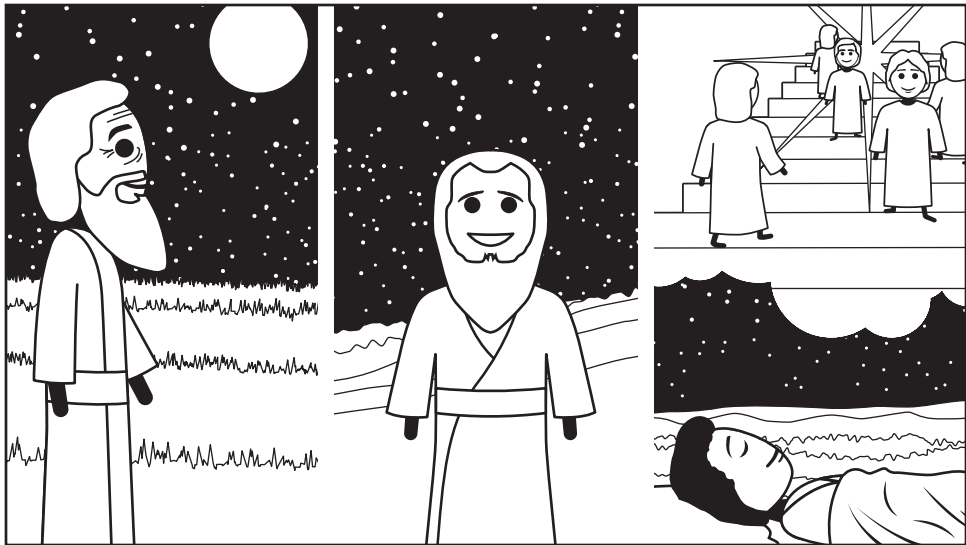


God always knew.

Since the beginning, God knew Jesus would die. After sending Adam and Eve from the garden after they disobeyed, God cursed Satan, saying, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."



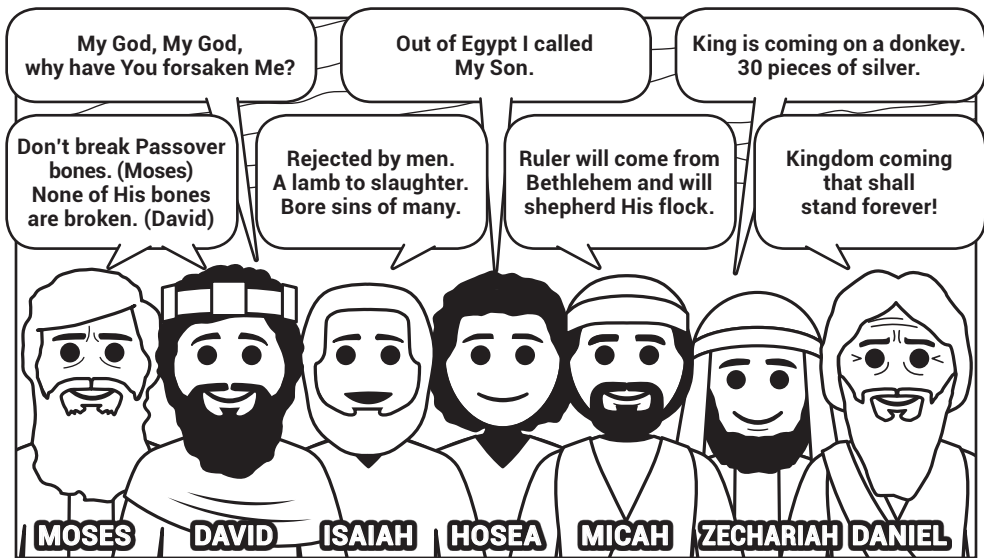
God told Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The patriarchs knew God would bring a blessing to all mankind through their family. He told Abraham, "I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven ... and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." That blessing is salvation and eternal life through Jesus' death and resurrection.



Before Jesus came, lambs had to die.

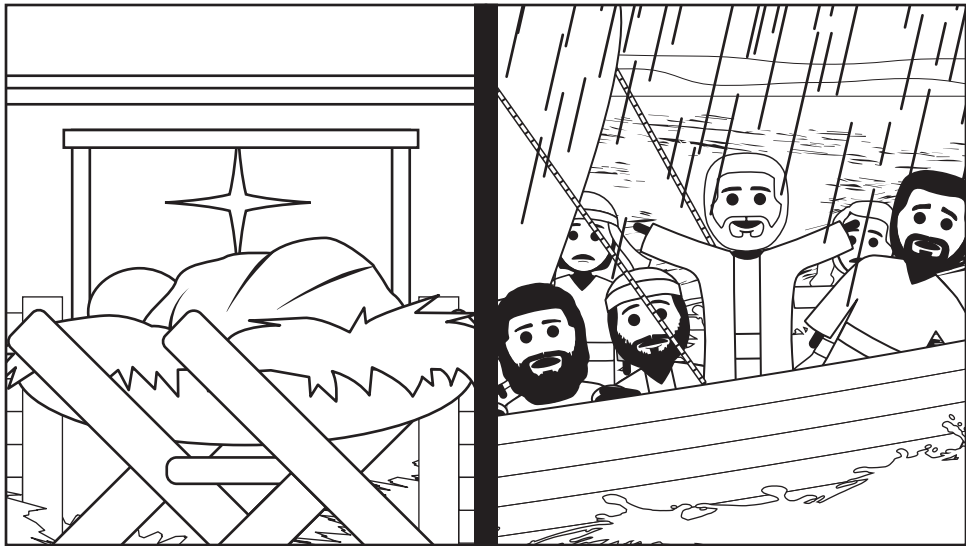
In Egypt, Israelites put lamb's blood on their doors so God would pass over their homes during the 10th plague (death of the firstborn). That night, they ate the lamb and unleavened bread as the Passover meal. Later, God gave Moses the Law, which said to sacrifice lambs to redeem their firstborn and purify priests.



God prophesied about Jesus through history.

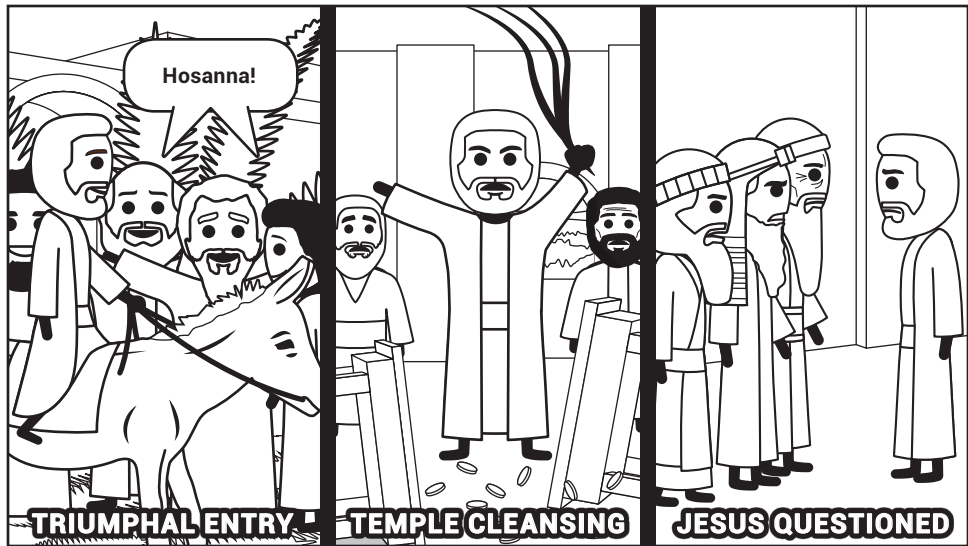
God predicted the entire life of Jesus with hundreds of prophecies through the Old Testament.

Men such as Moses, King David and Daniel spoke about His birth, His pain, His crucifixion, His resurrection, His future kingdom and His blessings. Every prophecy came true!



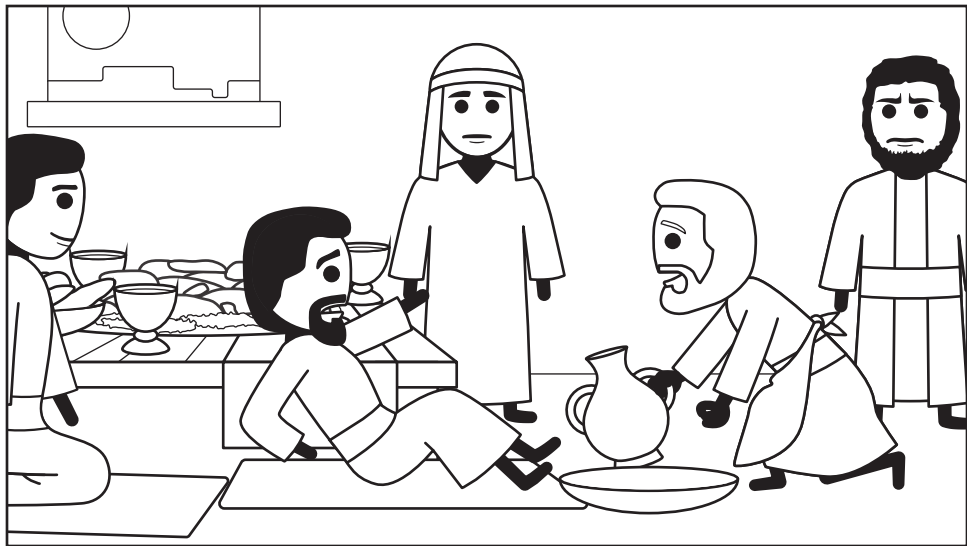
Jesus came to earth and knew He would die.

God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son. Jesus became flesh and lived among man. He did many miracles and proved He was the Son of God. Jesus also prophesied about Himself that He would suffer, be rejected and killed, and after three days He would rise again.



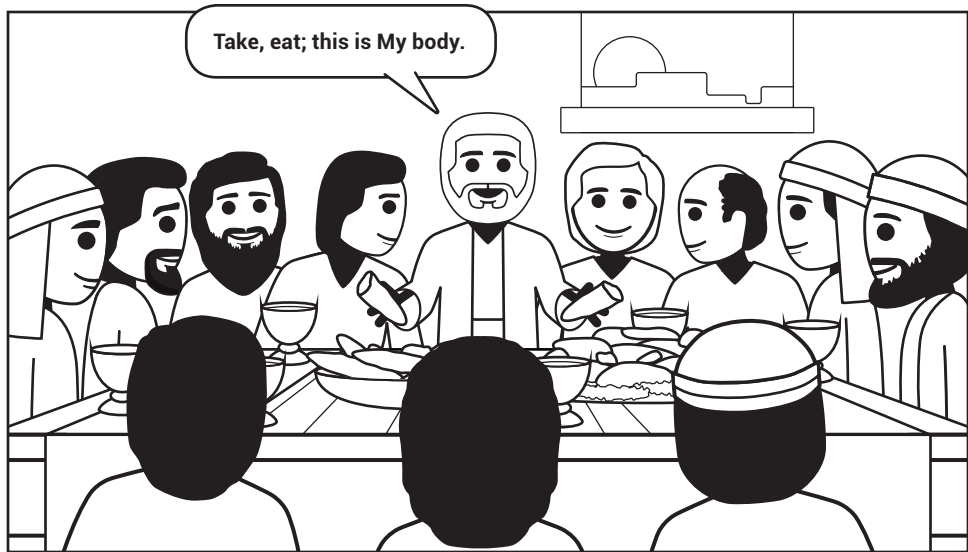
Jesus came to Jerusalem to die.

Jesus told His apostles many times that He would die in Jerusalem. He entered on a borrowed donkey, and the crowds celebrated. Then He found dishonest sellers in the temple and drove them out. His authority was questioned by the jealous priests and scribes, but Jesus refused to answer them.



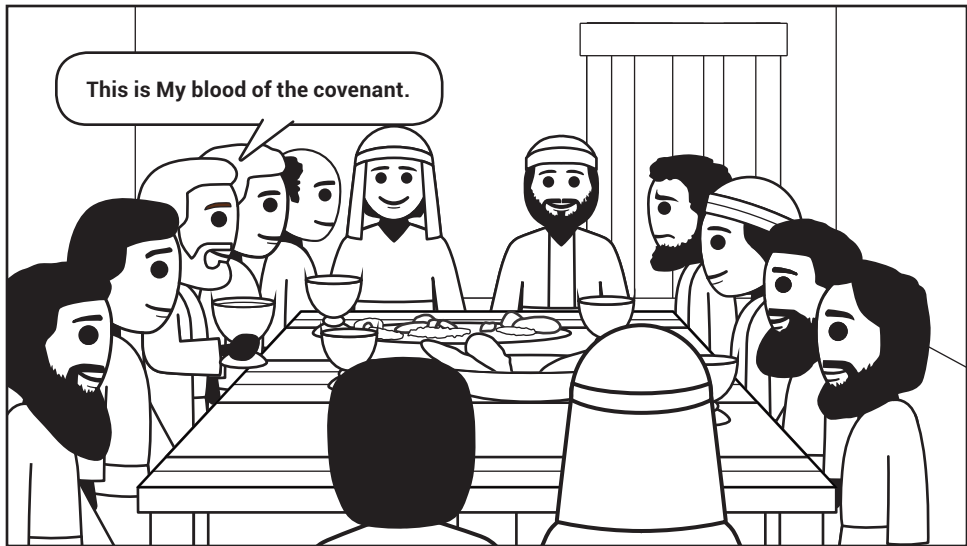
Jesus washed their feet.

During the Passover, Jesus got up, put on a towel, poured water and started to wash the apostles' feet. He went around the table and washed all of them, including Judas, who Jesus knew would betray Him later that night. Jesus taught by His example how to serve and love regardless of the other person's heart.



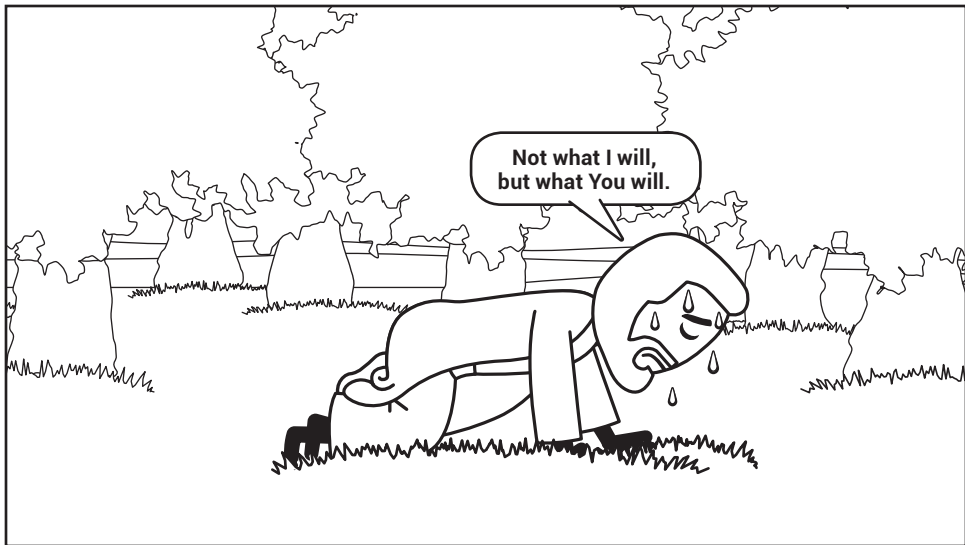
Jesus gave bread.

During the Passover meal, Jesus said, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." Then Jesus took the unleavened bread, blessed it and gave it to His apostles. He said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."



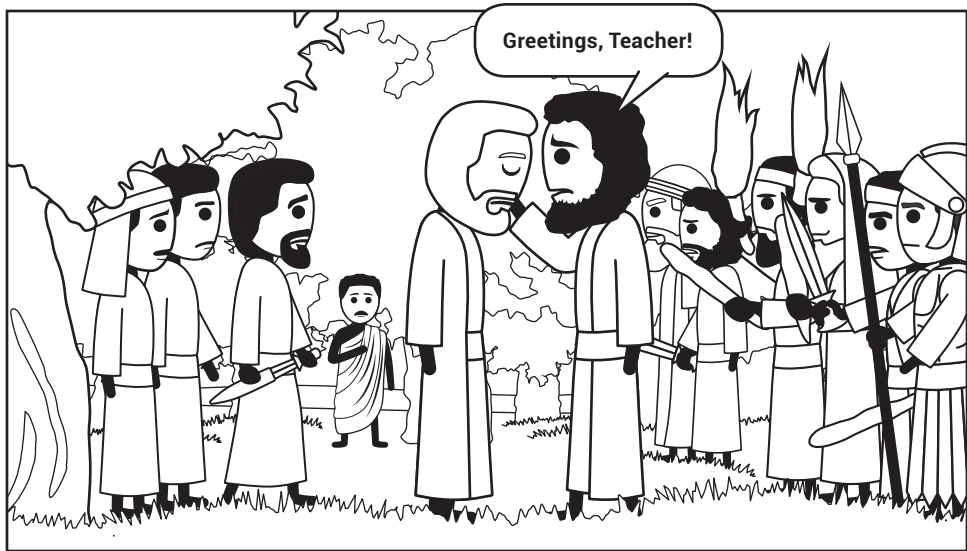
Jesus gave the cup.

After the Passover meal, He took a cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."



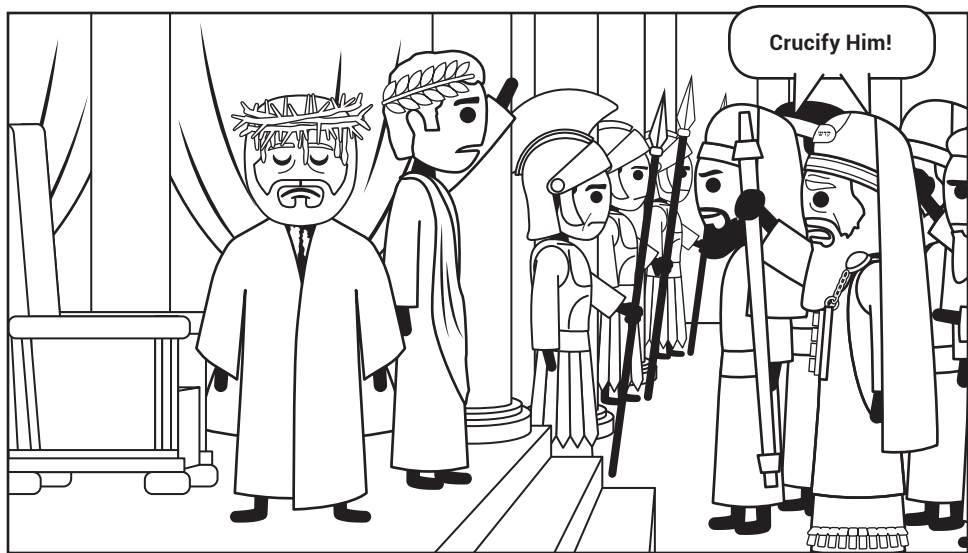
Jesus prayed in the garden.

After the Passover meal and Lord's Supper, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with His apostles to pray on the Mount of Olives. He entered the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed three times to His Father, "All things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."



Judas betrayed Jesus.

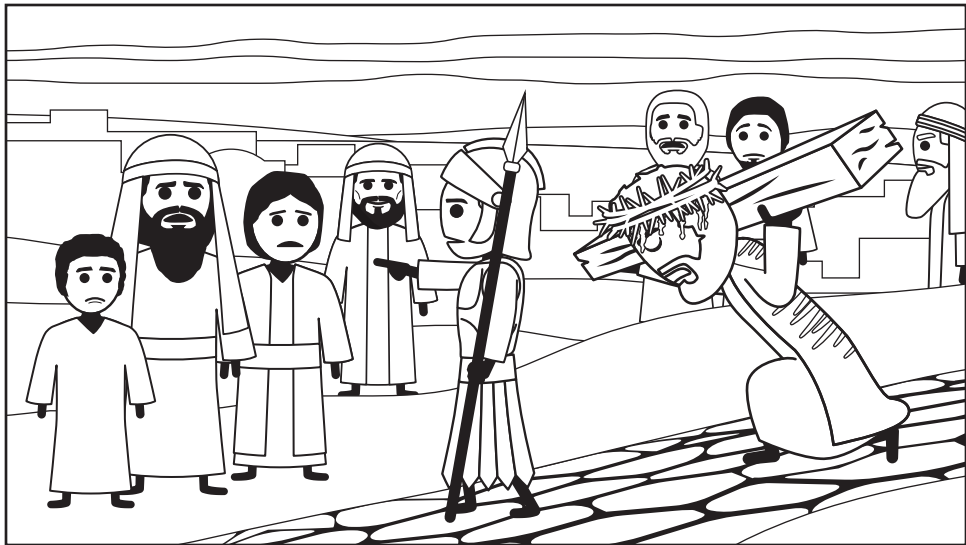
Judas went to the Jewish leaders, and they paid him to betray Jesus. Jesus often prayed in Gethsemane, so Judas knew where to find Him. A mob followed Judas with swords, clubs and torches, and he showed them who Jesus was by greeting Him with a kiss. Jesus didn't fight back, and even told Peter to put away his sword.



Jesus was condemned.

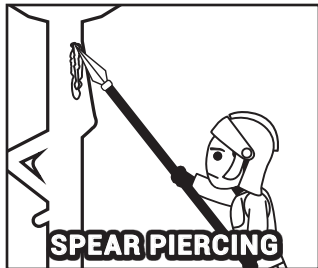
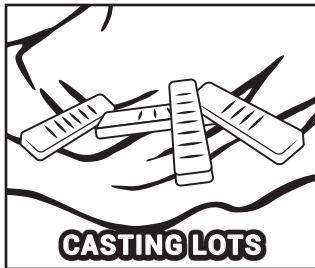
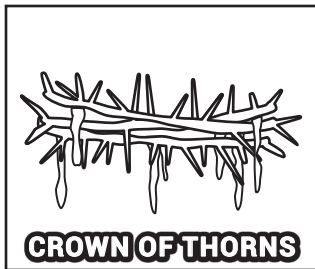
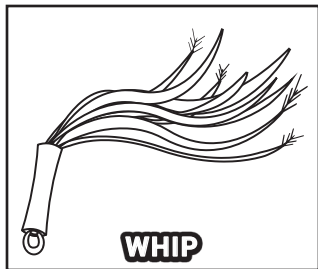
That night, the priests and elders delivered Jesus to the governor Pilate to be crucified by the Romans.

Pilate talked to Jesus but found no reason to kill Him. Pilate tried to change the people's minds by whipping and mocking Jesus. But the angry crowd kept shouting, "Crucify Him!" So Pilate agreed.



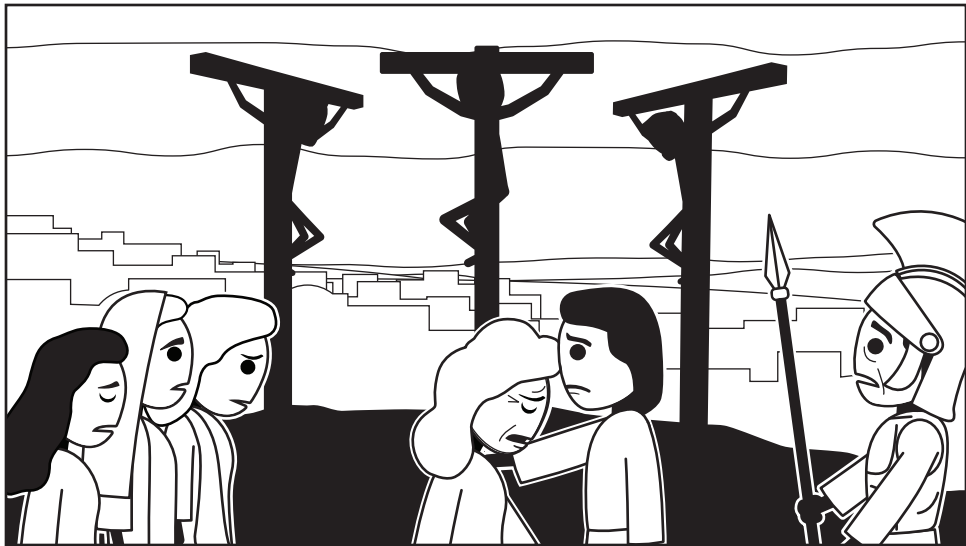
Jesus carried His cross.

After Pilate's soldiers whipped and mocked Jesus, they took off the scarlet robe and put His own clothes on Him. They led Jesus outside the city to die, making Him carry His own cross. On the way, they forced Simon of Cyrene to carry it for Him until they reached Golgotha (Place of a Skull).



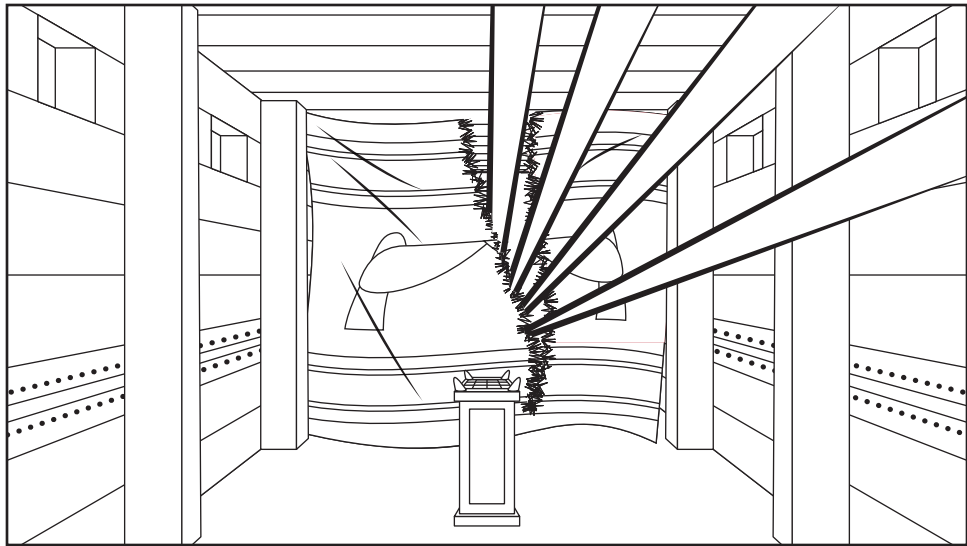
The Roman Soldiers

The soldiers whipped Jesus, put a robe and crown of thorns on Him and mocked Him. Later, they nailed Him to the cross with the sign "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." They cast lots to see who would take His clothes. Last, to make sure He was dead, a soldier pierced His side and blood and water came out.



Jesus died.

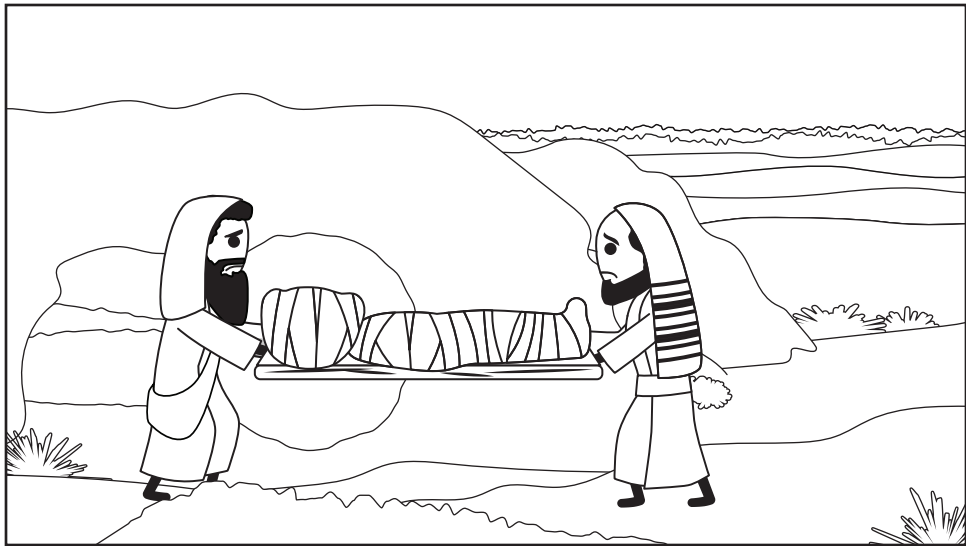
Jesus was crucified between two thieves, and darkness covered the land for hours. He cried, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" Like a lamb led to slaughter, He took the sins of everyone. When He died, the Roman centurion said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"



The temple curtain was torn.

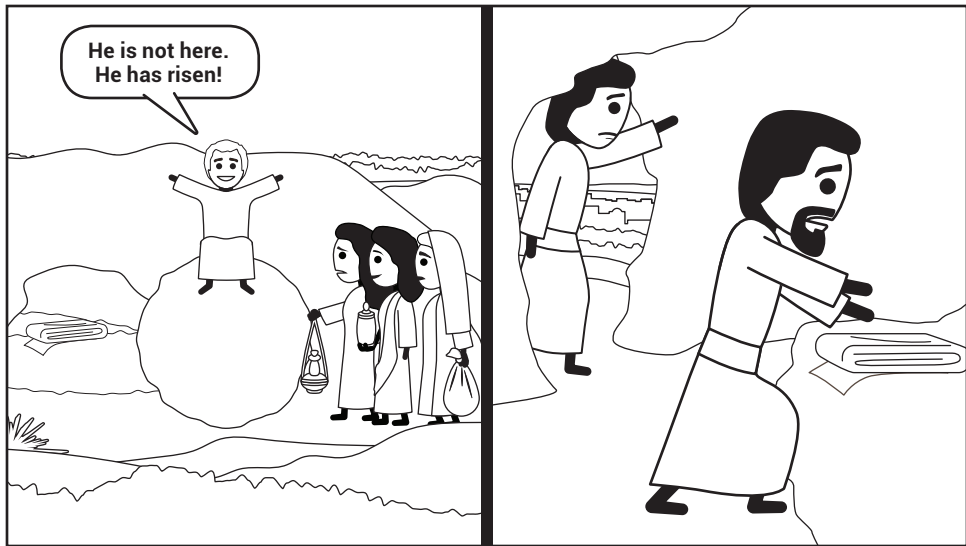
When Jesus died, the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. There was an earthquake, and the tombs were opened. Many saints were raised, and they went into Jerusalem and appeared to many people.

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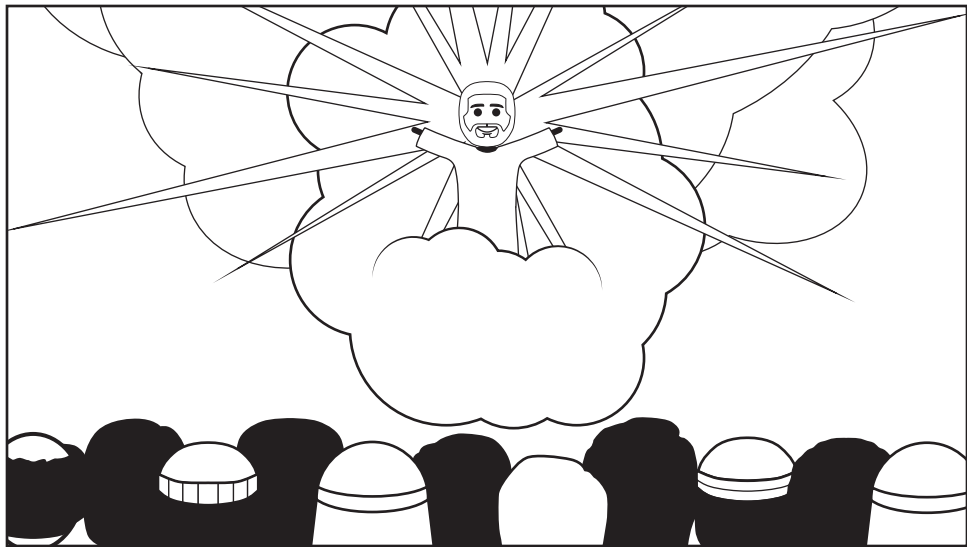
Jesus was buried.

Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple, asked Pilate for Jesus' body to bury in Joseph's nearby tomb. Nicodemus brought spices to help preserve His body. The chief priests asked Pilate to keep the tomb sealed because they did not want anyone to steal the body.



Jesus' tomb was found empty.

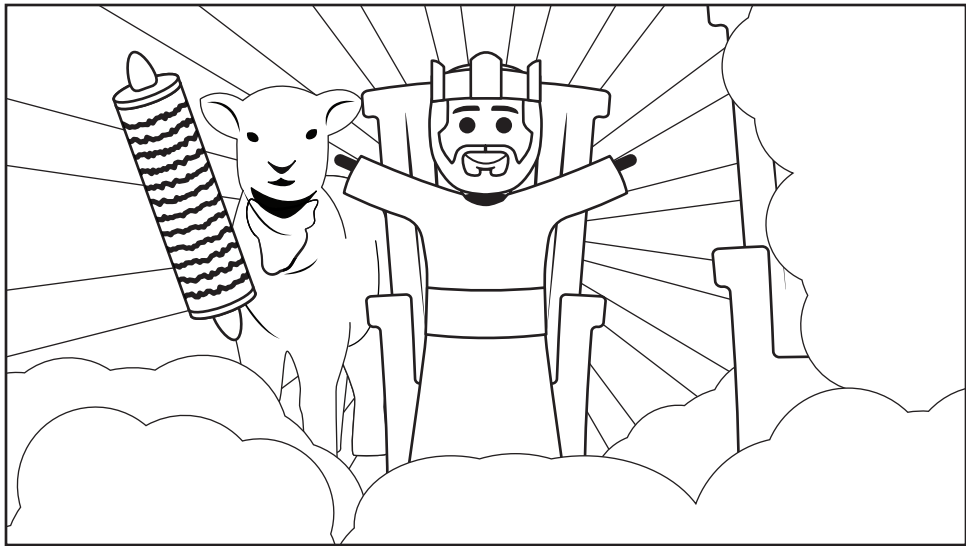
On the third day, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome came to the tomb with spices to anoint Jesus' body, but the stone was rolled away! An angel proclaimed, "He has risen ... Go, tell his disciples." The apostles didn't believe the news, but Peter and John ran to the tomb to see.



Jesus ascended to heaven.

Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus took His apostles outside Jerusalem and told them to go into all the world to spread the good news about salvation to all people.

Then He ascended to heaven to sit at God's right hand.



Jesus now sits at God's right hand.

His mission is complete. No more lambs or blood are needed. Jesus is the Lamb of God. He holds the Book of Life with everyone's name who will be saved. He wears a crown and white robe and sits on a white throne. Until He comes, we remember Him each week with the Lord's Supper, as He instructed.