



Reading This Week:

10/4/17 – Good Friday – Matthew 27:27-50 (abbr)

Jesus is about to be executed

The soldiers of the Roman governor took Jesus into the fortress, stripped off his clothes and put a scarlet robe on him. They made a crown out of thorn branches and placed it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. The soldiers knelt down and pretended to worship him. They made fun of him and shouted, "Hey, you king of the Jews!" Then they spat at him and beat him.

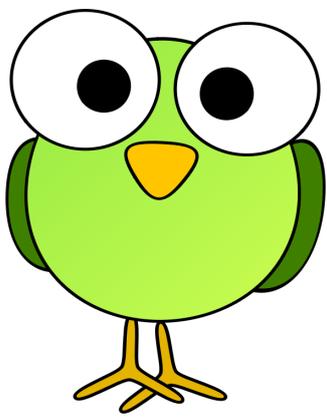
When the soldiers had finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the robe. They put his own clothes back on him and led him off to be crucified. On the way they forced a man from Cyrene named Simon to carry Jesus' cross.

They came to a place named Golgotha, which means "Place of a Skull." There they gave Jesus some wine mixed with a drug to ease the pain. But when Jesus tasted what it was, he refused to drink it. The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross and gambled to see who would get his clothes. Then they sat down to guard him. Above his head they put a sign which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." The soldiers also nailed two criminals on crosses, one on the right of Jesus and the other on his left.

People who passed by said terrible things about Jesus. They shook their heads and shouted, "So you're the one who claimed you could tear down the temple and build it again in three days! If you are God's Son, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

The chief priests, the leaders, and the teachers also made fun of Jesus. They said, "He saved others, but he can't save himself. If he is the king of Israel, he should come down from the cross! Then we will believe him. He trusted God, so let God save him, if he wants to. He even said he was God's Son." The two criminals also said cruel things to Jesus.

At noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until three o'clock. Then Jesus shouted, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Some of the people standing there said "Wait! Let's see if Elijah will come and save him." Once again Jesus shouted, and then he died.



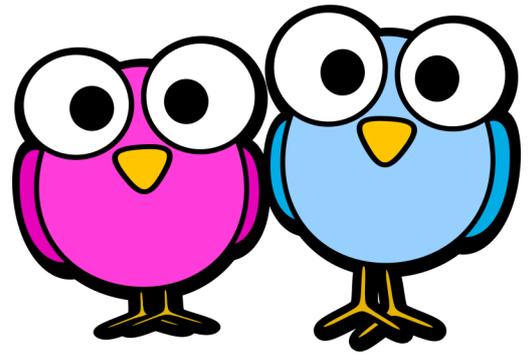
Watch

Watch the story of Good Friday– there are lots of videos on YouTube why not watch a few and then let us know which one is your favourite?

Create



Good Friday Pictures: Make a picture of Jesus on the cross in whatever way you'd like to... You could paint a sunset on to some paper and then add a black outline of a cross like this picture:

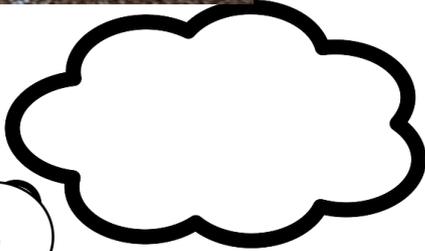


Reflect

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died.

It does not sound like a day we should call 'Good' does it? It was a very sad day for everyone but we know that Jesus' death meant we could have a new relationship with God. Because Jesus died we can be close to God forever not matter what we have ever thought or done wrong.

On the cross Jesus gave everyone a brand you start with God!
That's why we call it Good Friday!

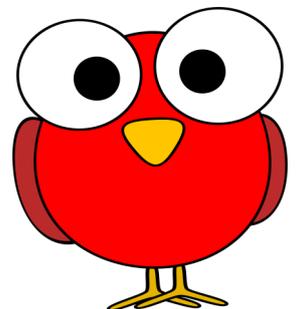


Pray

Loving God,
Thank you for the cross.

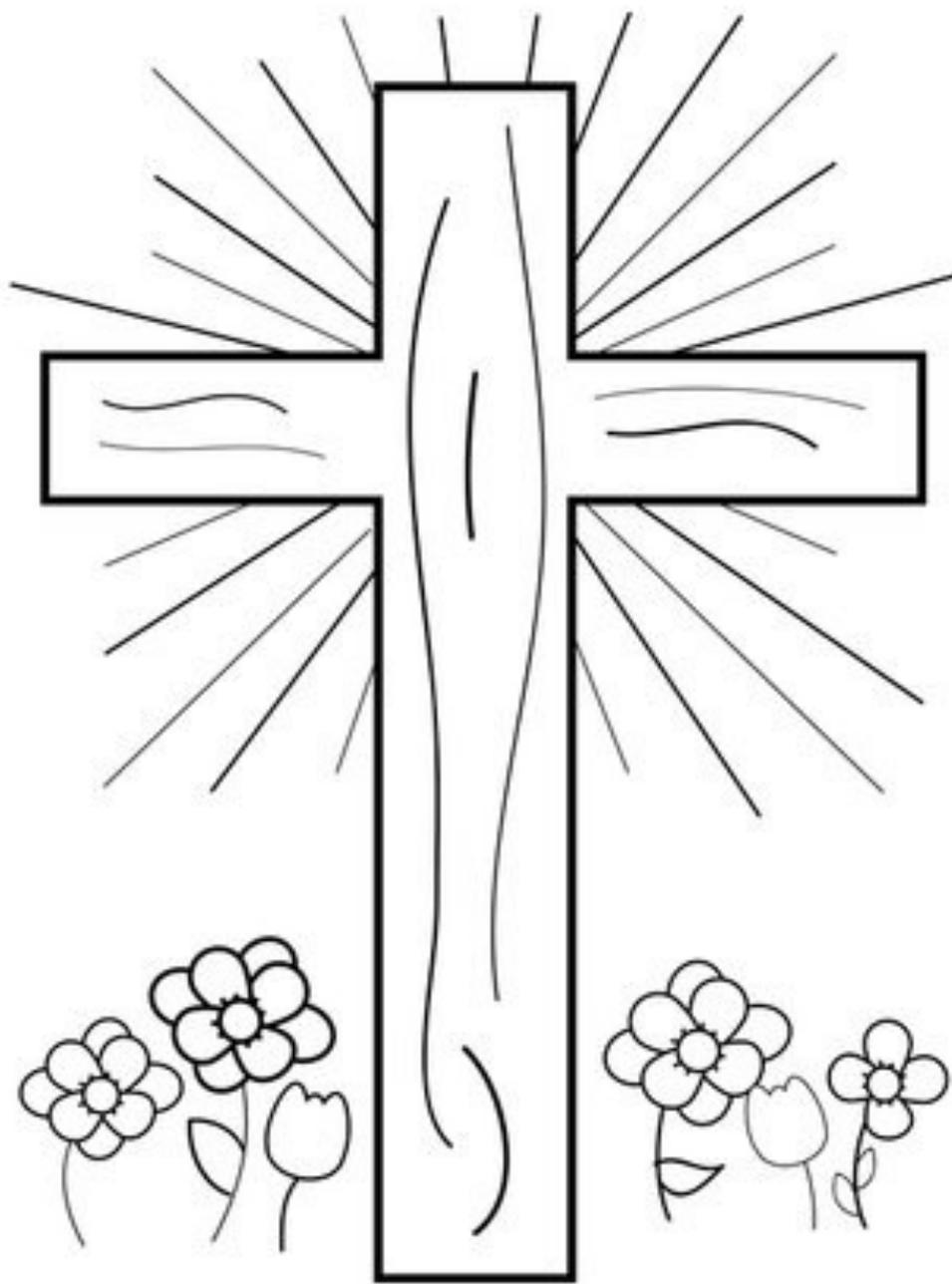
Thank you for what Jesus did for us. Help us to remember that we have a new start with you all the time. Today help us to be grateful for everything you have given us.

Amen.



Colour:

Good Friday



Complete:

Holy Week

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betrayal	crucifixion	disciples	Easter Morning
empty tomb	Fasting	Good Friday	Holy Week
Jesus Christ	Judas	Last Supper	Lent
Maundy Thursday	Passover	Prayer	Redemption
resurrection			