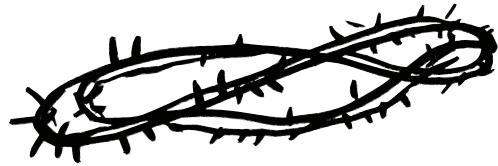


Good Friday

Mark 15:16-47; Matthew 27:27-61



Jesus was put on trial and sentenced to be crucified. The crowds mocked him, and the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on his head. Jesus was crucified on a cross at the same time as two other criminals, while the crowds shouted angrily at him. Mary Magdalene and Mary, Jesus' mother, watched as Jesus died. He was buried that day in a tomb.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Pilate and his **soldiers** mocked Jesus with various symbols of royalty and called Jesus "King of the Jews."

The **scribes** and the **elders** were Jewish authorities. They mocked Jesus as he died, saying that God would have saved the real Messiah.



Joseph of Arimathea buried Jesus in his own tomb, fulfilling the prophecy that God's "suffering servant" would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9).

About the Video

The crowds turned on Jesus, and he was tried as a criminal. He was mocked by the people as he carried his cross to be crucified. Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried, but that's not the end of the story (just the end of the video). The butterfly reminds us that there is more to come.

- What happened to Jesus?
- How did you feel when you saw the little girl in the crowd?
- How does the end of the video help you remember Easter?

Try This!

Wear black to help you remember the sadness of Jesus' death. Add a pop of color (with a pin, socks, bracelet, or hat) to remind you that hope is not lost.

Prayer

Loving God, it's hard to think about all the things that Jesus went through during Holy Week. Help us to understand how much Jesus sacrificed. We are caterpillars in cocoons waiting to be butterflies. Fill us with new life. Amen!