

## In God's Big Story

Jesus is crucified on a cross to save all people from their sins, allowing everyone to have a personal relationship with God.

**Wonder Truth:** Jesus Showed His Love by Dying for Us  
**Scripture:** Matthew 27

### WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



[THE CRUCIFIXION VIDEO](#)

### WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

#### ELEMENTARY:

When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Jesus makes us new.

—from 2 Corinthians 5:17

### WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

### WORSHIP@HOME

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WONDER@HOME  
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## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- Jesus died a painful death on a cross so that our sins can be forgiven—as a result, we can be God’s kids forever! What does this show us about Jesus?
- How do you think Jesus feels about you?
- The word grace in the Bible means being given something—like a gift—when you don’t deserve it. How does Jesus’ crucifixion show us grace?
- Who is someone to whom you can show grace this week?



## HANDS ON

### Cross of Stones

Jesus showed His love by dying for us, and in Him, we are made new! Create a tangible reminder of this great news!

First, take your child on a hunt for some smooth stones. These could be found in your yard or from a store. (Just be sure not to take rocks from your neighbors’ yards!) If rocks aren’t accessible, replace them with another small, paintable object. You’ll want to collect seven stones each.

Clean the stones off, if needed, and then write or paint one letter on each stone as follows: J-E-S-U-S-N-W. Allow your child to get creative with this! Maybe they will want to paint a colorful background on each stone before adding the letter or they will choose to draw each letter in a different style or color.

When the stones are dry, lay them in the shape of a cross by placing the stones that spell *JESUS* vertically and the *N* and *W* stones on either side of the *E* to form the word *NEW* horizontally. Keep them somewhere your child will see often as a reminder that in Jesus, each of you is a new creation!



## WALK IT ACT IT MOVE IT

### A Difficult Journey

Jesus’ journey carrying the cross was a long and hard one. Put yourselves in His shoes by doing this outdoor activity. You can even invite some friends to join you!

Pack a backpack, one for each person, with anything you’d like to use for a time of prayer and reflection. This can be crayons and paper, Bibles, snacks, drinks, a blanket, some of your family’s favorite games and toys, or anything else that comes to mind. Make the bags full and heavy!

Find a place nearby where you can go for a walk and have a picnic, preferably with a hill. Together, walk to the top of the hill with your backpacks on your backs. Reflect on what you think that walk was like for Jesus. He was already so weak that the soldiers ended up forcing a man named Simon to carry the heavy cross for Him. What a difficult journey that must have been! When the walk is over, pull out the blanket to sit on; then, pull out everything else you brought. Spend time praying, eating, playing, and enjoying each other’s company. Thank Jesus for His incredible sacrifice that has given you new life!