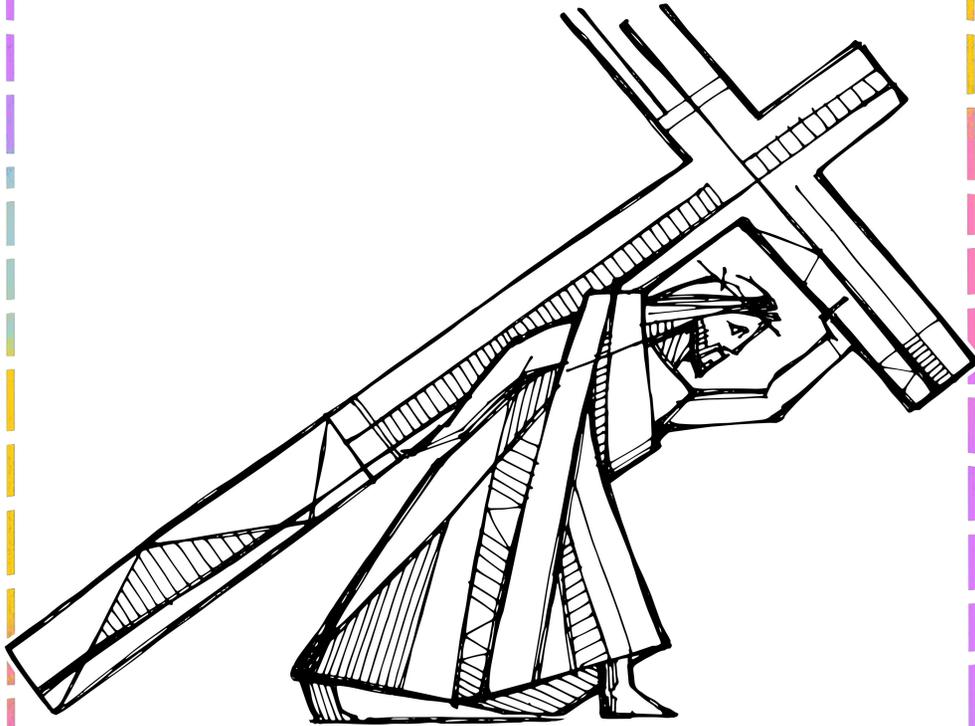


## Draw & Color

Color the picture of Jesus carrying his cross. Then draw in the background and the other people around him.



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## The Crucified Messiah

The Romans forced Jesus to carry a big, wooden cross out to a place called The Place of the Skull.

There, they nailed Jesus to the cross and stood the cross up between two other criminals on their own crosses.

Pilate, the governor, wrote a sign and put it on Jesus' cross. It said, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

Some people were angry about that. "He wasn't our king," someone complained. "He just said he was. You need to change the sign. It should say, "He said he was king of the Jews."

Pilate shook his head. "I wrote what I wrote." And he left Jesus there to die.

The sign was true. Jesus was God's promised king.



### REMEMBER THIS

**JESUS WAS—AND IS—A KING**

Jesus rules over all of creation with love.  
Sometimes it's hard to see, but it's true.

# CRACK THE CODE

This secret message uses a grid cipher. Use the coordinates in the key to find out what crime Jesus committed that got him killed. Some letters are done for you.

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B5 A5 D4 E1 D4

C4 A1 E5 A1 D3 A5 D5 B3

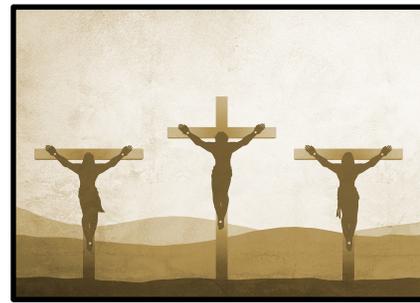
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G1 B4 C4 B2 C5 B1

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## KEY CODE

	1	2	3	4	5
A	A	B	C	D	E
B	F	G	H	I	J
C	K	L	M	N	O
D	P	Q	R	S	T
E	U	V	W	X	Z



### Did You Know?

The letters "INRI" are sometimes used to mean Jesus. They are the first letters of the Roman words that Pilate put on Jesus' cross:

"Iesus Nazarenus  
Rex Iudaeorum",  
OR  
"Jesus of Nazareth,  
King of the Jews."



### TRY IT AT HOME!

Make a crown out of paper and wear it. Then make a list of rules you would have if you were king. Make sure they're rules about loving others!