

A PASCHA GUIDE AND ACTIVITY SHEETS FOR KIDS GRADES K-5

PARENTS - please read and discuss this message with your kids...

Have you ever noticed that some people are SO excited for Holy Week that it seems like they literally cannot WAIT for it? And then have you noticed others who dread it and moan and groan when that time of year rolls around? Many of us have experienced both sides of this, and really what makes the difference is one thing: PERSPECTIVE.

What if you were told that after successfully attending every single service of Holy Week with complete focus and with all your heart, then you would win an incredibly large and valuable prize? ... you would put all your effort into making that happen, right?

Well SURPRISE! That is actually exactly what happens if you attend every service with full focus and all your heart! We earn a HUGE reward, and (spoiler alert!), it is one that matters much more than anything here on Earth.

Put this into PERSPECTIVE: If a small bird carried every single grain of sand from here to the sun, one by one, from all the beaches on the earth... even then, that would not be as long as eternity. So, is it worth it to invest in your eternity? We sure think so! And clearly, our church fathers thought so too!

The word "Pascha," which comes from the word "Passover" is about NEW LIFE after the Resurrection. All of us have something that needs to die in us: We have bad habits, grudges, shame, sin, and probably other hidden things. All of us have something that we need to be rid of (but maybe have been unable to or were scared to do it). This week we have the opportunity for this piece of us to die, and then we are resurrected into a new life with Christ. How refreshing does that sound? The payoff is both immediate and for eternity.

So fix your eyes on Christ, change your perspective, and be prepared to have an amazing Holy Week!

HEY KIDS - OUR MESSAGE JUST FOR YOU....

HEY KIDS!!!! This packet includes all sorts of activities - coloring sheets, word searches, code breakers, journal pages, and more so that regardless of your age you'll find something that will help you get the most of the events this week! In addition we have some helpful tips for you to keep in mind this week as you journey through Holy week!

- **ATTEND.** Attend as many services as you can this week
- **FOLLOW THE READINGS.** The readings follow a pattern - listen to the prophecy and the Gospel - there is a message there for you!
- **GET A JOURNAL.** Use this journal or your own journal to meditate and think through the readings and how they apply to your life. You can do this during the long sung Psalms - it is ok!
- **CUT OUT THE DISTRACTIONS.** Hopefully you are doing this already with fasting, but this is a great week to step it up a notch. Cut out TV, video games, social media, etc. Cut down as much as you can and gaze your focus on Christ.



Holy Week Journey

The journey of Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday and ends with the empty tomb



PASCHA

WORD SEARCH



Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

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

BETHANY

JUDAS

CRUCIFIXION

JESUS

LAST SUPPER

BETRAYAL

PALM SUNDAY

BREAD

LAZARUS

GOLGOTHA

LOVE

PRAYER

PALM SUNDAY



JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM:

Jesus rode a donkey with love, people
cheered with branches above!

PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:9



And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Today as we start the journey through Pascha, write your own prayer below

My Prayer



HOLY MONDAY

THE BARREN FIG TREE



ON THE BARREN BRANCHES, DRAW/COLOR IN SOME FRUITS, AND THEN WRITE IN YOUR FRUITS THAT YOU CAN USE TO SERVE OTHERS

SOME IDEAS:

- DO YOU COOK OR BAKE? HOW CAN YOU USE THAT TO SERVE OTHERS?
- DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? HOW CAN YOU USE THAT TO SERVE OTHERS?
- ARE YOU FRIENDLY? HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR OUT-GOING PERSONALITY TO SERVE OTHERS?

HOLY TUESDAY

THE PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS

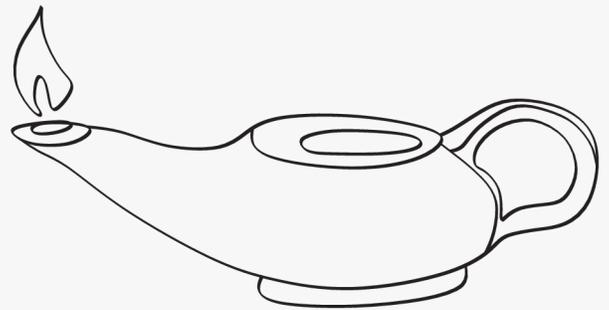
Matthew 25:1-13

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR SCHOOL?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

TODAY, LISTEN FOR THE PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS WITH THE LAMPS AND THE OIL. WHAT ARE 3 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO BETTER HELP / NOURISH YOUR FAITH?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



BE PREPARED WITH MORE OIL!

Our Church Father say that the "oil" in this parable is love itself shown through our good works. All around the oil lamp write or draw any good deeds you think you can do for your friends, family, and church.

HOLY WEDNESDAY ANOINTING JESUS' FEET

Color the Picture, and Fill in the Blanks of What Jesus said of this Woman

FOR YOU HAVE THE _____ WITH YOU ALWAYS, BUT _____ YOU DO NOT HAVE ALWAYS. *Matthew 26:11*

ASSUREDLY I SAY TO YOU, WHEREVER THIS _____ IS PREACHED IN THE WHOLE _____, WHAT THIS _____ HAS DONE WILL ALSO BE TOLD AS A _____ TO HER. *Matthew 26:13*

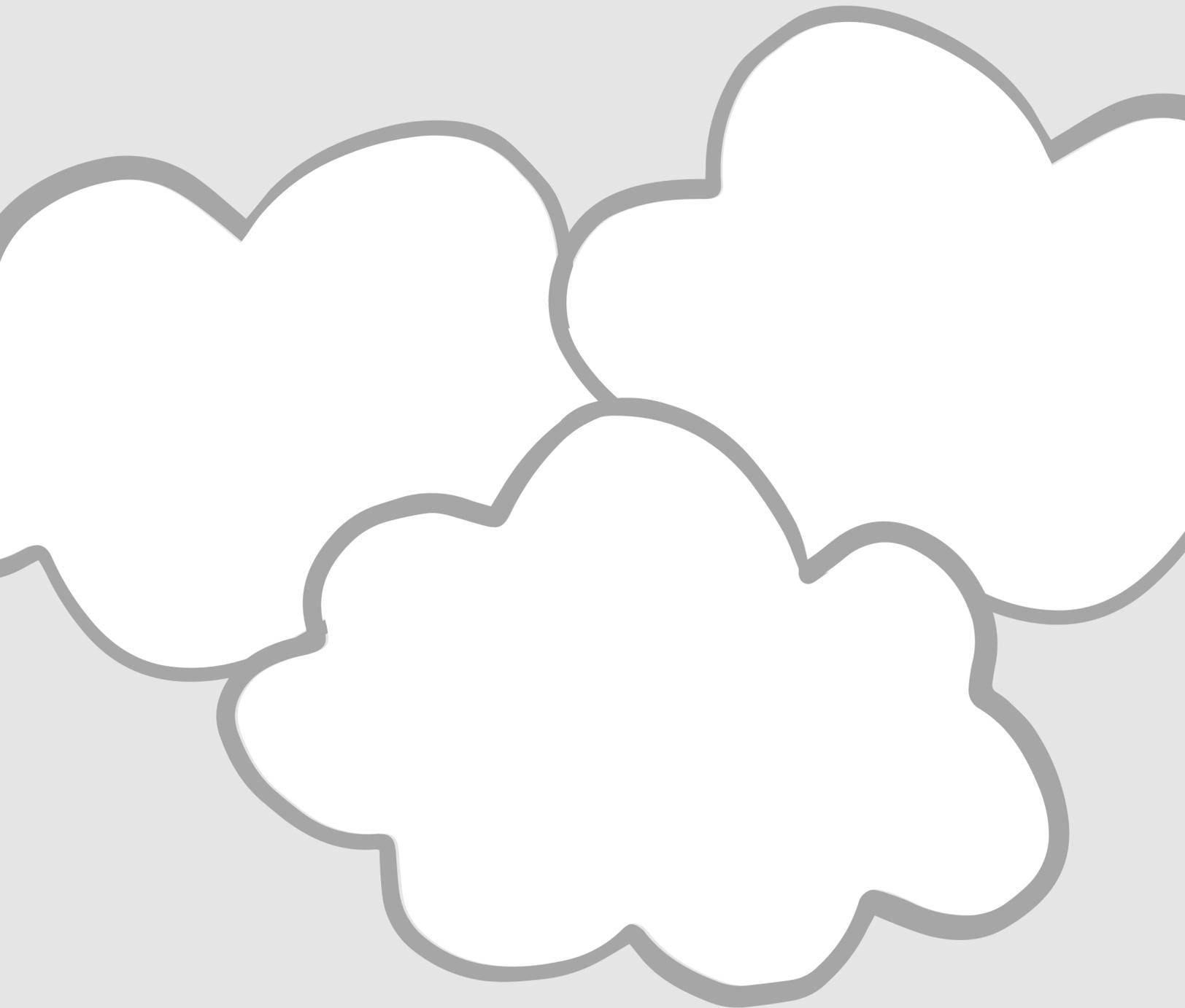


- (1) Poor
- (2) Me (Jesus)
- (3) Gospel
- (4) World
- (5) Woman
- (6) Memorial



HOLY WEDNESDAY

DRAW 3 THINGS
YOU'RE GRATEFUL TO
JESUS FOR TODAY



**STARTING WEDNESDAY NIGHT, WE DO NOT
GREET EACH OTHER WITH KISSES**



JUDAS BETRAYING JESUS:

Judas, with a kiss, did say, leading soldiers to where Jesus lay. For 30 coins, this deed was done, Betraying Jesus, God's own Son.

HOLY THURSDAY

WATER LITURGY

John 13:1-17

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS JESUS SERVED THE DISCIPLES AND/OR THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO SHOW HIS LOVE FOR THEM?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

WHEN HAS SOMEONE PUT YOUR NEEDS FIRST?

Unscramble the Words of Ways We Can Serve Each Other

Help Mom _____
K O C O

Help Dad _____
E K R A E S A E V L

Help a Friend _____
D Y S U T

Lend Your Brother a _____
O A C T

_____ your old bike and toys.
N E O T A D

How else can you serve others the way Jesus served us?

DONATE
COAT
STUDY
RAKE LEAVES
COOK



LAST SUPPER:

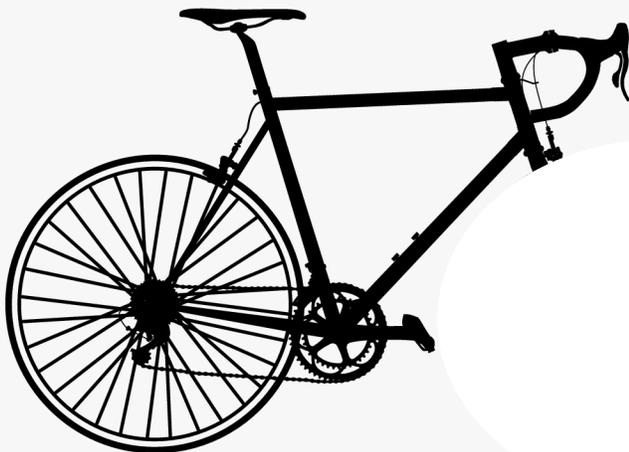
Around a table, Jesus and friends sat, sharing bread and wine, "Remember me," Jesus said, with love for you, this wine, my blood shed.

THE CRUCIFIXION GOOD FRIDAY

The Disciples must have been so sad to see their Teacher, their Lord being Crucified. Jesus, though, had a BIGGER plan. *Matthew 27*

As we listen to the prayers today, remember that God sees the whole picture, when we only see a piece. Using your imagination, fill in the missing "piece" in the pictures below.

Use the back of this sheet to write down three examples of hard situations you faced this week and pray for God's BIGGER plan!





FACING PILATE'S QUESTIONS:

Jesus stood with strength so true, Pilate asked,
but He already knew. "For love and truth, I stand
here today, My path ahead, I pave the way."



JESUS CARRYING THE CROSS:

With each step, His love so true, Jesus
carried the cross for me and you.

SCAVENGER HUNT ACTIVITY WORKSHEET FOR GOOD FRIDAY PASCHA

During the service today, try to find these items below. It will help you to pay attention if you are looking for some key elements like we have provided here. Write in your journal what part of the service you found it, and why it is important. **Suggestion: Read through all the things you need to find first so you can keep an ear out for them! The first one is done for you:**



1

The place where Jesus was crucified. We sing a hymn at the end of the 12th hour about Golgotha, the Burial, and the right-hand thief

WHAT COLOR IS EVERYTHING IN THE SANCTUARY? WHY?

2

FIRST HOUR: FIND 3 PIECES OF WISDOM SAID IN THE PROPHECIES.

3

WHO SAID "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?" IN THE GOSPELS? WHAT ELSE DO WE KNOW ABOUT THIS PERSON?

4

THIRD HOUR: FIND 3 PIECES OF WISDOM SAID IN THE PROPHECIES.

5

WHO IS BARABBAS? WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HIM?

6

SCAVENGER HUNT

ACTIVITY WORKSHEET (CONT'D)

FOR GOOD FRIDAY PASCHA

SIXTH HOUR: FIND 3
PIECES OF WISDOM
SAID IN THE
PROPHECIES

7

WHAT DO WE LEARN
ABOUT THE CENSER
AND THE INCENSE
DURING THIS HOUR?

8

NAME THE WAYS
JESUS WAS MOCKED
AND HURT (E.G.,
CROWN OF THORNS)

9

WHAT IS THE PRAYER
OF THE RIGHT-HAND
THIEF THAT WE
REPEAT OVER AND
OVER IN THE HYMN?

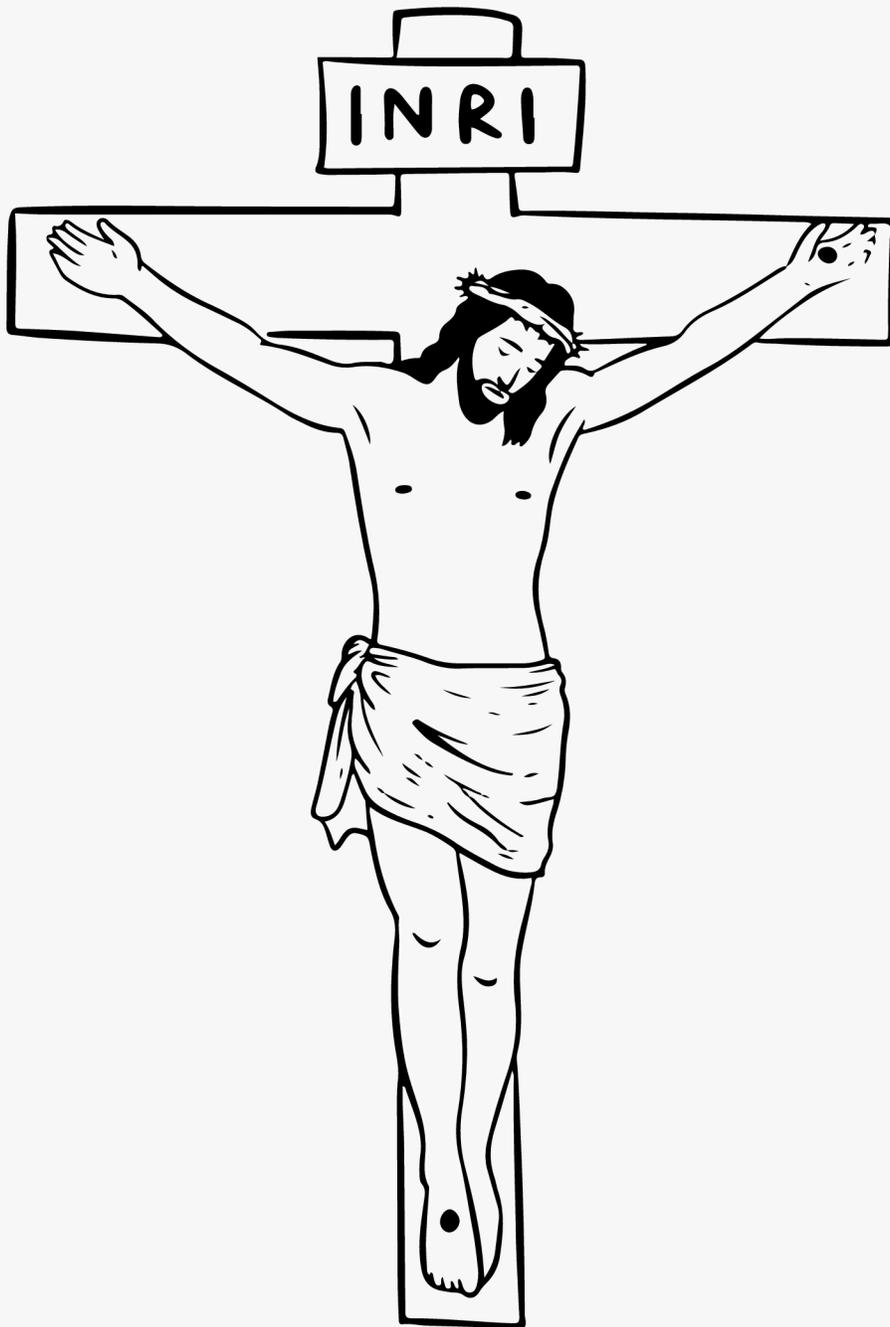
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NINTH HOUR: FIND 3
PIECES OF WISDOM
SAID IN THE
PROPHECIES

11

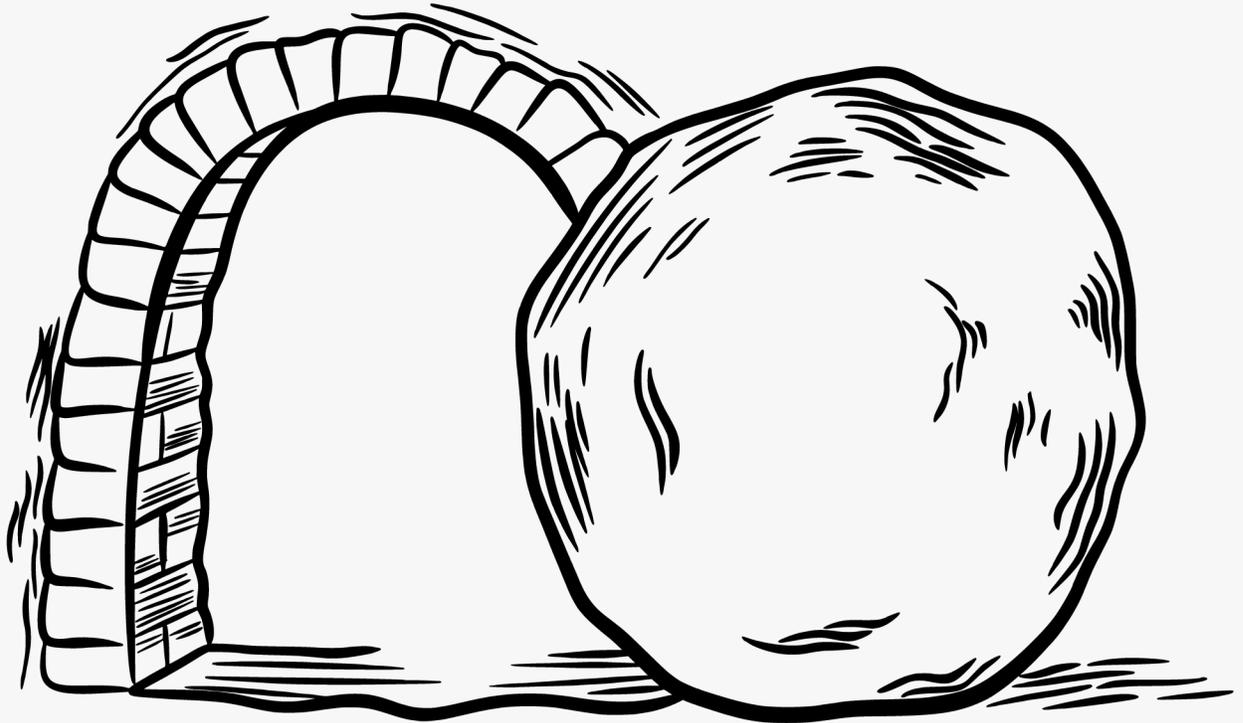
FIND THE 7
STATEMENTS OF
JESUS WHILE ON
THE CROSS

12



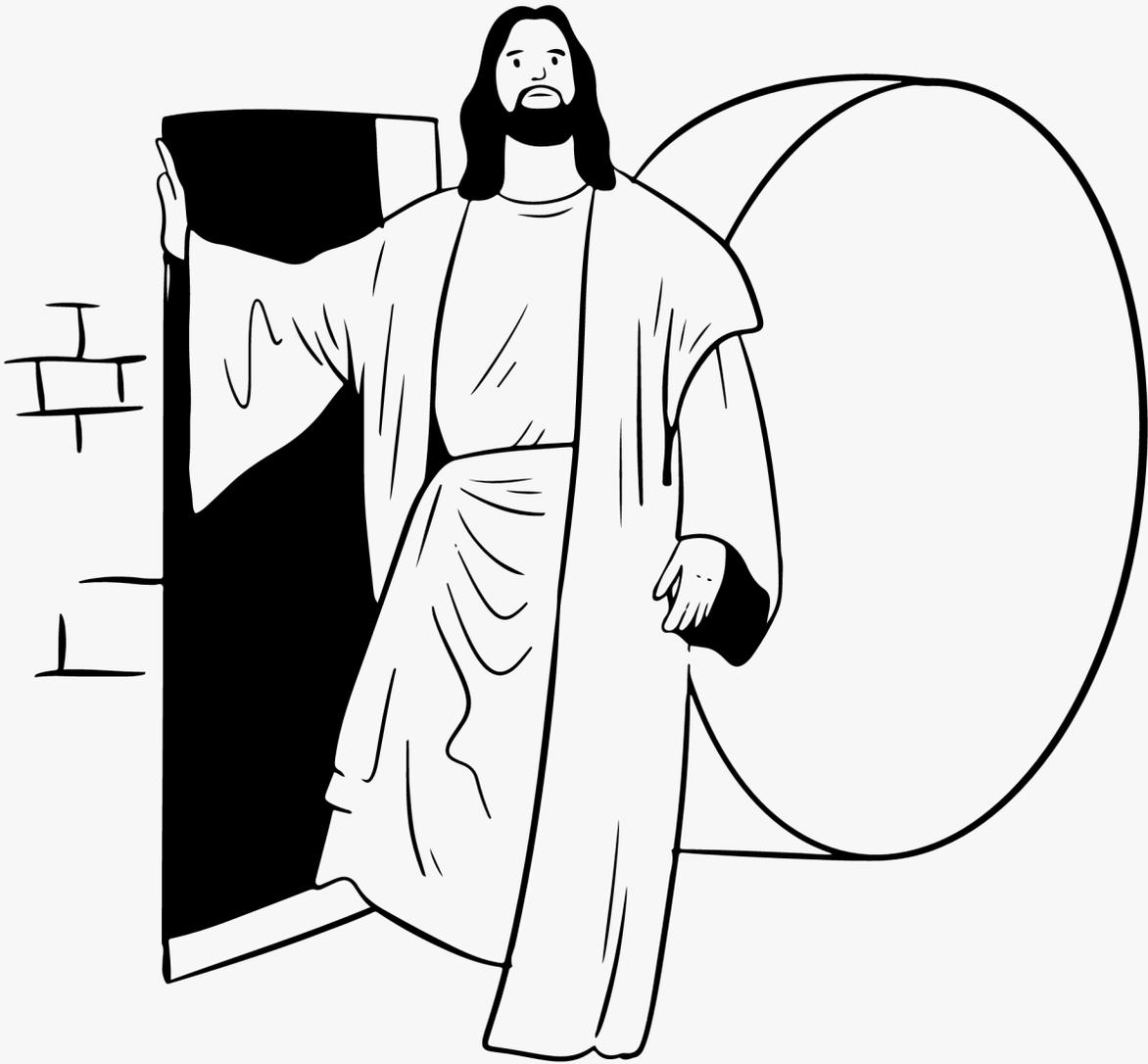
THE CRUCIFIXION:

Nailed upon that sturdy cross, He died for our sins, to set us free, love's victory for you and me.



THE EMPTY TOMB:

The tomb, once sealed, now open
wide, In glory, He rose, Jesus lives!
No more to hide.



JESUS' RESURRECTION:

Rising up with power and might, He is risen,
forever light! "From death's grip, He broke
free, love and hope for you and me!"