

Draw & Color

Even though the cross was originally used to hurt people, we now see it as a sign of God's love. Color in the beautiful crosses below, then draw your own, if you like.



Answers: JESUS, BROKEN, CRIED, KING, ANGRY, GROWD, DEFEND, CRUCIFY

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John 19:1-16a

The Fifth

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Jesus Condemned

Pilate couldn't figure out what to do with Jesus. "He hasn't broken any Roman laws," he said.

One of the Jewish leaders said, "He broke Jewish law. He says he's God's son."

Pilate frowned. "That's not so bad. I think I should let him go."

"No!" cried another. "He says he's a king. If you let him go, your own king will be very angry!"

Then Pilate took Jesus out in front of a great crowd, thinking they might defend him. "What do you want me to do with your king?" he asked.

"He's no king of ours!" the people shouted. "Crucify him!"

Pilate gave up. "Fine," he said. "Whatever you want." And he turned Jesus over to be killed.



REMEMBER THIS

CRUCIFY

A way the Roman Empire killed people, by hanging them on a cross.

STORY SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words from the story on the first page. Then unscramble the letters in the orange circles to fill in the last word. (Answers on back page)

PILATE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH _____○_____ [SUSJE]
BECAUSE HE HADN'T _____○_____ [KREBON] ANY ROMAN
LAWS. A JEWISH LEADER SAID, "HE SAYS HE'S GOD'S SON."
PILATE DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS SO BAD. HE WANTED TO LET
JESUS GO. "NO!" _____○_____ [DICER] ANOTHER LEADER. "HE
SAYS HE'S A _____○_____ [GINK]. IF YOU LET HIM GO, YOUR OWN
KING WILL BE VERY _____○_____ [GYRAN]!" THEN PILATE
TOOK JESUS OUT IN FRONT OF A _____○_____ [WROGD],
THINKING THEY MIGHT _____○_____ [NEDDEF] HIM.
"WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO WITH YOUR KING?" HE
ASKED. WHAT DID THEY WANT HIM TO DO TO JESUS?

Did You Know?

The Roman Empire that ruled when Jesus was alive (and who crucified Jesus) was around for more than 500 years.



TRY IT AT HOME!

Do you have any crosses in your home? Ask a grown-up about why we see the cross as a symbol of love and hope even though it was the way Jesus died.