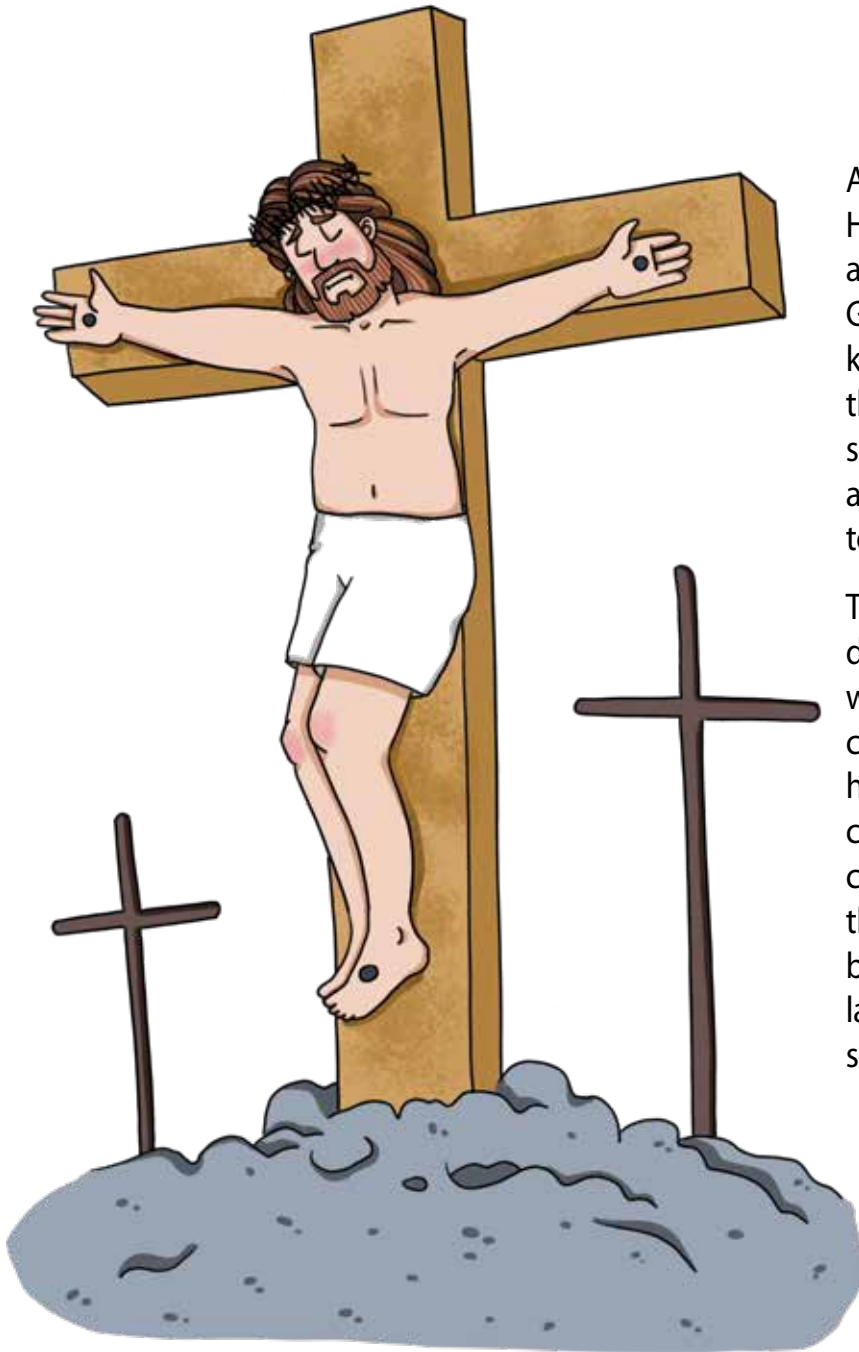




# The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

We know Jesus had done no wrong, yet He was alone in suffering and was put to death. But He rose again to save all humankind. He lives forever.



After the Passover meal with His disciples, Jesus went with all His disciples to the garden of Gethsemane and asked them to keep watch while He prayed. But the disciples fell asleep. When the soldiers came, the disciples ran away and Jesus was taken to Pilate to be judged.

The chief priests demanded death for Jesus. He was mocked, whipped and made to carry a cross. When they reached Calvary hill, the soldiers took off His clothes and nailed Jesus to the cross. Jesus hung on the cross for three hours before He died. His body was wrapped in a cloth and laid in a new tomb with a heavy stone rolled against it.



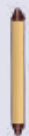
**Movie:** *The Passion of the Christ* is a 2004 American biblical film directed by Mel Gibson, written by Gibson and Benedict Fitzgerald, and starring Jim Caviezel as Jesus of Nazareth, Maia Morgenstern as the Virgin Mary, and Monica Bellucci as Mary Magdalene.

**Book:** *The Evidence for the Resurrection* by Norman Anderson



But early Sunday morning, when some women went to the tomb they found the stone rolled away. They went inside the tomb but did not find the body of Jesus. Then two men in shining clothes appeared and told the women Jesus had risen from the dead. The women were amazed! **Let us rejoice with the women who were told that Jesus had risen again. Let us celebrate the feast of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is risen from the dead. He is risen to die no more!**



Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. They stood there puzzled about this, when suddenly two men in bright shining clothes stood by them.

Luke 24: 1-4



Did you notice how Jesus did not offer resistance when He was arrested? He also forgave His killers. Only the Son of God can do this. It takes courage to forgive your sinners. Next time when someone bullies you, explain Jesus' story to them. But don't forget to tell your parents that you were bullied.







It is Easter Sunday and you will find the church crowded. See the image here and imagine these people are from your parish. Make an arrow against each person and name them after the parish members you think they resemble. This is just a fun activity.

