

## Meeting #5: Is God Good?

**Bible Verse:** The Lord is good and upright. Psalm 25:8

**Bible Story:** The Cross (Matthew 27:15-26, 32-56; Luke 23:26-47)

**Bible Truth:** God is holy and just.

**Level of Biblical Learning:** God loves people even when they make wrong choices.

### **Tell the Bible Story**

- Hold up the printable item "The Cross". Note that today's Bible Story has some sad parts in it. Say: "You may want to show a sad face during different times in the story."
- Open your bible to Matthew 27:15-26, 32-56; Luke 23:26-47 or you can read the paraphrased story below.

Jesus had been arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Yes," Jesus said. Then the religious leaders lied and said that Jesus had done wrong things, but Jesus never did anything wrong. Pilate thought Jesus would say something about the religious leaders' lies, but Jesus was quiet.

Every year at Passover, Pilate would let the people choose a prisoner to set free. One of the prisoners had done very bad things. His name was Barabbas. So Pilate asked the crowd, "Who do you want me to set free? Barabbas or Jesus?" The crowd shouted, "Barabbas!" Pilate asked, "What should I do with Jesus?" "Crucify Him!" they said. Pilate's soldiers took Jesus away. They made fun of Him because He said He was a King. The soldiers put a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and a purple robe on His back. They pretended to bow down to Him. Then they led Jesus away.

Jesus was nailed to a cross. They put a sign above Jesus' head that said: THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Two criminals were crucified next to Jesus. Both deserved this punishment for the wrongs they had done, but not Jesus! The day turned dark. In the afternoon, Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You left Me all alone?" Then Jesus shouted and said, "It is finished!" A Roman soldier saw this take place and remarked, "He really is the Son of God!"

### **Bible Study Review:**

- Show the small wooden cross. Say: "This cross reminds me of what Jesus did for all people. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of people. God is holy and just and must punish sin, but God is also loving. He loves us and sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin." Ask them to recall a detail from the Bible Story. Continue until the Bible Story is reviewed.
- Ask the children if people make wrong choices. Encourage the children to give examples of wrong choices. (disobeying a parent, using mean words, being unkind to a sibling, pushing a friend, etc.) Ask: "Does God see us when we make wrong choices? (Yes) Say: "You're right. God loves us even when we make wrong choices. Nothing we do or don't do can change His love for us."

**Activity #1:** Make a Stained-Glass Cross

**Activity #2:** Match the Crosses

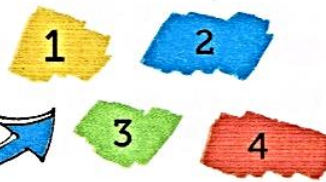
**Activity #3:** Color Page



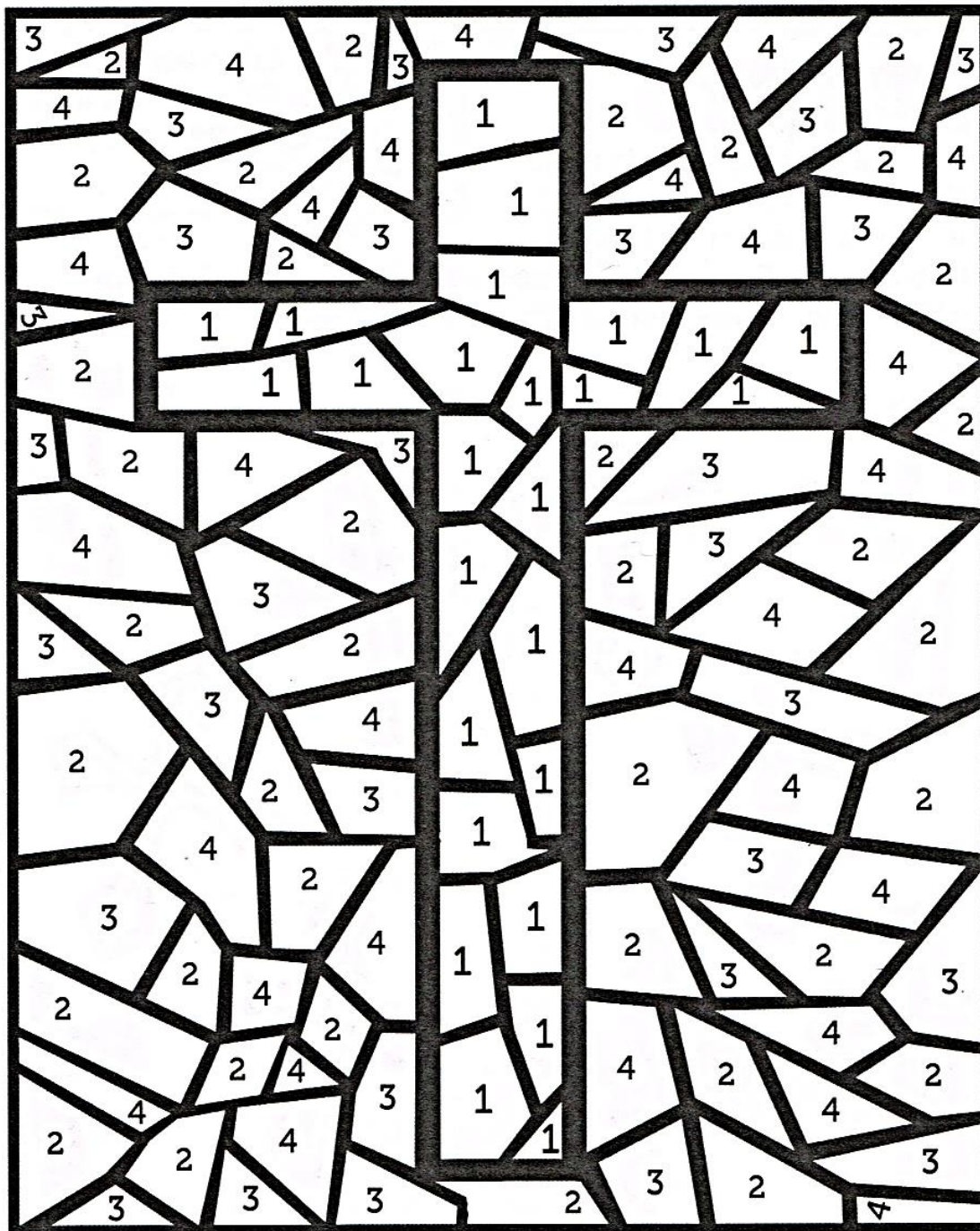
Item 37: The Cross  
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Instructions: Use as directed in Meeting 5.

## MAKE A STAINED-GLASS CROSS



Look at the stained glass picture.  
Use this key to color each part of the picture.





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Luke 23:26-47)

**BIBLE VERSE:** The Lord is good and  
upright. Psalm 25:8

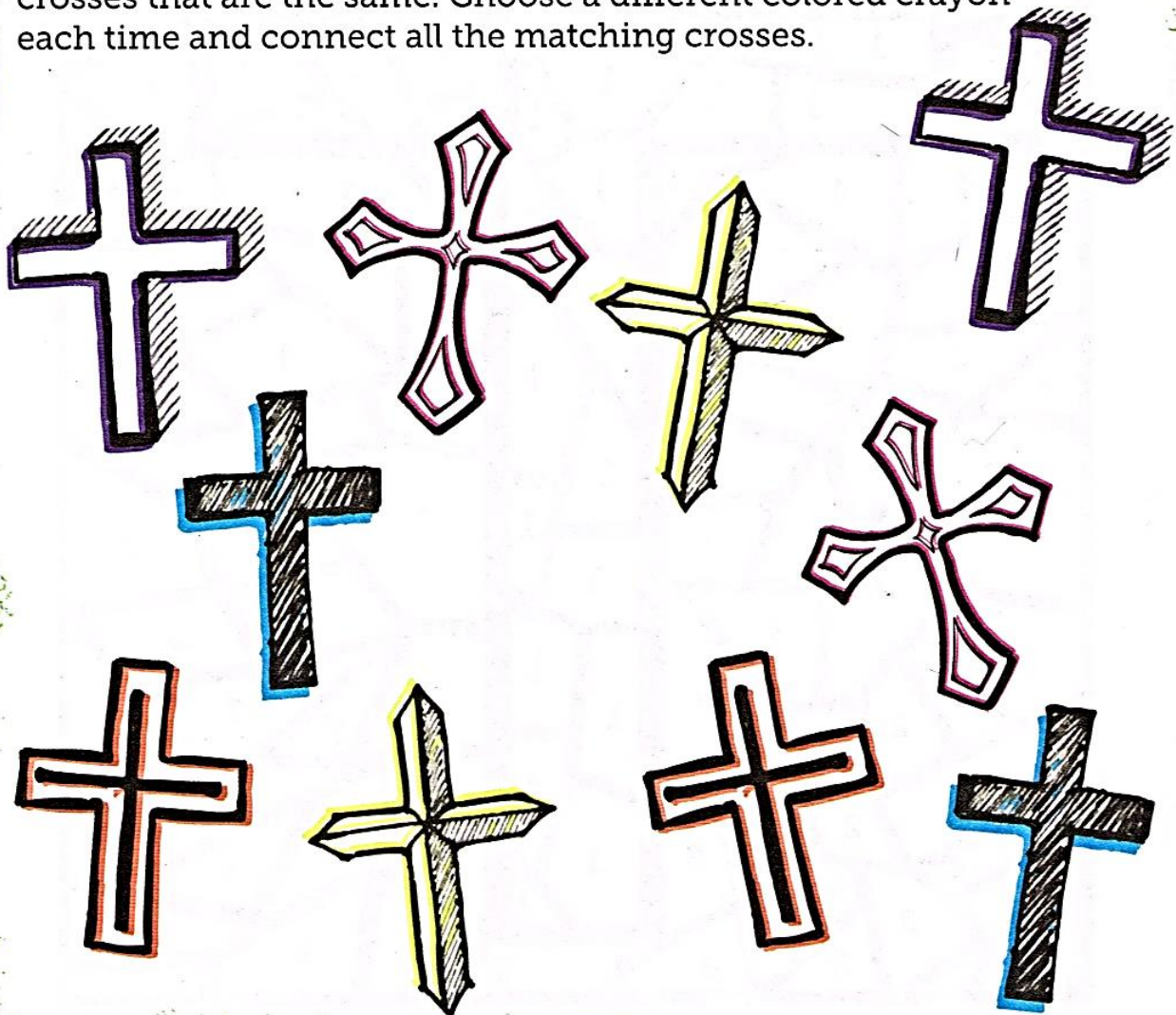
**BIBLE TRUTH:** God is holy and just.

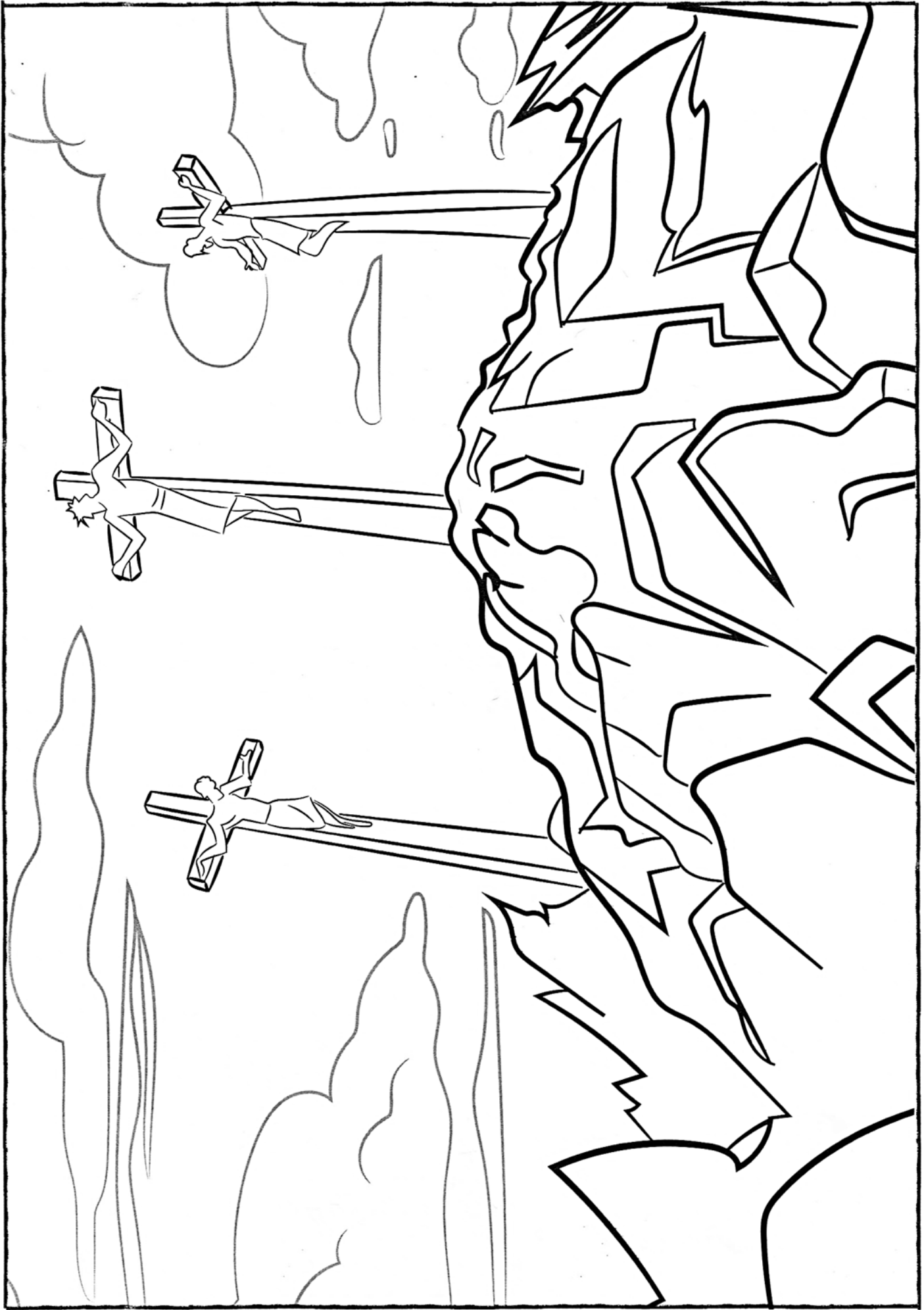
### At HOME

Your child is learning that God is holy and just. This week, help reinforce this truth with your child, especially when your child makes a wrong choice. Explain that God loves us even when we make wrong choices. Read the Bible verse together and note that God always loves us. Review the Bible story with your child.

### MATCH CROSSES

Look at the crosses on this page. All of them remind us of Jesus. Draw a path to connect two crosses that are the same. Choose a different colored crayon each time and connect all the matching crosses.





**MAIN POINT: JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO SAVE PEOPLE  
FROM SIN, AND HE IS ALIVE.**

*Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection*  
Matthew 26:36-28:10; John 18:1-20:18