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Jesus and the Cross

Matthew 27:31-44

Mark 15:20-32

Luke 23:26-38

John 19:17-22



07 Crucifixion - Jesus and the Cross

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Reading the stories.

1. Reading the text with symbols gives you the basic story.
2. Reading all the text gives you the simple truth.
3. Reading with a partner is fun!



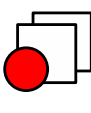

Will you read the text with symbols or the text without symbols?

A man named Simon is coming into the city.

The soldiers make Simon carry the cross for Jesus.


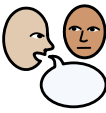

The soldiers lead Jesus out of the city of Jerusalem.

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Jesus walks in front of Simon and the cross.

They walk to a place named Golgotha.






Many people walk with Jesus.

Some of them are women.



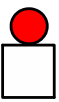

The women are sad and crying.

    
Jesus tells the women not to cry.



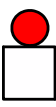

Jesus does not want the women to cry for him.
Jesus says, If people act like this when life is good,
What will happen when the bad times come?"

    
The soldiers give Jesus wine to drink.

Soon they arrive at Golgotha.
The soldiers give Jesus wine mixed with myrrh.
Jesus takes the wine but does not drink it.

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Jesus is nailed to the cross.

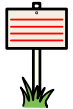

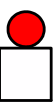
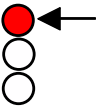


The soldiers nail Jesus to the cross.
It is morning when Jesus is nailed to the cross.
It is about 9 o'clock in the morning.

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Two robbers are nailed to crosses.

One robber is put on a cross to the right side of Jesus.

One robber is put on a cross to the left side of Jesus.

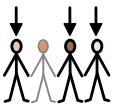

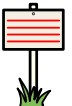
There are three crosses and Jesus is in the middle.

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A sign is nailed to the top of Jesus' cross.

The soldiers nail a sign above Jesus' head.

Written on the sign is the charge against Jesus.

It reads, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

  
Many people read the sign.

The place where Jesus is nailed on the cross is near the city.

Many people see the cross and read the sign.

The sign is written in the Jewish language, in Latin and in Greek.

Pilate says, "I will not change the sign."

The leading Jewish priests want the sign changed.

They say, "Don't write the King of the Jews."

But write, "This man says I am the King of the Jews."






    

Jesus asks God to forgive the people.

Jesus cries out to Father God.

He says, "Father forgive these people that are killing me.

They don't know what they are doing."

The soldiers share out Jesus' clothes.

After the soldiers nail Jesus to the cross they take his clothes.

They divide them into four parts.

Each soldier gets one part.

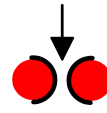
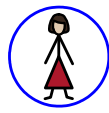
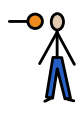
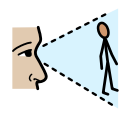


The soldiers do not want to tear the tunic.

The tunic is one piece of cloth woven from top to bottom.

The tunic has no seams.

The soldiers decide to choose lots to decide who can have it.

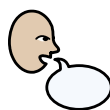


Jesus sees his mother standing near the cross.

He also sees the follower he loves.

Jesus says to them, "Here is your mother" and "Here is your son."

After this the follower takes Jesus' mother to live with him.



People make bad comments to Jesus.




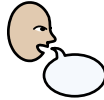

The people shake their heads and say,

"You said you could destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days.




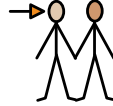

So save yourself and come down from the cross."

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The leading priests and teachers tease Jesus saying,
"If you are really the King of the Jews you should save yourself.
When he comes down from the cross we will believe in him."

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The robber shouts, "Aren't you the Christ?
Then save yourself and save us too."
The other robber stops him saying, "You should fear God."

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One robber knows that he is guilty but that Jesus is not.
He says, "Jesus remember me when you start ruling as King."
Jesus tells him, " Today you will be with me in paradise."