

To Do At Home:

Episode 31 - Easter Sunday



Easter is a time that we remember our rescuer - Jesus - who came to save us. Because of sin we are separated from God and can't be a part of his family. We can't save ourselves. Jesus came to take our punishment for sin when he died on the cross. But he didn't stay dead - he came back to life! And now he is there for anyone who calls to him to be rescued.

This episode's Bible story is from Luke Luke 24:1-34. The Big Idea is: **Jesus rescued us!** As we have all of our fun and treats this Easter, we want to remember this as well.

Activity 1: Empty Tomb

Supplies: Blanket or sheet, stuffed animals or dolls (from home)

- Invite your child to hide quietly under the sheet with some dolls or stuffed animals.
- Direct them to jump out of the sheet when you shout, "Jesus is alive!"
- Repeat as many times as you like and then ask your child to get the animals/dolls ready for the Bible story.
- Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus rescued us!**

Activity 2: Read the story

Supplies: The Easter Story Flip Book (from last lesson), Story Circles (provided)

Parent Tip: The words are on one side of the page so you can read and show your child the picture

- Explain that today's story is from the Bible.
- Have your child and their dolls/stuffies sit to listen to you read the story as you show them the pictures.
- After the Bible story is finished show your child the three story circles and ask them to put them in the order of the Bible story. Help and prompt as needed.
- Pray: "Dear Jesus, we're so excited to praise you today. We love you and we're thankful that you rescued us and saved us from our sins! Amen."

Activity 3: Memory Verse: "Jesus Christ has rescued us." Galatians 3:13

Supplies: (provided) Memory verse colouring sheet, (from home) crayons/washable markers

- This is a shorter memory verse for the preschoolers to learn. Have your child say it after you.
- Colour the memory verse sheet together saying the verse several times.
- If your child memorizes it, record them saying it and send it in to Sarah to have your name put in a draw for a monthly prize! (They can be sent by email to sarah@onthejourney.ca or through FaceBook Messenger.)

Activity 4: Jesus is Alive!

Supplies: Jesus is Alive Activity Page (supplied), marker or pen (from home)

- Hold up the activity page and read its text aloud.
- Ask the following questions and record your child's ideas on the activity page:

What do you do when you're excited?

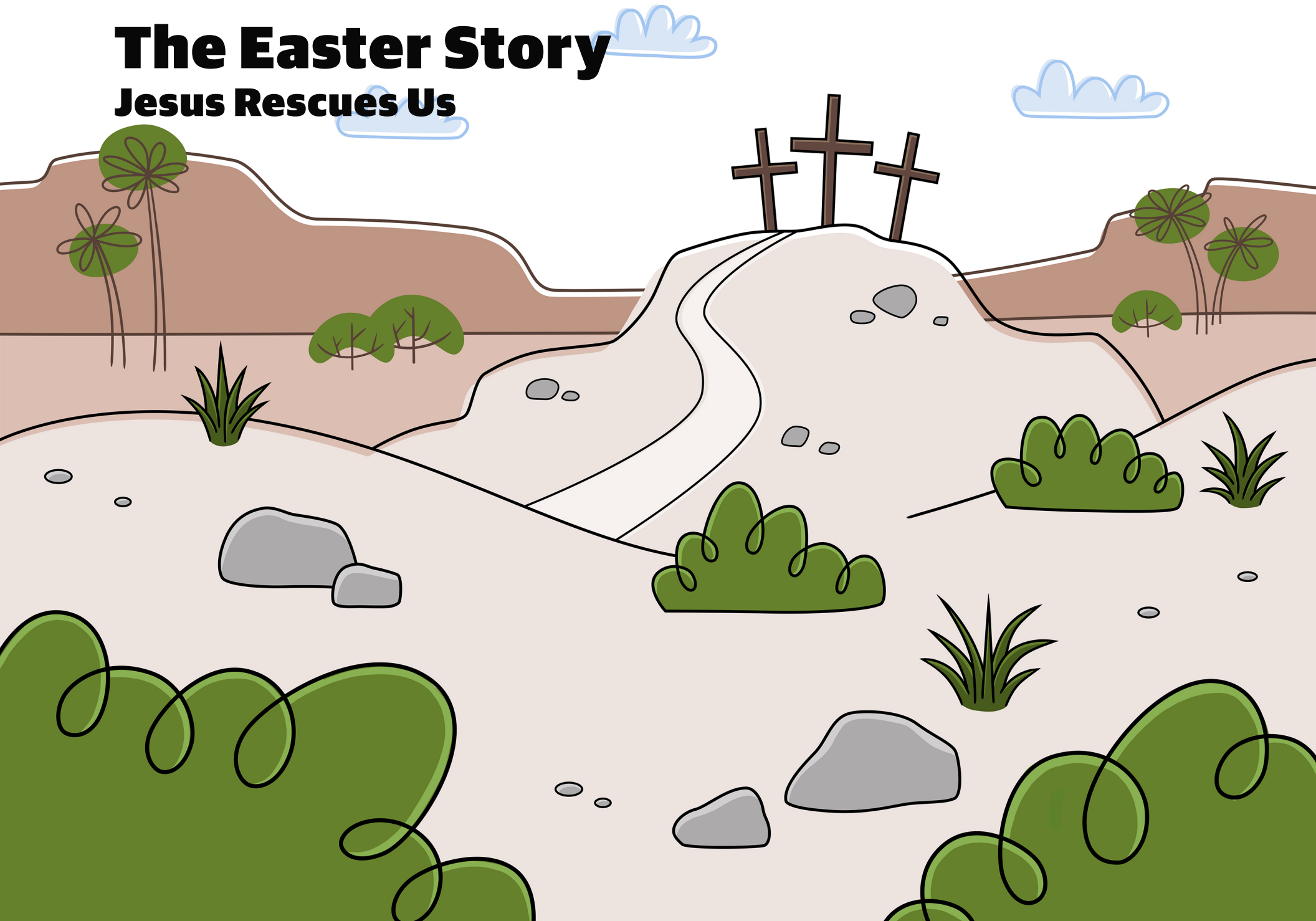
Did you know that we can get excited because Jesus is alive?

How could we show that we're excited Jesus is alive? (e.g., sing, dance, shout, jump, smile, have a party)

Explain that when you say, "Jesus is alive," you and your child will try one of these ideas.

The Easter Story

Jesus Rescues Us



Jesus taught his friends, the disciples, how to live, love, and serve others. He had one more really big way to show them how much God loved them—and us! He was going to rescue us from sin and death.

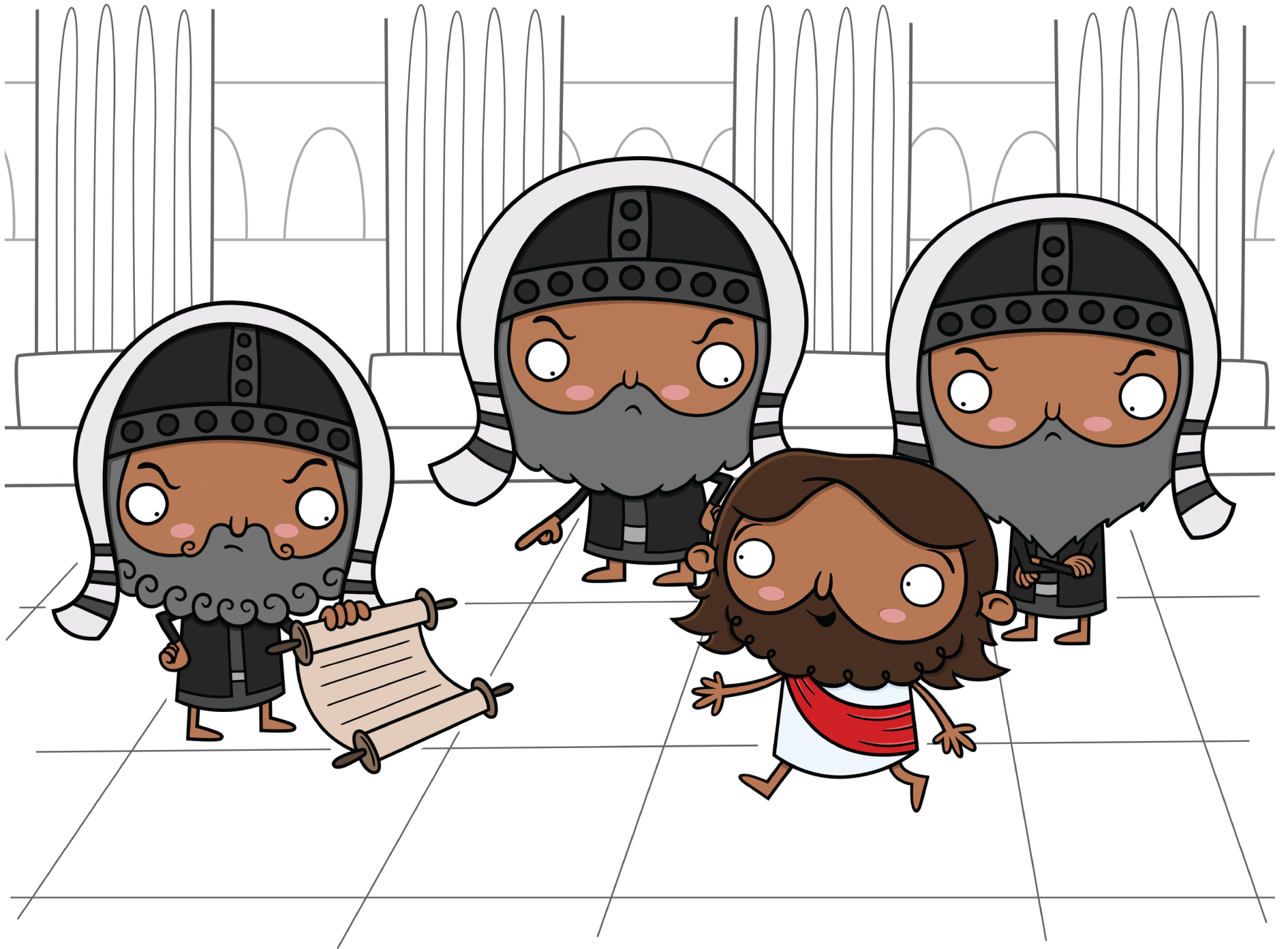


It was almost time for a special celebration called Passover. Jesus and his friends went to a place called Jerusalem to celebrate.

Jesus rode into the city on a little donkey. People were so excited to see Jesus that they waved palm branches, put their coats on the road, and shouted, "Hosanna!" (That's like us shouting, "Yay, Jesus!" when we get excited.)



But there was a group of people who didn't like Jesus. They convinced one of Jesus' friends, Judas, to help them arrest Jesus when no one else was around.



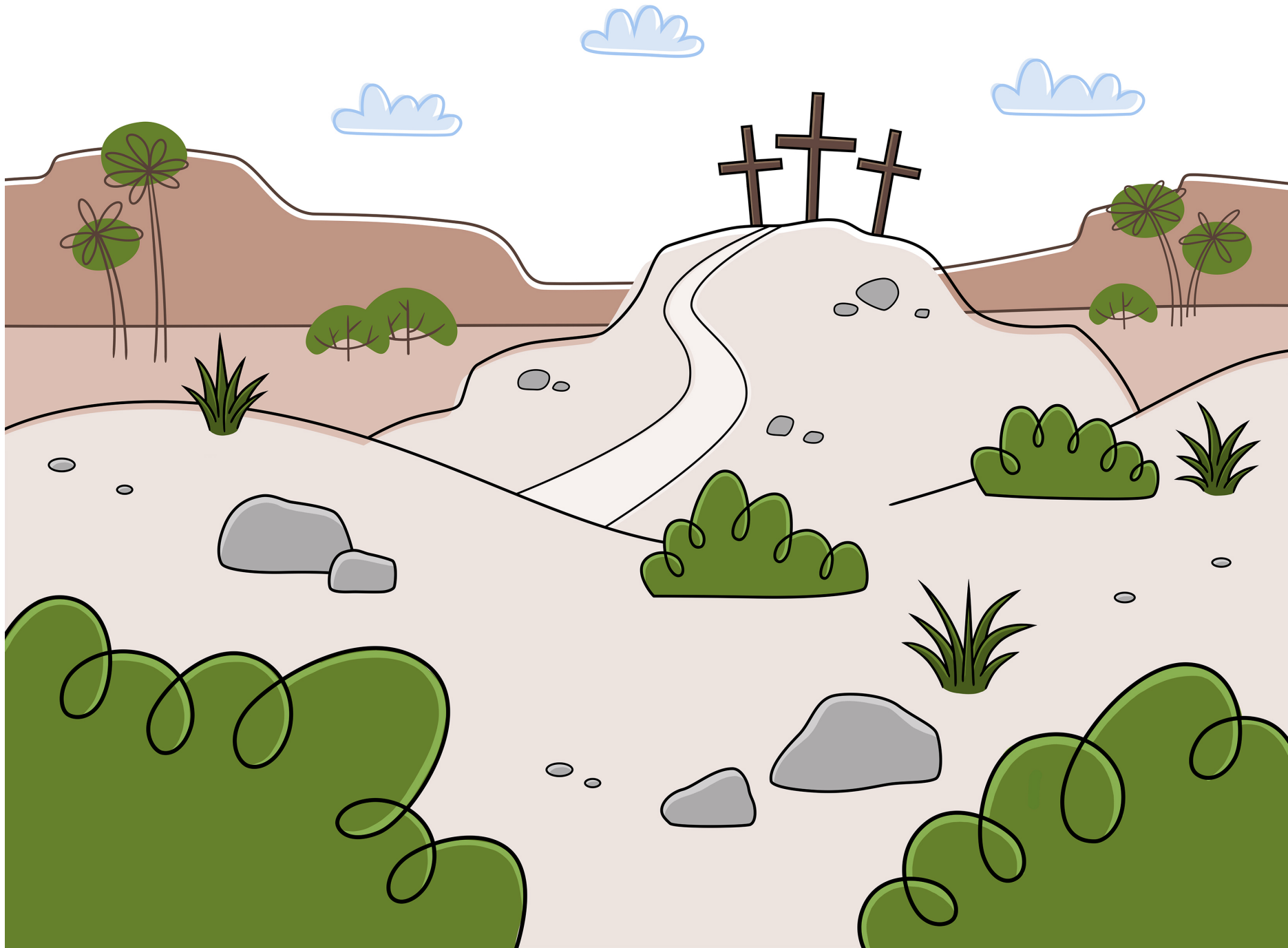
One night, while Jesus was praying, Judas brought the men to arrest Jesus. They took Jesus to be crucified—that means to die on a cross.



Two other men were on crosses beside Jesus. Both of them had broken the law. One of the men said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Today you will be with me in heaven."

When Jesus died many people felt very sad. A man named Joseph took down Jesus' body and placed it in a tomb (kind of like a cave).

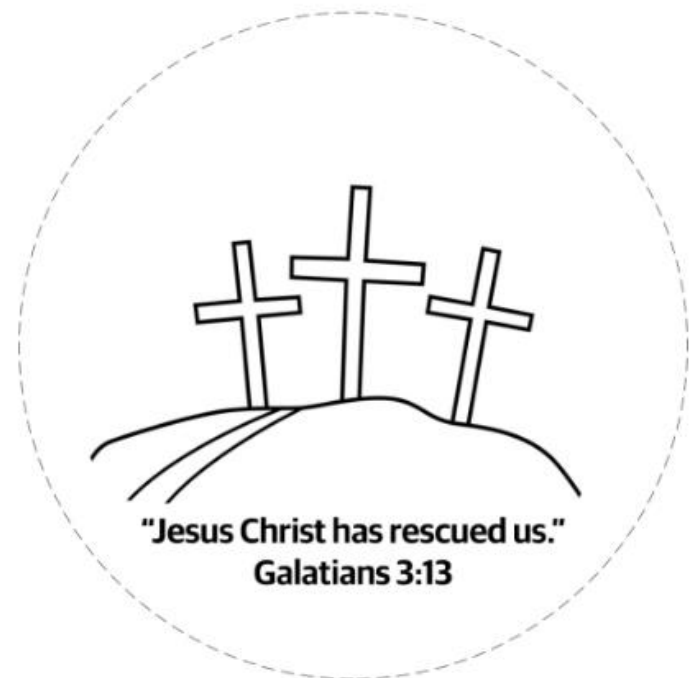


A couple of days later, some women who were Jesus' friends took spices to his tomb. They found the stone rolled away from it. Jesus was not there. They were so surprised!

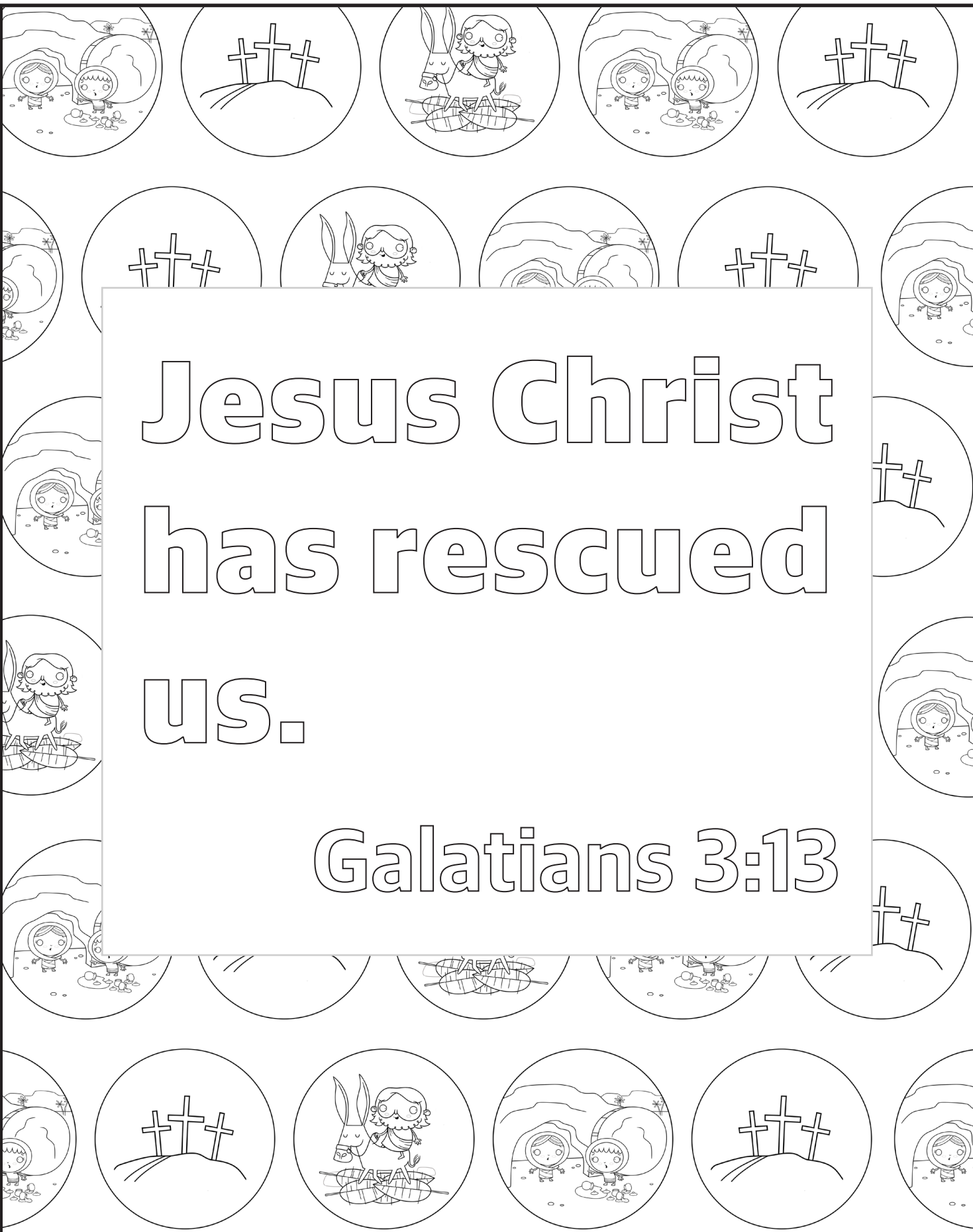
Just then, two angels stood in front of them. The angels said, "Jesus has risen. Jesus is alive!"

And that's the story of how Jesus rescued us from sin and death! Now let's say a big "Yay Jesus!"





Story Circles



Jesus Christ
has rescued
us.

Galatians 3:13

Today, we are **excited** that Jesus rescues us and
Jesus is Alive.

We can show we are **excited** by...

