

# SCRAMBLED WORDS

Each Easter egg contains a scrambled word.  
“Hatch” each egg by writing the correct word to match each clue.



**m o b t**

Where Jesus' body was buried:

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**v a l C r a y**

Hill where Jesus died:

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**e d s i s l o r**

Persons who arrested Jesus:

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**s c o r s**

Where Jesus was hung to die:

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**t r e E s a**

Day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection:

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**n a S y u d**

Day of the week when Jesus  
rose from the dead:

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# STORY STRIP

Color the pictures and cut them out.  
Paste them in order to show the events of Holy Week and Easter.



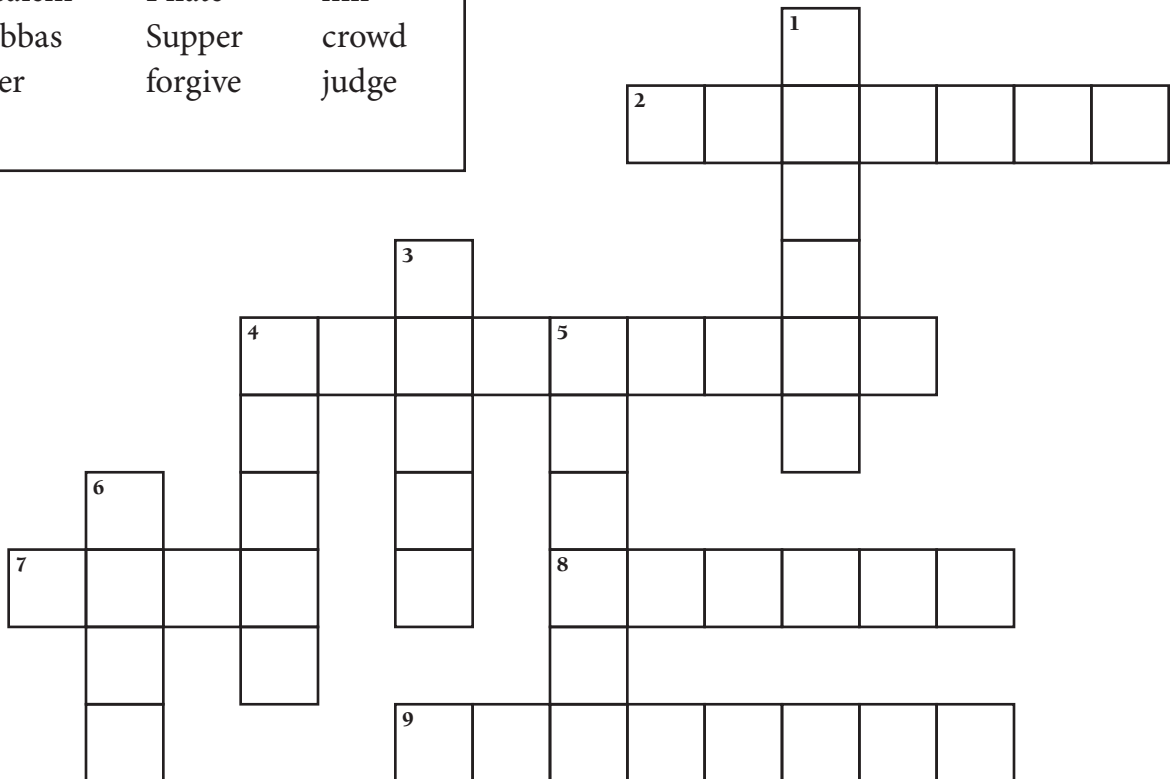
# REMEMBERING HOLY WEEK

During Holy Week we celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences below.

Then write the missing words in the puzzle.

Jerusalem	Pilate	hill
Barabbas	Supper	crowd
Prayer	forgive	judge
king		



## Across

2. Jesus asked God to \_\_\_\_\_ those who crucified him.
4. On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. People welcomed Jesus, saying, "Blessed be the \_\_\_\_\_ who comes in the name of the Lord!"
8. Jesus was brought before a Roman leader named Pontius \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The crowd demanded the release of \_\_\_\_\_, a criminal.

## Down

1. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ tells us to forgive those who trespass against us.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ turned against Jesus, asking for his crucifixion.
4. Pilate's job was to \_\_\_\_\_ if Jesus was innocent or guilty.
5. Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples, called the Last \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus carried his cross to the \_\_\_\_\_ where he would be crucified.

# YOU ARE THERE

Use your Bible to read about each scene below. Imagine who you might have been in the scene and then write a prayer to Jesus about your thoughts and feelings.

## Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus, if I had been there,  
I think I would have been\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus, I want to say\_\_\_\_\_

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## Mark 14:32-42

Jesus, if I had been there,  
I think I would have been\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus, I want to say\_\_\_\_\_

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## Luke 23:26-56

Jesus, if I had been there,  
I think I would have been\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus, I want to say\_\_\_\_\_

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## John 13:3-15

Jesus, if I had been there,  
I think I would have been\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus, I want to say\_\_\_\_\_

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# READING THE PASSION



Palm Sunday begins the holiest week of the Church year—Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting upon the events of Jesus' Passion and Death. During this week, you might display a crucifix in a prominent place as a reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. This crucifix can be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because the Passion narrative is long and complex, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and to respond to the recorded events. In this way the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space, with a crucifix as its focal point. The Passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: Mark 11:1–10

Monday: Mark 14:17–31

Tuesday: Mark 14:32–52

Wednesday: Mark 14:53–72

Thursday: Mark 15:1–15

Friday: Mark 15:16–39

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love Is This."