

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

JESUS IS ARRESTED

AND CRUCIFIED

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of Jesus' arrest and death from your children's Bible or preferred translation of the Bible. It can be found in Mark 15:1-39, though I highly recommend reading this story from a children's Bible.

If you'd rather watch the story, many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "The Easter Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch the video fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information

Note: The crucifixion was a terrible way to die, and there are many graphic details you could go into while describing Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. However, keep in mind that the main messages of this story are that Jesus died for us because **He loves us and Jesus is the Son of God**. I try not to focus on the gruesome details that might instill fear and take away from the story. Children will learn more about the arrest and crucifixion when it is appropriate.

Why was Jesus arrested?

Jesus said He was God, and this made people angry. They didn't believe that He was the Son of God, even though He had done many things to prove it. The religious leaders wanted to kill Jesus because they were afraid that He would take power away from them.

Why did Jesus have to die?

When God first created the world, it was perfect. But sin entered the world and people could no longer have a perfect relationship with God. Years later, God gave His people (the Israelites) rules for maintaining a relationship with Him. One of these rules was that an animal would need to be killed to cover over a person's sin. Instead of the person dying for their sin, an animal would die instead.

For many years, this is how the Israelites lived. When they sinned, they would make a sacrifice to cover their sin.

But then Jesus came to Earth as a baby. He lived a perfect life. He's the only person who has ever lived a perfect life. He became the perfect Lamb of God. He died to become the sacrifice. His sacrifice can take away the sin!

If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and follow Him, we can have a relationship with God forever. We don't have to sacrifice an animal. Jesus died in our place so we don't have to die. He is the perfect Lamb of God.

Was this the end of the story?

Emphasize to kids that this is not the end of the story. A great miracle is yet to come, and Jesus will not stay dead! This is important, especially if kids have until next week to hear the rest of the story. We want kids to remember that Jesus died because He loves them. But He did NOT stay dead!

Don't Miss This...

If you want a great article to read, check out *Focus on the Family's* article "[Why Did Jesus Have to Die: Helping Your Kids Understand the Gospel.](#)"



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Step Two: Explore the story.

Use the background information in Step One to help kids to understand why Jesus had to die and the significance of the cross. Try using the following discussion prompts:

- Why was Jesus arrested? What was his crime?
- Why did Jesus have to die?
- What happened to our sin?

The activity below can help your kids understand what Jesus' death on the cross accomplished. This lesson is also found in the "Adam and Eve" Bible lesson but is especially applicable in the Easter season.

Optional Activity: The Power of the Cross Over Sin

Sin Separates Us From God

Before the lesson, print a set of pages for each child (one that shows [God](#) and [people](#), the other that [shows a cross](#)). Gather construction paper, glue, scissors, and drawing/coloring materials.

On the page with the heart and the body outline, students will draw a picture of themselves on the right side of the page, using the outline as a guide. The heart on this page represents God.

Say, **"This represents the relationship people used to have with God. They used to have a close friendship. This is like when Adam and Eve walked and talked with God in the Garden of Eden"**.

Next, have students fold the paper in half and carefully rip along the fold. As they do this, they say, **"Then sin entered the world, and we could no longer be close to a perfect God. Just like our memory verse says, we have all fallen short of God's glory. We cannot be close to God when we sin."**

Take a moment to cut out the 'God' and 'people' pieces and place them far apart from each other.

"BUT God had a plan! He sent Jesus to be our Savior. We cannot live a perfect because we are all sinners, so Jesus lived a perfect life for us."

Instruct students to color and cut out the "Cross" template. Have students glue the 'person' and 'God' on opposite sides of the construction paper. Have them leave a space large enough for the cross in the middle. Say, **"Jesus died on the cross to be our Savior. His cross is like a bridge that helps us get to God. Because Jesus died for us, we can have a close relationship with God again. The Bible tells us that "God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Because Jesus died on the cross, we have hope that we will spend eternity with God in heaven."**

Next, instruct students to glue their cross in between the 'person' and 'God' to become a bridge between them.

Last, students will cut out and glue the memory verse to the construction paper. If there is time, students can decorate their pages.



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Step Three: Do the craft and the art project.

Craft: Easter Eggs

Before the lesson, print out a set of easter eggs and an easter basket for each child.

To complete the craft:

- Choose [a set of easter eggs](#) and have students cut them out. (A blank egg is included if you want to add any additional details from the story.)
- Cut out the basket and rectangular Name piece. Create a pocket on the basket by gluing the rectangle to the back of the basket. Be sure to only put glue on the sides and bottom of the rectangle. Place the eggs in the basket.
- Use the eggs to help your kids to retell the story of Jesus' arrest.



Art Project: Three Crosses at Sunset

Before the lesson, gather thick paper to paint on, black construction paper, and painting supplies. Set out paint colors for a sunset (yellow, orange, red, purple, etc.) Cut the black paper into strips and glue them together to make crosses.

- Give each child a thick (cardstock) paper and a paintbrush
- If possible, show kids pictures of a sunset and help them notice how the sky changes color. Point out where the sky is the lightest and where it is the darkest. Ask, "What colors do you see?"
- Give kids time to paint their entire paper in the colors of a sunset.
- Give each child three black crosses and glue them on their sunsets.



Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Jesus is Arrested and Crucified' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Kids will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

Big idea suggestion: Jesus died for my sins.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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What happened after Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane?

QUESTION #2

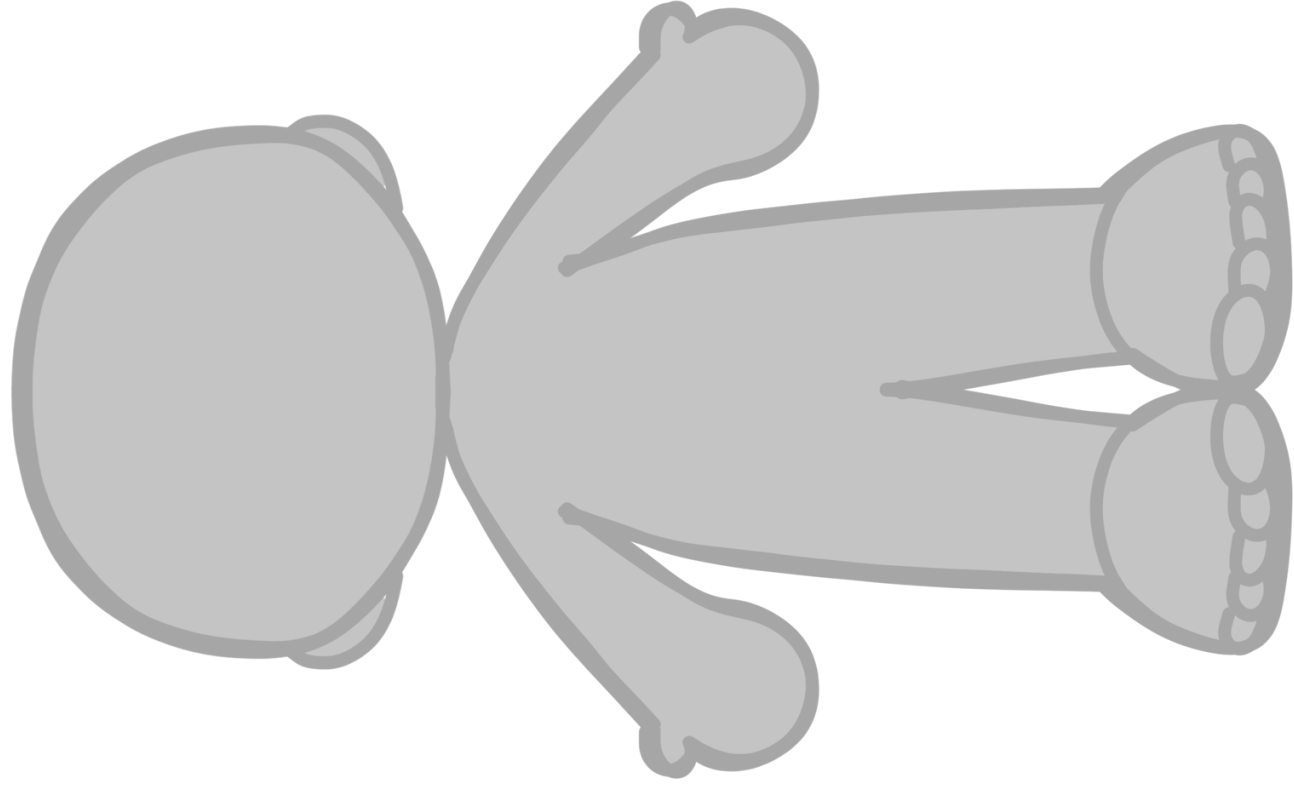
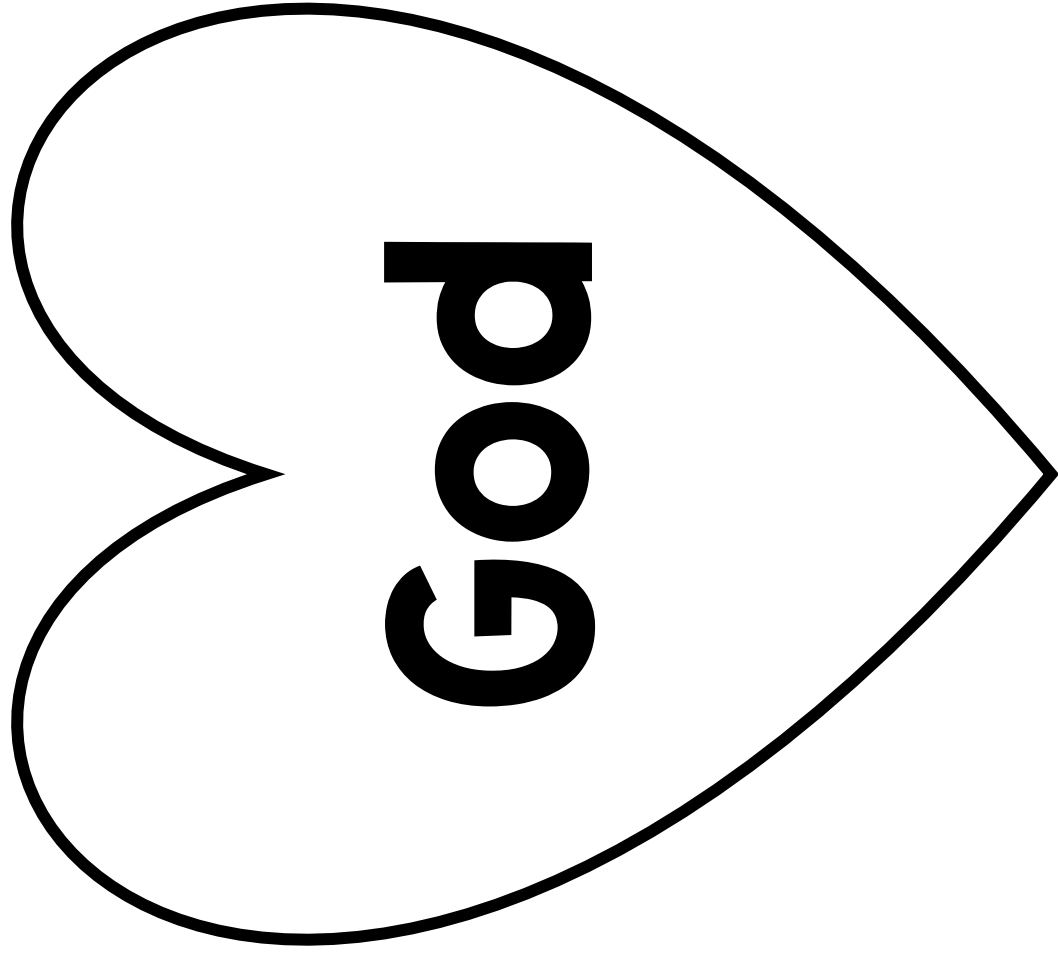
How did the soldiers treat Jesus?

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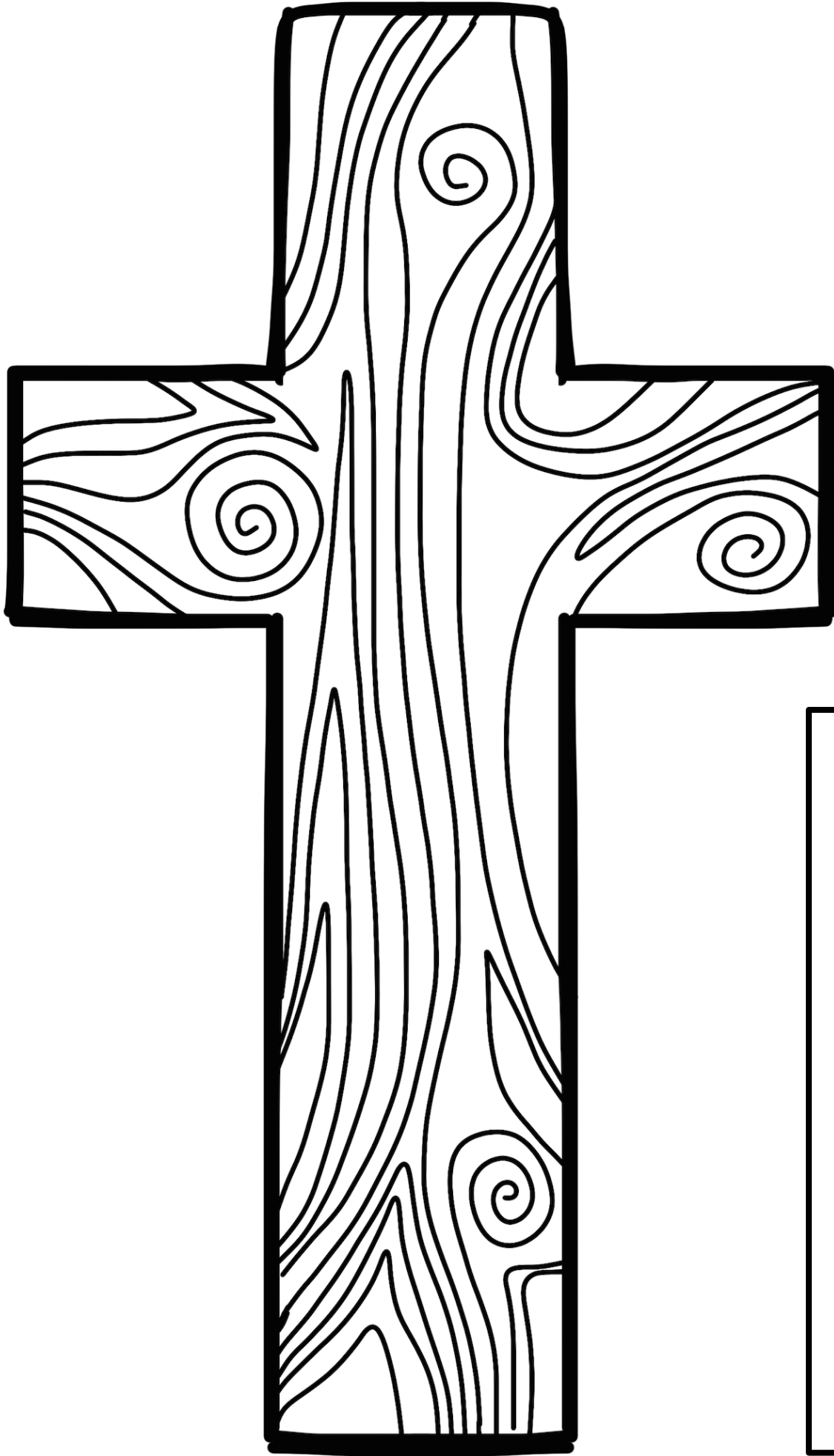
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QUESTION #4

Why did Jesus have to die?



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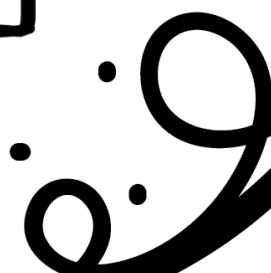


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Romans 3:23 NIV



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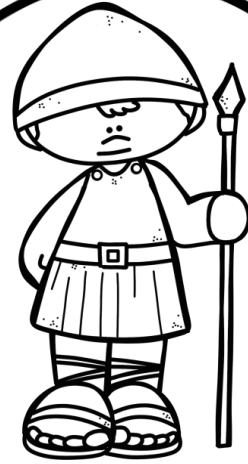
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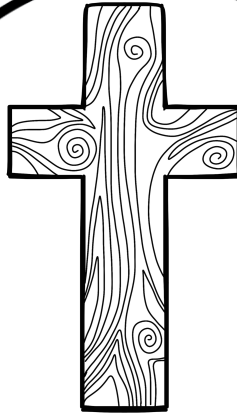
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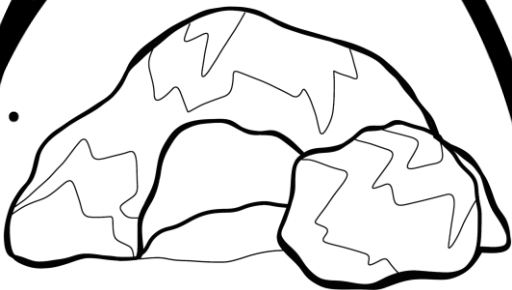
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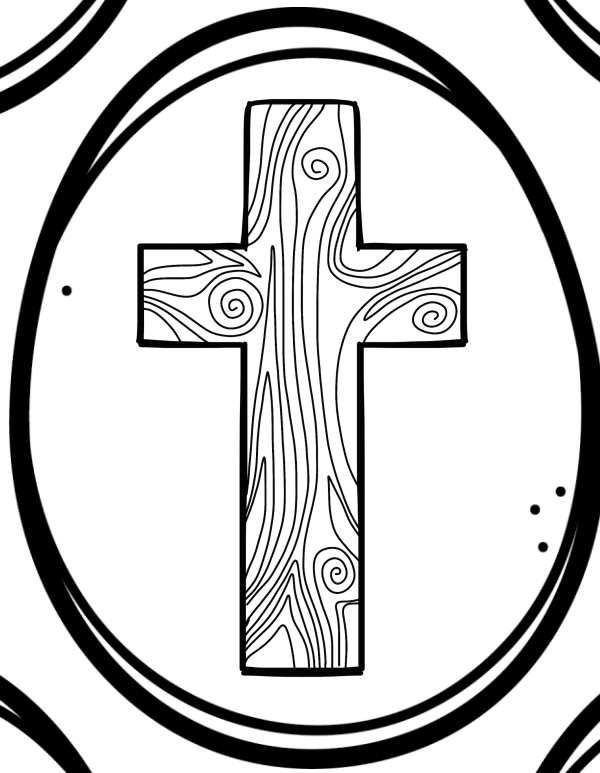
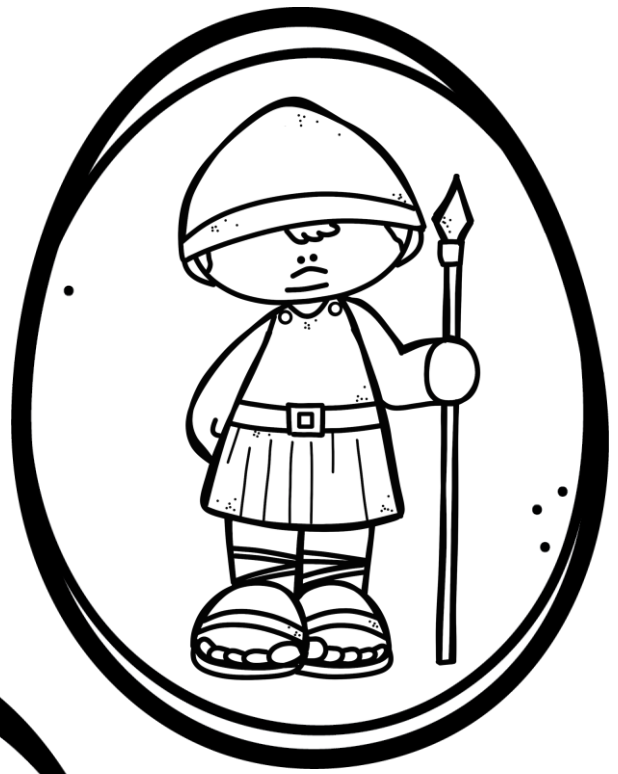
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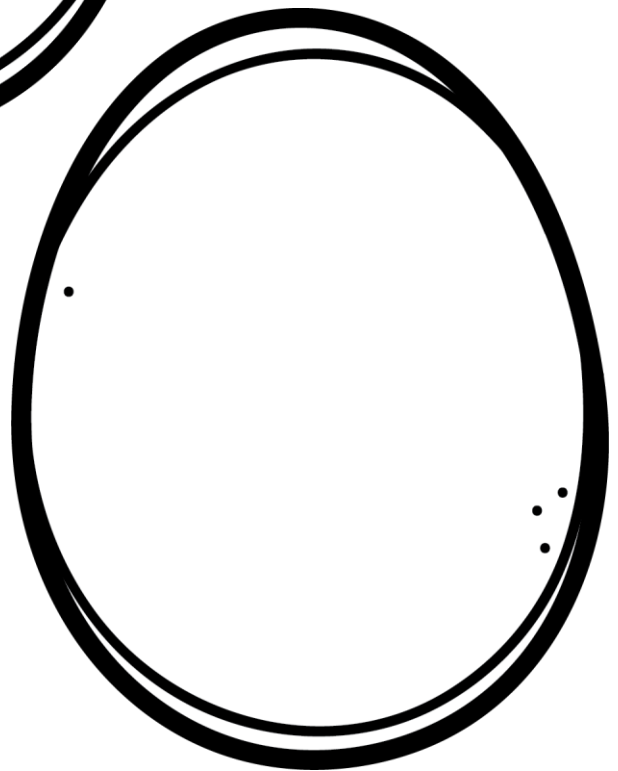
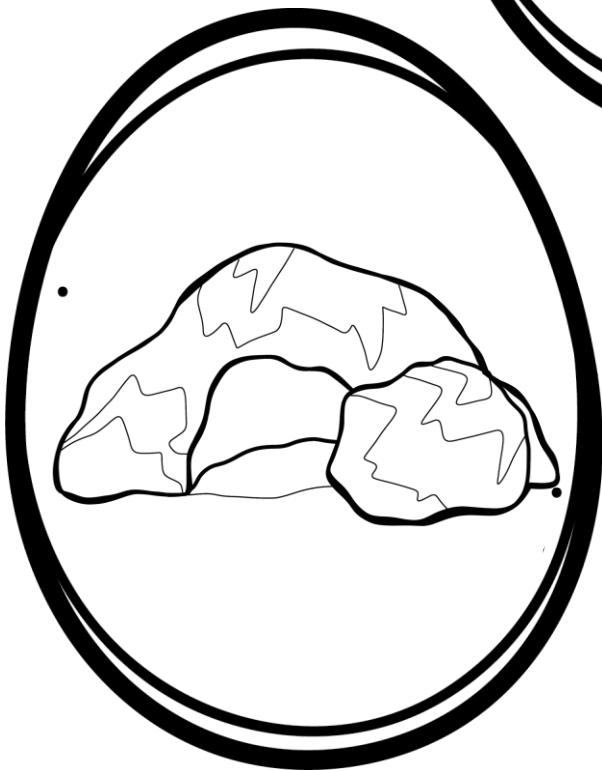
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The Easter Story Eggs

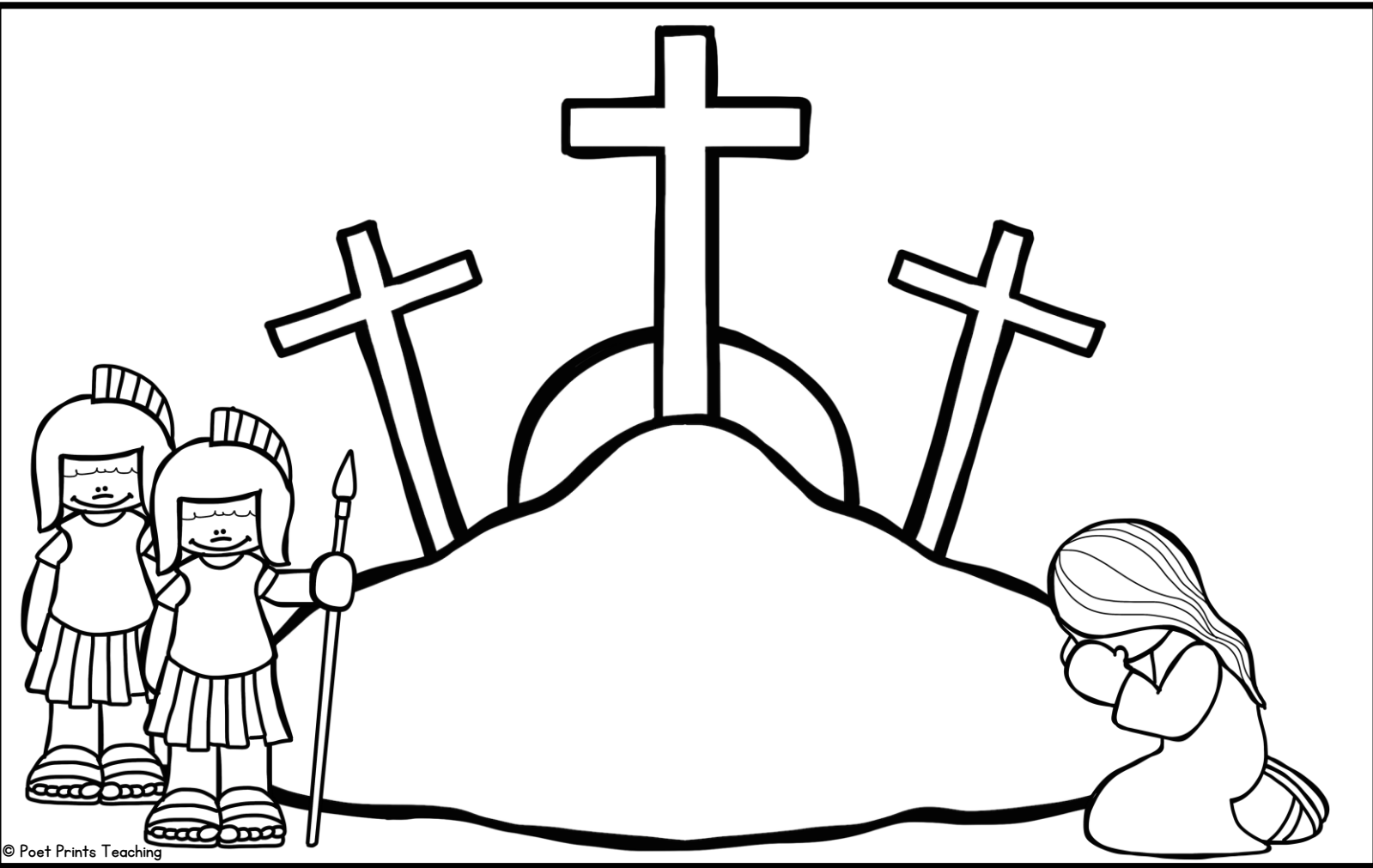
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Version 2: Pictures Only



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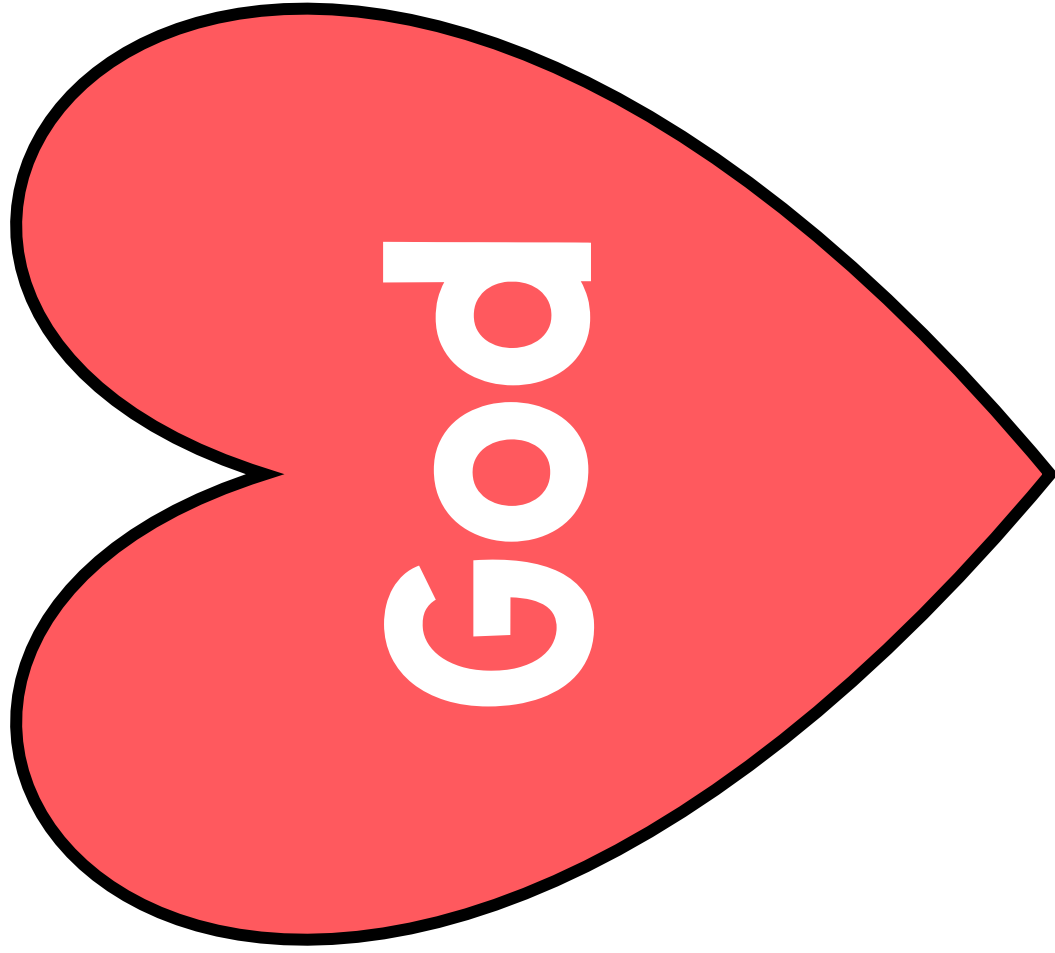


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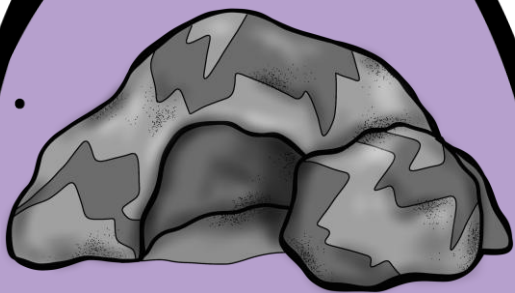
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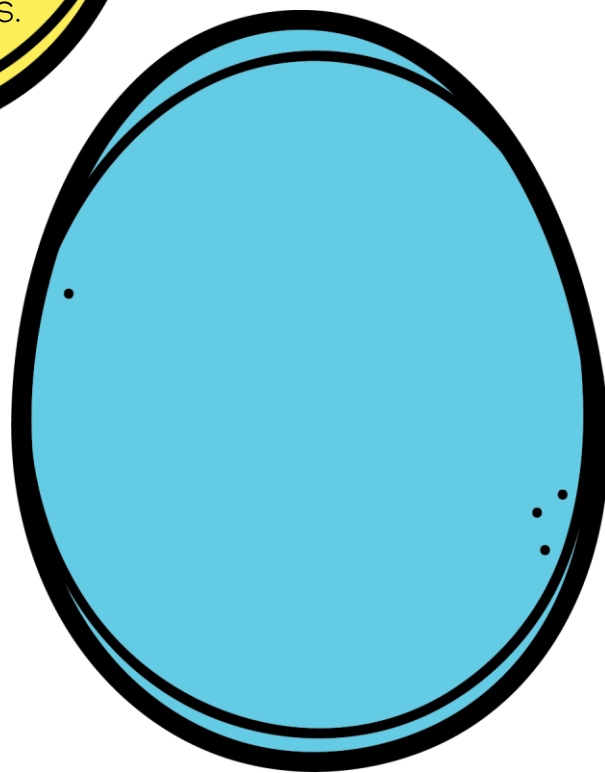
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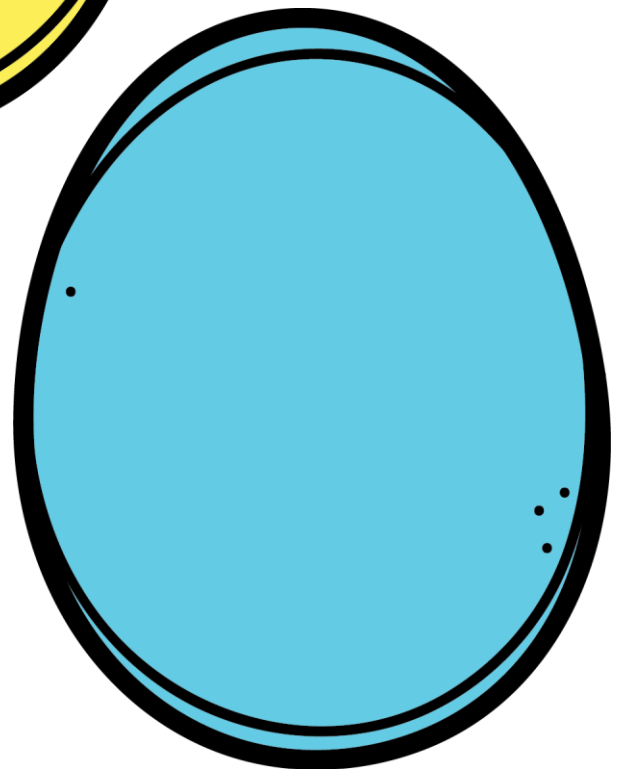
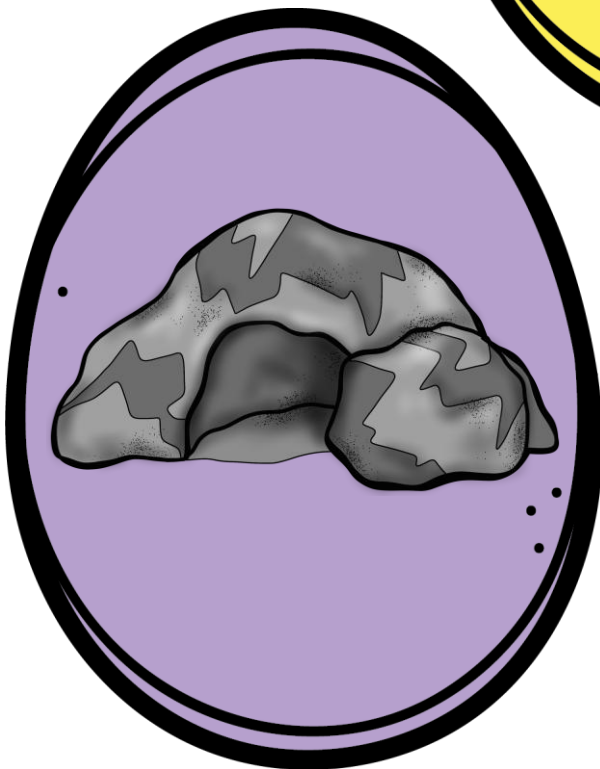


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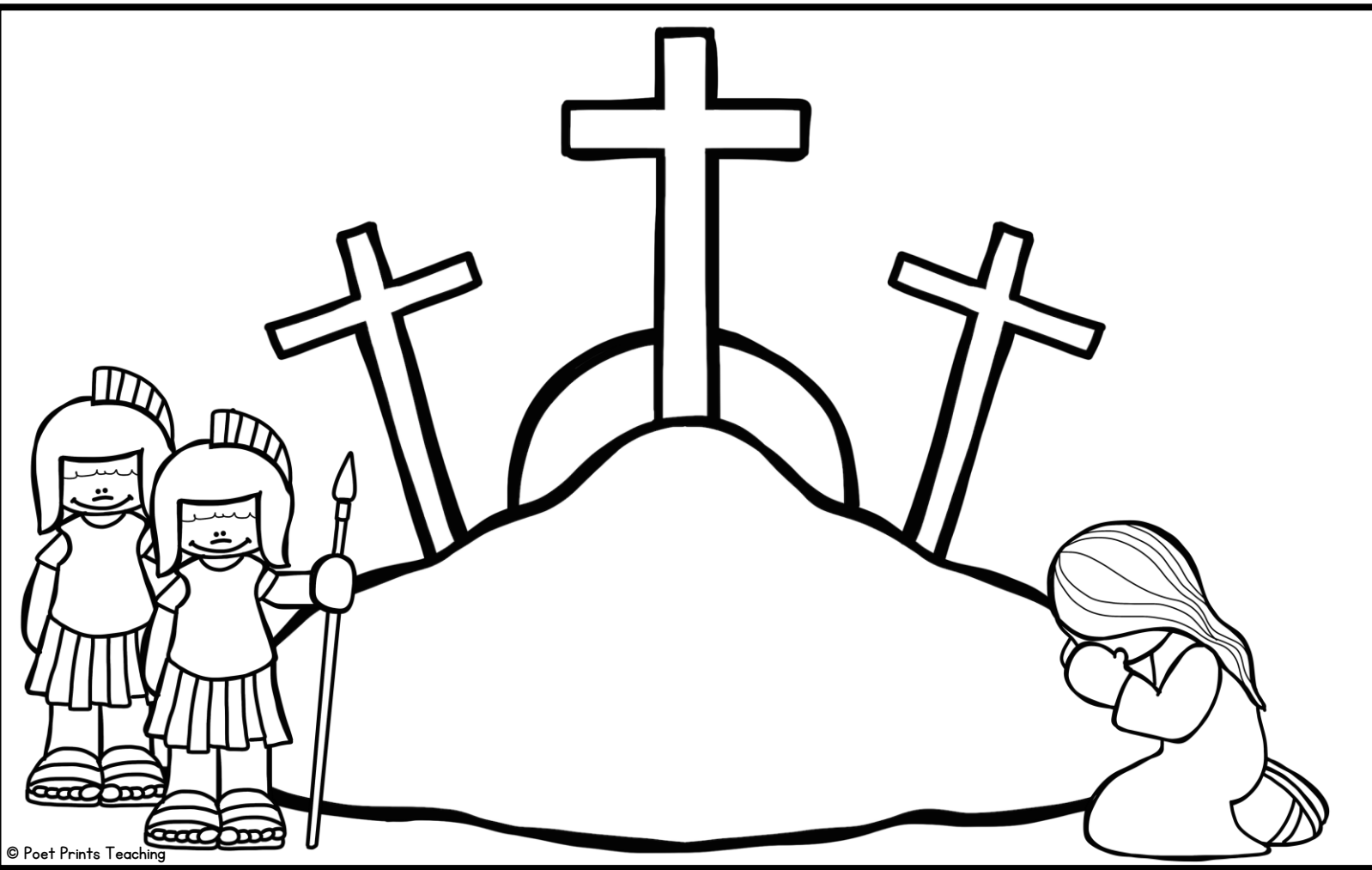




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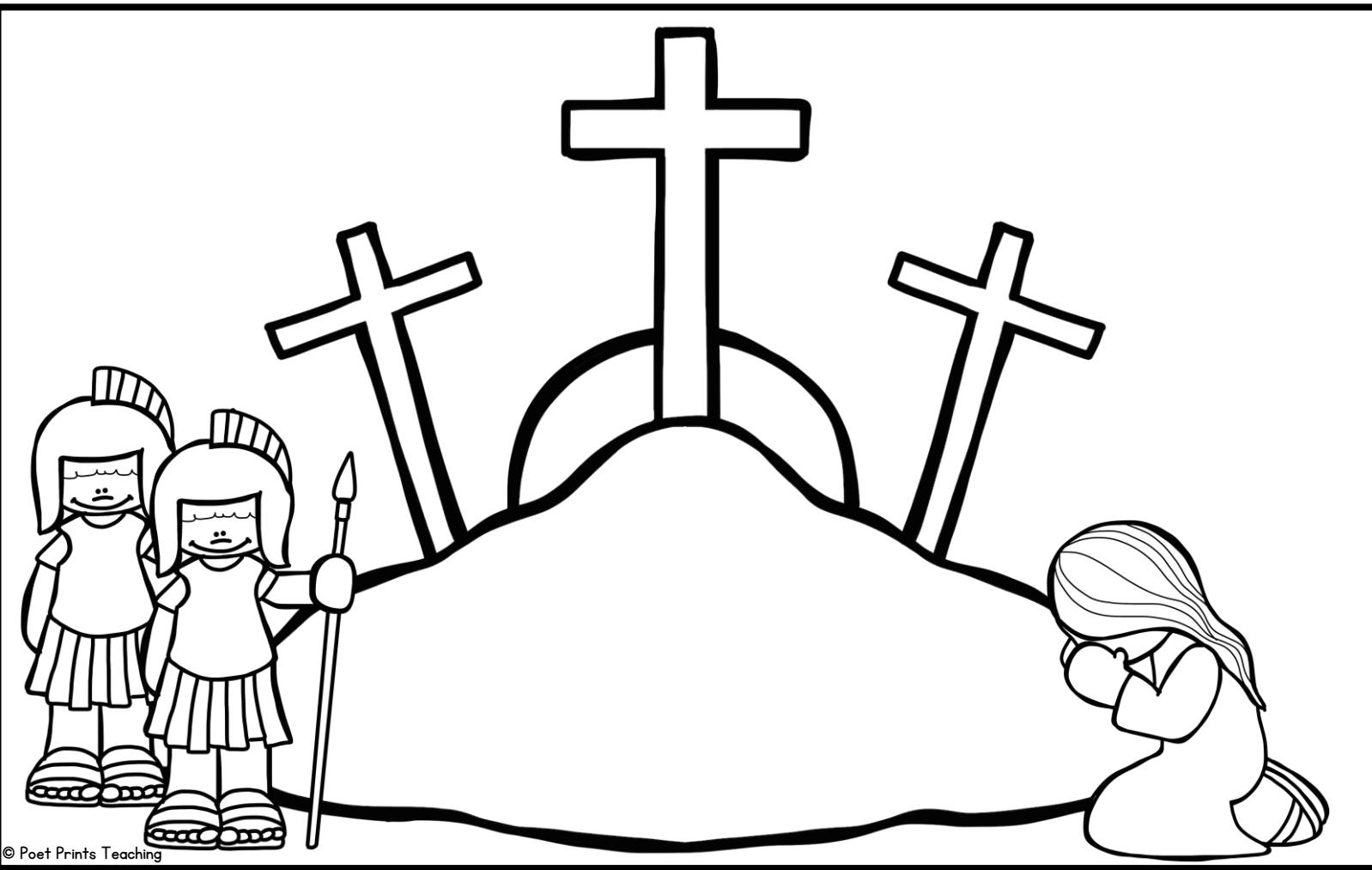
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