

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 didn't Jesus fight back against the people who hurt Him?
- Why is it strange that the soldiers made fun of Jesus' saying He was a King?
- What happened when Jesus died? How did the disciples feel?



Jesus' Crucifixion

Matthew 27:11-66

MAIN POINT: JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED ON THE CROSS.

Jesus stood before Pilate, the governor. Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, that's right." Then the religious leaders made accusations against Jesus, but Jesus did not say anything.

Every year at Passover, the governor would free a prisoner—whichever prisoner the people chose. At that time, there was a prisoner named Barabbas who was very bad. So Pilate asked the crowd, "Who do you want me to set free? Barabbas or Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Barabbas!"

Pilate asked, "Then what should I do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?"

The crowd answered, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate's soldiers took Jesus to the governor's palace and gathered around Him. They took off His clothes and put a scarlet robe on Him. They made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. Then they hit Jesus and mocked Him.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They put a sign above His head that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were crucified next to Him.

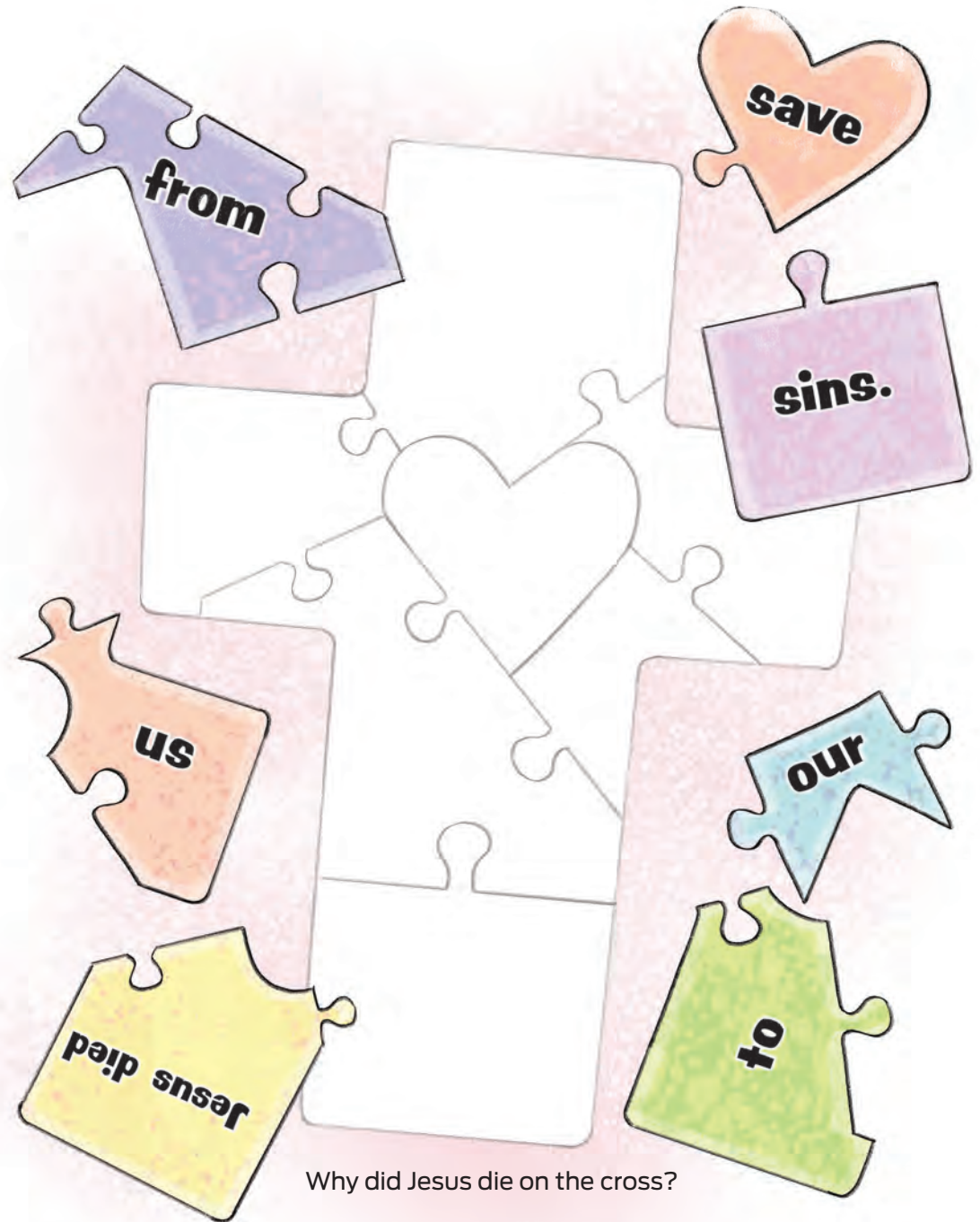
From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness covered the land. Then Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again with a loud voice, "It is finished!" Then Jesus died. Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb and Roman soldiers stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.

Christ Connection: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Savior. Jesus never sinned, but He died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, and those who trust in Him have forgiveness and eternal life.

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Search and Rescue Match

Cross out the items that do not have a match. Then share with a friend how the remaining items fit in the Bible story.



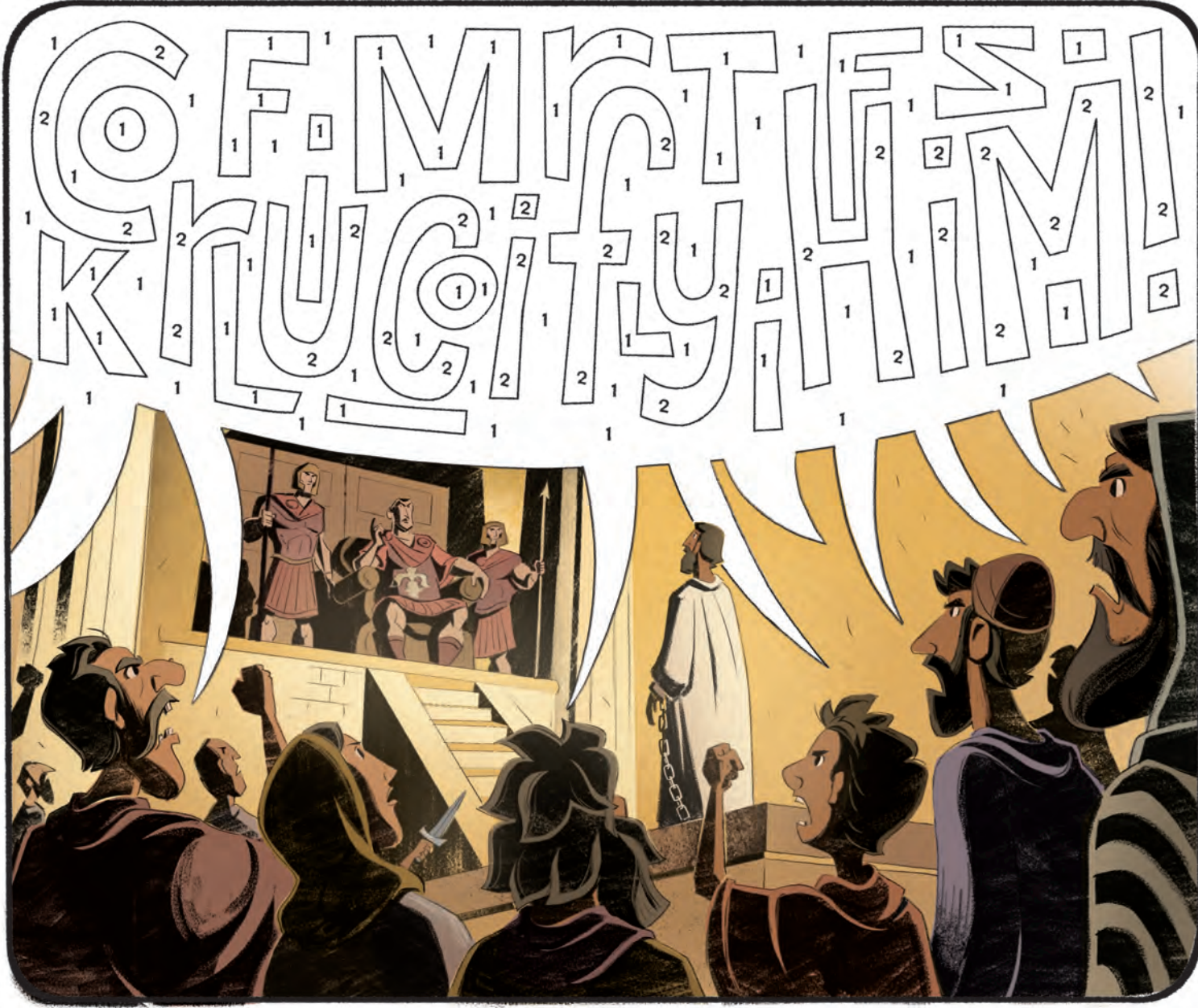
Puzzle Pieces

Copy the words from the puzzle pieces into their correct places.

Why did Jesus die on the cross?

Mystery Picture

INSTRUCTIONS: Color each section labeled 2 black. Color all other sections red.



KEY PASSAGE: Ephesians 2:8-9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- 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.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

- Jesus went before the governor, Pilate.
- Pilate offered to release Jesus or Barabbas.
- The people chose Barabbas and shouted for Jesus to be killed.
- Jesus was crucified on the cross.

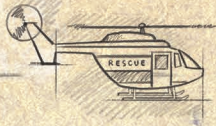
FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were the people so angry about Jesus?
- Why is Jesus' death so important?
- Who can be saved by Jesus' sacrifice?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Use dulled nails, jewelry wire, and twine to make cross necklaces. Talk to your kids about the importance of Jesus' death. Encourage them to wear their necklace as a reminder to themselves and a conversation starter with friends.





By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

