

## Jesus Nailed To A Cross

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*"Just look at this man,"* they whispered to one another. *"The whole world is following Him we must do something to get rid of Him!"* they said.

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Judas led the leaders and soldiers to the garden where Jesus was praying. The soldiers tied Jesus' hands with a rope and led Him off to prison, just as they would have taken a robber. But, boys and girls, what had Jesus done wrong? Nothing! In fact Jesus never did anything wrong because He never sinned. But the soldiers didn't care about that. They wanted to take away all Him power.

The soldiers laughed at Jesus and made a crown of thorns for Him head. *"If you think you're a king then*

*you must have a crown,”* they mocked. Then they pushed it onto His head, and the thorns stuck and hurt. They spat on Him and hit Him with their hands.

Finally they nailed His hands and feet to a big wooden cross and hung Him there to die.

*“There, they said. “We don’t have to think about Him anymore!”* But these men didn’t know that God WANTED Jesus to die on the cross. Even Jesus knew He had to die on the cross. Do you know why? To be punished for our sin, yours and mine, so that we can go to Heaven someday. He took the punishment so we don’t have to. He died on the cross for you and me.

When Jesus was dead some friends took His body from the cross, wrapped it in a white cloth, and laid it in a tomb. Then the soldiers rolled a giant rock over the door so no one could get inside and so Jesus couldn’t get out. They were afraid He would come to life again, so they closed up the door to the tomb and watched.

But Jesus said that He would come back to life on the third day. Do you think that He came back to life? Well, next week we will hear the rest of this amazing story! Next week it is Easter. Something very wonderful happened on Easter. Does anyone know what that wonderful thing is? Well if you don’t, we will hear all about it next week.

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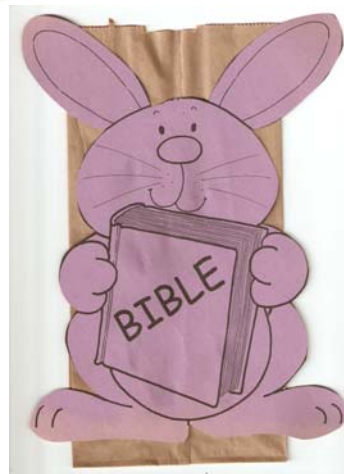
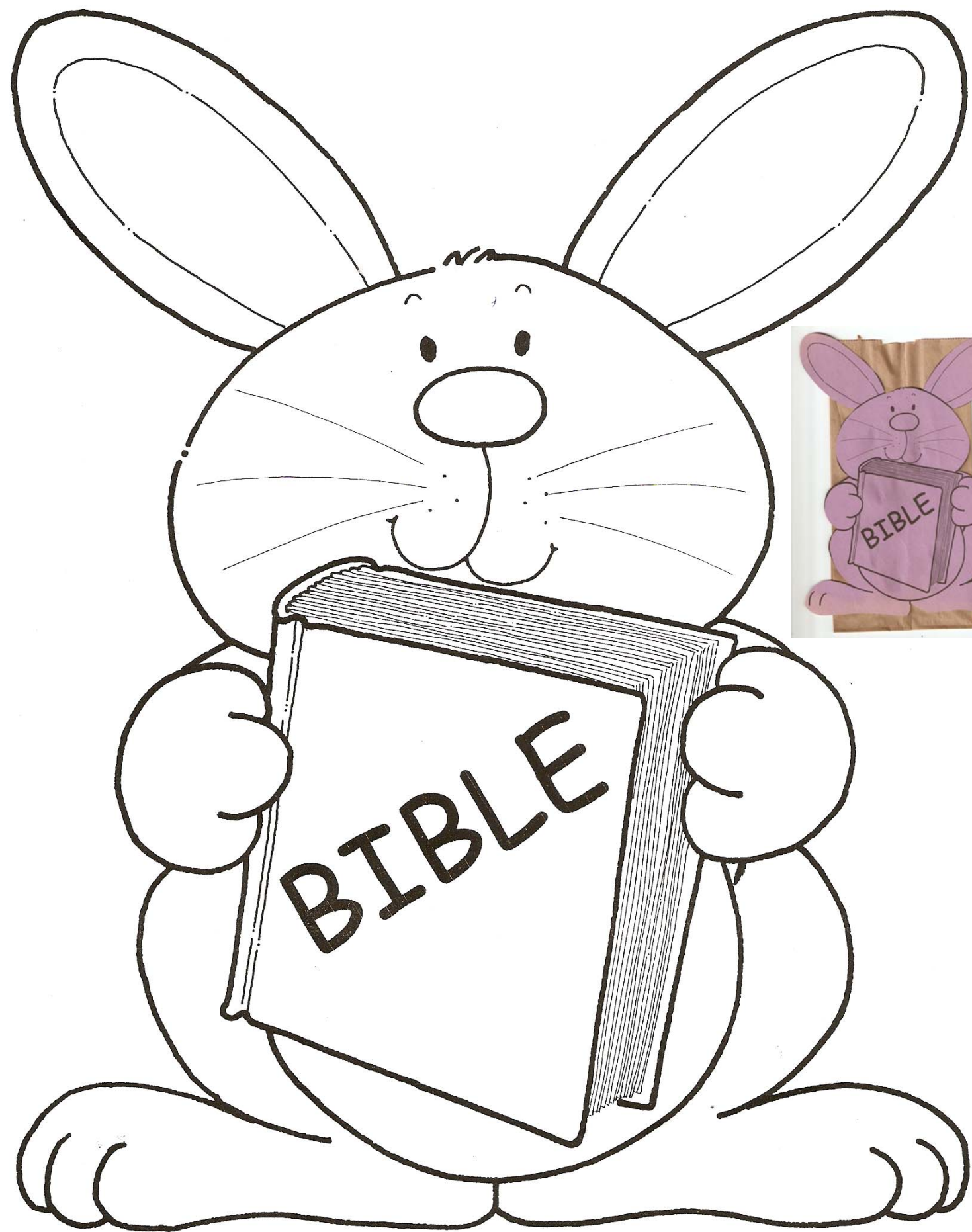
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**Yellow:**

**Who lives in Heaven?**

**Heaven is a perfect place isn't it?**

**So let's put our yellow square on our cross first  
because it represents (means) God's perfect light.**

**There are NO bad things in Heaven are there?**

**There is No sin!**

**What is Sin?**

**Black**

**When God made our world there was no sin was  
there?**

**So how did sin enter our perfect world?**

**Do you remember the story of Adam & Eve?**

**What rules did God give to Adam and Eve?**

**They were to eat from every tree except one  
weren't they?**

**Did they obey God? No**

**Did they sin? Yes**

**That's right and when Adam and Eve sinned, that  
was when sin entered our perfect world.**

**Do we sin? Yes, we are all sinners.**

**So let's put our black square on next, because that  
means SIN**

**Red**

**Now remember Heaven is a perfect place isn't it?**

**There is No sin in Heaven. So How do we get to**



**Heaven if we are all sinners? There is only one way to get to Heaven and that is through Jesus Christ. Jesus went to the cross, and was punished for our sins. He paid for our sins. Jesus gave us a special gift didn't He? When Jesus hung on the cross, He gave His own blood so that we might be saved. So let's put our red square on because that means Jesus' blood.**

### **White**

**Now how do we get to Heaven? How do we accept this wonderful gift that Jesus has given to us? All we have to do is ask Jesus to come into our hearts and be our Lord and Savior and to forgive us of our sins, and then will God forgive us? Yes! Will our sins be washed away? YES. So let's put our white square on next because white stands for our white hearts. When God washes away our sin, our hearts aren't black anymore, they are white.**

### **Green:**

**Green represents growth. When you look outside at the trees, the grass and the flowers, those things all grow and they are all green. When we accept Jesus, our faith begins to grow. We read our Bibles more, we go to church and learn about Jesus and we grow in our faith, so let's put our**



**green square on our cross to represent our growth in Christ.**

### **Blue**

**After we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we go in front of the church and we are baptized in water. We are placed under the water and brought back up again. This means that we want everyone to know of our decision to accept Jesus. When we are placed under the water, it is just like Jesus when he was placed in the tomb. He died, was buried and rose again. And when the pastor brings us back up out of the water, we are like Jesus when He rose from the tomb. We are saying goodbye to our old sinful life and hello to a new life with Jesus. So let's put our blue square on our cross next to represent our baptism.**

### **Purple**

**And finally our purple square. The Purple represents the crown of life. When we accept Jesus, our old bodies may die, but we will live again forever in Heaven. We will be with Jesus forever.**

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