

# First Family Foundations

Building a foundation of Faith for Families

## Unit 5 — Jesus

### Lesson 4 — He defeated death and is preparing a place for us.

**Introduction** — How does a person defeat death? By coming back to life again.

Some of Jesus' own disciples were the first to scoff at such an unlikely notion. But then the resurrected Jesus showed himself to them and to many others. That accounts for the change we see in them; they quickly went from being frightened, defeated followers of a dead Messiah to becoming bold witnesses who were able to establish the Christian church and spread it across the Roman Empire.

Before He died, Jesus spoke of going to preparing a place for us all. Talk to your kids about heaven. Let them imagine a perfect, pain-free world. This is a very practical truth even for the very young. Anytime we have to give up an opportunity to do something fun or fulfilling in this life, it doesn't really matter. Because in heaven there'll be time for everything we ever wanted to do. And the Bible speaks of heaven as a very fun, physical place like earth, not some boring collection of clouds and harps.

### Here's the Activity:

#### Read this story to your family.

The temple leaders took Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, to be sentenced to death.

"Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked.

Jesus didn't defend himself against the charges. So Pilate sentenced Him to death on a cross. Soldiers beat Jesus with rods and whips. They placed a crown of thorns on His head. Then they nailed Him on a cross to die.

Soldiers stole His clothes. Many people cursed Jesus and shouted, "Where is God? Why doesn't He save You?"

A few people showed mercy to Jesus. Jesus called out to God, and then He died. His friends removed His body from the cross and prepared it for burial.

Jesus was placed in a rich man's tomb. A large stone blocked the entrance. Centurion soldiers stood guard outside the tomb. On the third day, an earthquake shook Jerusalem.

Two women came to visit Jesus' tomb. When they arrived the soldiers were gone, the tomb was empty and the women saw an angel.

"Don't be afraid," the angel told them. "The One you are looking for is risen, just as He said!"

The women looked in the tomb, then ran to share the wonderful news with the disciples. On their way, Jesus appeared before them and said, "Tell My brothers to go to Galilee."

The disciples rushed to Galilee as quickly as they could. Jesus came to them.

"Go and make disciples of all nations," He said. "When people ask, 'Where is Jesus?' Tell them 'He is risen.' Baptize them and teach them to obey everything I have commanded.

#### Where is Jesus?

After you read the story, open and print the ["Where is Jesus" poster \(pdf\)](#) and have your kids look on the poster for these hidden items.



priest



donkey



crown of thorns



cross



Pilate

soldier



camel



rooster



stone



empty tomb



Jesus