AN ACROSSTIC

What does the cross mean to you? Create an acrostic poem using the letters that spell out the word *CROSS*. To help you know what to do, check out the acrostic for the word *GOD*.

EXAMPLE:

Great
Only One
Delivers from sin

C _____
R _____
O _____
S _____
S _____

Roman criminals were rarely crucified because it was such a horrible way to die. Still, Jesus willingly gave up His life in this way because of His great love for us.

REPLACED

Make new words by replacing the words in **blue** with a word associated with an image in the box.

Pan**handle** _____

Show**case** _____

Sun**shine** _____

Dog**sled** _____

Black**berry** _____

We are all sinners and deserve death, but Jesus took our place when He died on the cross for our sin. Everyone who believes in Him will be given **NEW LIFE IN JESUS!**

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

1 CONVERSATION

Crucifixion and Resurrection

JOHN 19:1-42; 20:1-18

Jesus was arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor of Rome. Pilate ordered soldiers to beat Jesus. The soldiers twisted thorns together to make a crown and placed it on Jesus' head. They clothed Him in a purple robe and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Pilate brought Jesus out to the Jews and said, "Here is your King."

The crowd shouted, "Only Caesar is our king. Take Him away! Crucify Him!" Pilate ordered Jesus to be crucified.

Jesus carried His own cross as soldiers led Him to a place called Golgotha. Pilate had a sign made and hung on Jesus' cross with the words *Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.* The soldiers crucified Jesus between two other men.

After Jesus died, Pilate gave some of Jesus' disciples permission to take His body away to bury. According to Jewish custom, they wrapped Jesus' body in a linen cloth and placed it in a tomb in a nearby garden.

Three days later on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the day. When she saw that the stone in front of the tomb had been removed, she hurried to Peter and John and said, "They've taken Jesus' body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they've put Him!"

When Peter and John heard this news, they ran to the tomb. Jesus was not there! They saw the linen cloths used to wrap Jesus' body. The cloth used to wrap His head was neatly folded in another part of the tomb.
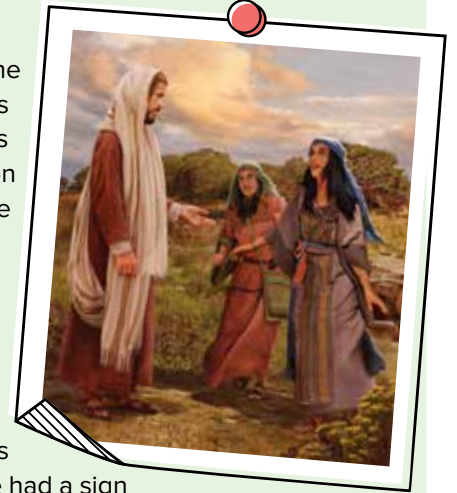
After the disciples left, Mary cried outside the tomb. She turned around and saw Jesus standing outside the tomb. Mary did not recognize the man was Jesus. She thought He was the gardener.

"Mary," Jesus said. When Mary heard Jesus say her name, she immediately knew Him and saw that He was alive! Jesus said, "Go and tell the others."

Mary Magdalene quickly left and told the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Romans 5:8

LIFE POINT: Jesus took the punishment for my sin.

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Today your child heard that Jesus took the punishment for her sin. Jesus willingly died on the cross and rose from the dead. He took the punishment to give people eternal life with God.

LIVE IT OUT

Reread the Bible story, emphasizing why Jesus died. Use the Internet to research the Old Testament for passages about sin, which separates us from our holy God. Talk about how this applies to Jesus' crucifixion.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Romans 5:8

Monday: John 1:29

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 15:3

Wednesday: Ephesians 1:7

Thursday: 1 John 2:2

Friday: Hebrews 2:17

Saturday: 1 Peter 3:18

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Crucifixion and Resurrection* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories and games.