

Jesus is Crucified

Matthew 27:45-56

Mark 15:33-41

Luke 23:44-49

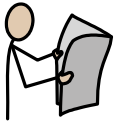
John 19:28-30



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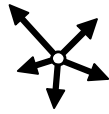
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Reading the stories.

1. Reading the text with symbols gives you the basic story.
2. Reading all the text gives you the simple truth.
3. Reading with a partner is fun!

Will you read the text with symbols or the text without symbols?



At noon everywhere is dark.

There is no sun.

The darkness starts at noon.

It lasts for three hours.

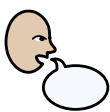


Jesus speaks to Father God.

Jesus cries out in a loud voice saying,

"My God, my God, why have you left me alone?"

Some of the people standing there think Jesus is calling to Elijah.






Jesus says, "I am thirsty."

One man gets a sponge, dips it in vinegar and ties it to a stick.

He uses the stick to give the sponge to Jesus so that he can drink.




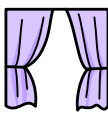

The other people wait to see if Elijah is going to rescue Jesus.

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Jesus shouts and then dies.

Jesus tastes the vinegar.

Jesus says, "It is finished."







He bows His head and dies.

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Jesus dies and the temple curtain is torn.

The curtain tears into two pieces.

The tear starts at the top.

It tears all the way to the bottom.

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Jesus dies and the earth shakes and rocks break.

All the tombs break open.

Many of God's people, that had died, rise from death.

They go into Jerusalem and many people see them.



The soldiers feel the earth shake.

When the earth shakes the soldiers are very afraid.

The army officer says, "I know this man is a good man.

He really is the Son of God."



The crowds are sad and go away.

Jesus' close friends are here.

Some women who followed Jesus from Nazareth are here.

They stand far away from the cross and watch what is happening.

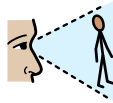


The soldiers break the robbers legs.

The next day is the Sabbath day.

The Jewish leaders do not want the bodies to stay on the crosses.

They break the robbers legs to make them die quickly.



The soldiers see that Jesus is dead.

The soldiers do not break Jesus' legs because he is already dead.

One soldier sticks his spear in Jesus' side.

Blood and water come out.

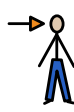
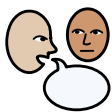


Joseph asks Pilate for Jesus' body.

Joseph is a rich man from Arimathea who sits on the Jewish Council.

Joseph is a good man who secretly follows Jesus.

He is brave enough to go to Pilate and ask for Jesus' body.



Pilate tells Joseph that he can have the body.

Pilate is surprised to hear that Jesus is already dead.

The officer guarding Jesus tells Pilate this is the truth.

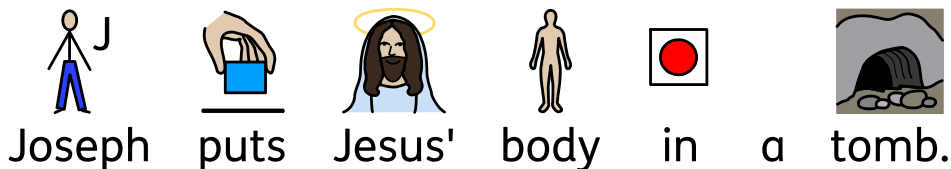
So Pilate tells Joseph that he can have the body.



Nicodemus brings a mixture of myrrh and aloes.

Nicodemus and Joseph wrap Jesus body in linen and the spices.

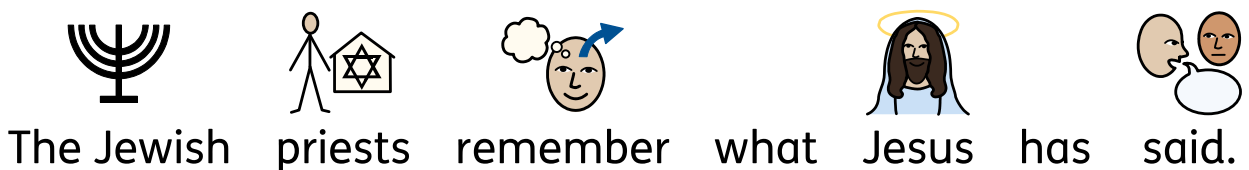
This is how the Jews bury people.



Joseph makes a tomb by digging a hole in a wall of rock.

He puts the body inside and rolls a large rock over the entrance.







Mary Magdalene and another Mary see him do this and then go away.




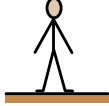
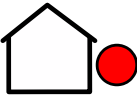

The Jewish priest and leaders remember Jesus saying,

"After three days I will rise from death."

They tell Pilate Jesus is a liar.

     
The Jewish priests think that the body is not safe.

The Jewish leaders think that Jesus' followers might steal the body.
The followers may steal the body and say that Jesus is risen.
The followers may lie to the people about Jesus Rising from the dead.

   
Soldiers stand outside the tomb.

Pilate says, "Take some soldiers and guard the tomb."
They seal the rock at the entrance so that thieves cannot get in.
The soldiers are told to stand guard for more than three days.