

Family Worship at Home!

Here are some activities you could do at home. Start with the story and then do as many or as few as you like.

Bible passage

Today we will be exploring a part of the Easter story that can seem a little bit sad – it's the part when Jesus died on the cross. But we are going to learn that there was more going on than meets the eye. And although this bit is sad, it isn't the end of the story.

Spoiler alert: this story has an amazing, wonderful, and very happy ending!

So here is our story. Ask a grown up to read it to you, you might like to lie back and close your eyes as you listen:

Lots of people loved Jesus, but some people didn't like Him at all. Jesus told everyone He was God's son, and that made some people very angry.

One very sad day Jesus was captured by soldiers and taken to see the Rulers of the Land. They asked Jesus if He was God's son because they didn't believe that He was. In the end, even though the Rulers of the Land didn't really think Jesus had done anything wrong, they agreed to have Jesus killed by putting Him on a cross.

So the soldiers took Jesus again and this time they put a crown of thorns on His head and they made fun of Him. Finally they took Him out of the city to a place called Golgotha.

At nine o'clock in the morning, the soldiers nailed Jesus to a wooden cross. They put two robbers beside Jesus, one on the right and one on the left.

While Jesus was on the cross, the land was dark. Then Jesus died and there was a great big earthquake. When the soldiers at the cross saw what happened when Jesus died, they knew He really was the son of God.

It was sad when Jesus died, and His friends felt really really sad. But Jesus was doing something amazing for us. He was making a way for us to be friends with God again by taking the punishment for all the bad things we have done. We sometimes call these bad things 'sin' and a sin is anything we do that makes God sad. Jesus was taking the blame for us, so sin couldn't stop us from being friends with God ever again!

That's where we will stop our story today but remember, that isn't where the story ends. In two days, we will discover things were about to get a whole lot more interesting...



Discussion

- Why do you think we call today 'Good Friday' not 'Bad Friday'?
- Why do you think some people really didn't like Jesus?
- How does this story make you feel?
- What do you think 'sin' means?
- Do you think you ever sin?
- What do you think is going to happen in our story next?



Songs to Sing

You may like to sing 'Lord I lift your name on high' or 'Oh Happy Day'. Have a look on YouTube if it would help to have something to sing along to.

An activity

For this activity you will need a bowl of water, some hand cream and a towel.

When Jesus died on the cross, He washed away all the things that stop us being friends with God. Take it in turns to wash your hands in the water thinking about Jesus washing you clean from all of your sin. After you have dried your hands rub in some lovely smelling hand cream, every time you smell the cream remember that Jesus loves you so very much.

A prayer to pray together

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross and making a way for us to be friends with God again. Please help us to remember your amazing sacrifice and how much you love us. Amen.



An activity

For this activity you will need some pipe cleaners or lolly pop sticks or twigs from the garden AND some wool or twine or glue.

As a reminder of this story we are going to make a cross. Look at the bits and bobs you have collected – how could you make yours? Perhaps you could decorate it with pens or stickers? Feel free to get as creative as you like. Place it somewhere you will see it regularly and every time you walk past it say a little thank you to Jesus for making it possible for you to be friends with God forever. If you can, share a photo of your cross with your church.

A Memory verse

for GOD

SO LOVED

THE WORLD THAT HE *love*

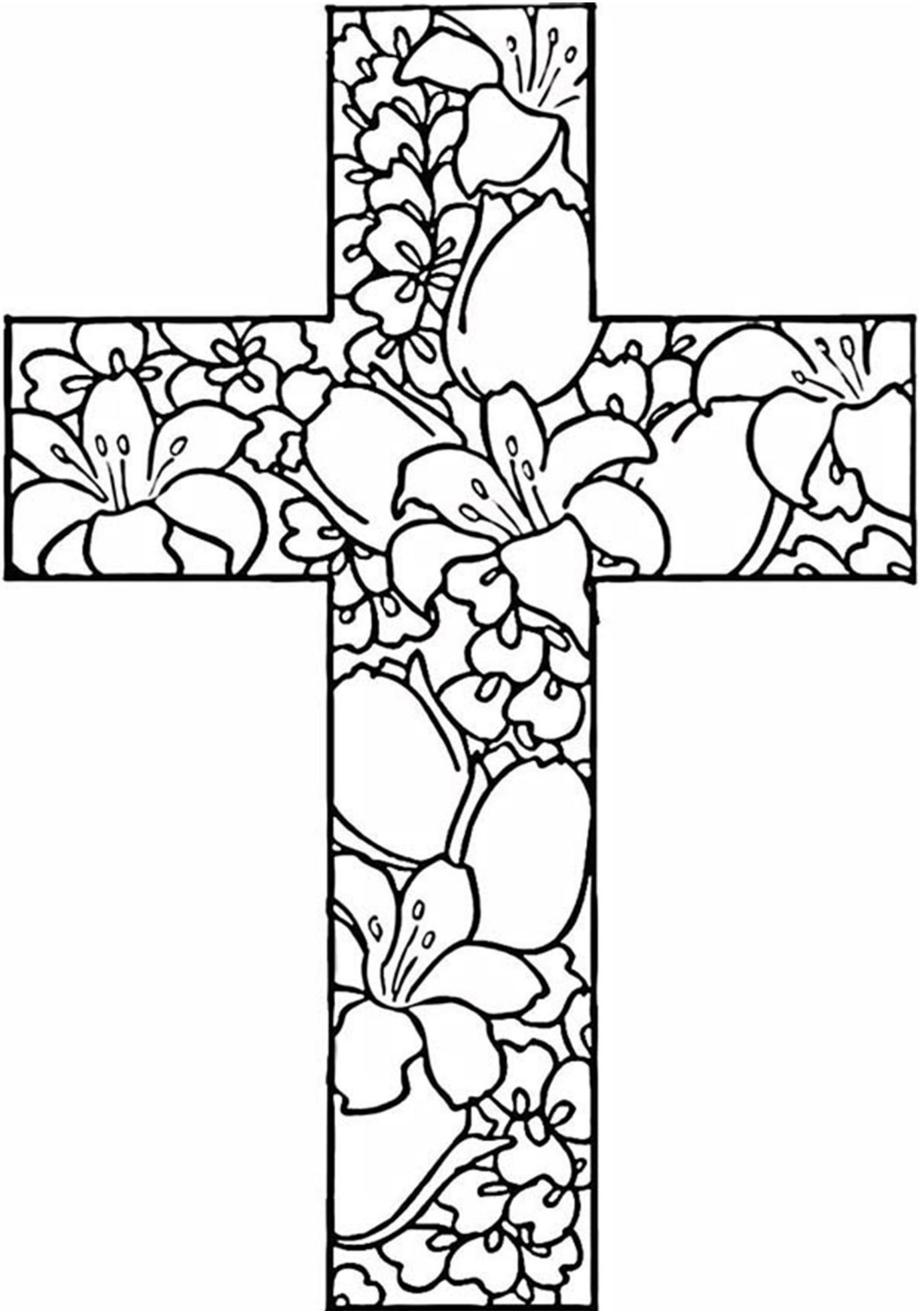
HIS ONE & only SON BELIEVES

IN HIM will NOT PERISH but

everlasting Life.

John 3:16

Colouring in





Easter Story

Word Search

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