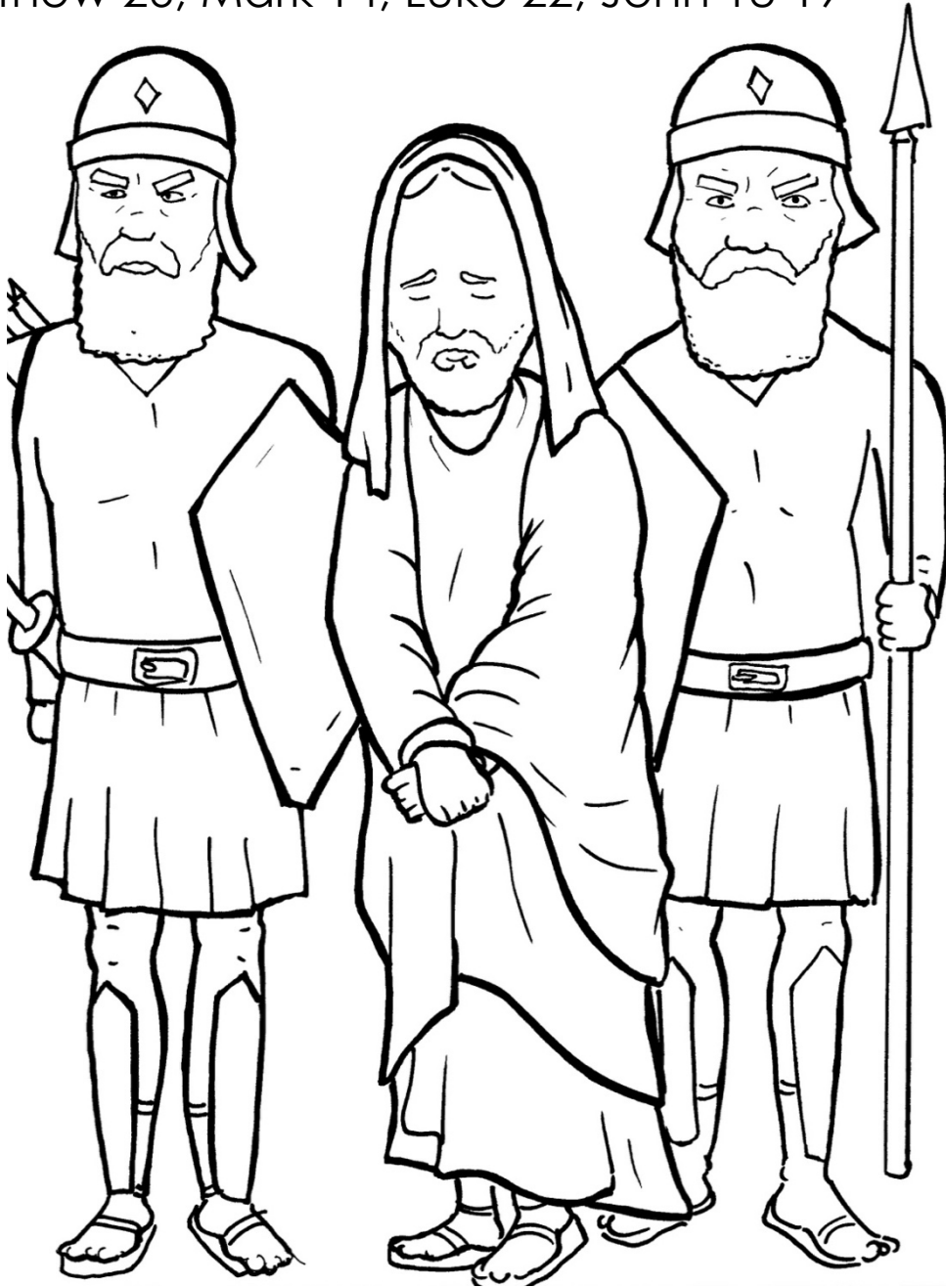


Bible Lesson

37. Jesus is Arrested

Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 18-19



“Here is your king,” Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, “Crucify him!”

John 19:14-15

Jesus is Arrested

The Jewish leaders hated Jesus. "The whole world has gone after him!" they said. "He must die." They paid Judas to tell where Jesus was. This disciple told them and betrayed Jesus.

Soldiers came to get Jesus. They held torches, swords, and clubs. Peter cut off a soldier's ear. "Put away your sword," Jesus said. He healed the man's ear.

They arrested Jesus. But Jesus had not done one bad thing. He never sinned. The disciples ran away in fear.

The men brought Jesus to the high priest. "Tell us who you are," the priest yelled. At first, Jesus said nothing.

Then Jesus said, "I am the Messiah, the Son of God. You will see me return with the angels."

The Jewish leaders spit on him. They hit him. Soldiers pushed a crown of sharp thorns onto his head. They put a robe on him. They made fun of him. They dragged him before the governor. Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "Yes."

Pilate asked the crowd, "What should I do with Jesus?"

"Crucify him," they shouted. And so, Jesus decided to die on the cross. He knew his death would save us.

Questions

1. What did the Jews and Pilate decide to do with Jesus?
2. What did the crowd decide to do with Jesus?
3. What did the disciples decide to do with Jesus?
4. Everyone must decide what to do with Jesus. What do you decide?

Pray this prayer:

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for allowing
yourself to be spit
upon, hurt, and to
die. You did it for me.
You decided to give
up your life for me. For
you, I decide to:

_____.



Who is Jesus? Write his words from the story in the word box.

Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

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Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

Before you read:

Activate Prior Knowledge

- What are some crimes people get arrested for?
- Are people who get arrested always guilty? What can an innocent person do?
- What bad thing did Jesus do that got him arrested?

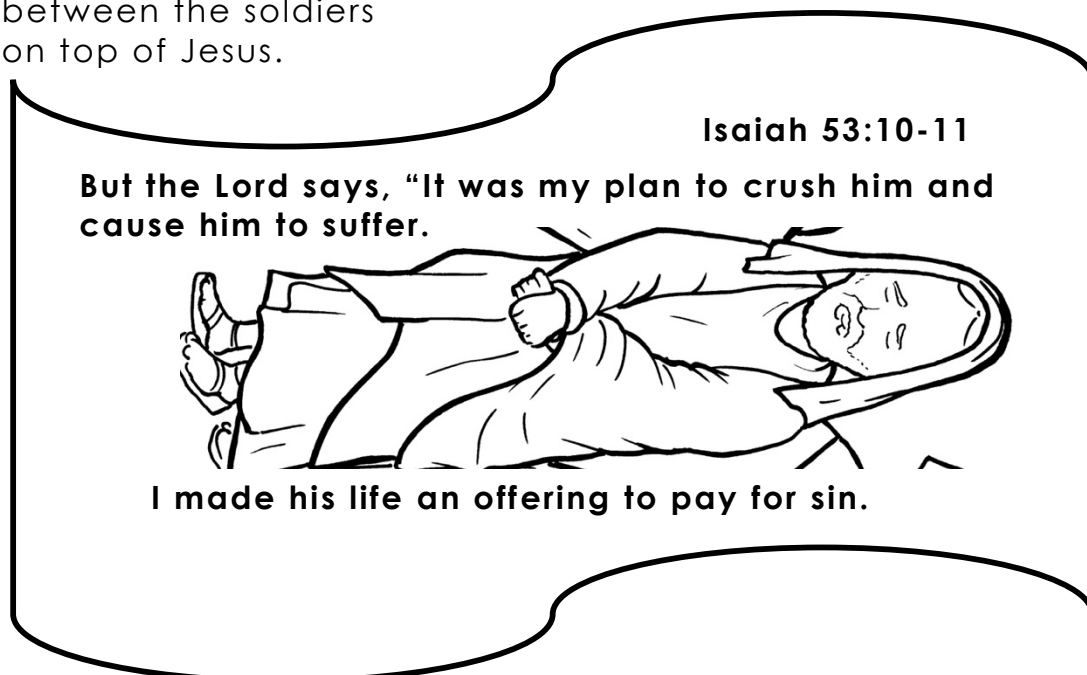
After you read:

Persecuted Christians in Prison

Jesus did nothing wrong and yet he was arrested. In some countries today, such as North Korea, you can be arrested for simply owning a Bible. You and your family can write to persecuted believers in prison to encourage them. Read the instructions carefully and pray for them. <https://www.prisoneralert.com/>

Victor not Victim

When Jesus was betrayed, arrested, and beaten, he did not look like a winner. But he was victorious because he was doing the will of his father, knowing that his death would provide forgiveness for our sins. On the coloring page, write onto the soldiers this prophetic verse from Isaiah 53:4 NIV: "But we thought God was punishing him. We thought God was wounding him and making him suffer." Photocopy the "payment bills" below. Have each student cut one out and write on the back a prayer asking for forgiveness. Place the bills between the soldiers on top of Jesus.



A Picture of the Messiah (Part 1 of 2)

More than 700 years before Jesus was born and 2,000 years before cameras were invented, the prophet Isaiah created a picture of Jesus, the Messiah. Give each student a copy of the two charts and use an easy-to-read version of the Bible, perhaps NlrV. Have the boys read a prophecy from Isaiah 52-53 on the left side of both charts. The girls will look up and read the New Testament fulfillment on the right.

Prophecy about the Messiah from Isaiah	Verses from Isaiah	Fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah in the New Testament	Verses in gospels or New Testament
1. My servant will accomplish his task.	Isaiah 52:13	Before Jesus died, his last words on the cross were: "It is finished!" Jesus came to die; and he accomplished his goal.	John 19:30
2. He will be highly honored. He will be greatly respected.	Isaiah 52: 14	God lifted Jesus up to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.	Philippians 2:9
3. Many nations will be surprised when they see what he has done.	Isaiah 52:15	Dead people rose out of their graves! The soldiers yelled, "Oh no. He truly was the Son of God!"	Matthew 27:54
4. His own people, the Jews, would not accept Jesus as the Christ.	Isaiah 53:1	Even after seeing Jesus' miracles, the Jews would not believe.	John 12:37-38
5. He appeared as a man. He didn't appear like anyone special.	Isaiah 53:2b	Jesus' own family did not recognize him as the Messiah, at first.	John 7:5
6. He will be arrested.	Isaiah 53:8	The men seized Jesus and arrested him.	Mark 14:46
7. He will be sentenced to die.	Isaiah 53:8 b NlrV	"He is worthy of death," they said.	Matthew 29:66
8. He will be pierced, crushed, punished, and wounded to heal us.	Isaiah 53:5	Jesus was struck again and again. His body pierced, he was hurt and killed.	Matthew 27:27-31 and John 18:22, 34
9. He will be hated and rejected.	Isaiah 53:3	Jesus was rejected and arrested by the Jews. He was also abandoned by his friends.	Mark 14:48-50

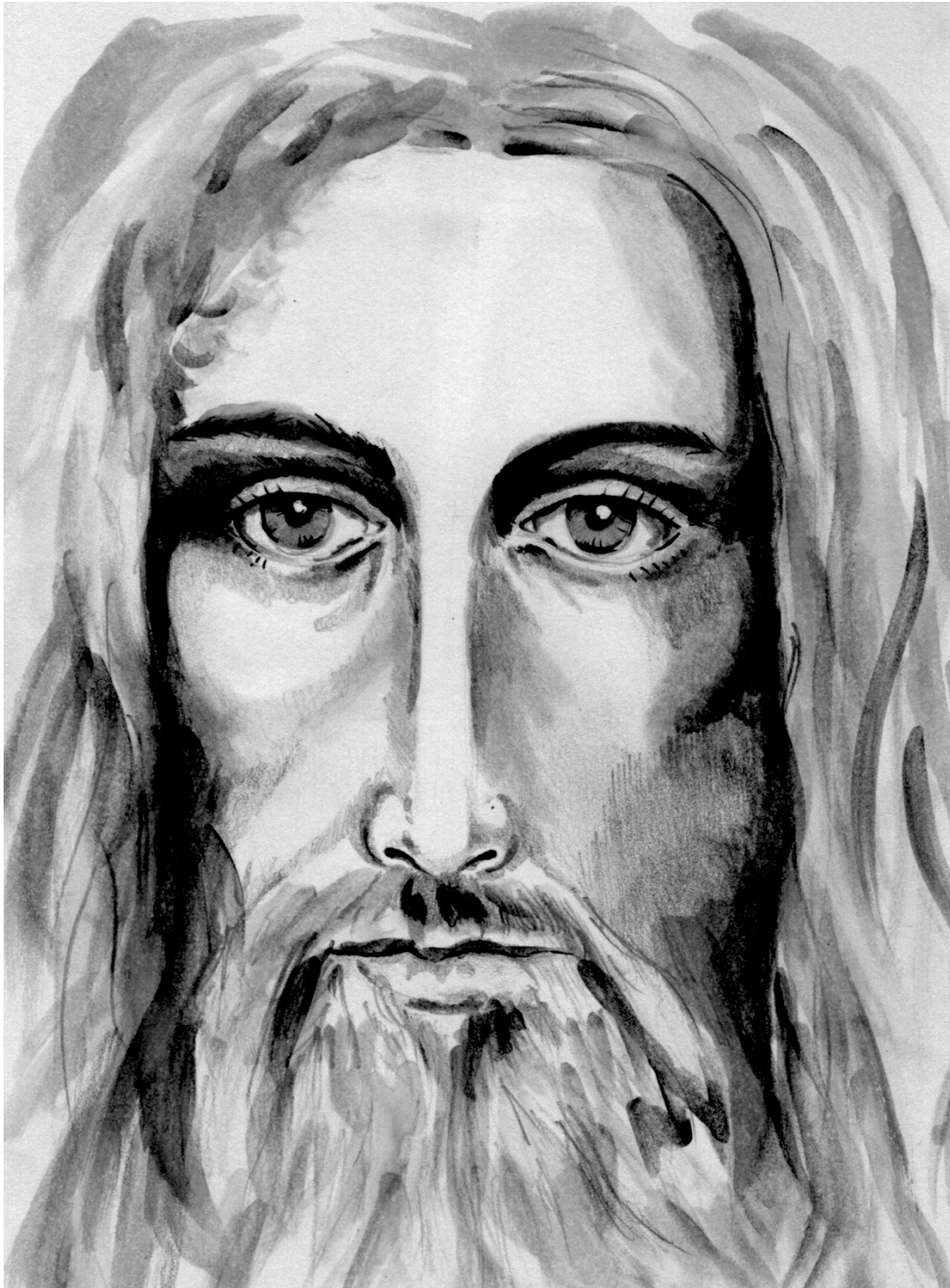
A Picture of the Messiah (Part 2 of 2)

Using both charts and the printed stories, students will match the prophecy on the left to lines in the Easy Read English stories (36, 37, 39, 40, 41). They will color code to match them. For example, in the Part 1 chart, color the line on the left red where it says, "6. He will be arrested." In this story (number 37), color the 11th sentence red that says, "They arrested Jesus." Create a rainbow of belief while students watch the Word of God come to life.

Prophecy about the Messiah from Isaiah	Verses from Isaiah	Fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah in the New Testament	Verses in gospels or New Testament
10. He suffered the things we should have suffered.	Isaiah 53:4	God made him who had no sin to be sin for us that we may be made right with God.	2 Corinthians 5:20b
11. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him.	Isaiah 53:5	He died for our sins.	Romans 4:25
12. By his wounds, we are healed.	Isaiah 53:5b	By his wounds we are healed.	1 Peter 2:24
13. He will stand silent before his accusers, like a lamb is quiet, he will not open his mouth.	Isaiah 53:7	The high priest asked, "Aren't you going to answer? Jesus remained silent.	Matthew 26:62-63 and 27:12-14
14. He was assigned a grave with the wicked.	Isaiah 53:9a	Jesus was crucified between two robbers.	Mark 15:27
15. He will be given a grave with the rich.	Isaiah 53:9b	Joseph of Arimathea was the rich man who gave Jesus his tomb to use.	Matthew 27:57-60
16. He had done no violence or lies.	Isaiah 53:9b	"This man has done nothing wrong."	Mark 14:55 Luke 23:41
17. The will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.	Isaiah 53:10b	Jesus said, "Not my will but YOURS be done." He went to the cross.	Luke 22:42
18. He will see the light of life.	Isaiah 53:10a	On the third day, Jesus rose again.	Luke 24:6-8

A Prophetic Portrait

Isaiah 53 was written hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Yet, the details describe Jesus exactly. In fact, we could say it is a perfect portrait of our Savior. Get a flat, wood 5x7 frame. Let the kids go through Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah 53. Find words that describe Jesus and his death and resurrection. Using a bright gel marker, write these phrases and verses right onto the frame, such as: "Like a lamb, he opened not his mouth; He was pierced for our sins," etc. Hold up the empty frame and ask who fits this description. Read fulfilled verses from the chart above. Print and place the portrait of Jesus into it. It will be a perfect fit!



Portrait by Ivan Mader