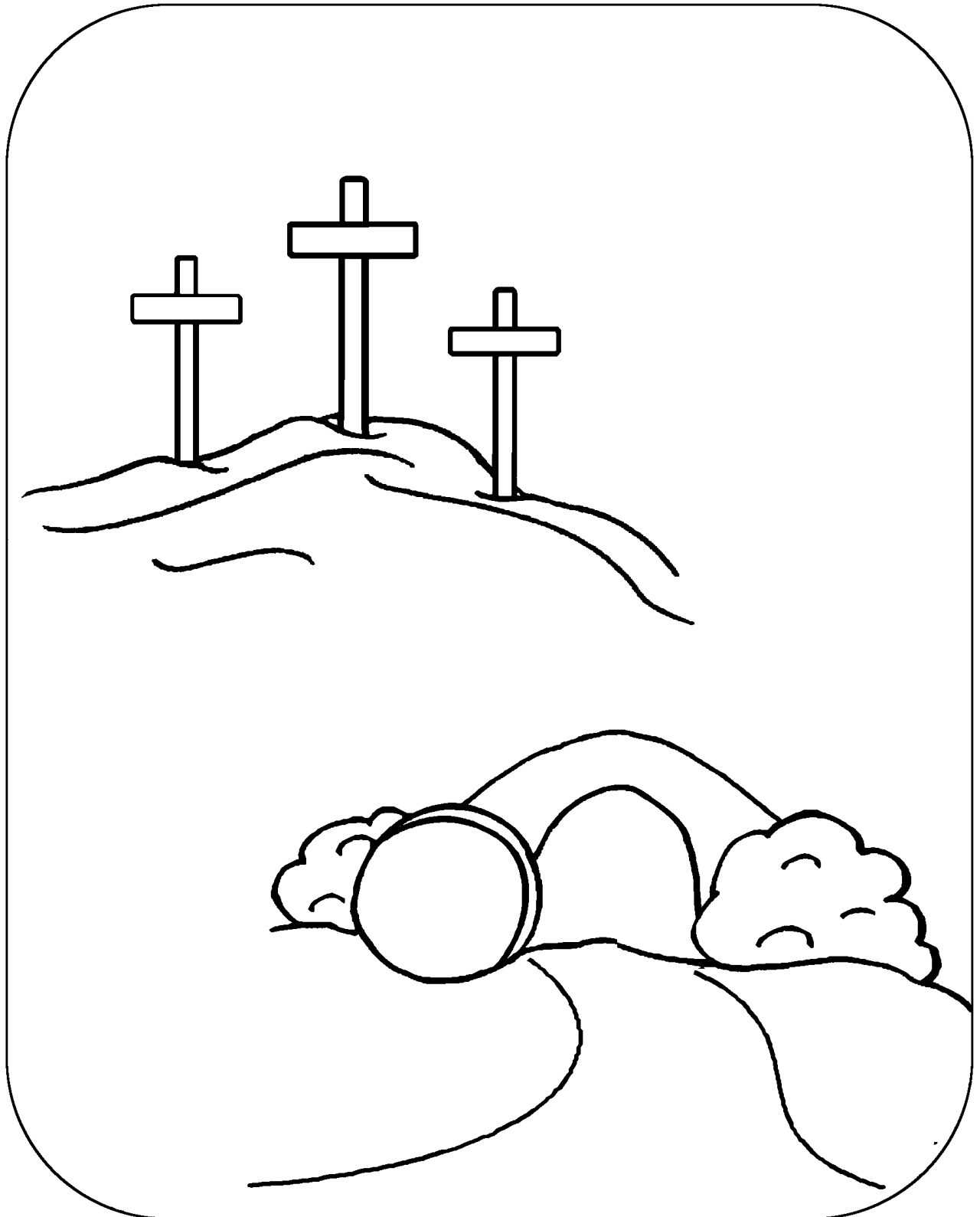
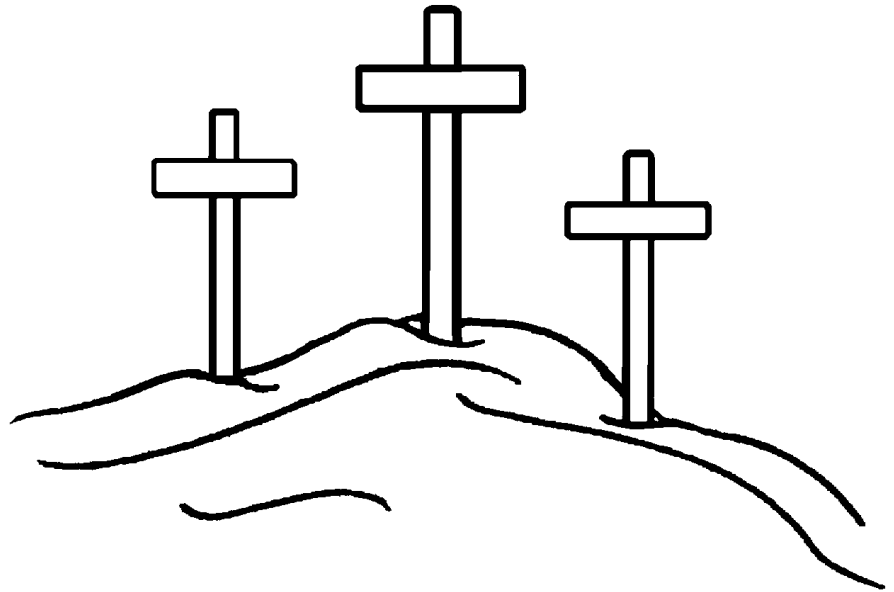
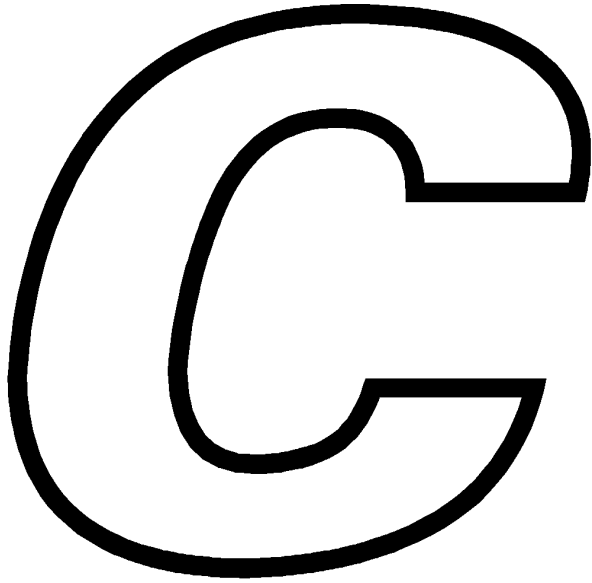


God's Lamb Dies and Lives Again



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But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever,
sat down on the right hand of God ... Hebrews 10:11-12*

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Story 28: Hebrews 10

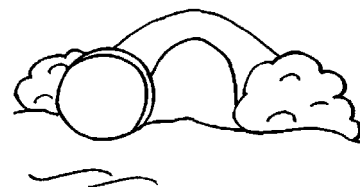
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Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, presented the final sacrifice with His **own** blood. In Luke 23:46 Jesus said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." This Lamb of God laid down His own life. Jesus made His sacrifice **once**. That was enough. In John 19:30 Jesus said, "It is finished!"

When Jesus finished the work on the cross, the **veil** of the temple was torn in two by God. Jesus had fulfilled the Law and the Prophets as He said He would do in Matthew 5:17. No longer would God need to look at the Law through the blood of lambs each year on the Day of Atonement.

God did not want sacrifices because He had no pleasure in those things. Neither the sacrifices nor the priests were sinless. But Jesus was sinless, and His sacrifice was enough. The law of the Old Testament could not make any person free from sin. It could only point out that there was **sin**. However, Christ can free us from sin.

Jesus did not remain in the grave. He rose again victorious over sin and death. Never before had a lamb risen again. Jesus became the final covering for sin. And Jesus Christ can be our covering if we allow Him to do so. After Jesus went back to heaven, He sat down at the right hand of God. There was no place for the priests to sit down because they had to keep making sacrifices. Their job was never finished.



There is forgiveness and no more offering for sin. We can draw near to God and have our hearts sprinkled **clean** from an evil conscience. We can accept His **free** gift for cleansing from sin. And we should encourage one another to do good deeds and meet together regularly. There are no other sacrifices, but there will be punishment for those who reject Christ. The LORD will **judge** His people.

It will only be a little while before Christ returns. Acts 1:11 says that Jesus will come back the same way that they had watched Him go into heaven. John 14:2-3 says that Jesus has gone to prepare a **place** for us. He will return to take His own to be with Him. We can be ready.

QUESTIONS:	How many sacrifices did the priests make? How many sacrifices did Christ make? Why was the tomb empty? What is a free gift?
PRAYER:	Father, thank you for making a way for our sins to be forgiven through Jesus.

ACTIVITY PAGE

Lesson 28

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PASSAGE:	Hebrews 10
VERSE:	Hebrews 10:11-12 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God ...
SONGS:	"He Lives," "Jesus Is Coming Again," "Christ the LORD Is Risen Today"
ACTIVITIES:	<p>Filled Eggs: Put one small object in an egg to represent a point in the story. Keep the last one empty for the empty tomb. As a child opens the egg, tell them some of the story of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Coordinate the objects to make a complete story. SAY: We are going to learn about what Jesus did for all of us when He died and lived again.</p> <p>Empty Tomb: Make a tomb with a sheet over a table or some chairs, etc. SAY: Joseph and Nicodemus carefully wrapped Jesus' body and placed it in a new tomb. But the tomb was empty the third day. Jesus had risen.</p> <p>Obstacle Course: Prepare an obstacle course leading to the empty tomb. Let the children look inside and see that it is empty SAY: Jesus was crucified and buried, but He rose again. He lives in heaven now.</p> <p>Salvation: Consider a different verse which points out the truths about why Jesus died each day this week. See "Salvation for Children" in the <i>Tips and Tools</i> book for verses to use. Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sins and my sins, etc. Do not expect many verbal responses, but do give them the truth clearly.</p> <p>Heaven: Contrast heaven and earth. Use objects representing each as a memory game. Place a few objects on a tray to observe for a few moments. Remove one object from the tray while eyes are closed. Then have individuals guess which item is missing. Repeat as interest and time allow. SAY: On earth we have sin, sickness and death. In heaven there will be no sin, sickness or death.</p> <p>Rhythm Instruments: Sing praise to a risen Savior. See the <i>Tips and Tools</i> book for help. SAY: We can rejoice because we have a risen Savior.</p>