

Traveling the Path of Jesus

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Purpose: This activity is designed to inform or remind participants of some of the powerful events of the last week of Christ's life and the resurrection.

Objective: Participants will be able to name at least one event, and for older children, also explain the meaning or identify a feeling or thought related to that event.

Target Audience: This activity can be used during Lent with children in Sunday school or at a Holy Week gathering; it can also be used at home with families as part of their Lenten preparation or as a follow up to the children's Sunday school or Holy Week gathering.

Directions: Beginning at the top of the page (Triumphal Entry), follow the blue (gray) part of the maze until you reach the end at the bottom of the page (I want to follow Jesus). Each time you pass a picture read the scripture that explains the picture (page 2 & 3). The pictures on the explanation sheet are in the order they occurred. Encourage children to try to follow a path that takes them to the pictures in the order of the events as they occurred during Holy Week. Each child's path may be different. Adult leaders may want to talk more with the children about the meaning of each event and encourage them to identify the meaning and express their thoughts and feelings.

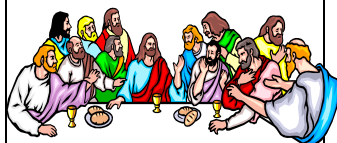
**Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!**

Travel the path of Jesus to become his follower.
Then read what the Bible says about each event pictured.

❖ **Triumphal Entry**



❖ I want to follow Jesus!



Matthew 26:20-23, 25 The Passover with the Disciples
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Matthew 26:36-40 Jesus Prays in Gethsemane
Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he became sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me. Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed. "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not what I want, but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"



Matthew 27:31-37 Jesus is Crucified

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Matthew 28:1-2, 5-7 The Resurrection of Jesus

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But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, and he said. Come see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him."



John 20:24-28 Thomas sees Jesus

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A week later his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"



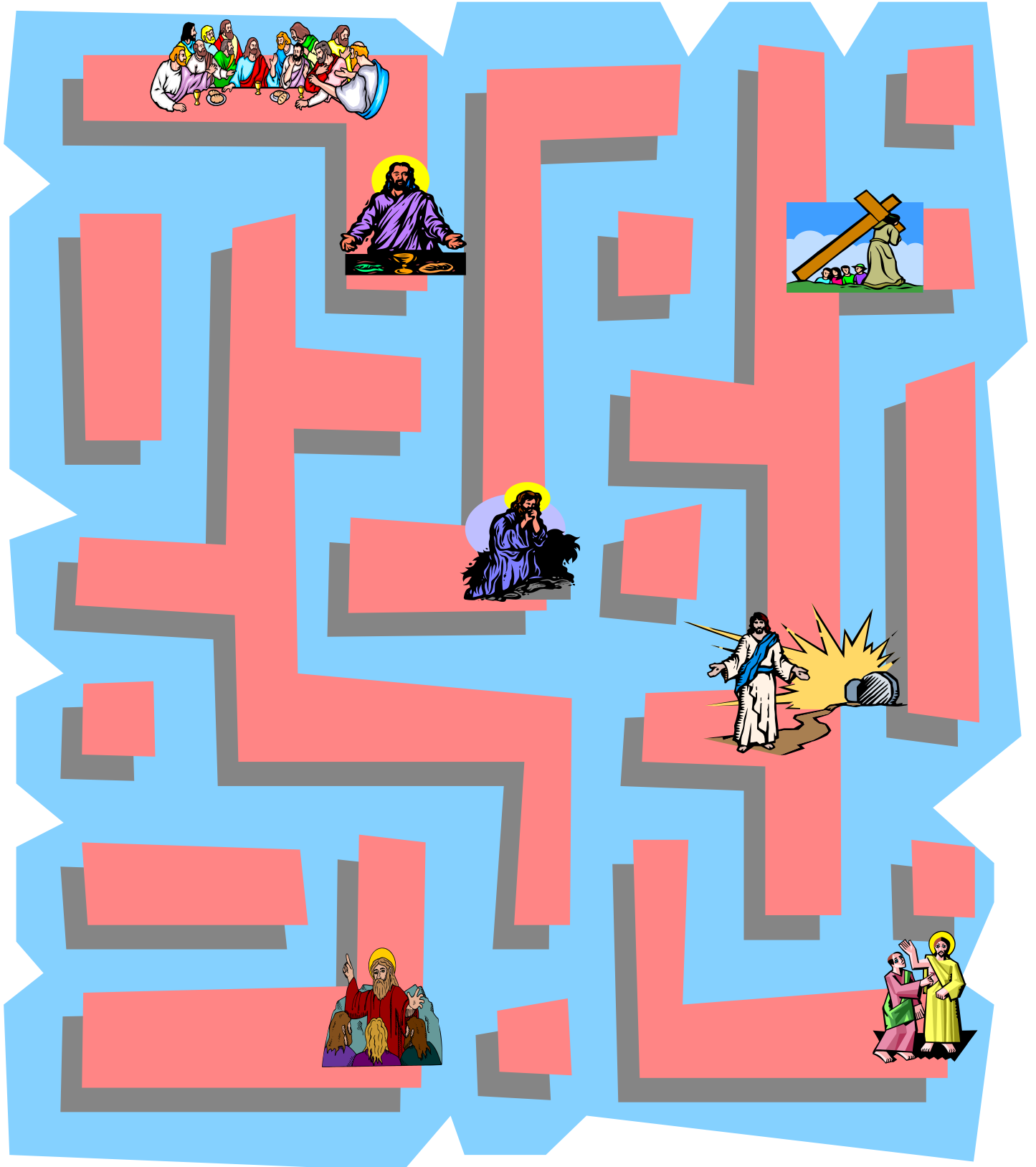
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Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

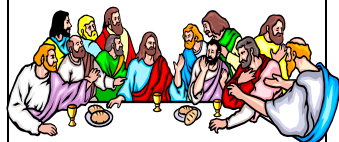
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