

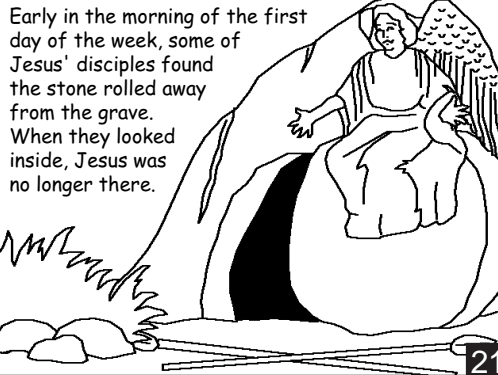
Then Roman soldiers sealed and guarded the tomb. Now nobody could get in - or out.

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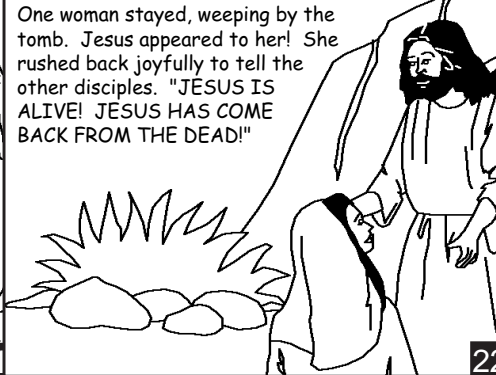
If this were the end of the story, how sad it would be. But God did something wonderful. Jesus did not stay dead!

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Early in the morning of the first day of the week, some of Jesus' disciples found the stone rolled away from the grave. When they looked inside, Jesus was no longer there.

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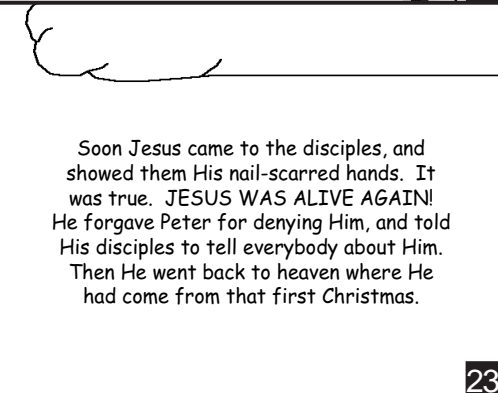


One woman stayed, weeping by the tomb. Jesus appeared to her! She rushed back joyfully to tell the other disciples. "JESUS IS ALIVE! JESUS HAS COME BACK FROM THE DEAD!"

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THE FIRST EASTER



Soon Jesus came to the disciples, and showed them His nail-scarred hands. It was true. **JESUS WAS ALIVE AGAIN!** He forgave Peter for denying Him, and told His disciples to tell everybody about Him. Then He went back to heaven where He had come from that first Christmas.

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The First Easter
A story from God's Word, the Bible,
is found in
Matthew 26-28, Luke 22-24, John 13-21

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."
Psalm 119:130

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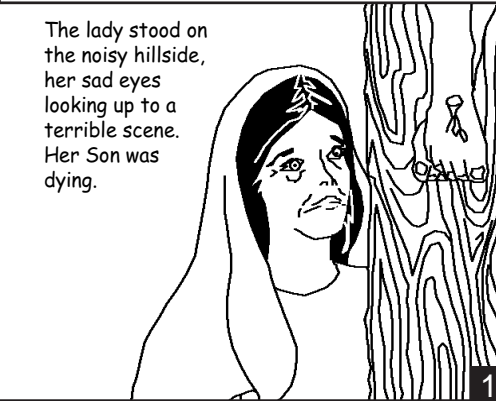
God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The penalty for sin is death.

God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and pay our penalty. **Jesus came alive** and went back to Heaven! Now God can forgive our sins.

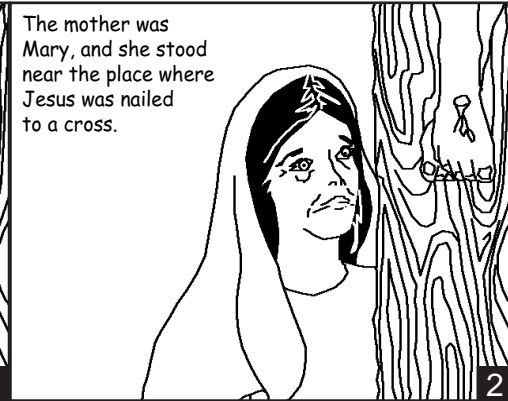
If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God:
Dear God, I believe Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so I can have new life now, and then be with You forever. Help me live for You as Your child. Amen. John 3:16

Read the Bible and talk to God every day!

English



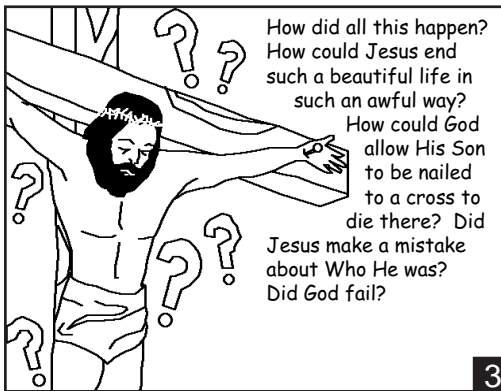
The lady stood on the noisy hillside, her sad eyes looking up to a terrible scene. Her Son was dying.



The mother was Mary, and she stood near the place where Jesus was nailed to a cross.

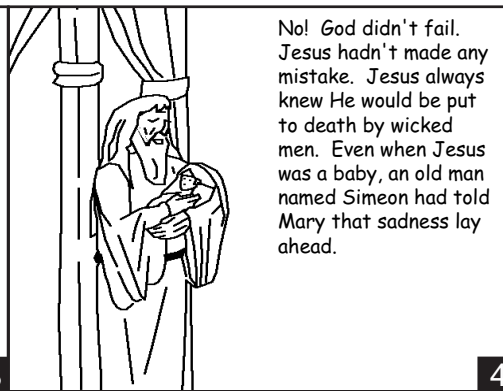
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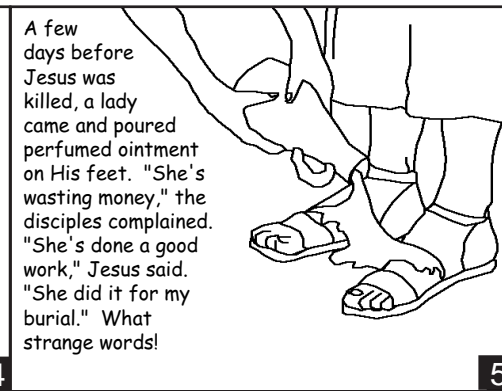
How did all this happen?
How could Jesus end
such a beautiful life in
such an awful way?
How could God
allow His Son
to be nailed
to a cross to
die there? Did
Jesus make a mistake
about Who He was?
Did God fail?

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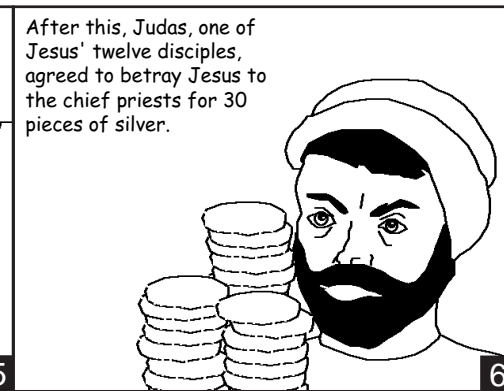
No! God didn't fail.
Jesus hadn't made any
mistake. Jesus always
knew He would be put
to death by wicked
men. Even when Jesus
was a baby, an old man
named Simeon had told
Mary that sadness lay
ahead.

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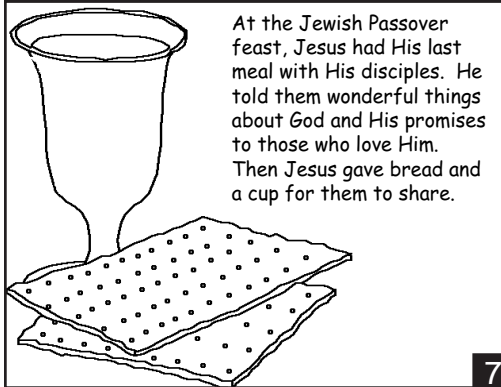
A few
days before
Jesus was
killed, a lady
came and poured
perfumed ointment
on His feet.
"She's wasting money," the
disciples complained.
"She's done a good
work," Jesus said.
"She did it for my
burial." What
strange words!

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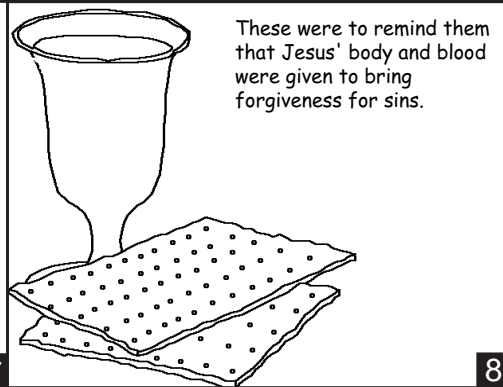
After this, Judas, one of
Jesus' twelve disciples,
agreed to betray Jesus to
the chief priests for 30
pieces of silver.

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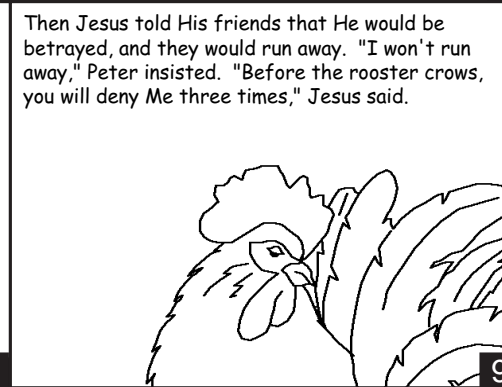
At the Jewish Passover
feast, Jesus had His last
meal with His disciples. He
told them wonderful things
about God and His promises
to those who love Him.
Then Jesus gave bread and
a cup for them to share.

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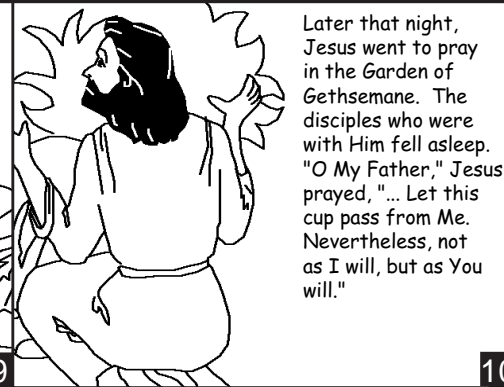
These were to remind them
that Jesus' body and blood
were given to bring
forgiveness for sins.

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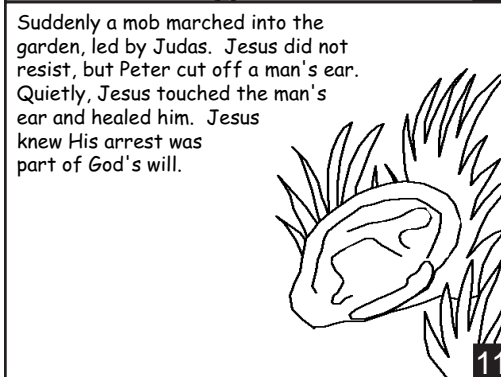
Then Jesus told His friends that He would be
betrayed, and they would run away. "I won't run
away," Peter insisted. "Before the rooster crows,
you will deny Me three times," Jesus said.

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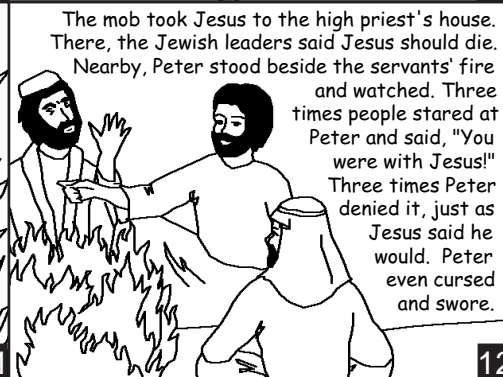
Later that night,
Jesus went to pray
in the Garden of
Gethsemane. The
disciples who were
with Him fell asleep.
"O My Father," Jesus
prayed, "... Let this
cup pass from Me.
Nevertheless, not
as I will, but as You
will."

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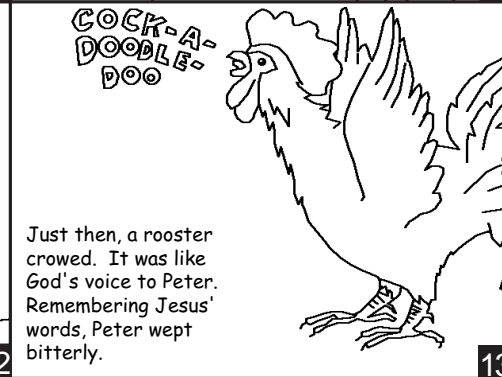
Suddenly a mob marched into the
garden, led by Judas. Jesus did not
resist, but Peter cut off a man's ear.
Quietly, Jesus touched the man's
ear and healed him. Jesus
knew His arrest was
part of God's will.

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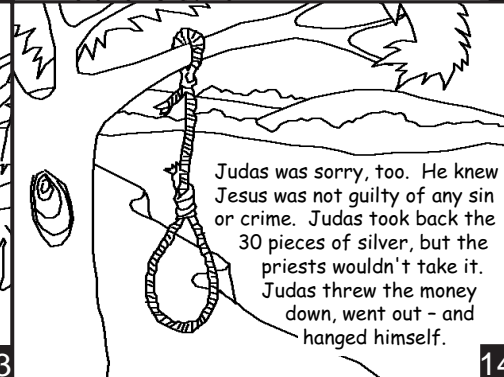
The mob took Jesus to the high priest's house.
There, the Jewish leaders said Jesus should die.
Nearby, Peter stood beside the servants' fire
and watched. Three
times people stared at
Peter and said, "You
were with Jesus!"
Three times Peter
denied it, just as
Jesus said he
would. Peter
even cursed and
swore.

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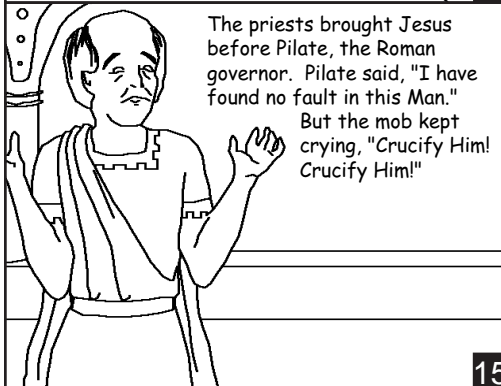
Just then, a rooster
crowed. It was like
God's voice to Peter.
Remembering Jesus'
words, Peter wept
bitterly.

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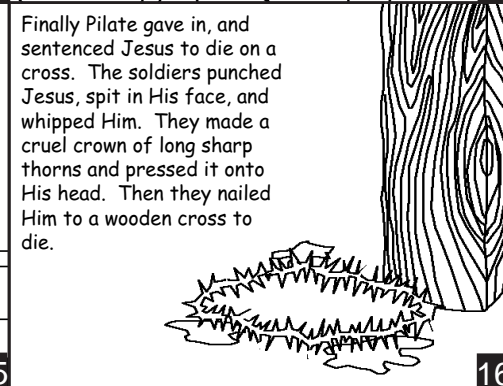
Judas was sorry, too. He knew
Jesus was not guilty of any sin
or crime. Judas took back the
30 pieces of silver, but the
priests wouldn't take it.
Judas threw the money
down, went out - and
hanged himself.

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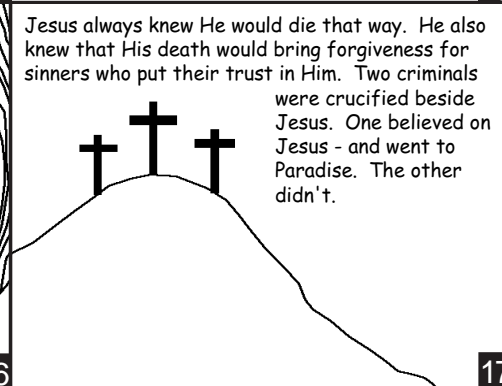
The priests brought Jesus
before Pilate, the Roman
governor. Pilate said, "I have
found no fault in this Man."
But the mob kept
crying, "Crucify Him!
Crucify Him!"

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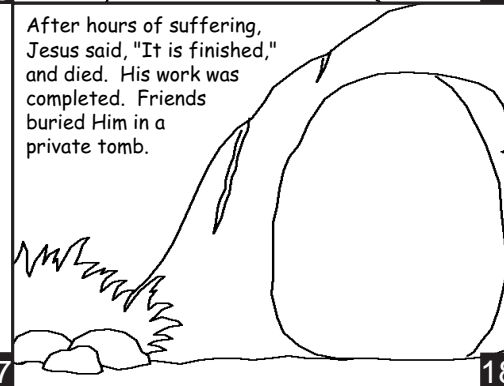
Finally Pilate gave in, and
sentenced Jesus to die on a
cross. The soldiers punched
Jesus, spit in His face, and
whipped Him. They made a
cruel crown of long sharp
thorns and pressed it onto
His head. Then they nailed
Him to a wooden cross to
die.

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Jesus always knew He would die that way. He also
knew that His death would bring forgiveness for
sinners who put their trust in Him. Two criminals
were crucified beside
Jesus. One believed on
Jesus - and went to
Paradise. The other
didn't.

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After hours of suffering,
Jesus said, "It is finished,"
and died. His work was
completed. Friends
buried Him in a
private tomb.

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