

Passion Booklet Activity Center

Family Handout

The children will make a booklet to reinforce their understanding of Jesus' passion and Resurrection. When completed, you can review the major events of Holy Week with the children.

1. **Last Supper** — Jesus eats with his friends for the last time and gives us the gift of the Eucharist.
2. **The Agony in the Garden** — Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, “Father, please let this suffering pass me by. Yet it is your will, not mine, that must be done.” Judas directs the soldiers to Jesus and betrays him with a kiss. They take Jesus away.
3. **Jesus Is Condemned to Death** — The people call for the death of Jesus, and Pontius Pilate hands him over to be crucified.
4. **Jesus Carries His Cross** — Jesus carries his cross through the streets to the place where he is to be executed. We know this journey as the Way of the Cross.
5. **Jesus Is Crucified** — The soldiers hang Jesus on the cross and leave him to die. The people think they are mocking him by hanging a sign with the letters *INRI*, which represent the Latin words “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.” We know that Jesus is, in fact, our King.
6. **Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb** — Jesus is placed in a borrowed tomb that is closed with a huge boulder. Soldiers are stationed outside the entrance to guard the tomb.
7. **Jesus Is Risen from the Dead** — Despite the boulder and the soldiers, disciples come the following morning and find that Jesus is not in the tomb. He is risen from the dead! Alleluia!



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Passion and Resurrection Story Sheets

Directions

- ✦ Fold two sheets of 8½ x 11 construction paper in half to make eight pages for the booklet.
- ✦ Staple along the fold to make a booklet.
- ✦ Color the story sheets shown in the illustrations on the following pages and then cut them out.
- ✦ Decorate and glue the cover sheet to the front of the booklet and then glue one story sheet to each booklet page, in numbered order.

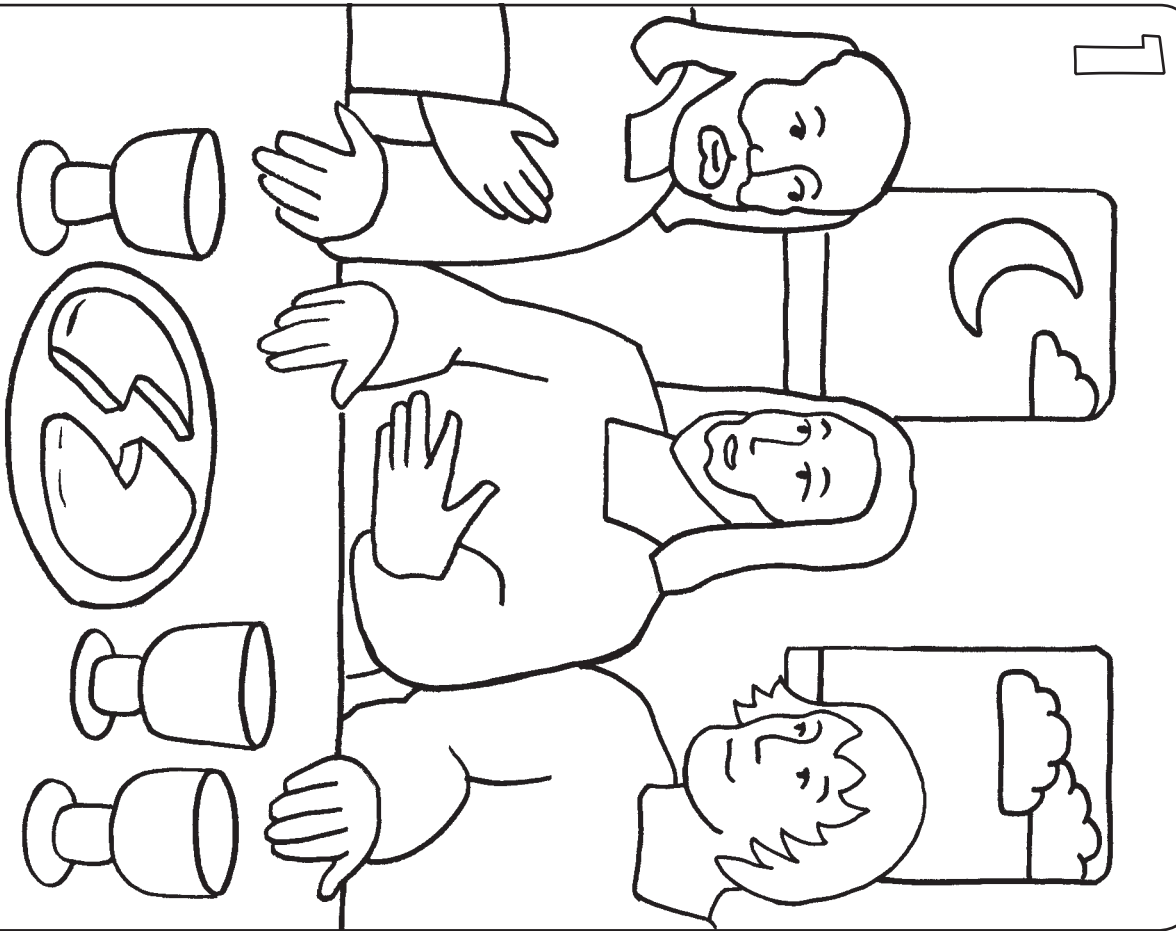
The story sheets that follow can be used in various ways.

1. **For younger children:**
Have the child color, cut out, and assemble the booklet as you tell them the story of each picture. Take the booklet home and have your child use it to retell the story to you.
2. **For older children:**
Have your child color and cut out the pictures, cutting off the numbers. Tell the story as the child works. Mix up the pictures and turn them upside down. Have him or her turn over one picture at a time and put it in the order it comes in the passion story. After completing the story, have the child make the booklet.
3. **If you have several children:**
Give each of them one or two illustrations, with the numbers cut off. Have them arrange the illustrations according to where they occur in the story of Jesus. Let each child tell his or her part of the story. (This also works well in classroom settings.)



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**Jesus celebrates
his Last Supper.**

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**Jesus prays
in the garden.**

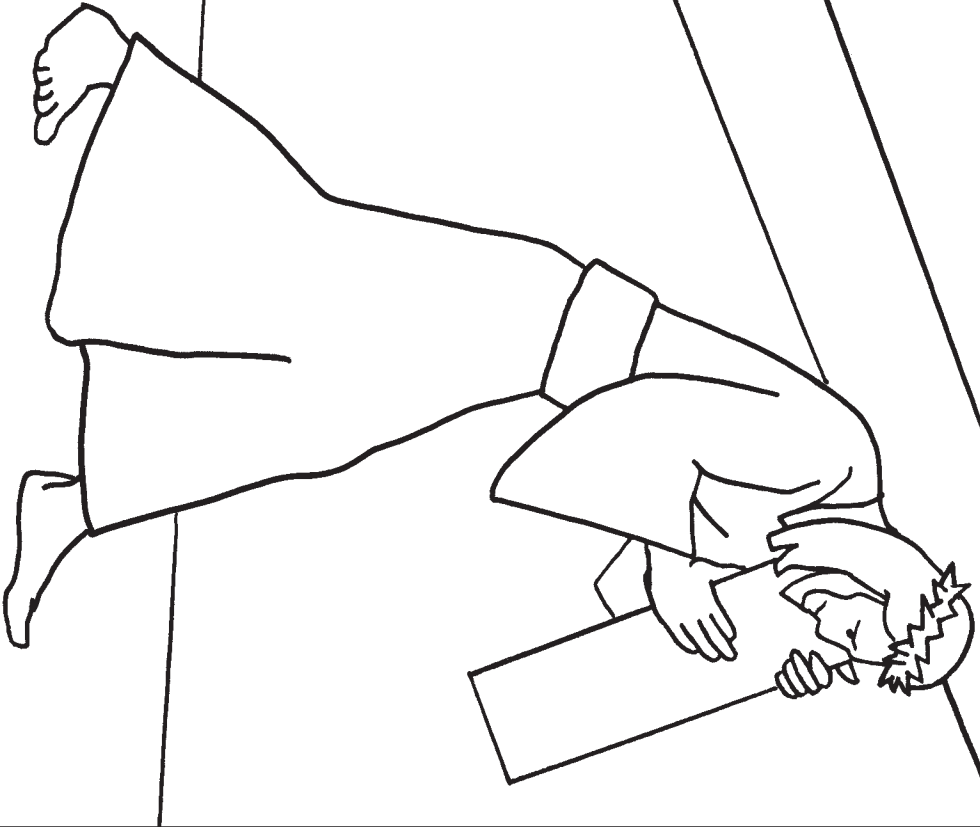
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**Jesus is condemned
to death.**

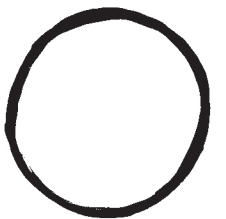
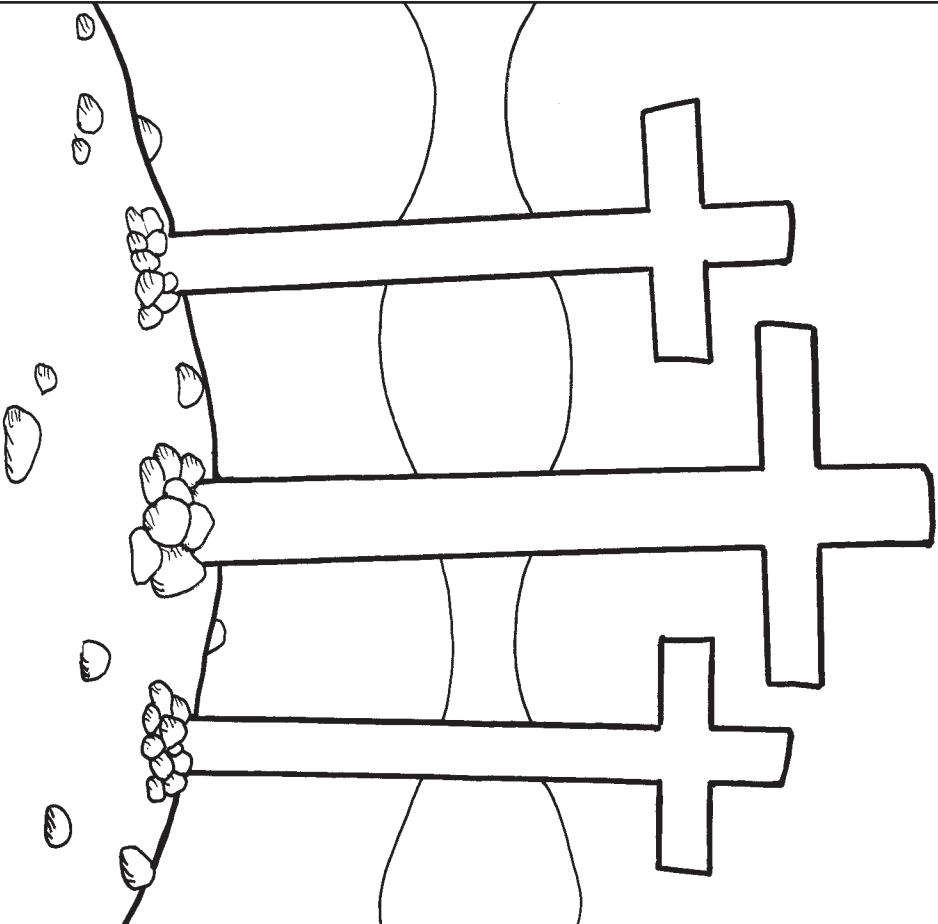
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**Jesus carries
the cross.**

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**Jesus is
crucified.**

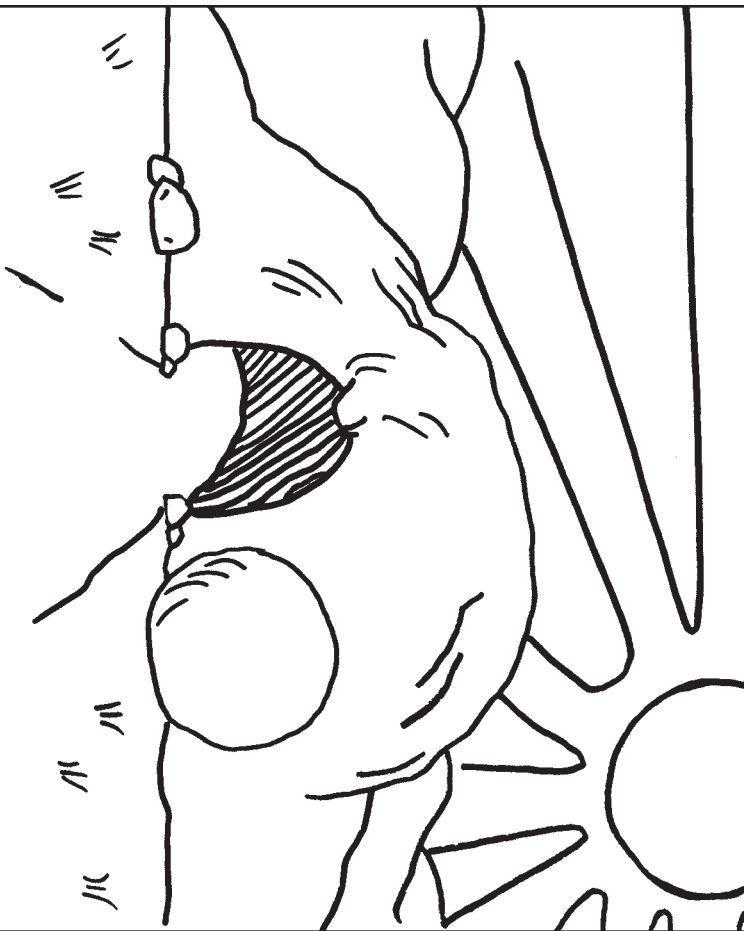
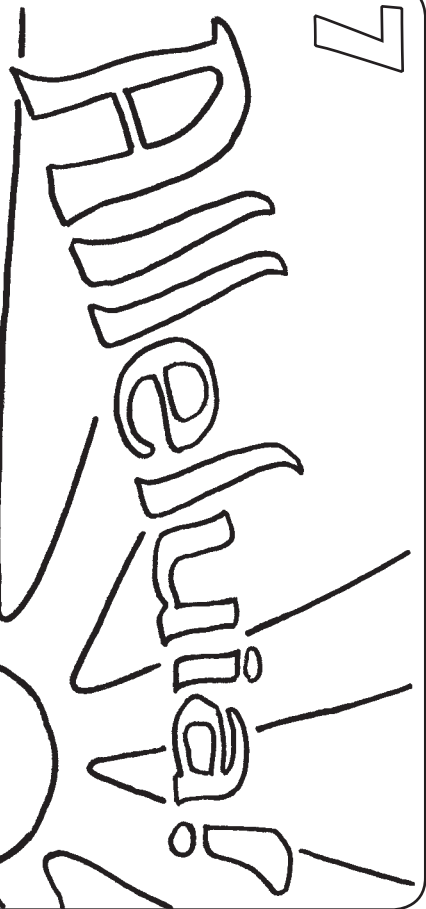
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**Jesus is placed
in the tomb.**

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**Jesus is
risen!**