

# JESUS IS BURIED

*John 19:31-42*

## **John 19**

<sup>31</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. <sup>32</sup>The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. <sup>35</sup>The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," <sup>37</sup>and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

<sup>38</sup>Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup>He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. <sup>40</sup>Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. <sup>41</sup>At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the soldiers do to Jesus' body?
5		2.) What did Joseph and Nicodemus do with Jesus' body?
5		3.) What did the soldiers do to the men on the other two crosses?
5		4.) Why do you think Nicodemus came to help prepare Jesus' body for burial?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Romans 6:23</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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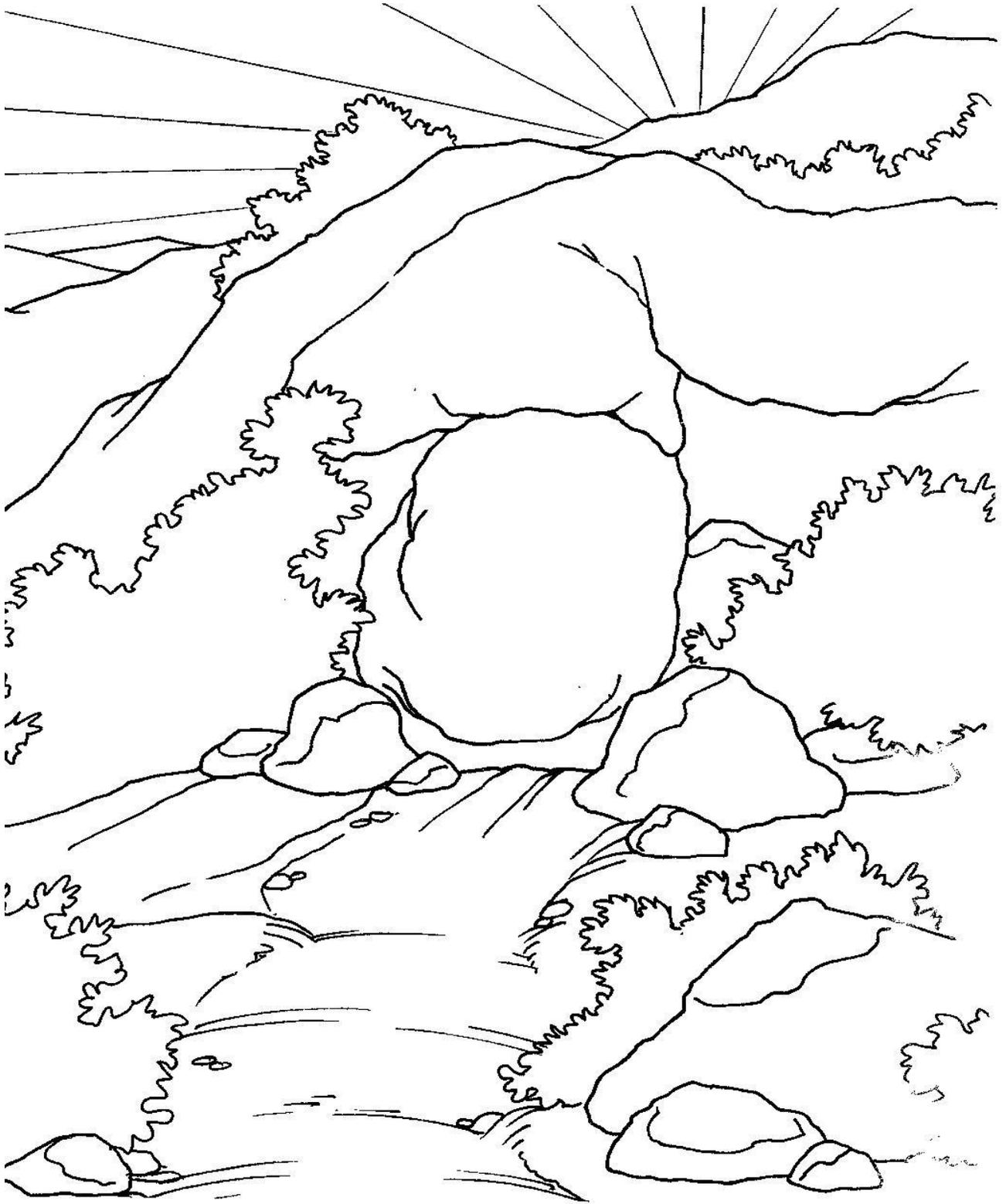
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*Jesus' body is placed in a new tomb*

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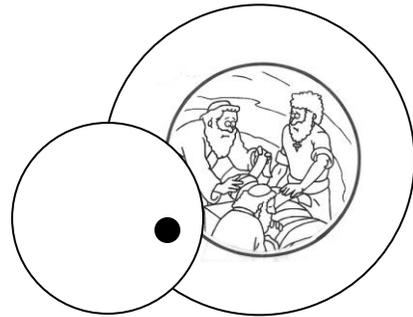
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: TOMBS

Students will make tombs to remind them that after Jesus died on the cross for their sins, his body was prepared and placed in a new tomb.

### MATERIALS

1. White Copy Paper
2. Paper Plates
3. Paper Clips
4. Tomb Pattern
5. Crayons or Markers
6. Paper Fasteners
7. Glue
8. Scissors
9. Hole Punch
10. Green Easter Grass
11. Stapler (optional)



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the “Tomb Pattern” for each student.
2. Cut out the center circle of a paper plate. Set circle aside. This will become the boulder for the tomb (see figure a).
3. Have students color the picture of the people preparing Jesus’ body for burial. Have them color the paper plate with the hole in it and the cut-out circle brown (see figure b).
4. Glue Easter Grass to the bottom third of the plate (see figure b).
5. Glue the picture to the plate that is whole. Glue both plates together. Use paper clips to hold the plates together (see figure c). Optional: Use a stapler to fasten the plates together.
6. Punch holes in the top plate and the “boulder”. Fasten the boulder to the top plate (see figure d).

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their “tombs”, remind them that this is not the end of the story. On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead!

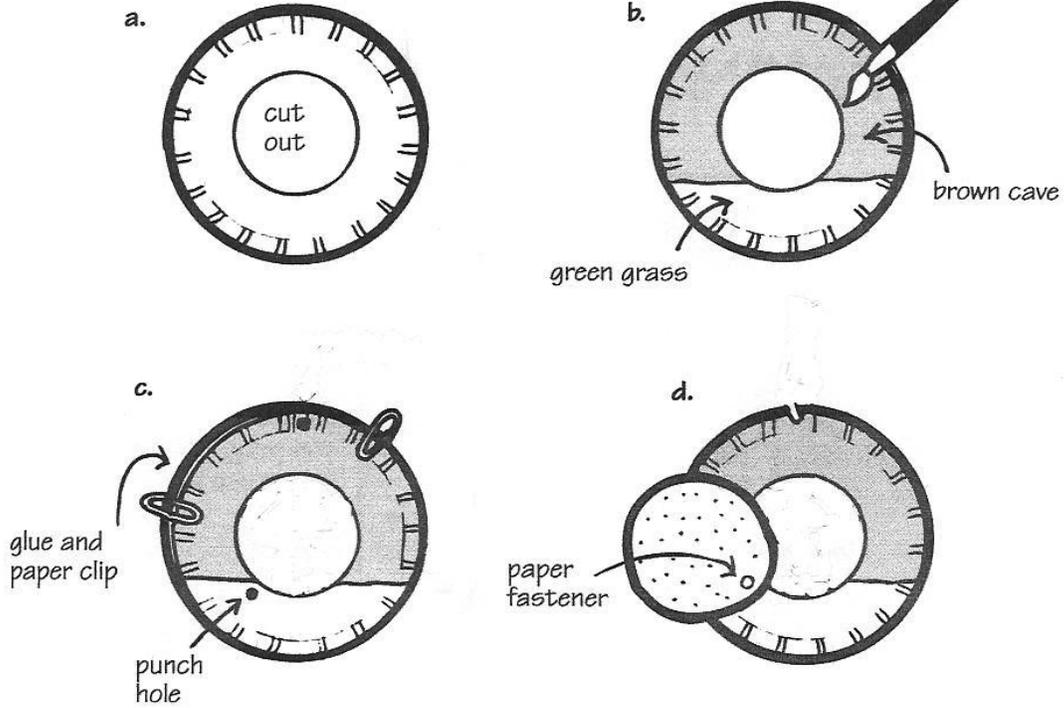
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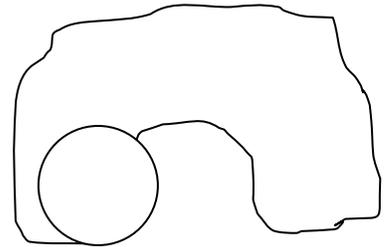
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### MATERIALS

1. Clay or Playdough
2. Paper Plates



### DIRECTIONS

1. Give each student a generous amount of clay or Playdough to shape into a tomb.
2. Have students use their fingers to make an indentation in the tomb.
3. Roll a piece of clay or playdough into a ball.
4. Place the tomb on a paper plate. Set the ball near the opening of the tomb.

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### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE

Approximately 10 minutes

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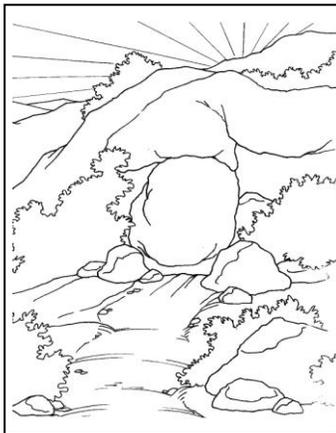




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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOHN 19:31-42

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soldiers broke the legs of the two criminals on either side of Jesus. When they came to Jesus, he was already dead so they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers took a spear and pierced Jesus' side. Water and blood flowed from his body. These things happened so that scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

Joseph of Arimathea was seen asking Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph and Nicodemus, the man who earlier visited Jesus at night, took Jesus' body away. Nicodemus mixed aloes and myrrh and wrapped Jesus' body with strips of linen. His body was placed in a new tomb in the garden.

For more on this story, read John 19:31-42 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. Why did the soldiers do to Jesus' body?
2. What did they do to the criminals' legs?
3. What did Joseph and Nicodemus do with Jesus' body?
4. Why do you think Nicodemus came to help bury Jesus?

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## WORD SEARCH

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JESUS  
JOSEPH  
LINEN  
MYRRH  
NICODEMUS  
PILATE  
SABBATH  
SPICES  
TOMB

## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus was buried after dying on the cross.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Help your child realize that Jesus died for our sins and rose victoriously three days later.

Bible Story Mini Book

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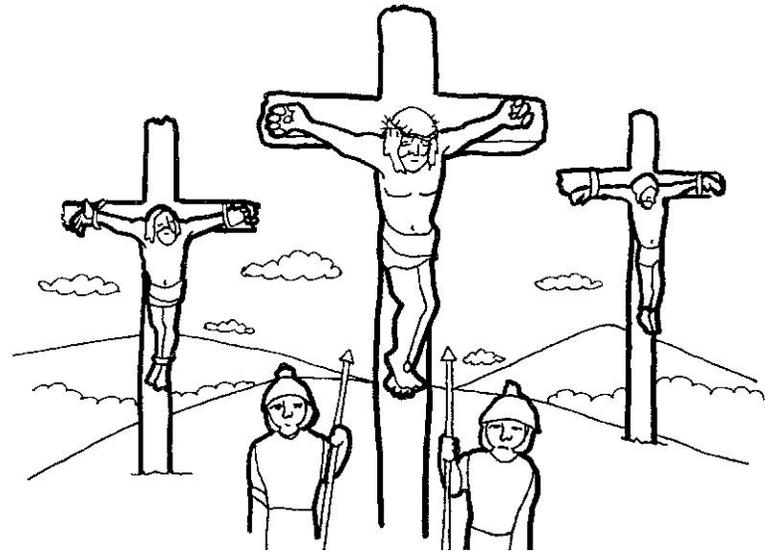


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Guards kept people from going into the tomb.



Once Jesus was dead, his body was taken off of the cross.

## Memory Verse

“...the gift of God is eternal  
life...”

Romans 6:23

## Bible Story Rhyme

**Jesus' body was taken down,**  
*(Pretend to lift Jesus off of the cross)*

**Joseph wrapped him safe and sound.**  
*(Pull right fist to your heart and then the  
left)*

**Then he put him in a tomb,**  
*(Make an arch with your hand)*

**Which was like a little room.**  
*(Make a square with your hands)*



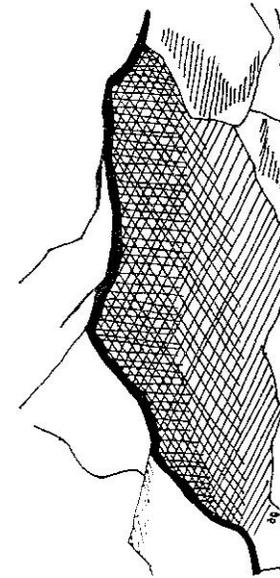
**Joseph took Jesus'  
body down from the  
cross and to a tomb.**

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

*“Dear Jesus,*

*Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”*



Joseph put Jesus' body in a tomb. He wrapped Jesus' body in cloth.

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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** toilet paper

**S**ay: Jesus was wrapped in special cloth when he was buried. Today you will get a chance to wrap someone up in toilet paper to see what it might have looked like.

Choose a child to wrap up like Jesus. That child will remain standing while the others wrap him/her in toilet paper. Choose other students to be “Jesus” if time permits.

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