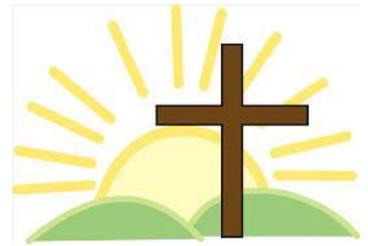


# 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Small Group Lesson



**Session Title:** Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 26:36-28:10; John 18:1-20:18

**Main Point:** Jesus died on the cross to save people from sin, and He is alive.

**Key Passage:** Romans 6:9

**Big Picture Question:** Who saves us from our sin? Only Jesus saves us from sin.

**Christ Connection:** *During Jesus' triumphal entry, the people welcomed Him as King. Jesus was the Messiah spoken about by the prophet Zechariah: "Look, your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). One day, Jesus will return to earth on a white horse as King over everything. (Revelation 19:11).*

## The Gospel Game

*Materials – The Gospel: God's Plan for Me Poster*

Display The Gospel: God's Plan for Me poster below and read through the five symbols while reviewing with the group the following hand motions to help them remember each part.

- God rules [Place hands in a circle over you, as though setting a crown on your head.]
- We sinned [Hold both arms in front of you making a large X with your forearms.]
- God provided [Turn your X into a cross by rotating your arms.]
- Jesus gives [Hold hands together in front of you as though handing someone a gift.]
- We respond [Raise both hands into the air in celebration and praise.]

Have everyone stand in a circle. Read each sentence below and have the group do the matching hand motion. Read the sentences in any order.

After you've gone through all 5 hand-motions, let the group say The Gospel: God's Plan for Me altogether by saying the words & doing the motions in the correct order to help them remember and share with their friends.

Gospel Plan Sentences:

- **The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything.** (*God Rules.*)
- **We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death.** (*We Sinned.*)
- **God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us.** (*God Provided.*)
- **He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever!** (*Jesus Gives.*)
- **Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.** (*We Respond.*)

**If you know these hand-motions, you are ready to share the good news of Jesus with anyone! Practice these hand-motions so you'll be ready to share with friends & family of how amazing God is to send His one and only Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we will not perish but have everlasting life with Him in Heaven.**

# the **GOSPEL** **GOD'S PLAN FOR ME**

gos·pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



## **GOD RULES.**

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." —Genesis 1:1*



## **WE SINNED.**

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*

*"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." —Romans 3:23*



## **GOD PROVIDED.**

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." —John 3:16*



## **JESUS GIVES.**

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity.

**This is the best gift ever!** *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*

*"God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." —Romans 5:8*



## **WE RESPOND.**

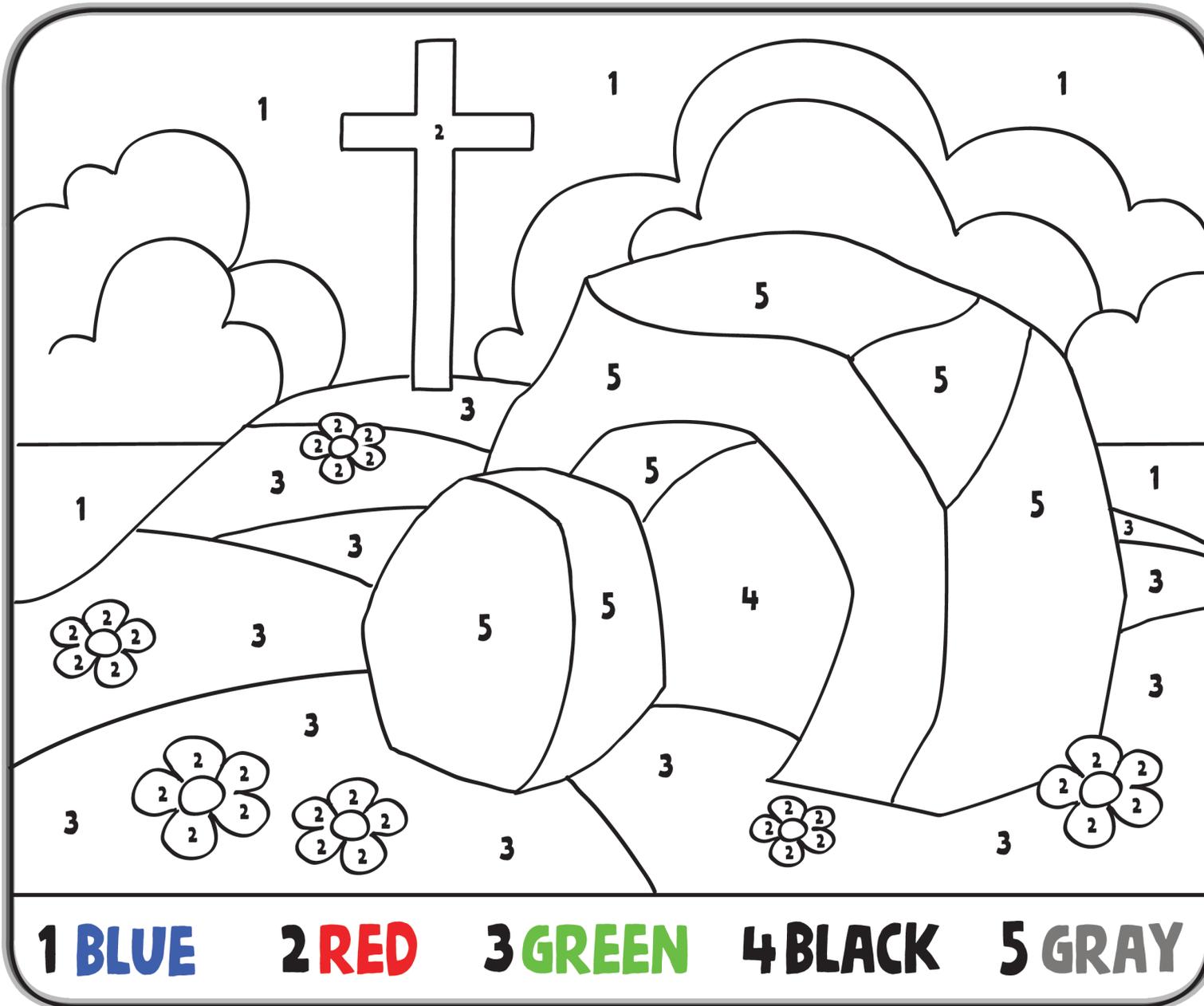
Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*

*"If you admit with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." —Romans 10:9*

# Color by Number

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Color each section according to the key provided.



**KEY PASSAGE:** Romans 6:9

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- Who saves us from our sin?  
Only Jesus saves us from sin.

**BIBLE STORY:**

**JESUS' CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION**

- Jesus was arrested and accused of blasphemy, but He did nothing wrong.
- Jesus was beaten and mocked before being killed on the cross.
- On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead!
- Jesus died on the cross to save people from sin, and He is alive.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- Why did the people want to kill Jesus?
- How do you think Jesus' disciples felt when Jesus was arrested and killed?
- How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus is alive?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Find an "Empty Tomb Cookie" recipe on the Internet. Prepare it with your family and explain the symbolism of ingredients.

*Younger Kids Activity Pages*  
Unit 32, Session 2

