LESSON 42

Jesus Before Pilate and the Crucifixion

Found in Matthew 27:11 to 54 and others



This workbook belongs to: _____

The Story of the Cross



Early in the morning, Jesus was taken to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate asked Him, “Are You the king of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.” Pilate could find nothing wrong that Jesus had done, but the crowds shouted, “Crucify Him!” Pilate washed his hands and handed Jesus over to be crucified.

The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus and a crown made of thorns on His head. They led Him out to a hill called Golgotha, which means “the place of the skull,” and there they crucified Him between two robbers. A sign above His head said, “THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness came over the whole land. Jesus prayed for the people, saying, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Then Jesus cried out with a loud voice and gave up His spirit.

At that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook. A Roman officer who was watching said, “Surely He was the Son of God!” Jesus' friends took His body and laid it gently in a new tomb. It was a very sad day, but it was not the end of the story.

3 Things to Remember

- ★ Pilate could find nothing wrong that Jesus had done.
- ★ Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them,” even on the cross.
- ★ Jesus gave His life for us because He loves us.

Learn the Memory Verse

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

- Luke 23:34

Say the verse out loud 3 times. Colour a star each time! 

Fill in the Missing Words

_____(1), _____(2) _____(3); for they _____(4) not what they do.

WORD BANK

them - forgive - know - Father

Practise writing these verse words:

Father	forgive	them

Unscramble Fun!

Unscramble the letters to make a story word. The clue will help you!

R S S O C

A word from our story.

_____

E P A L T I

Early in the morning, Jesus was taken to _____, the Roman governor.

_____

C N O R W

The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus and a _____ made of thorns on His head.

_____

R T S O H N

The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus and a crown made of _____ on His head.

_____

V I F E G O R

Father, _____ them; for they know not what they do.

_____

T G H G O L A O

A word from our story.

_____

Put the Verse Words in Order

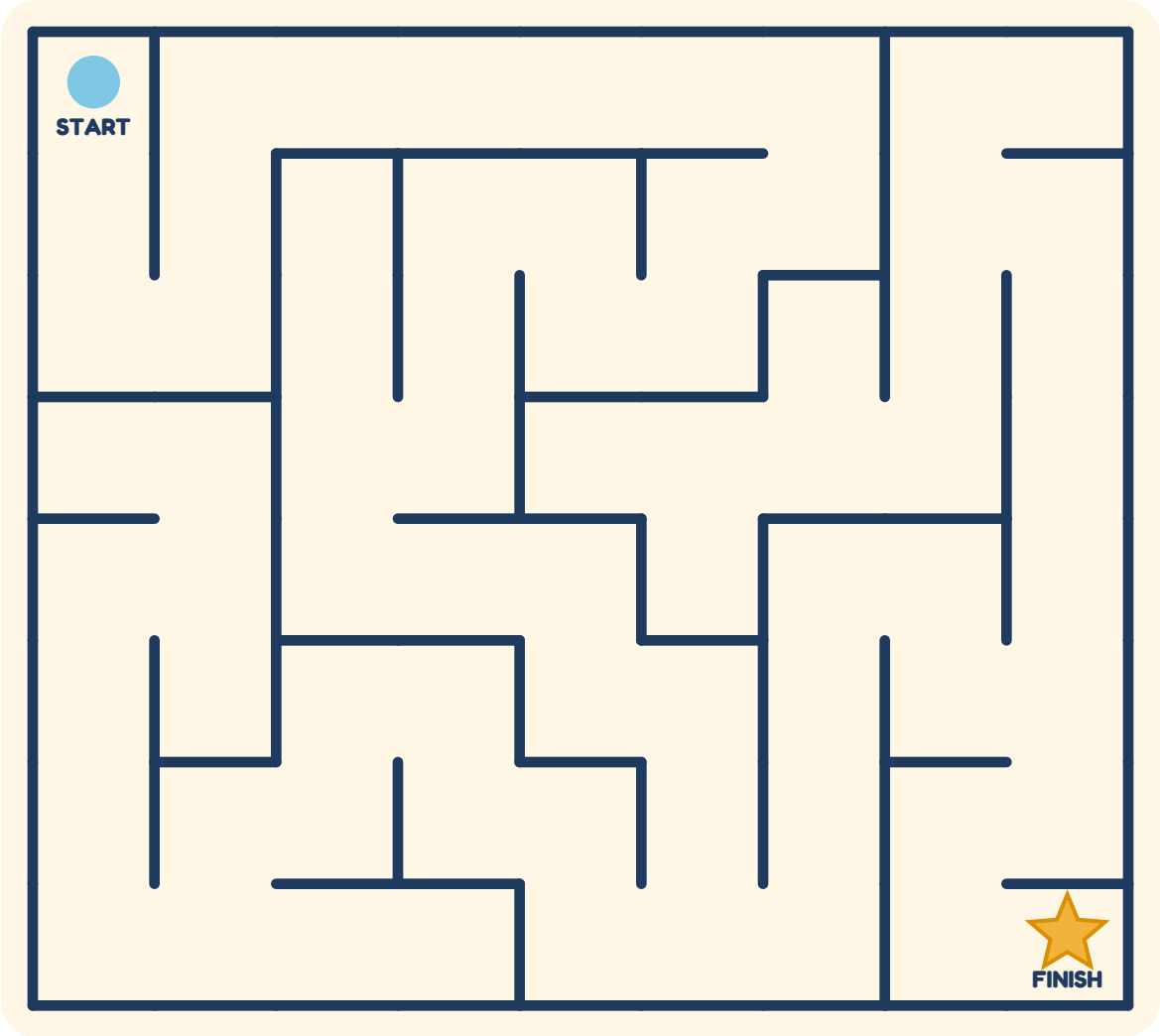
These words are mixed up! Write them in the right order from Luke 23:34.

forgive | them | for | know | they | Father

1	2	3	4	5	6

Jesus Goes to See Pilate

Jesus was taken to Pilate in the morning.
Draw a line from START to the shining star to go with Him.



Jesus prayed, Father, forgive them, because He loves us.

Story Word Search

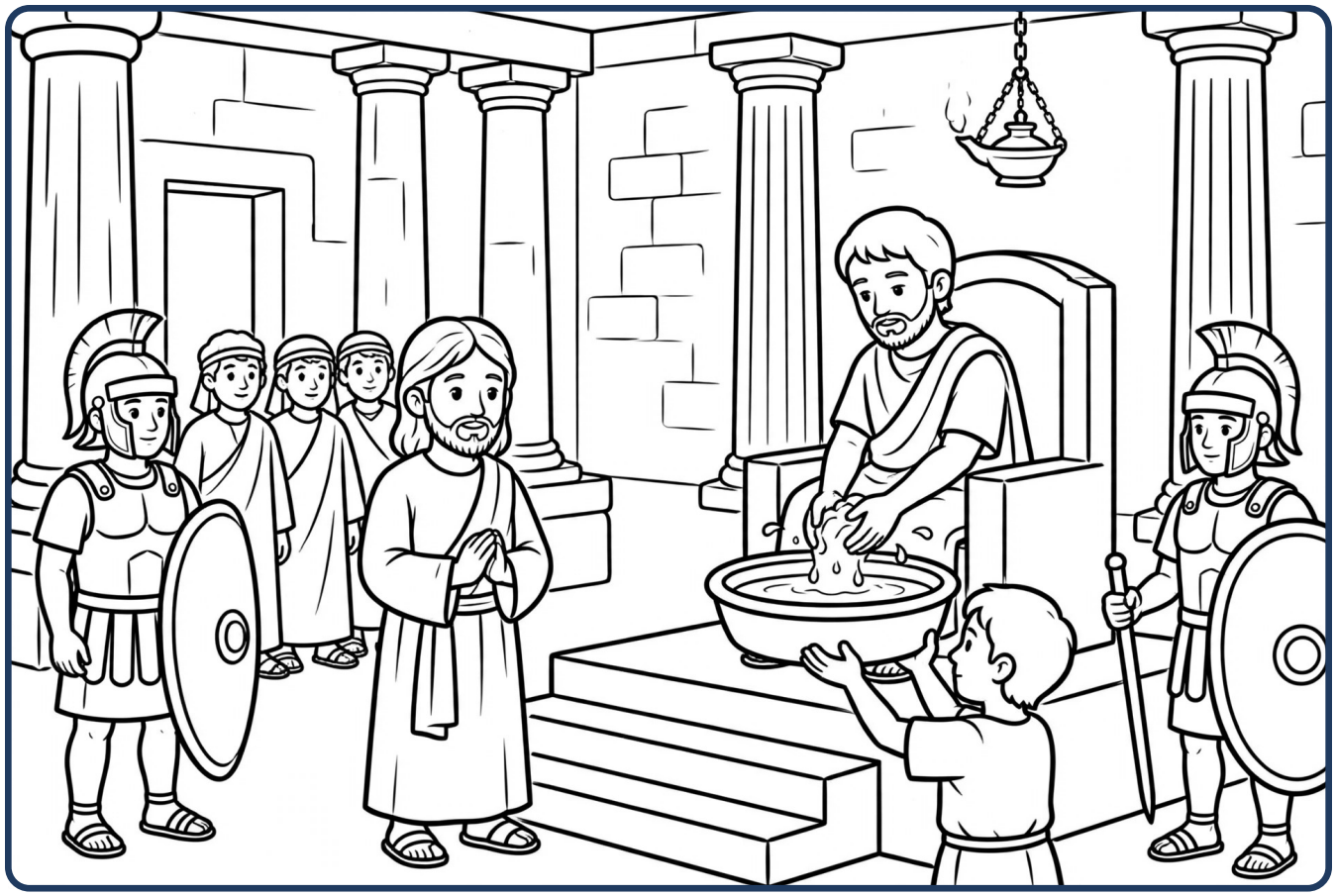
Find the 8 story words hidden in the letters.
Words go across or down. Circle each word you find!

T	M	U	D	I	F	T	B	N	R
O	H	L	W	L	A	H	W	Y	V
M	E	C	S	O	T	O	F	G	C
B	C	K	I	N	G	R	O	P	R
D	U	K	E	L	V	N	R	I	O
A	I	T	C	N	S	S	G	L	W
A	B	C	R	O	L	I	I	A	N
O	Y	N	O	C	O	H	V	T	N
M	Y	V	S	Y	V	E	E	E	T
N	C	I	S	M	E	C	K	I	C

Words to find:

- ☐ Cross
- ☐ King
- ☐ Pilate
- ☐ Crown
- ☐ Thorns
- ☐ Forgive
- ☐ Love
- ☐ Tomb

Colour the Story!



Pilate washed his hands. Jesus stood brave and calm.

(Matthew 27:24)

Colour the picture from the story.

What colour will you make the sign above Jesus?

Draw and Write

Draw Jesus and the Cross

Draw Jesus on the cross, praying for the people He loves.



One thing I learned:

My favourite part of the story was:

Quiz Time!

What do you remember? Colour the circle beside the right answer.

1. Who was Pilate?

- ◯ The Roman governor
- ◯ A fisherman
- ◯ A shepherd

2. What did Pilate think about Jesus?

- ◯ He had done wrong things
- ◯ He was a powerful king
- ◯ He could find nothing wrong Jesus had done

3. What did the sign above Jesus say?

- ◯ This is Jesus, the King of the Jews
- ◯ This is Jesus, the Teacher
- ◯ This is Jesus, the Fisherman

4. What did Jesus pray for the people?

- ◯ Father, send rain
- ◯ Father, forgive them
- ◯ Father, take Me home

Let's Pray Together

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your life for us. Thank You for praying, Father, forgive them. Help me to forgive others, just like You forgave. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Answer Key

For parents and teachers - peek only after your child has tried!

Memory Verse - Fill in the Missing Words (page 3)

1. Father 2. forgive 3. them 4. know

Full verse: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." - Luke 23:34

Unscramble Fun! (page 4)

RSSOC = CROSS EPALTI = PILATE CNORW = CROWN

RTSOHN = THORNS VIFEGOR = FORGIVE TGHGOLAO = GOLGOTHA

Verse words in order: Father - forgive - them - for - they - know

Quiz Time! (page 9)

1. The Roman governor 2. He could find nothing wrong Jesus had done

3. This is Jesus, the King of the Jews 4. Father, forgive them

Word Search Answers (page 6)

T	M	U	D	I	F	T	B	N	R
O	H	L	W	L	A	H	W	Y	V
M	E	C	S	O	T	O	F	G	C
B	C	K	I	N	G	R	O	P	R
D	U	K	E	L	V	N	R	I	O
A	I	T	C	N	S	S	G	L	W
A	B	C	R	O	L	I	I	A	N
O	Y	N	O	C	O	H	V	T	N
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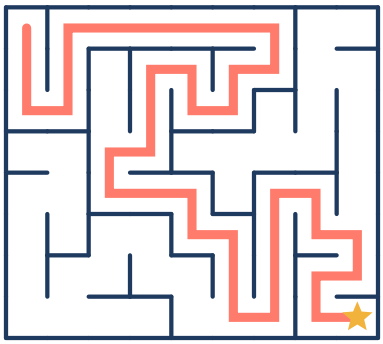
Maze Answer (page 5)



Well done for finishing Lesson 42! Next: Lesson 43 - The Resurrection of Jesus.