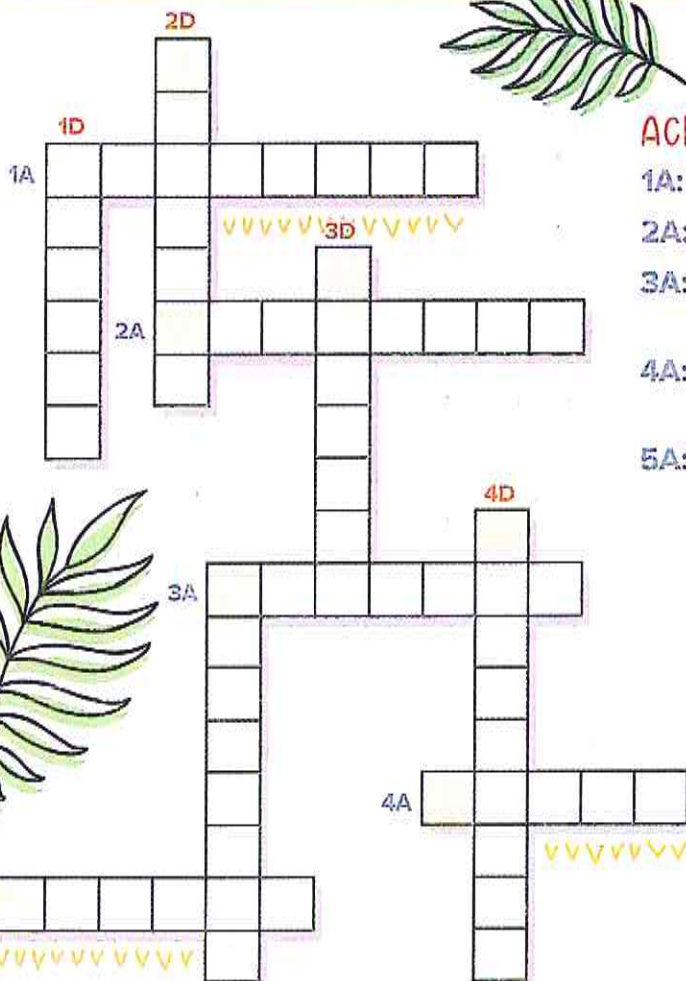


# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**UNIT VERSE**  
 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
 JOHN 14:6 CSB



**ACROSS:**

- 1A: This is a follower of Jesus.
- 2A: What city was Jesus from?
- 3A: If someone comes in the name of Jesus, what is he?
- 4A: Jesus was from the family of what Old Testament king?
- 5A: Complete this thought: "Hosanna in the highest \_\_\_\_\_!"

**DOWN:**

- 1D: Jesus rode into the village on what type of transportation?
- 2D: What did the people shout out?
- 3D: Nazareth is located here. It has its own sea.
- 4D: The capital of Israel is this place.



**HOSANNA!** It is important to sing praises to God.

List five ways you can praise God with your life this week.

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# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

# 1

# CONVERSATION

## The Crowd Welcomed Jesus

**MATTHEW 21:1-11**

Jesus was traveling with His disciples to Jerusalem. As He came to the Mount of Olives outside a village called Bethphage, Jesus instructed two of the disciples to go into the village where they would find a donkey tied with a colt. Jesus told the disciples to untie the animals and bring them to Him. He told the men that if anyone asked what they were doing, they should say that the Lord needs the animals.

This happened to fulfill a prophecy (word of God) that was written hundreds of years before. This prophecy said, "Look! Your King is coming, riding on a young donkey."

The disciples followed Jesus' instructions. They brought the donkey and the colt, put their robes on them, and Jesus sat on top of them.

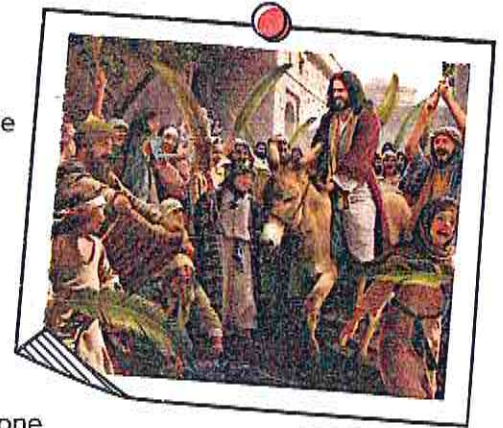
As Jesus rode, a large crowd of people spread their robes on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road, too. Crowds of people went in front of Him and followed after Him. They shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowd replied, "This is Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** John 14:6

**LIFE POINT:** Jesus is the Messiah.



### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your preteen learned that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior of the world. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling a prophecy from Zechariah. The people welcomed Him joyously, like a king. They knew that Jesus was special.



### LIVE IT OUT

Talk with your preteen about some of her favorite ways to praise Jesus, such as Bible reading, singing, praying, and so forth. Incorporate those ways to worship into a family devotion.



### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God had a plan for salvation before the beginning of time.



### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** John 14:6

**Monday:** Zechariah 9:9

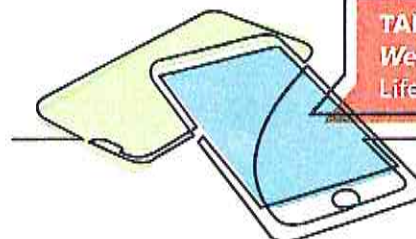
**Tuesday:** Isaiah 61:1

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 11:1

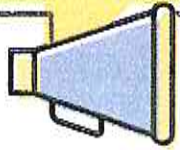
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 23:5

**Friday:** Isaiah 53:3

**Saturday:** Malachi 3:1



**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *The Crowd Welcomed Jesus* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.



**Match the Bible People**

Many things took place before Jesus died on a cross and then rose from the dead. Match the Bible people from Matthew 26:36–28:10 with what they said or how they acted.

1. "I betrayed Jesus and kissed Him on the cheek."
2. "I was the one at the tomb who said, '... He is not here. For He has risen, just as He said.'"
3. "I denied Jesus and said I didn't know Him."
4. "I buried Jesus' body and put Him in the tomb."
5. "I am the high priest who asked Jesus if He was the Messiah."
6. "I am one of the ladies who went to Jesus' tomb and saw that it was empty."
7. "We were the ones who spit on and hit Jesus. We mocked Him by saying: 'Hail, King of the Jews!'"
8. "I am the animal that crowed three times."
9. "I am a fisherman. I have two sons who were disciples of Jesus."
10. "I am the prisoner who was released by Pilate instead of Jesus."
11. "I carried the cross of Jesus."

**UNIT VERSE**

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."  
JOHN 14:6 CSB

	<b>Simon</b>
	<b>Rooster</b>
	<b>Peter</b>
	<b>Caiaphas</b>
	<b>Mary Magdalene</b>
	<b>angel of the Lord</b>
	<b>Zebedee</b>
	<b>Barabbas</b>
	<b>Judas</b>
	<b>Joseph</b>
	<b>The governor's soldiers</b>

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**Key Places**

Identify the key places surrounding the events before and after Jesus' death. Look at the drawings for clues and fill in the blanks.

# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

# 1

# CONVERSATION

## Crucifixion and Resurrection

**MATTHEW 26:36–28:10**

Jesus took His disciples to the garden of Gethsemane. He knew that He was about to die. The disciples fell asleep, but Jesus prayed, "Father, please let this pass from Me. Not My will but Your will be done." He woke the disciples and said, "Get up. My betrayer is coming."

Suddenly, Judas arrived. A large crowd carrying swords and clubs was with him. Judas kissed Jesus so the crowd would know who Jesus was. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.

Jesus was taken to the high priest, Caiaphas, who accused Jesus of claiming to be God, a crime deserving death. The leaders mocked Jesus, and witnesses told lies about Him. The crowd beat Him.

Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, waited outside. "You were with Jesus," some people said. Three times Peter said that he did not know Jesus.

The leaders sent Jesus to Pilate, the governor. Pilate could not find that Jesus had done anything wrong, so Pilate offered the people a choice: set Jesus free or free Barabbas, a well-known criminal. The people cried to free Barabbas. When Pilate asked the crowd what to do with Jesus, they shouted, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate agreed to put Jesus to death. Soldiers beat Jesus, put a robe on Him, and placed a crown of sharp thorns on His head. They nailed Jesus to a cross. From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out to God before He died. Suddenly, there was an earthquake. One of the men near the cross said, "This man really was God's Son!"

Jesus was buried in a rich man's tomb. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb, and men stood guard so that no one could steal Jesus' body.

On the third day Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the tomb. Suddenly, a strong earthquake shook, and an angel came down from heaven and rolled back the stone from the tomb. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here! He has risen, just as He promised."

As the women ran to tell the disciples the good news, they heard a man say, "Good morning." It was Jesus! The women knelt and worshiped Him. Jesus told them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell the disciples to go to Galilee, and they will see Me there."



### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story taught about Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for the sins of people and rose from the grave three days later. Because Jesus paid our sin debt, He made a way for anyone who believes in Him to have a right relationship with God.

### LIVE IT OUT

Talk to your preteen about Jesus' resurrection. Ask how he would feel if he had been one of the disciples or if she had been one of the women at the tomb. Say a prayer, thanking God that Jesus took the punishment for our sins.

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus willingly died to provide salvation. Jesus' death and resurrection make salvation possible.

### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** 1 John 4:10

**Monday:** Isaiah 53:4

**Tuesday:** Matthew 19:25-26

**Wednesday:** Romans 10:9

**Thursday:** Hebrews 7:25

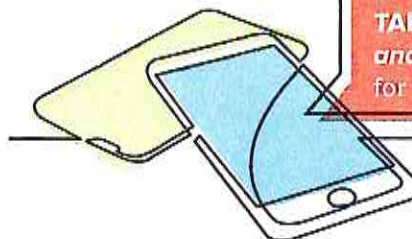
**Friday:** 1 Peter 3:18

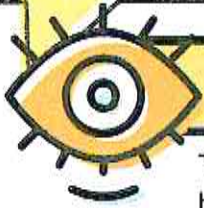
**Saturday:** Romans 5:10

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** 1 John 4:10

**LIFE POINT:** Jesus took the punishment for people's sins.

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *Crucifixion and Resurrection* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.





# Word Search

Thomas doubted that Jesus was risen. He needed to have faith! Use the words on the right-hand side of the page to search for the words from today's story (John 20:19-31).

## UNIT VERSE

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6 CSB

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- Believe
- Receive
- Blessed
- Nails
- Disciples
- Peace
- Messiah
- Thomas
- Hands



A Haiku is a short, three-line poem

*Five syllables,*  
*Seven syllables,*  
*Five syllables*

**Example:**

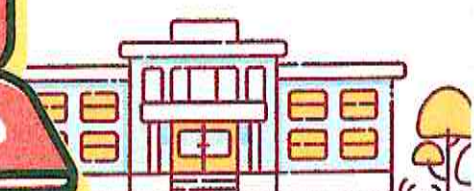
**Line 1:** I love you, Jesus.  
(5 syllables)

**Line 2:** Saved me; gave me living hope.  
(7 syllables)

**Line 3:** Miracle Maker.  
(5 syllables)

## Haiku

Write a Haiku about Thomas wanting to see Jesus, doubting Jesus, or how it's important for us to believe in Jesus for salvation.



# BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

# 1

# CONVERSATION

## Thomas Believed

JOHN 20:19-31

Jesus is alive! On the same night His disciples heard that Jesus was alive, they gathered together in a secret place with the door securely locked. They were afraid of the people who had arrested and put Jesus to death.



Suddenly, Jesus was with them! "Peace be with you," Jesus said. He showed the disciples where His hands and side were hurt when He was on the cross. The disciples were very glad to see Jesus. Jesus explained that He was sending them to tell others. He promised to send the Holy Spirit. He told the disciples to forgive others.

Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, was not with the group. When the other disciples told Thomas what had happened, he did not believe them. Thomas insisted, "If I don't see and feel the marks that the nails made in His hands and side, I will not believe it!"

Eight days later, the disciples were together, and this time Thomas was with them. The door was locked, but that did not stop Jesus from coming and standing with the disciples. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them.

Then Jesus went to Thomas. "Put your finger on My hands and look at them. Put your hand into My side. Believe in Me!"

Thomas realized that it was all true. Jesus was alive! Jesus had died, but He rose again and was standing next to him. Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to Thomas, "You believe because you have seen Me for yourself. Blessed are those who have not seen and still believe."

Jesus did many other things when He appeared to His disciples after the resurrection. Jesus' disciple, John, wrote this Gospel so that many people may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, who gives eternal life.

**WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE:** John 3:16

**LIFE POINT:** People can believe that Jesus is the Savior.

### THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your preteen learned that people can believe that Jesus is the Savior. When Thomas heard that Jesus was alive, Thomas said he needed to touch Jesus' hands and side. When He appeared to Thomas, Jesus said those who believe but have not seen will be blessed.

### LIVE IT OUT

Does your preteen understand that Jesus is the Savior? The Bible gives us evidence that Jesus died and was resurrected to pay for our sins. Read each of the Gospels for the accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.

### LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

People cannot save themselves. Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sins, redeeming and rescuing us from sin and death.

### DAILY BIBLE READING

**Sunday:** John 3:16

**Monday:** 1 Timothy 1:15

**Tuesday:** Titus 2:13

**Wednesday:** 1 Timothy 4:10

**Thursday:** Ephesians 5:23

**Friday:** 1 John 4:14

**Saturday:** Acts 13:23

**TAKE IT FURTHER:** Check out the *Thomas Believed* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.