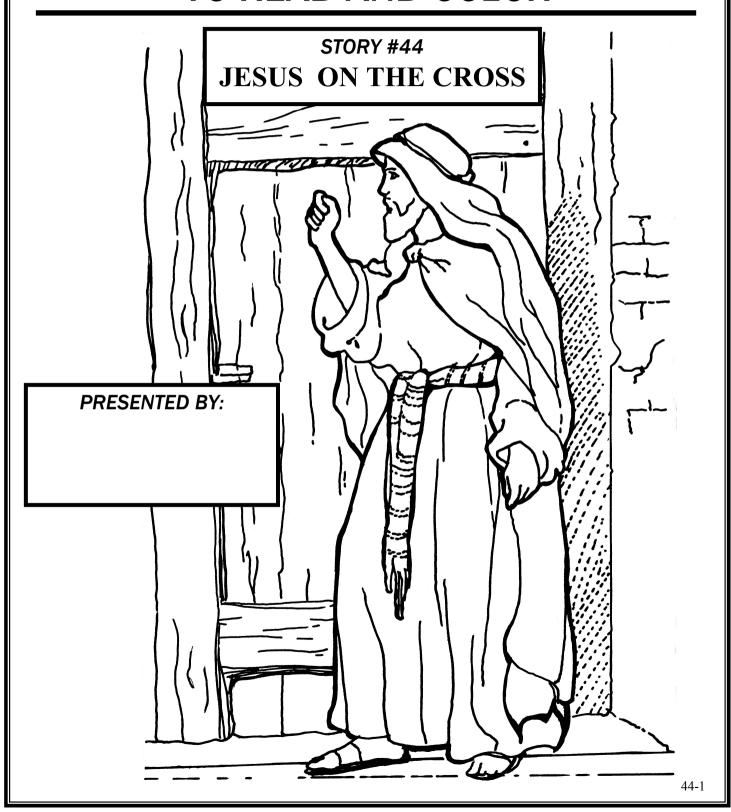
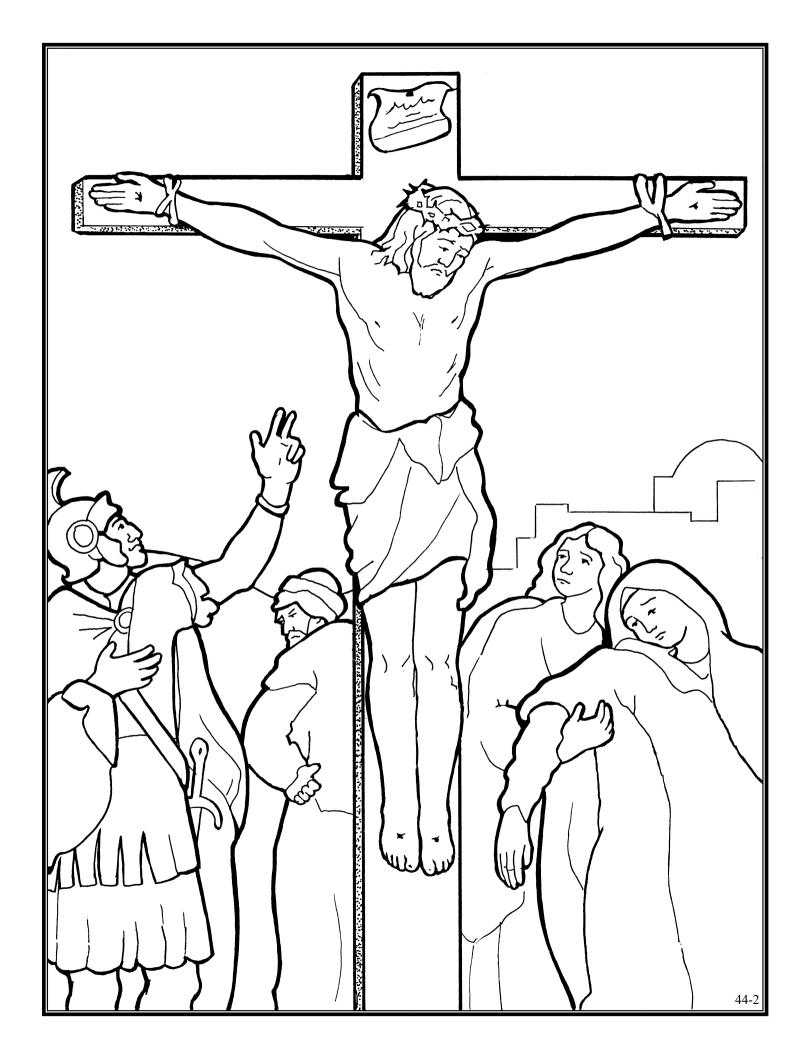
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BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN TO READ AND COLOR





JESUS ON THE CROSS

JOHN 19:17-37

We have all seen crosses. They are seen on the altars inside of churches and on top of churches on the outside. Some wear crosses on chains around their necks. What does this mean? It helps us to think of Jesus and His cross. Why was Jesus put on a cross? Was He a robber or a murderer? No! Jesus did not sin! They used to crucify robbers in those times. It was a terrible thing and a very painful death. Jesus let Himself be nailed to the cross because He loved us. You and I have done bad things and God should punish us. But God doesn't want to do that because He loves us. Jesus was punished for your sins by dying on the cross. That is how much Jesus loves you. He died for you.

PRAYER

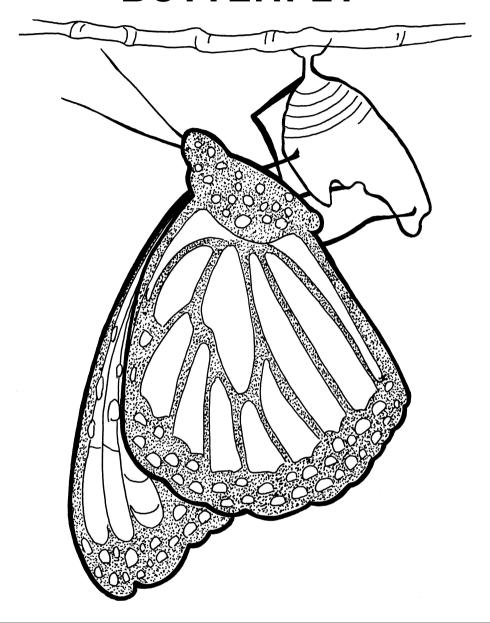
Let me learn of Jesus, He is kind to me; once He died to save me, nailed upon the tree. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize:

"... the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us (sets us free) from all sin."

ANIMALS FROM THE BIBLE

BUTTERFLY



At the end of its life, the caterpillar prepares to become a butterfly by hanging itself on a tree in a cocoon. There, the caterpillar "dies" and the butterfly is "born".

For Jesus to save us from our sins, He had to die on the tree (cross). He took the punishment we deserved.



This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice* for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

*Atoning Sacrifice = Jesus paid for our sins through his death on the cross; because of this our relationship with God is restored.

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