

EASTER

FAMILY GUIDE TO SERIES OVERVIEW

JOHN 3:16-17(NIV)

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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

The following elements will be provided:

Documents

- Word Searches
- Activity Sheets
- Coloring Sheets
- Activity Instructions
- Talk It Over Questions

Media

- Church at Home
 - Countdown
 - Worship Song
 - Memory Verse Song
 - o Animated Bible Story
 - Teaching Video

Lesson 1

The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19

I will celebrate Jesus as my good King.

Lesson 2

Jesus' Sacrifice

Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 15:21-41, Luke 23:26-43, John 19

I can believe because Jesus is alive.

Lesson 3

Jesus Appears Thomas

John 20:24-31

When I doubt, I can remember Jesus.

Lesson 4

The Road to Emmaus

uke 24·13-49

I will remember what Jesus did for me every day.



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ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY | LESSON 2

EASTER BINGO

Supplies:

- Bible story bingo card (multiple layouts provided)
- Game call cards mixed up in a bag/bowl
- 1 bowl of small snacks to use as "game pieces" (i.e.: jelly beans, M&Ms, Skittles, fruit snacks, Goldfish, etc

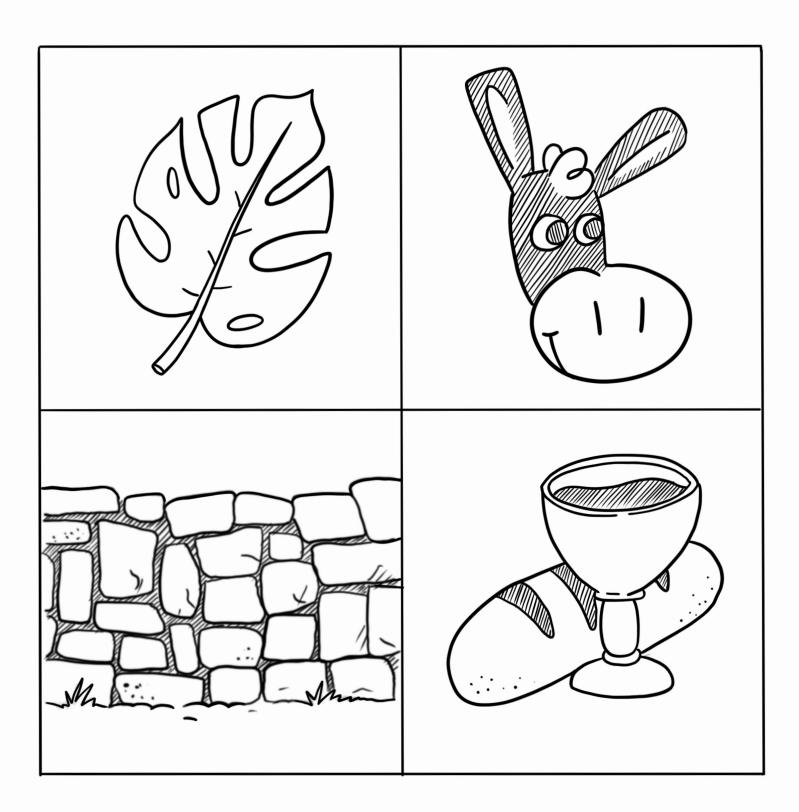
Directions:

- Give each player one Easter bingo card and small bowl of "game pieces."
 - Note: The pictures on the bingo cards are about Bible story video from church this week about Jesus' sacrifice.
- 2. Begin by finding all free spaces on each player's Easter bingo card. Place a "game piece" on each free space.
 - Note: Each card has a potential of 3 free spaces located in different spots on their cards.
 - 1. "Free" free space standard bingo free space
 - 2. "Free of sin" free space reminds us that Jesus died for the whole world to save them from sin
 - 3. "Empty tomb" free space reminds us that Jesus was alive and the tomb was empty.
- 3. One person will draw a card from the call bowl/bag and show the picture to all players.
- 4. Players will look to see if they have the picture on their card.
 - a. If they do, they will use a game piece to cover the picture on their card.
 - b. If they do not, they do not use a game piece that round.
- 5. With each card drawn, ask about the picture and share the description of the picture.
 - Who/What is it? What happened in this part of the story? Did you like this part?
- 6. Continue drawing cards until someone covers 4 squares in a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal row.

TALKING POINTS

Get together and talk about how this game helps us think about this week's Bible story.

- Which bingo card had your favorite picture from the Easter story? Why is that your favorite?
- What does it mean to believe in Jesus? Do you believe in Jesus?
- Do you have any questions about the Bible story or anything from this week?
- What is one thing you are thankful for today? Let's talk to God and tell Him that and thank Him for sending us Jesus.



DONKEY

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a humble donkey on Palm Sunday.

PALM BRANCH

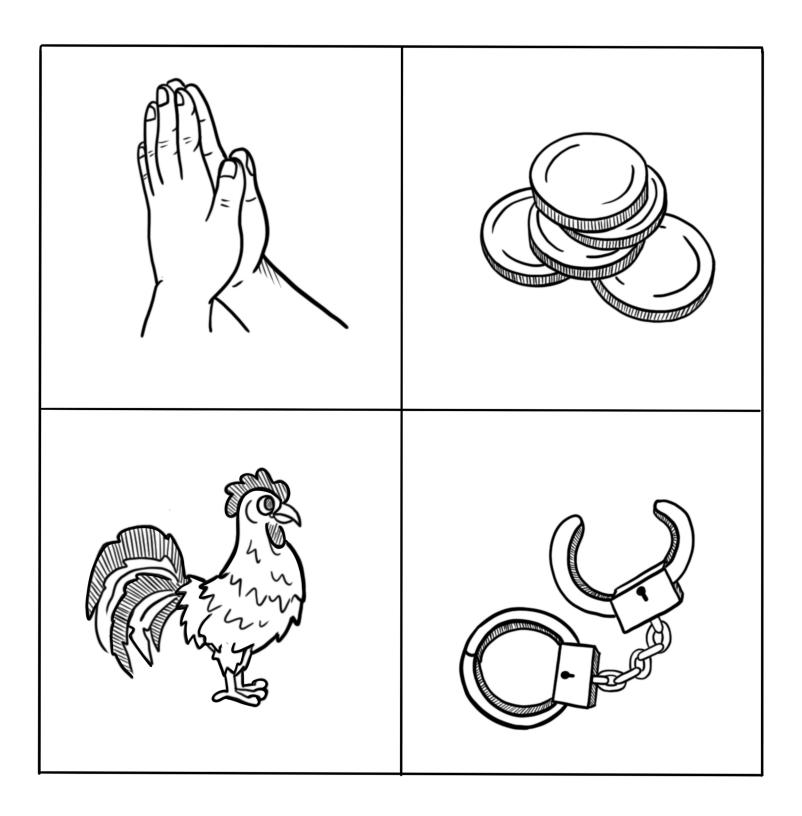
People welcomed Jesus as a king on Palm Sunday.
They put palm branches on the ground to show their love and adoration for Jesus.

BREAD AND WINE

At the Passover meal with His disciples, Jesus broke bread and shared wine, so they would always remember what He would do on the cross.

CITY WALL OF JERUSALEM

Jesus entered the city of
Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.
Not everyone celebrated His
arrival. Some religious leaders
were angry that He
was celebrated as a king.



COINS

Judas betrayed Jesus and gave Him up to the religious leaders for 30 silver coins.

PRAYING HANDS

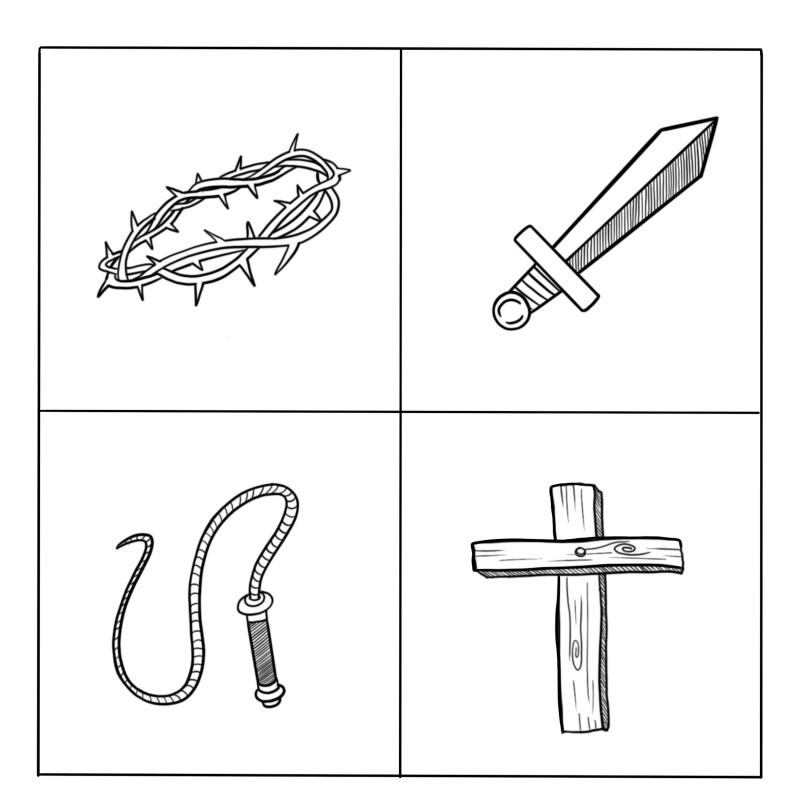
The night before His death,
Jesus prayed in the
Garden of Gethsemane.

HANDCUFFS

Jesus was arrested even though
He did nothing wrong.
He was arrested in the
Garden of Gethsemane.

ROOSTER

Jesus said Peter would deny
Jesus three times before
the rooster crowed.
And that is exactly what
happened.



SWORD

While Jesus was on the cross, the soldier pierced the side of Jesus with a sword.

CROWN OF THORNS

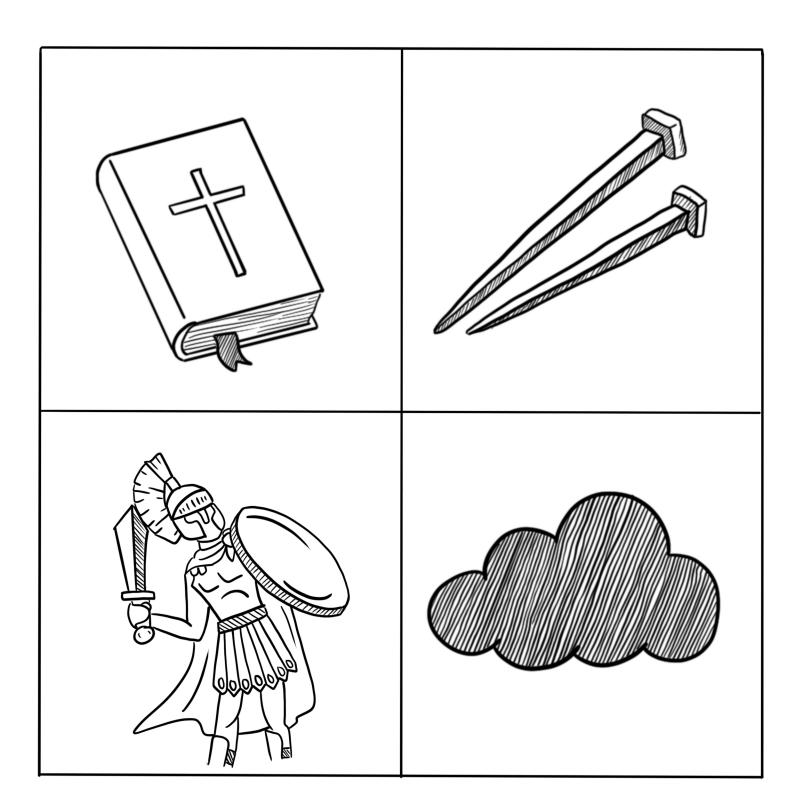
Jesus was made fun of and mocked. They put a crown of thorns on His head to criticize Him as king.

CROSS

Jesus died on a cross, even though He didn't do anything wrong. He did it to save everyone from their sins.

WHIP

Jesus was whipped 39 times as part of His punishment before He carried His cross.



NAILS

Nails were placed in each of Jesus' hands when He hung on the cross.

After the third day when He had risen,
Jesus appeared to many people and showed them the marks on His hands from the nails.

BIBLE

The Bible is God's word to us. It tells us the story of Easter.

Every story in the Bible is true and tells us about real people, places, and things that happened.

DARK CLOUD

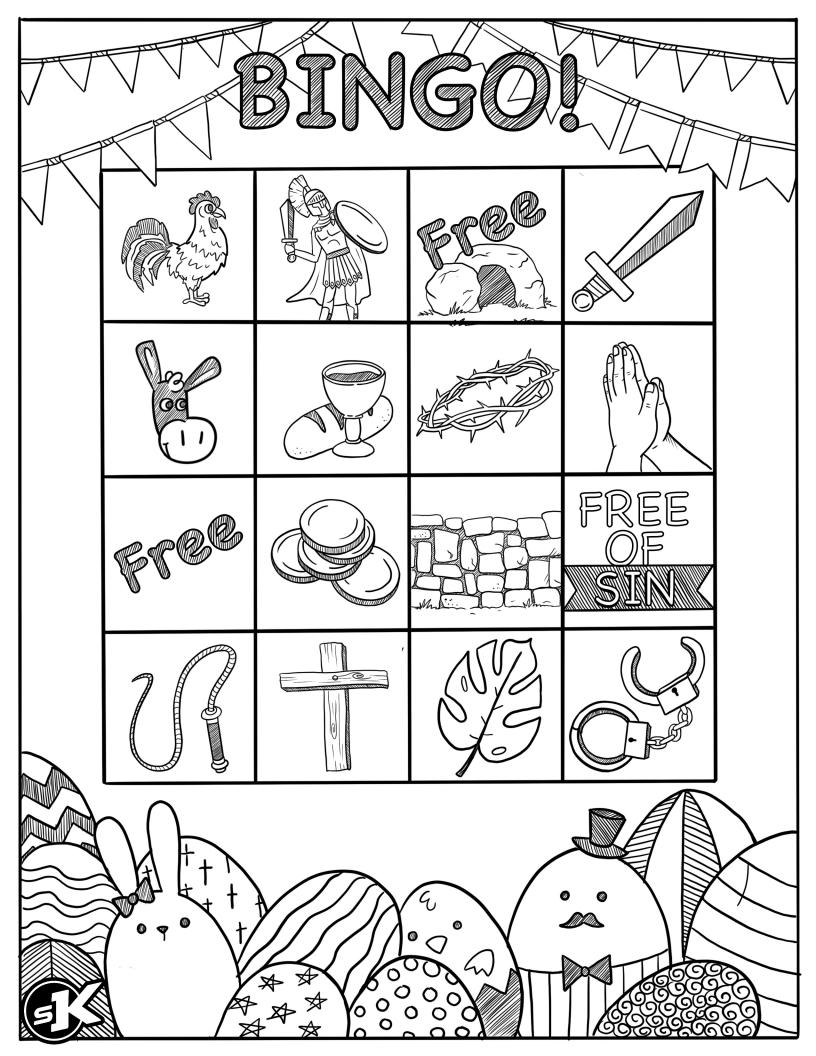
Right in the middle of the day that Jesus hung on the cross, it became dark all of a sudden for three hours.

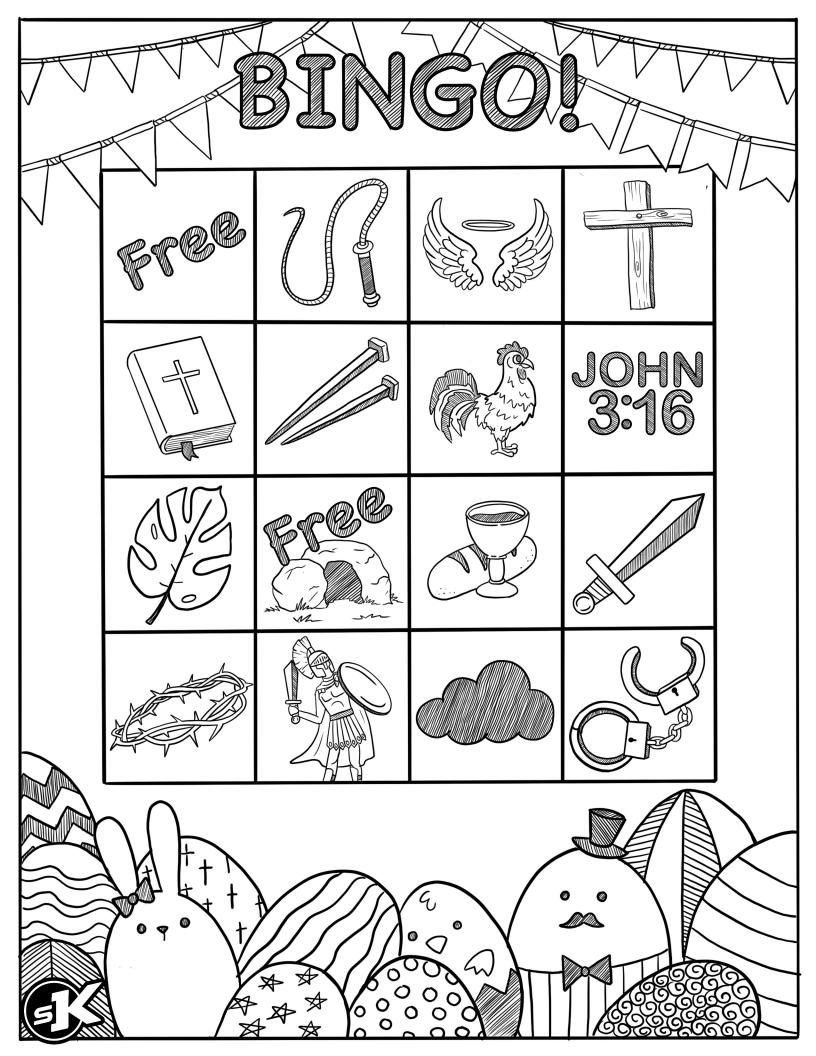
ROMAN SOLDIER

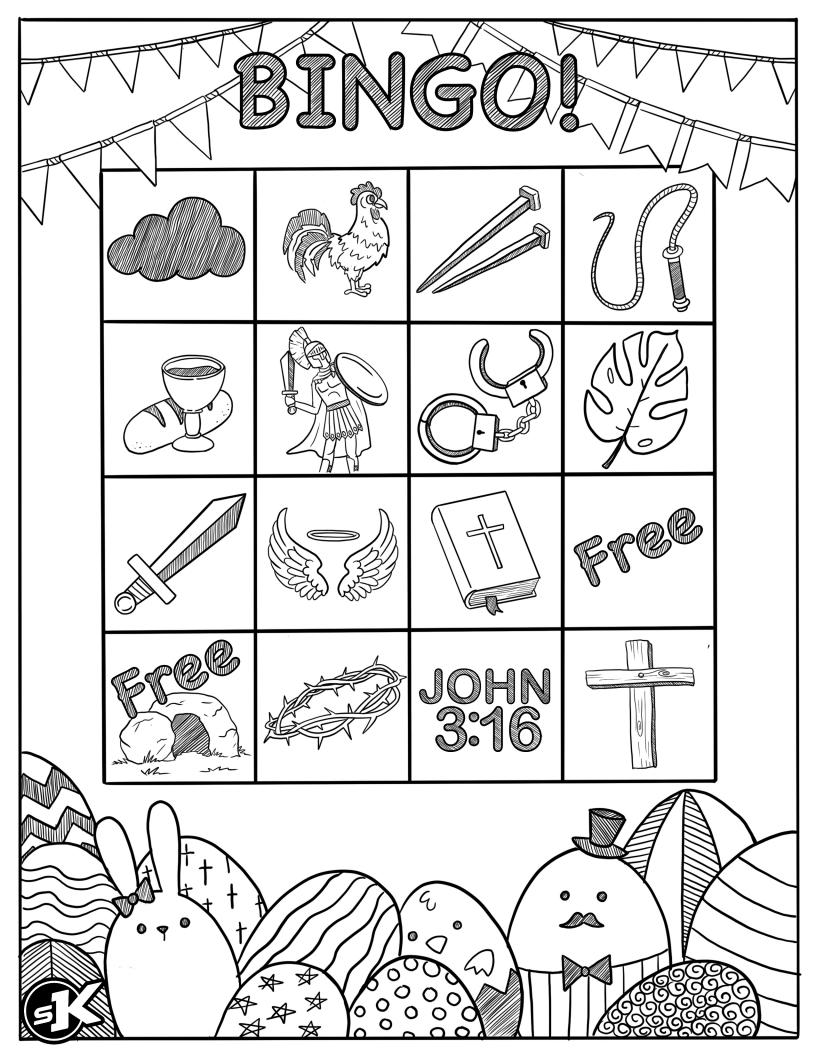
The Roman soldiers sat at the foot of the cross and rolled dice for Jesus' clothes.

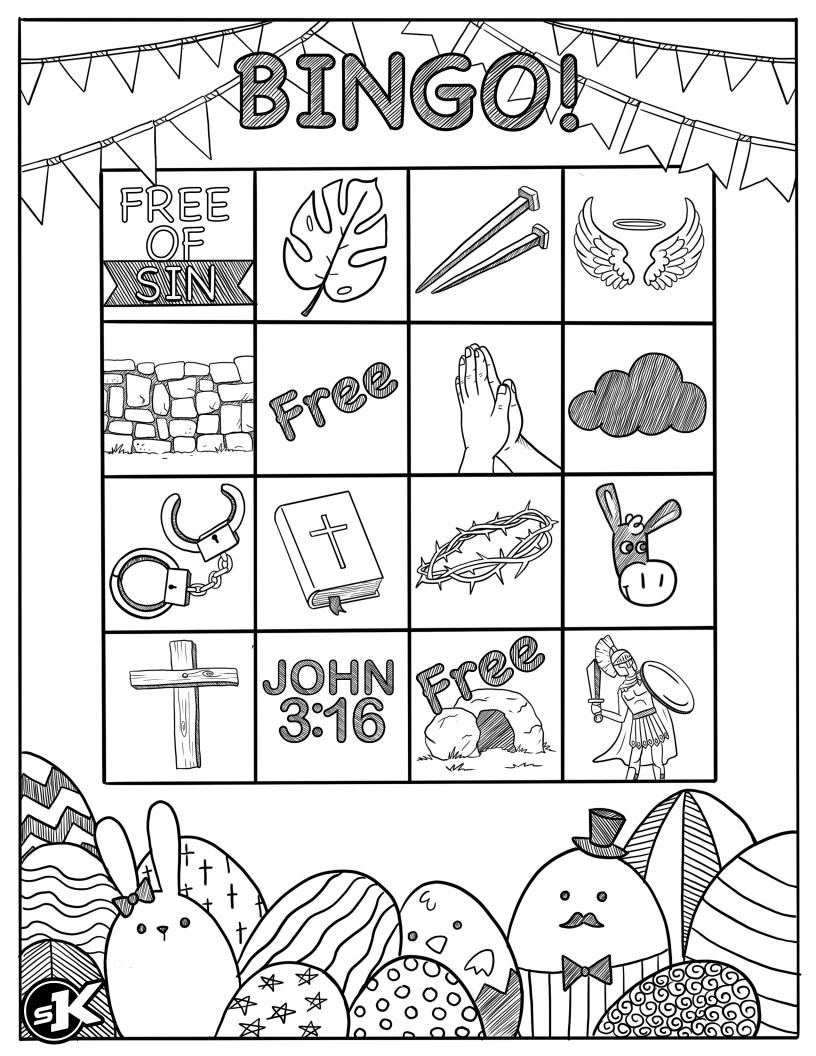
JOHN 3:16

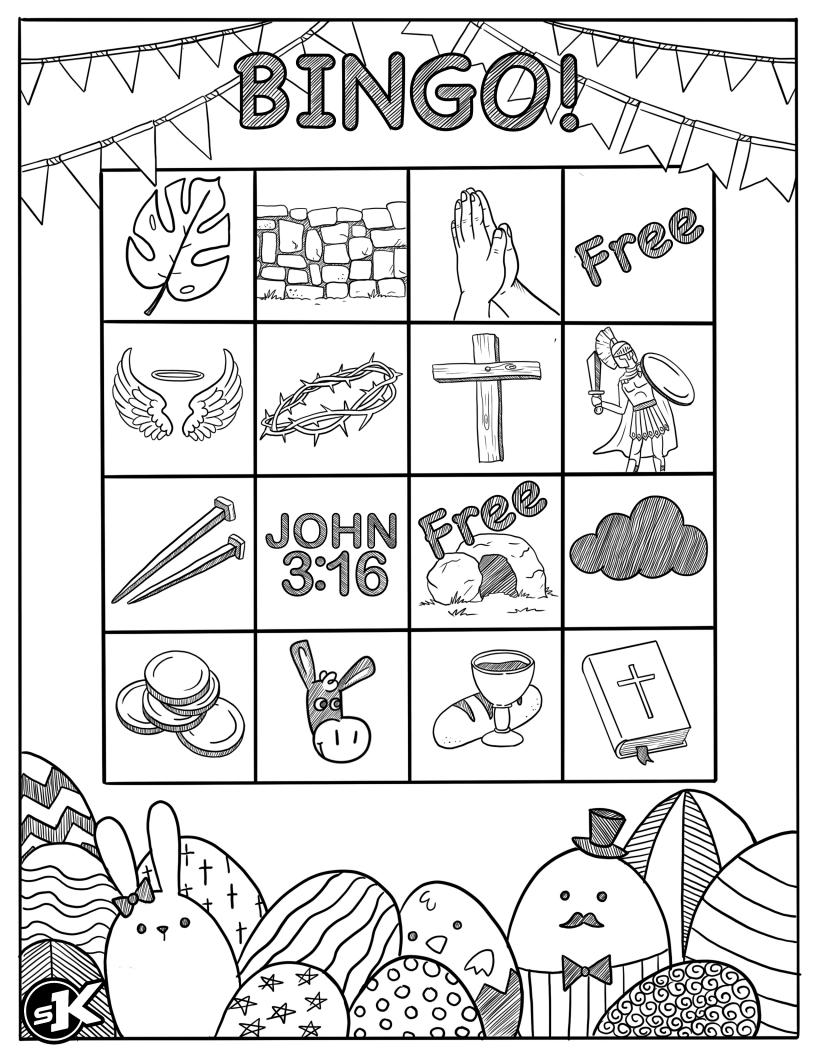
JOHN 3:16 This is a verse from the Bible **ANGEL WINGS** that tells us why Jesus came and died on the cross. On the third day after He did it because He loves us. Jesus' death on the cross, It says, "For God so loved an angel appeared the world that He gave saying that Jesus was not there. His one and only Son, He is alive! that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

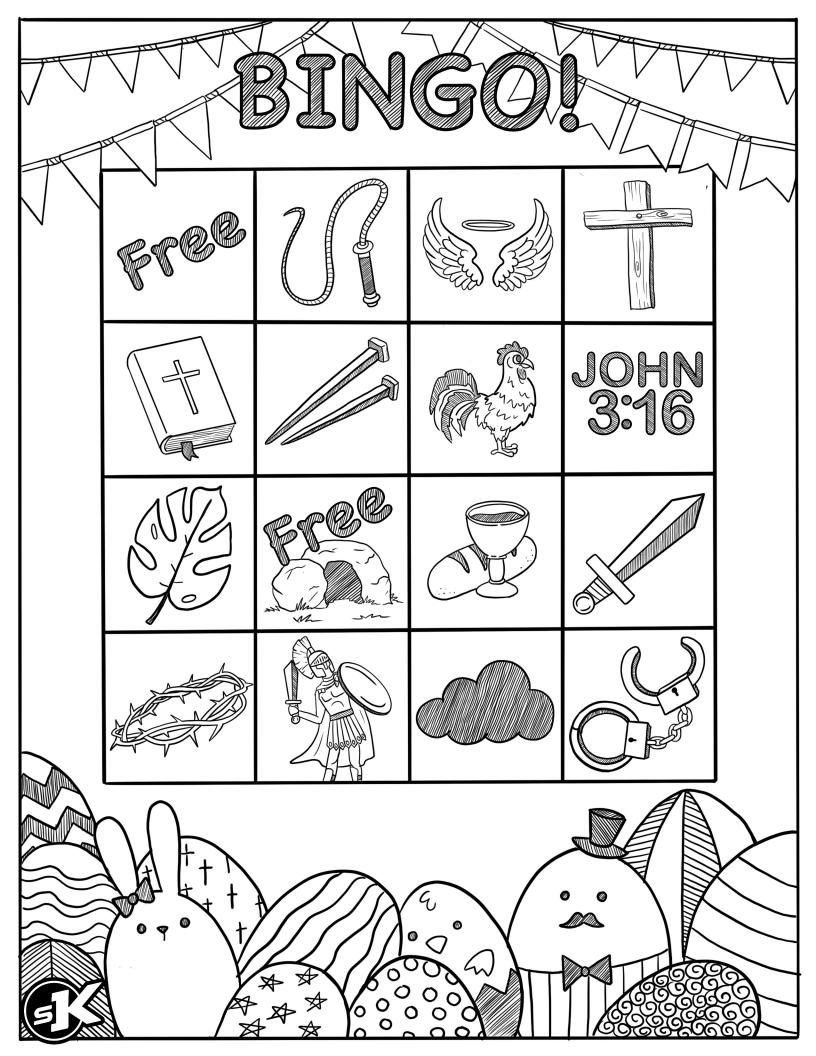


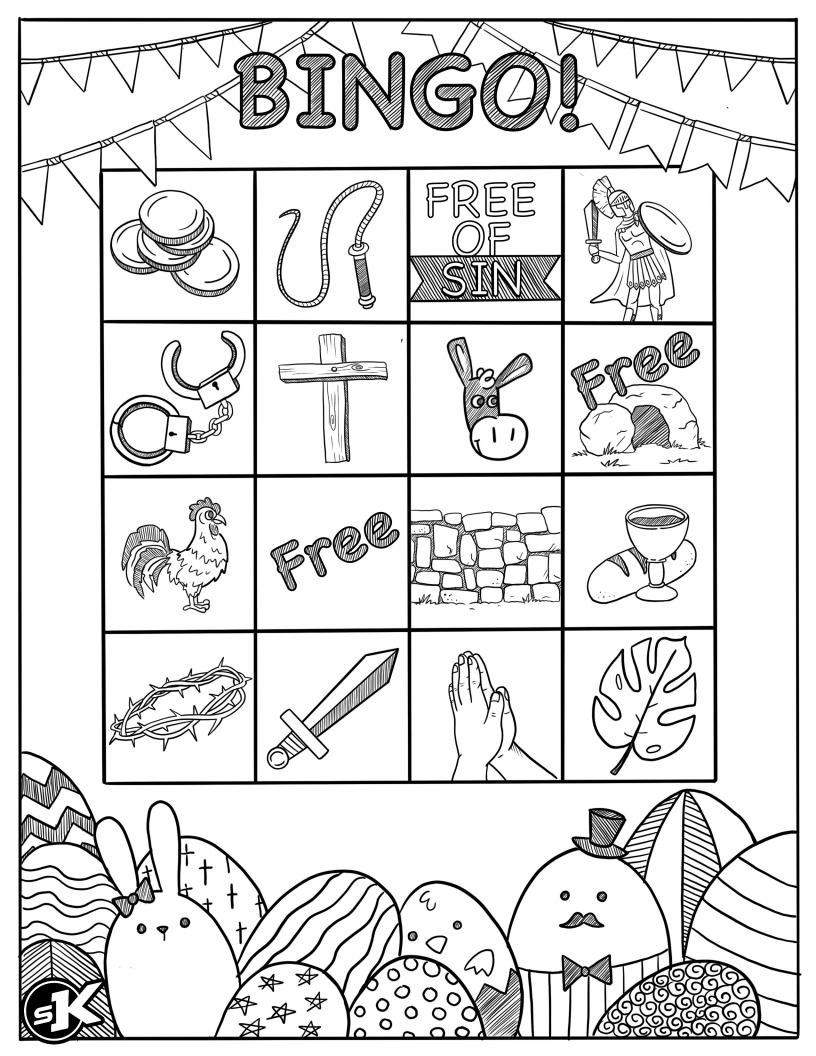


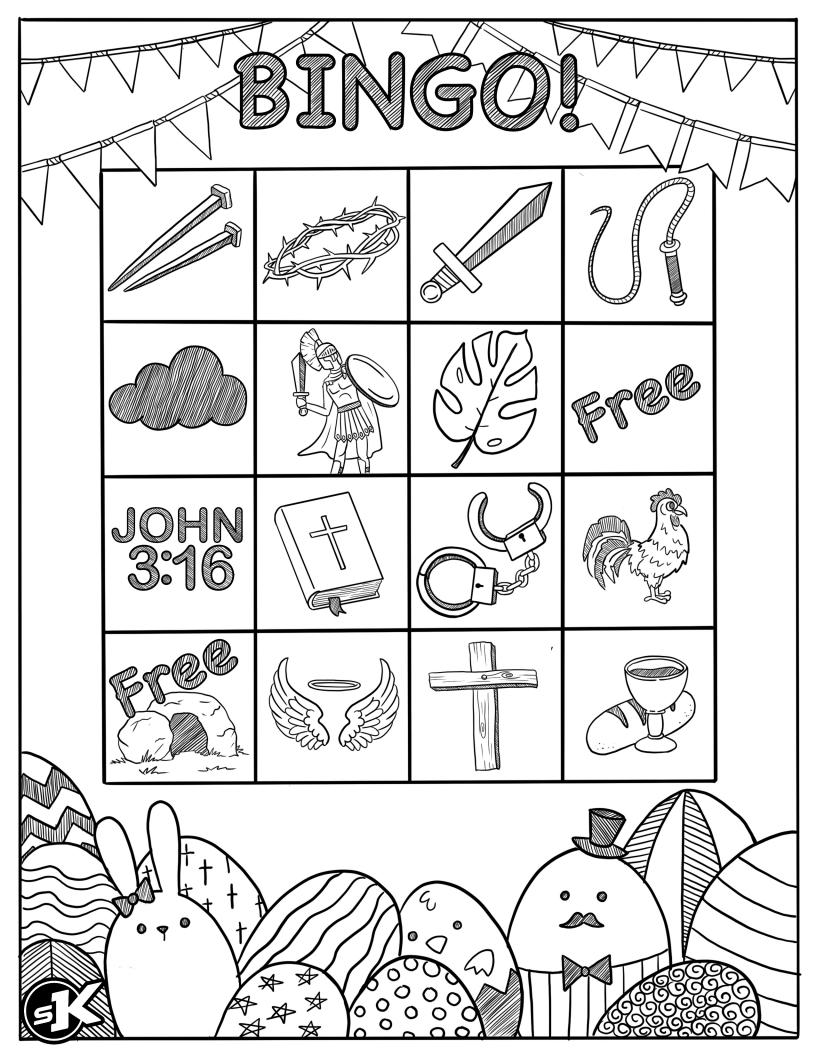


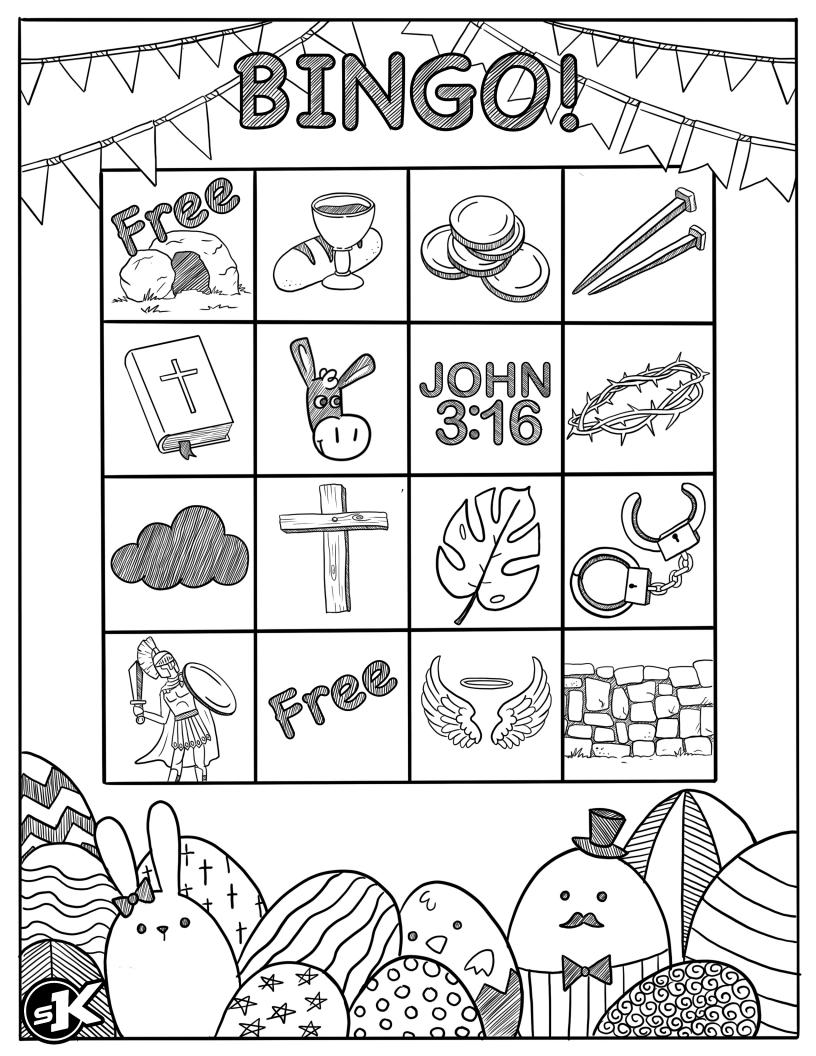


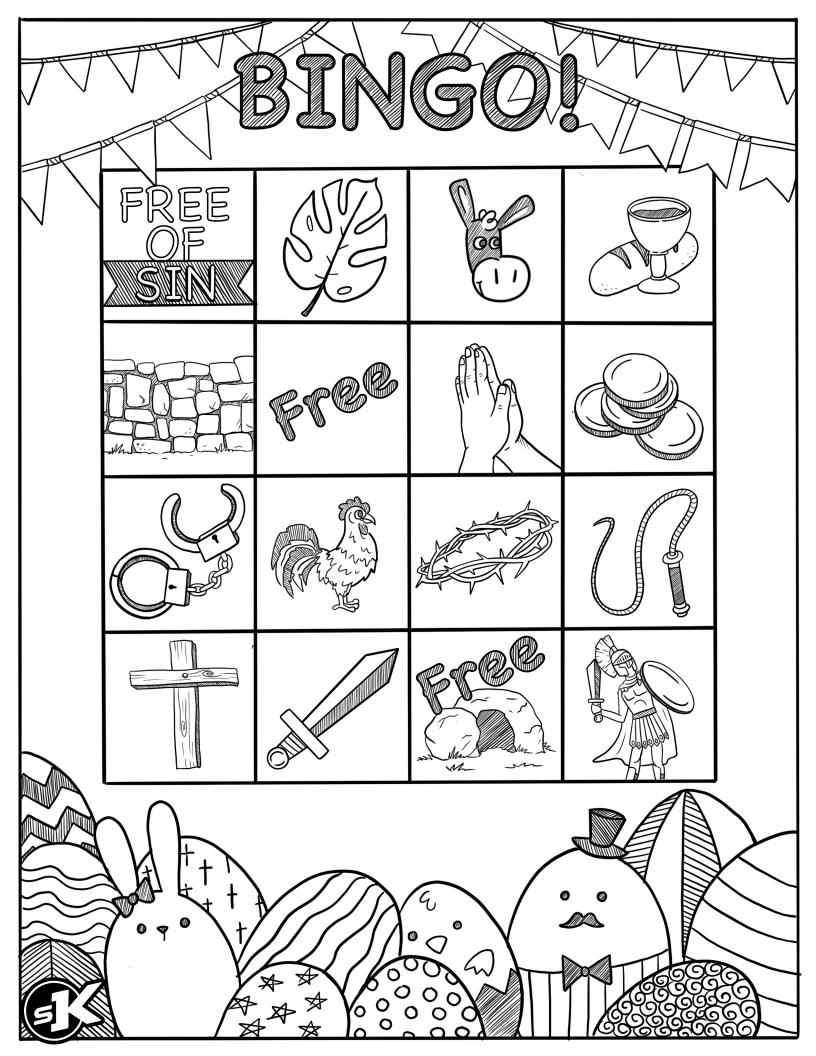


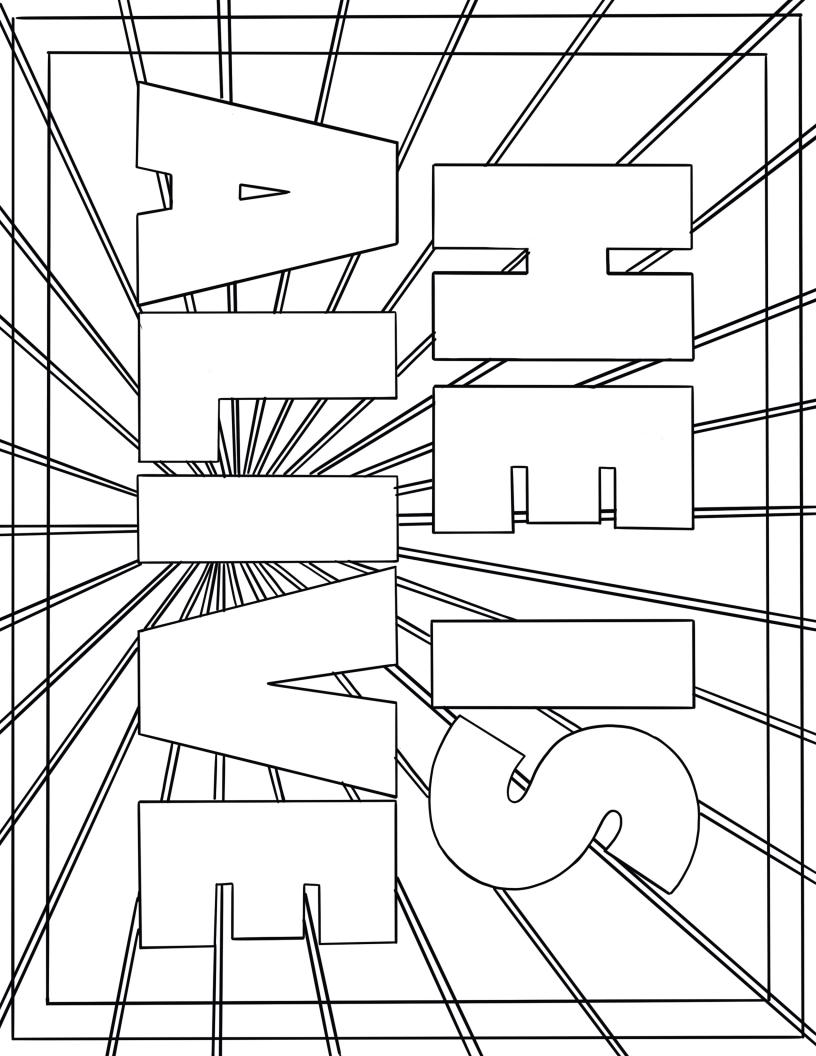














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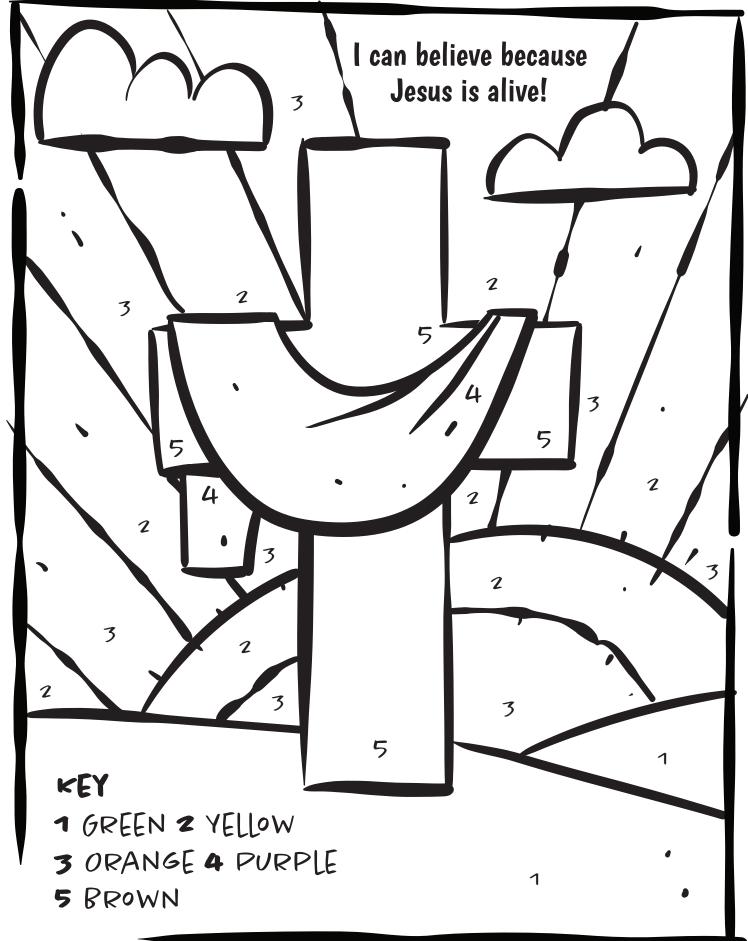
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Hey Parents! This week your child learned about Christ's death and resurrection. When Jesus died on the cross, He took our sin and traded it for salvation. Now we can choose to love and follow Christ because of what He did. Take some time to review the following questions with your child this week, reminding them of the importance of Easter.

- 1. Who died on the cross for us?
- 2. What happened three days after Jesus died?
- 3. Does Jesus love us?





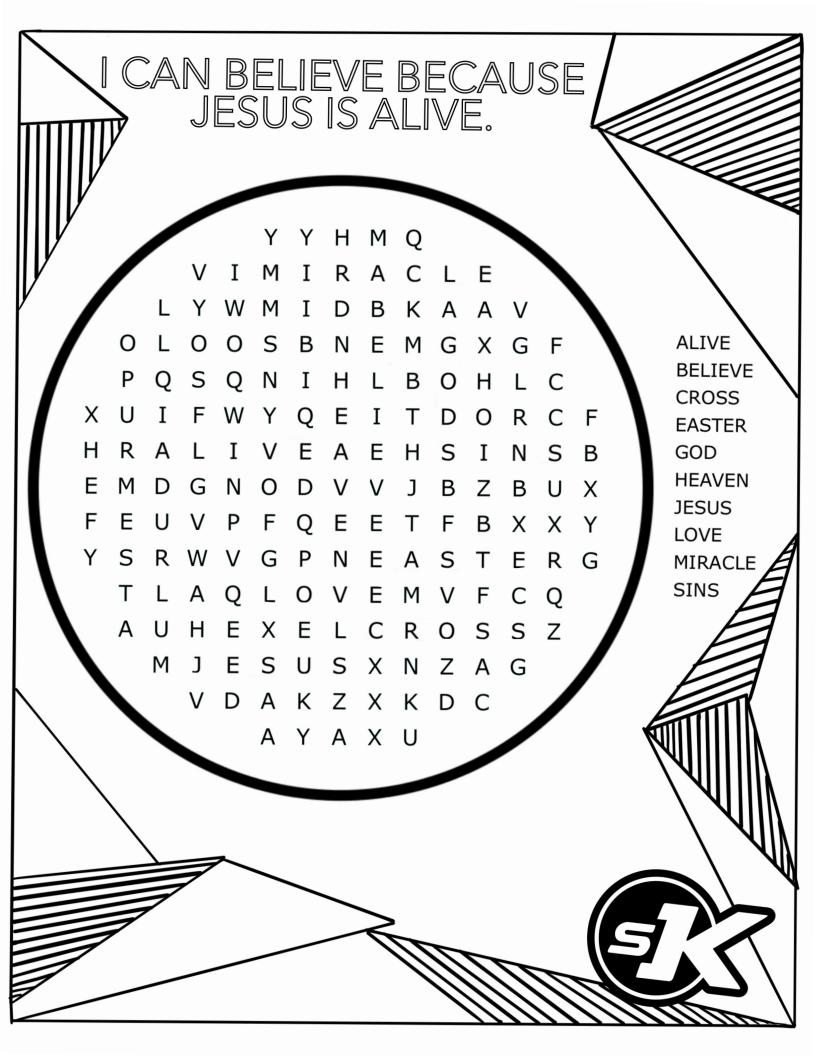








Trace the lines to finish the picture of Jesus.





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TALK IT OVER | LESSON 2

Hey parents! Use these questions as a guide to talk over this week's lesson, **Jesus' Sacrifice**, with your child after they've watched the video service!

- 1. What was your favorite part of the video we just watched?
- 2. Why did Jesus die on the cross? Look at John 3:16-17
- 3. What do you think about the fact that Jesus died on the cross for you because He loves you?
- 4. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
- 5. Would you say that you believe in Jesus? Have you ever prayed to ask Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of your life, making the choice to become a Christian?*
- 6. Who is someone that we can pray for to know Jesus' love and the true reason for Easter? Pray together about that person and ask God to give you the opportunity to share God's love with them.

*How to Become a Christian is a great tool to use in this conversation with your child. It goes over the reasons for needing Jesus, how to pray to become a Christian, and what to do once you are a Christian.