IN TROUBLE FOR HELPING SOMEONE WHO WAS SICK. JESUS CORRECTLY SAW THAT THE PHARISEES HAD HARD HEARTS AND WERE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO ARREST AND KILL HIM BECAUSE HE DIDN'T FOLLOW THE RULES IN THE SAME WAY THEY DID.

MARK 3:1-6

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue. A man with a weak and twisted hand was there. Some Pharisees were trying to find fault with Jesus. They watched him closely. They wanted to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day. Jesus spoke to the man with the weak and twisted hand. "Stand up in front of everyone," he said.

Then Jesus asked them, "What does the Law say we should do on the Sabbath day? Should we do good? Or should we do evil? Should we save life? Or should we kill?" But no one answered.

Jesus looked around at them in anger. He was very upset because their hearts were stubborn. Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand had become as good as new. Then the Pharisees went out and began to make plans with the Herodians. They wanted to kill Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

MARK 4:20

And what is seed scattered on good soil like? The people hear the message. They accept it. They produce a good crop 30, 60, or even 100 times more than the farmer planted.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus do that made the Pharisees angry?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where it seemed like the rules and the right thing to do were different? What did you do?
3. Take a few moments to ask God to bring to your mind a time when you had a hard heart toward a person or a group of people. What could you do to show kindness toward them instead?

JESUS HEALED A MAN'S HAND ON THE SABBATH DAY,
BUT THE PHARISEES BEGAN TO PLOT AGAINST HIM.

HEARTFELT PUZZLE

Cross out all the squares with C, V, X, or Z in the puzzle below. Then, write the remaining letters in order on the blank lines to answer the first question. Finally, answer the second question in your own words.

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Z X C V Z X C V Z X C
V Z X C V Z X
C V Z X C
Z X C
V

1. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach the Pharisees?

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2. How can you also do this?

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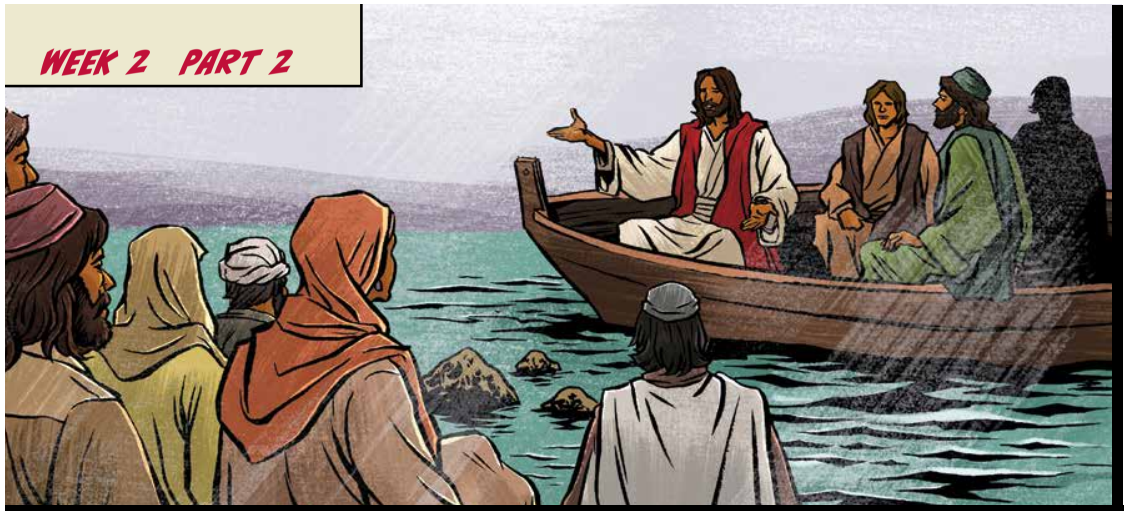
WEEK 2 PART 2



WHEN JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE, HE OFTEN USED PARABLES. PARABLES ARE STORIES THAT TEACH A LESSON. IN THIS PARABLE, JESUS TALKS ABOUT SEEDS THAT FALL ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF SOIL AND HOW THE SEEDS GROW OR DON'T GROW IN EACH SITUATION. EACH TYPE OF SOIL REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF PERSON, AND THE SEEDS REPRESENT THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT GOD. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION AS YOU READ TO FIGURE OUT WHICH TYPE OF SOIL MATCHES UP WITH EACH TYPE OF PERSON.

EXCERPT FROM MARK 4:1-20

Again Jesus began to teach by the Sea of Galilee. The crowd that gathered around him was very large. So he got into a boat. He sat down in it out on the lake. All the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things using stories. In his teaching he said, "Listen! A farmer went out to plant his seed. He scattered the seed on the ground. Some fell on a path. Birds came and ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky places, where there wasn't much soil. The plants came up quickly, because the soil wasn't deep. When the sun came up, it burned the plants. They dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and crowded out the plants. So the plants did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It grew up and produced a crop 30, 60, or even 100 times more than the farmer planted."

Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this story? Then how will you understand any stories of this kind? The seed the farmer plants is God's message. What is seed scattered on a path like? The message is planted. The people hear the message. Then Satan comes. He takes away the message that was planted in them. And what is seed scattered on rocky places like? The people hear the message. At once they receive it with joy. But they have no roots. So they last only a short time. They quickly fall away from the faith when trouble or suffering comes because of the message. And what is seed scattered among thorns like? The people hear the message. But then the worries of this life come to them. Wealth comes with its false promises. The people also long for other things. All of these are the kinds of things that crowd out the message. They keep it from producing fruit. And what is seed scattered on good soil like? The people hear the message. They accept it. They produce a good crop 30, 60, or even 100 times more than the farmer planted."

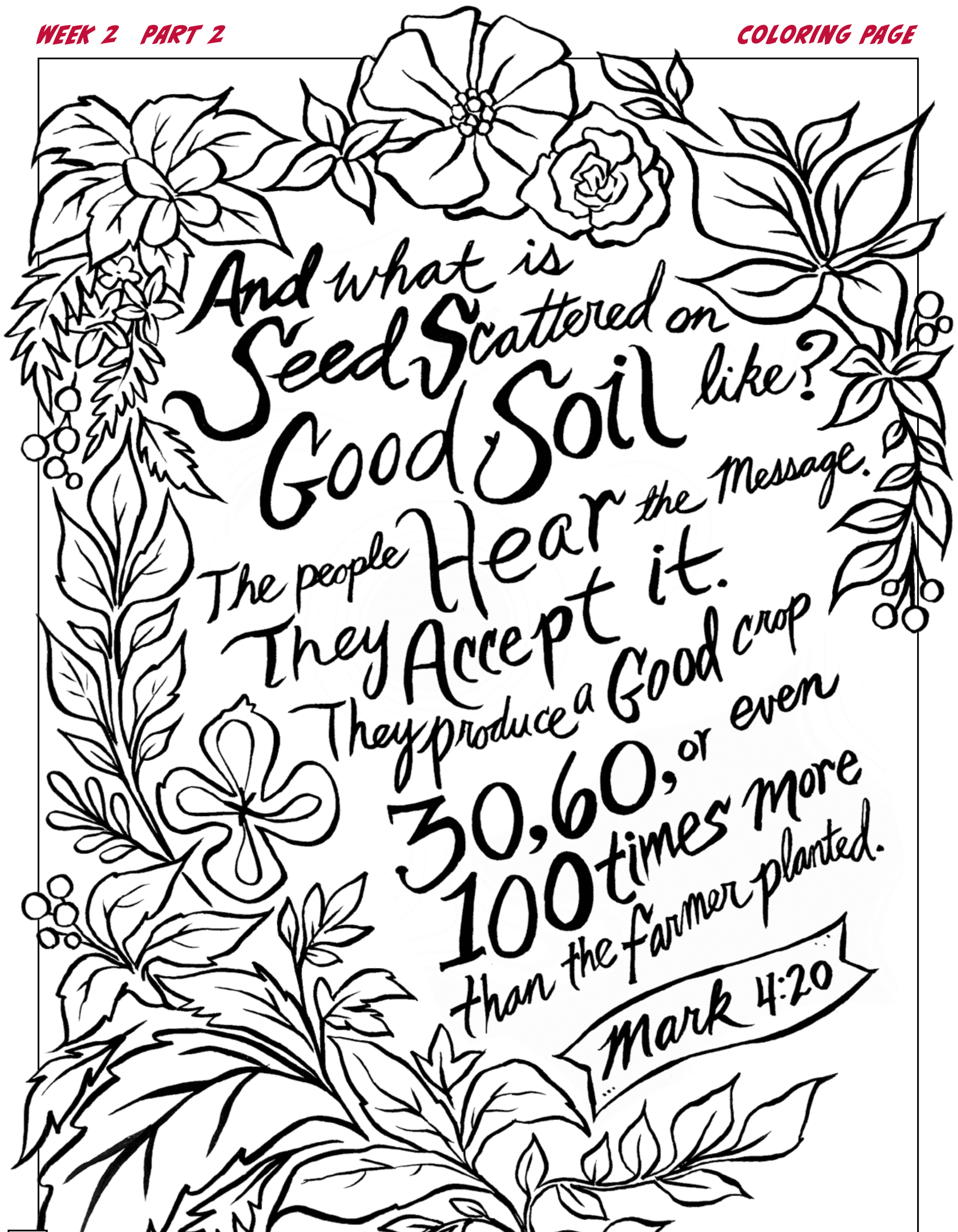
MEMORY VERSE

MARK 4:20

And what is seed scattered on good soil like? The people hear the message. They accept it. They produce a good crop 30, 60, or even 100 times more than the farmer planted.

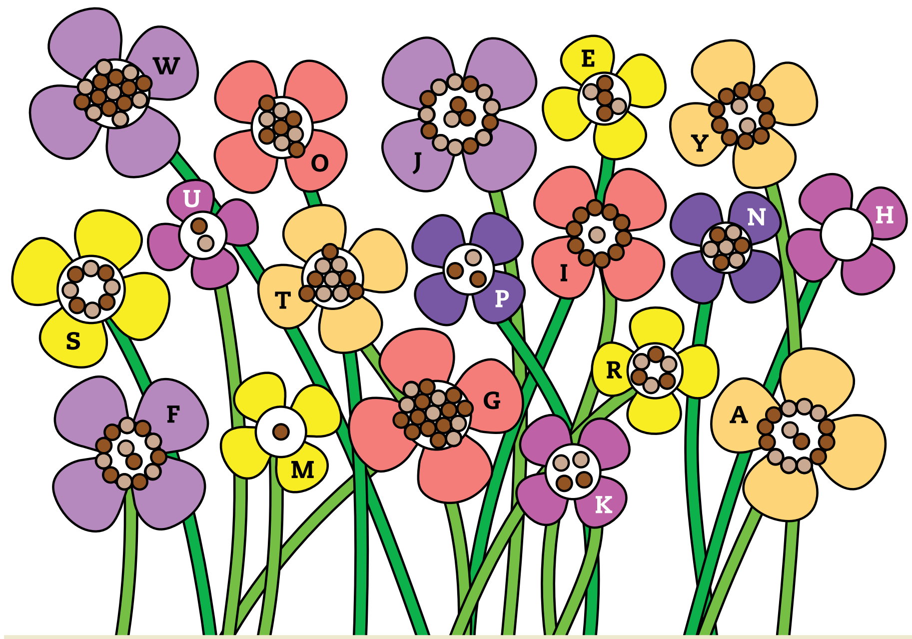
QUESTIONS

1. What does the seed represent in this parable?
2. Can you explain what kind of person each type of soil represents?
3. Which type of soil do you think you are? Has the good news of Jesus taken root in your life? How do you think you can tell?



FLOWERY QUESTION

Count the number of seeds inside each flower. That number corresponds to a box in the mystery question below. Fill in the box with the letter from the flower to reveal the mystery question. Then, take turns answering the question with your family.



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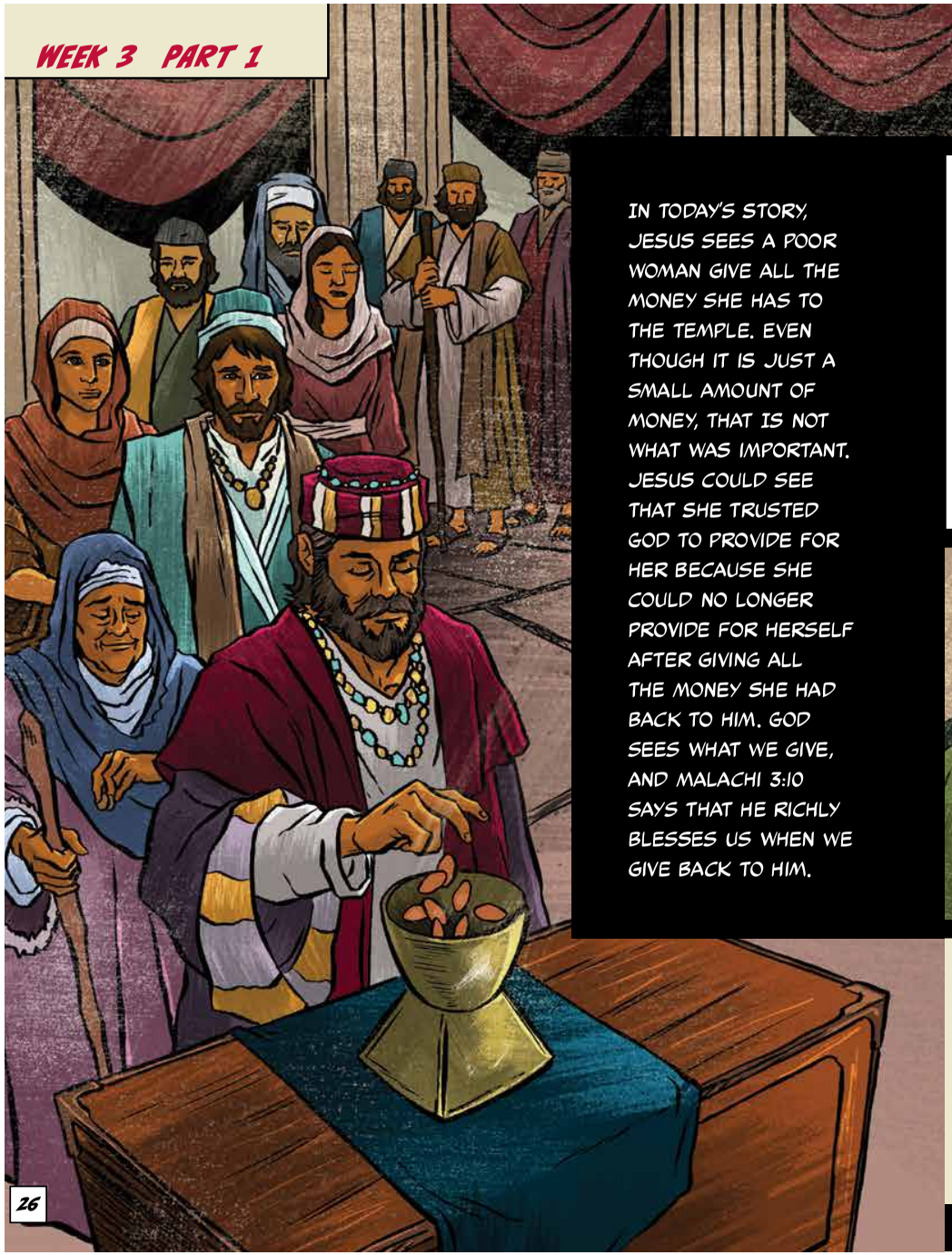


IN TODAY'S STORY, JESUS SEES A POOR WOMAN GIVE ALL THE MONEY SHE HAS TO THE TEMPLE. EVEN THOUGH IT IS JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY, THAT IS NOT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT. JESUS COULD SEE THAT SHE TRUSTED GOD TO PROVIDE FOR HER BECAUSE SHE COULD NO LONGER PROVIDE FOR HERSELF AFTER GIVING ALL THE MONEY SHE HAD BACK TO HIM. GOD SEES WHAT WE GIVE, AND MALACHI 3:10 SAYS THAT HE RICHLY BLESSES US WHEN WE GIVE BACK TO HIM.

MARK 12:41-44

Jesus sat down across from the place where people put their temple offerings. He watched the crowd putting their money into the offering boxes. Many rich people threw large amounts into them. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins. They were worth only a few pennies.

Jesus asked his disciples to come to him. He said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. That poor widow has put more into the offering box than all the others. They all gave a lot because they are rich. But she gave even though she is poor. She put in everything she had. That was all she had to live on."

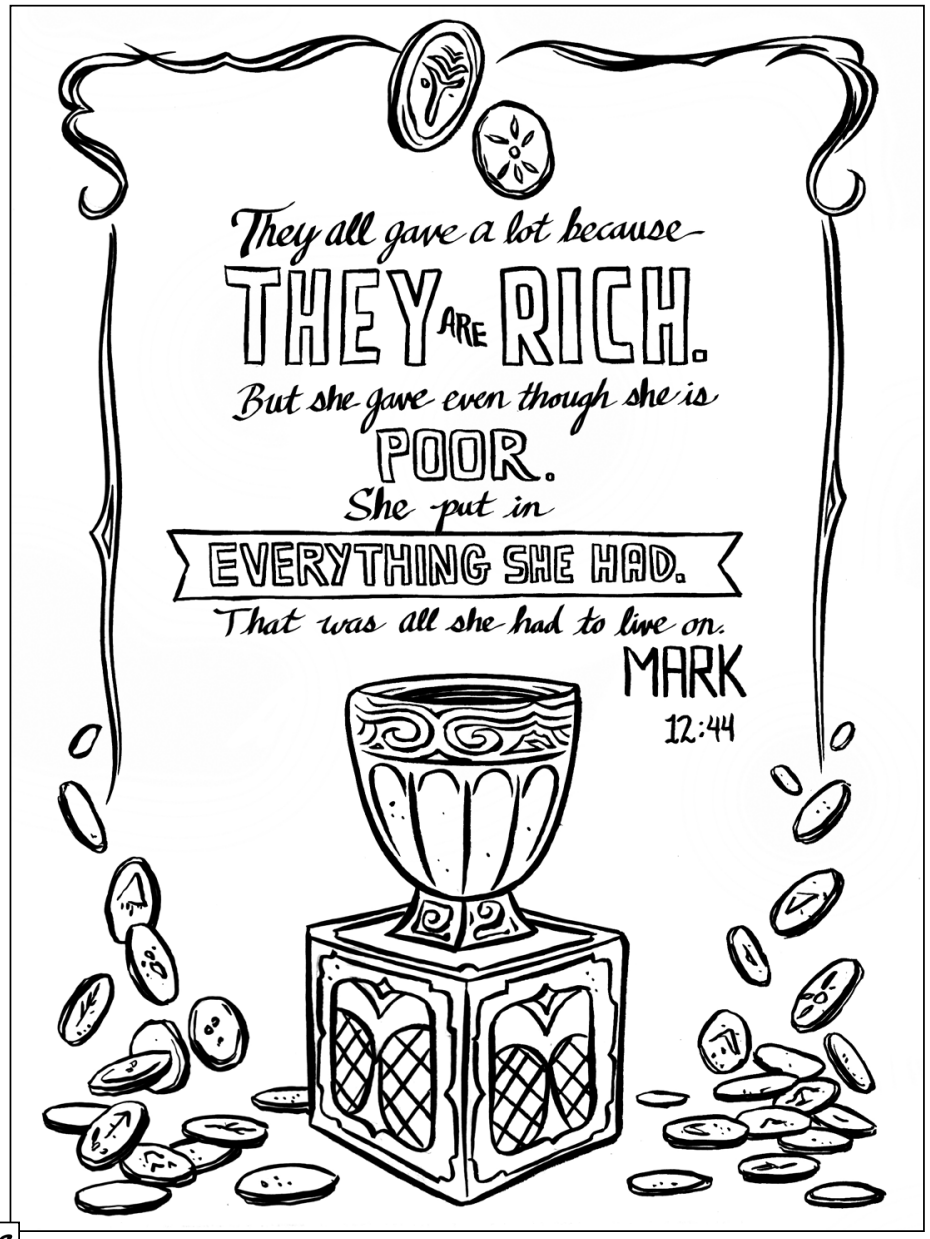
MEMORY VERSE

MARK 12:44

They all gave a lot because they are rich. But she gave even though she is poor. She put in everything she had. That was all she had to live on.

QUESTIONS

1. What did the widow put into the offering box? How was that different from other people's offerings?
2. Why do you think Jesus was so impressed with the widow's offering if she only gave two coins?
3. God richly blesses us when we give what we have back to Him. We can give money, possessions, time, or talents. Which of these could you give back to God or use to bless others in His name?



SEEK AND FIND

Find all 24 of the hidden items and color them!

- boat
- bowl
- bread
- camel
- candle
- carrot
- cloud
- coconut
- coin
- cow
- cross
- donkey
- goblet
- grapes
- heart
- knife
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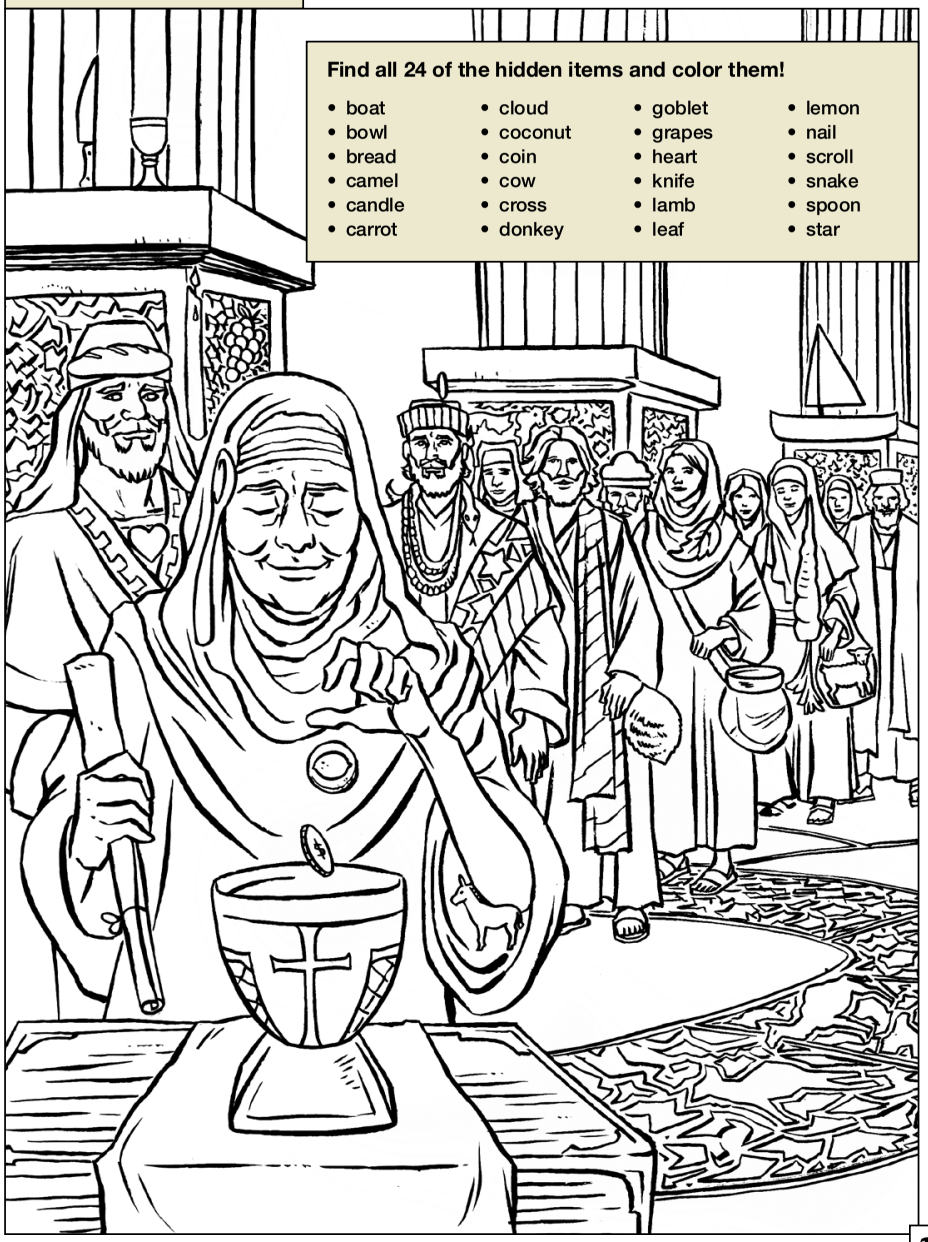


WEEK 3 PART 2

THE PHARISEES WERE JEALOUS OF THE ATTENTION JESUS WAS GETTING AND WERE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO ARREST HIM. THEY FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES, JUDAS, TO LEAD THEM TO HIM. JESUS WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE JEWISH COUNCIL, THE SANHEDRIN. EVEN THOUGH THEY LIED ABOUT HIM, THEY COULDN'T FIND ANY REASON TO KILL HIM. FINALLY, THEY FOUND HIM GUILTY FOR SAYING THAT HE WAS THE MESSIAH, EVEN THOUGH THAT WAS THE TRUTH. THEN, THE PHARISEES BROUGHT JESUS TO PONTIUS PILATE, THE ROMAN GOVERNOR OVER JUDEA. PILATE COULD HAVE LET JESUS GO FREE, BUT HE WAS AFRAID OF WHAT THE PEOPLE WOULD DO TO HIM IF HE DIDN'T DO WHAT THEY ASKED.

MARK 15:6-15

It was the usual practice at the Passover Feast to let one prisoner go free. The people could choose the one they wanted. A man named Barabbas was in prison. He was there with some other people who had fought against the country's rulers. They had committed murder while they were fighting against the rulers. The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

"Do you want me to let the king of the Jews go free?" asked Pilate. He knew that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him because they wanted to get their own way. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd. So the crowd asked Pilate to let Barabbas go free instead.

"Then what should I do with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

"Crucify him!" the crowd shouted.

"Why? What wrong has he done?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

Pilate wanted to satisfy the crowd. So he let Barabbas go free. He ordered that Jesus be whipped. Then he handed him over to be nailed to a cross.

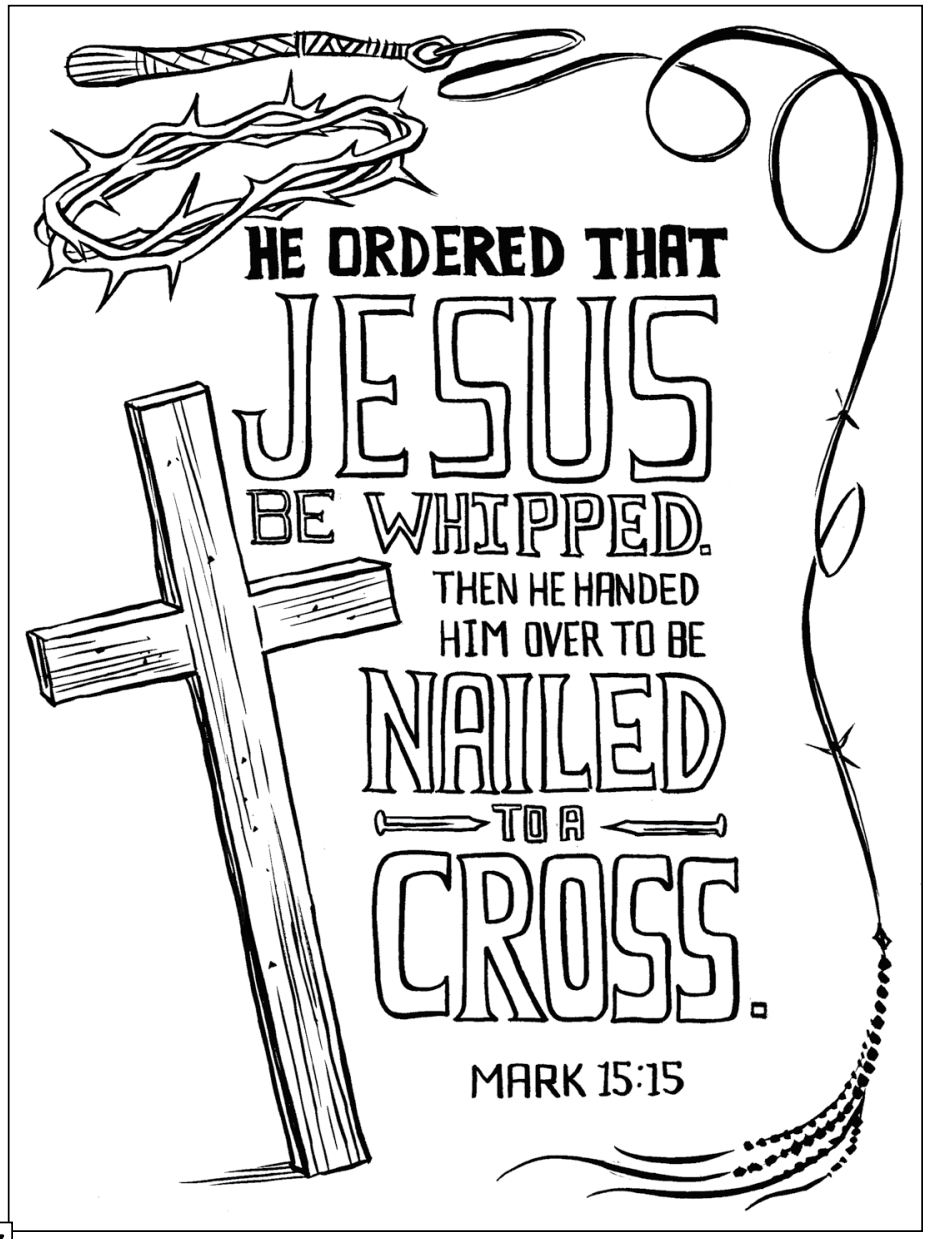
MEMORY VERSE

MARK 12:44

They all gave a lot because they are rich. But she gave even though she is poor. She put in everything she had. That was all she had to live on.

QUESTIONS

1. Who did Pilate set free instead of Jesus? What was his crime?
2. How do you think Jesus felt knowing that the crowd wanted to set free a murderer instead of Him?
3. Have you ever done something you knew was wrong because other people were doing it or because your friends asked you to? What was it? How did you feel afterward?



TWIST ENDING PUZZLE

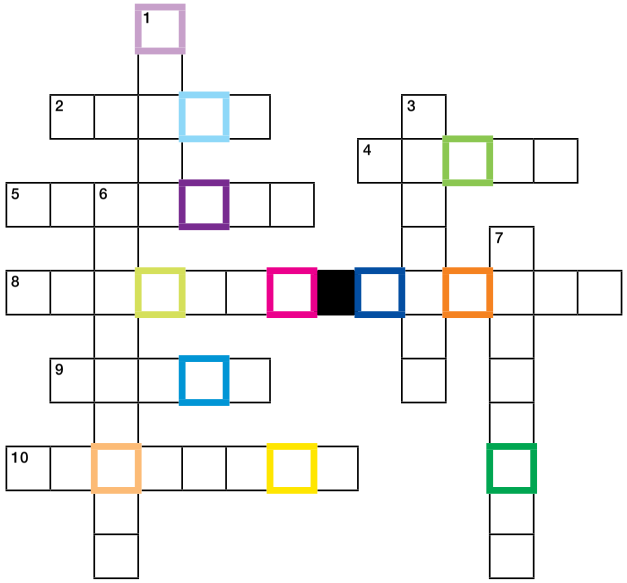
Complete the crossword puzzle below using the clues to the left. Use the words from the word bank. When finished, copy the letters from the colored squares into the hidden message to reveal its meaning.

DOWN

1. He betrayed Jesus
3. The way Jesus was sentenced to die
6. The name of the Jewish council
7. The name of the Jewish holiday when one prisoner would go free

ACROSS

2. Pilate was governor over _____.
4. Where Jesus died
5. The Sanhedrin found Jesus guilty of saying He was the _____.
8. The name of the Roman governor over Judea
9. The crowd wanted to crucify Him
10. The crowd asked to set him free



HIDDEN MESSAGE

WORD BANK

BARABBAS
CROSS
CRUCIFY
JESUS
JUDAS
JUDEA
MESSIAH
PASSOVER
PONTIUS PILATE
SANHEDRIN

WEEK 4 PART 1

AFTER PILATE SENT HIM AWAY TO BE CRUCIFIED, THE SOLDIERS MOCKED AND HURT JESUS. THEY PRETENDED TO HONOR HIM AS KING OF THE JEWS, BUT IT WAS JUST A CRUEL JOKE. THEY PRESSED A CROWN OF THORNS INTO HIS SCALP UNTIL HE BLED AND HIT HIM REPEATEDLY. THEN THEY TOOK HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED.

EXCERPT FROM MARK 15:22-41

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha. The word Golgotha means the Place of the Skull.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. They wrote out the charge against him. It read,

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

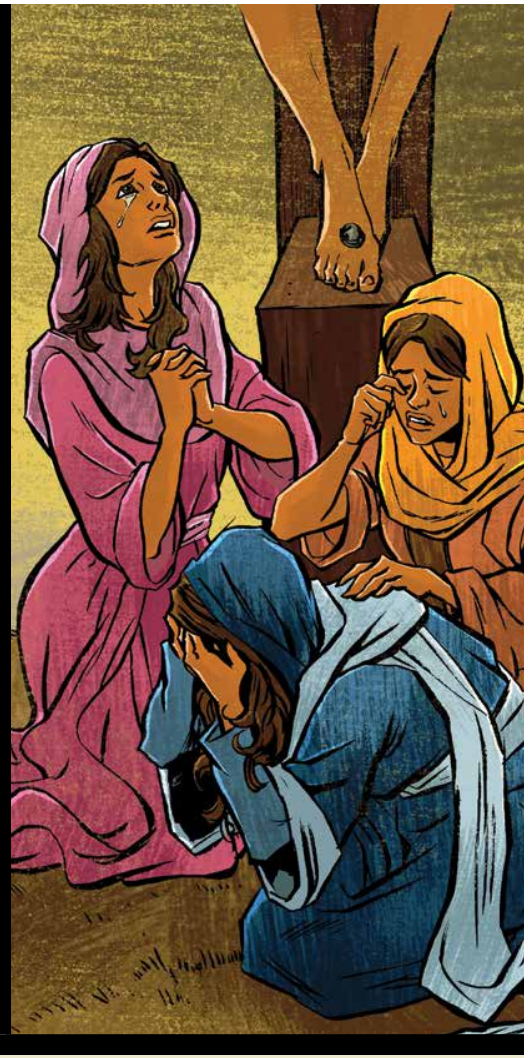
The chief priests and the teachers of the law made fun of him among themselves. "He saved others," they said. "But he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross! When we see that, we will believe."

At noon, darkness covered the whole land. It lasted three hours. At three o'clock in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" This means "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

With a loud cry, Jesus took his last breath.

A Roman commander was standing there in front of Jesus. He saw how Jesus died. Then he said, "This man was surely the Son of God!"

Not very far away, some women were watching. Mary Magdalene was among them. Mary, the mother of the younger James and of Joseph, was also there. So was Salome. In Galilee these women had followed Jesus. They had taken care of his needs. Many other women were also there. They had come up with him to Jerusalem.



MEMORY VERSE

MARK 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone."

QUESTIONS

1. Who were some of the people nearby while Jesus was crucified? How did each of them react to seeing Jesus on the cross?
2. In Mark's account of Jesus' death, we don't read about any of His disciples' reactions. How do you think Jesus' closest friends felt when they saw their friend and teacher hanging on a cross?
3. If you had been nearby when Jesus died, how do you think you would have reacted? Why?

AS JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, A ROMAN COMMANDER REALIZED THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM.

HIDDEN MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

Find and circle the words from the word list below. Then, fill in the remaining letters in order on the lines below to find the hidden message of the cross. See if you can use each of the words to retell today's Bible story!

WORD LIST

COMMANDER
CROSS
DARKNESS
GOD
GOLGOTHA
HURTS
JERUSALEM
JESUS
KING
MAGDALENE
MARY
MOCKED
NOON
PILATE
SALOME
SON
WOMEN

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HIDDEN MESSAGE

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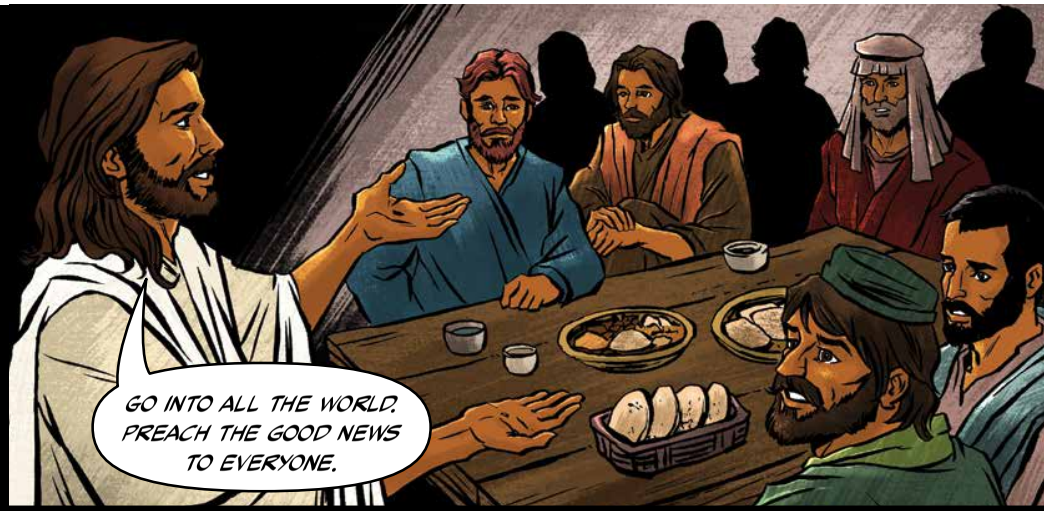
WEEK 4 PART 2

AFTER JESUS DIED, A MAN NAMED JOSEPH WRAPPED HIS BODY IN LINEN AND PLACED HIM IN A TOMB BEHIND A VERY LARGE AND HEAVY STONE. THE DAY AFTER THE SABBATH, SOME OF THE WOMEN WHO HAD SEEN JESUS DIE WENT TO HIS TOMB. THERE, AN ANGEL TOLD THEM THAT HE WAS NO LONGER DEAD! THEY COULD HARDLY BELIEVE THEIR EYES AND EARS. OBVIOUSLY, THEY WERE VERY SURPRISED AND CONFUSED BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT WHAT THEY HAD EXPECTED TO FIND. BUT JESUS HAD RISEN AND HE WAS NO LONGER DEAD!



EXCERPT FROM MARK 16:9-20

Jesus rose from the dead early on the first day of the week. He appeared first to Mary Magdalene. She went and told those who had been with him. She found them crying. They were very sad. They heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him. But they did not believe it.

After that, Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them. This happened while they were walking out in the country. The two returned and told the others about it. But the others did not believe them either.

Later Jesus appeared to the 11 disciples as they were eating. He spoke firmly to them because they had no faith. They would not believe those who had seen him after he rose from the dead.

He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who does not believe will be punished."

When the Lord Jesus finished speaking to them, he was taken up into heaven. He sat down at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere. The Lord worked with them.

MEMORY VERSE

MARK 16:15

He said to them, "Go into all the world. Preach the good news to everyone."

QUESTIONS

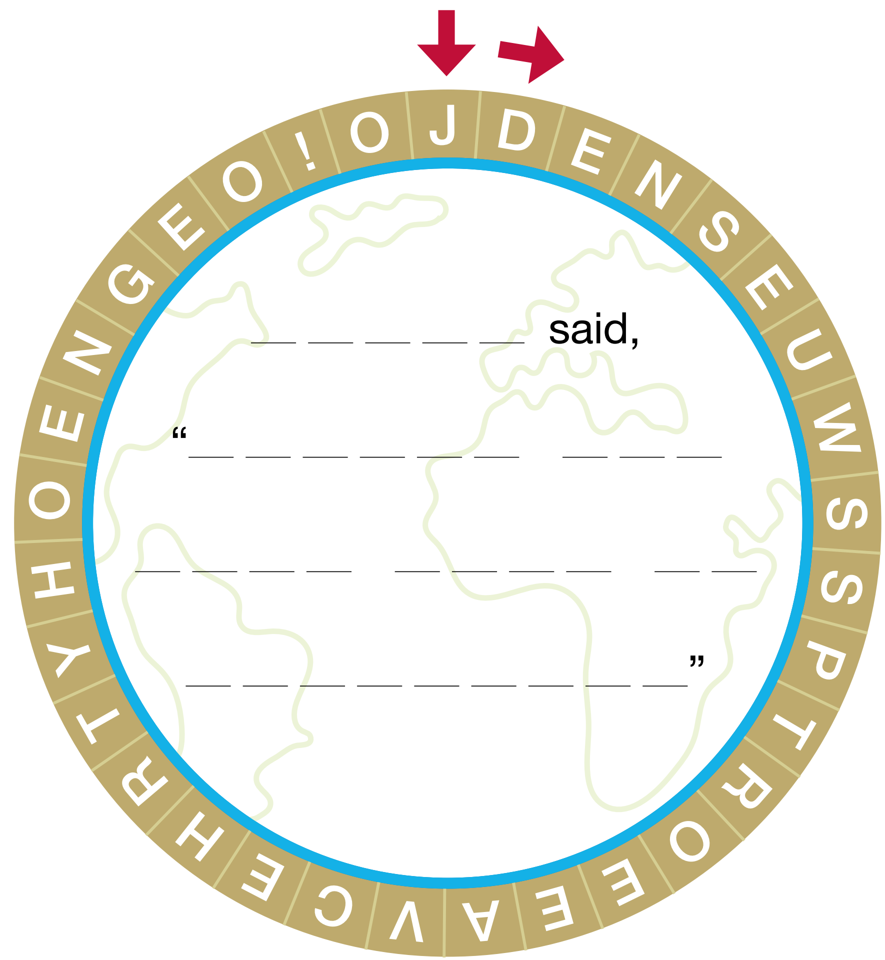
1. Who was the first person to see Jesus after He had risen from the dead?
2. Why do you think the disciples didn't believe those who told them that Jesus had risen from the dead until they saw Him with their own eyes?
3. After Jesus rose from the dead, He told His disciples to "preach the good news to everyone." If we believe in Jesus, we are also His disciples. Who can you tell about the good news of Jesus? What will you tell them?

THE DISCIPLES WENT OUT AND PREACHED THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS JUST AS HE HAD TOLD THEM TO DO.

TELL THE WORLD

Jesus wants us to tell everyone about Him! Think about someone you'd like to tell about Jesus. Cut out the greeting card below on the dotted lines. Fold it in half on the solid line. On the front of the card, draw a picture of your favorite Bible story about Jesus or about a time when Jesus helped you. On the inside of the card, write a message to your friend telling them who Jesus is and what He means to you. Then, give or send your card to your friend!

WHAT DID HE SAY?

WEEK 4 PART 2

To read a mystery message from Jesus, write down every second letter from the circle on the lines below, beginning at the arrow and going clockwise.