The day after Jesus had been arrested by the Sanhedrin he was taken to Pilate, the governor of Jerusalem for sentencing. Pilate did not think Jesus should be killed for his crimes. He could tell the priest, and elders were just jealous of Jesus’ following. Pilate sent Jesus to another governor for sentencing because the Sanhedrin said he had been causing trouble in Galilee. Pilate was not the governor in Galilee. He would let that governor decide what to do. The governor in Galilee thought Jesus was innocent. He didn’t want to decide either. He sent Jesus back to Pilate.

Pilate Washes His Hands

When Jesus, the guards, and the Sanhedrin arrived back at Pilate’s house, Pilate told them that he couldn’t find anything that Jesus had done wrong. The members of the Sanhedrin became so angry that they threatened to go all the way to Caesar if Pilate didn’t put Jesus to death. Pilate didn’t want them to go to Caesar because then it would look like he wasn’t doing his job. Pilate offered to have Jesus beaten. He thought that might be enough to make them happy and then he wouldn’t have to kill Jesus. He took Jesus into a hallway. The guards stripped him of his clothes and put a fancy robe on him, the kind a king would wear. Then they put a crown on his head that was made of thorns. They pushed it down into his skin and Jesus began to bleed. They gave him a reed to hold and then they started to bow down to him. They were mocking him. They were not worshipping Jesus. At all. Then they took the reed and hit him over the head with hit. They started to spit on him and whip him. They beat him very against After seeing Jesus beat and broken, the members of the Sanhedrin did not change their minds. They still wanted to see him killed. Pilate’s plan had not worked. Pilate had one last idea. It was tradition that one prison would be released during the Passover. Pilate announced to the people that they could decide who would be released. He stood Jesus in front of them along with another prisoner named Barabbas, Barabbas

was guilty of stealing and murdering people. Pilate thought for sure the people would choose Jesus. Pilate was wrong. The people shouted to let Barabas go and crucify Jesus. Pilate had no choice but to do as the people said and let Barabas go.

Just then, Pilates wife came up to him and begged him not to kill Jesus. She had been having horrible dreams about what would happen if he killed Jesus. Pilate knew it was wrong. His wife knew it was wrong, but he didn’t know what else to do. Pilate stood in front of the crowd and washed his hands. He said, “I find no fault in this man. His blood will be on your hands, my hands are clean of this.” Then he gave Jesus over to the crowd for him to be crucified. The guards placed a cross on his back for him to carry to the place where he would die. Jesus was so weak from the beatings he could not even carry his cross. They grabbed a man from the crowd named Simon and made him carry it for him. Then they led Jesus to a place called Golgotha to be crucified.

Printing Practice

Pilate

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1. Who did the Sanhedrin say they would go talk to if Pilate didn’t kill Jesus?
2. What did Pilate have the guards do to Jesus thinking it would make the Sanhedrin happy?
3. What did the guards put on Jesus to wear?
4. What did the guards do to Jesus?
5. After the Sanhedrin saw Jesus had been beaten did it change their minds about wanting to kill him?
6. Pilate offered to release one prisoner, who did the crowd choose to release?
7. Who had been having bad dreams about Jesus?
8. What did Pilate do sin front of the crowd before he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

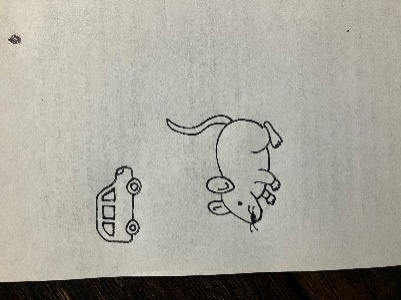
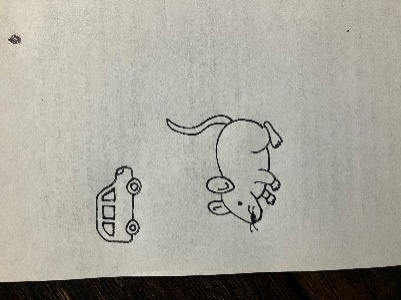


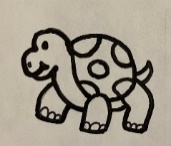
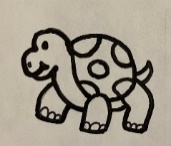
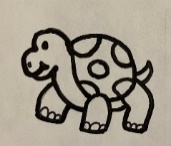
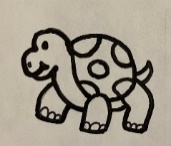
Pilate told the crowd he would release one of the prisoners. He let them decide whether he should let Jesus or Barabbas go. Count the items in each group. How many would you have if you let one go? Write that number in the box.













Memory Verse

Find it, Read It, Write It, Explain It!

**Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. John 19:16**

Cursive Practice

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“Majority Rules”

Have you ever heard anyone say that? “Majority rules

is when a group gets to vote. Whatever most of the people think

should happen will happen. This is what Pilate did. He let the

majority of the people decide what happened to Jesus. Sometimes when people vote on something the majority of people are right. Sometimes they are wrong. In this case, the majority of the people were wrong. Jesus was not guilty. He did not need to be punished because he broke the laws. But God knew the people would vote against Jesus, so their vote didn’t change God’s plans. God’s plan included their vote, so

everything happened exactly like it was supposed

to. Sometimes the majority of the people will

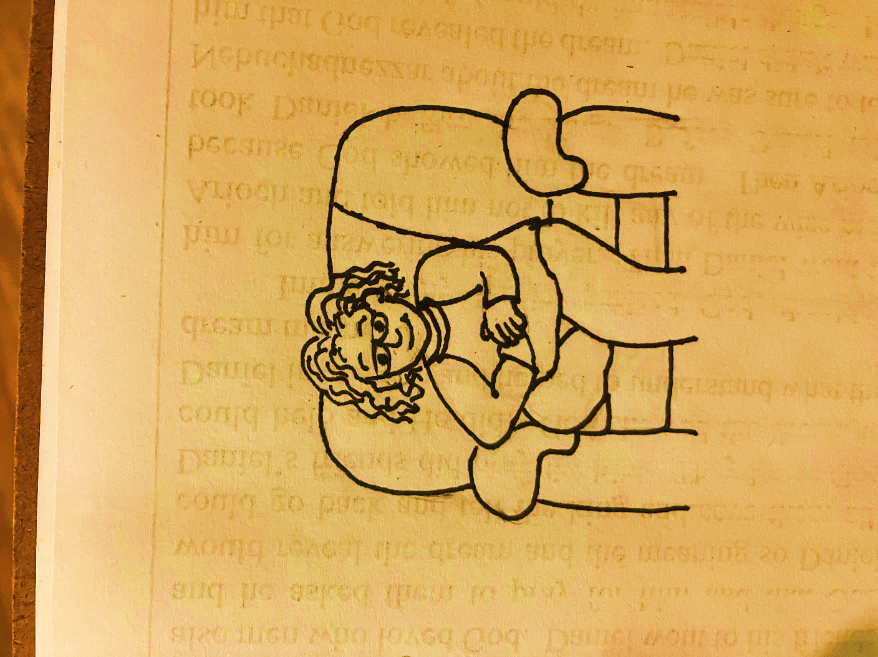
make a choice that seems like it’s the wrong

choice but we need to trust God to take care of things. Not

even “majority rules” can mess

up God’s plans.

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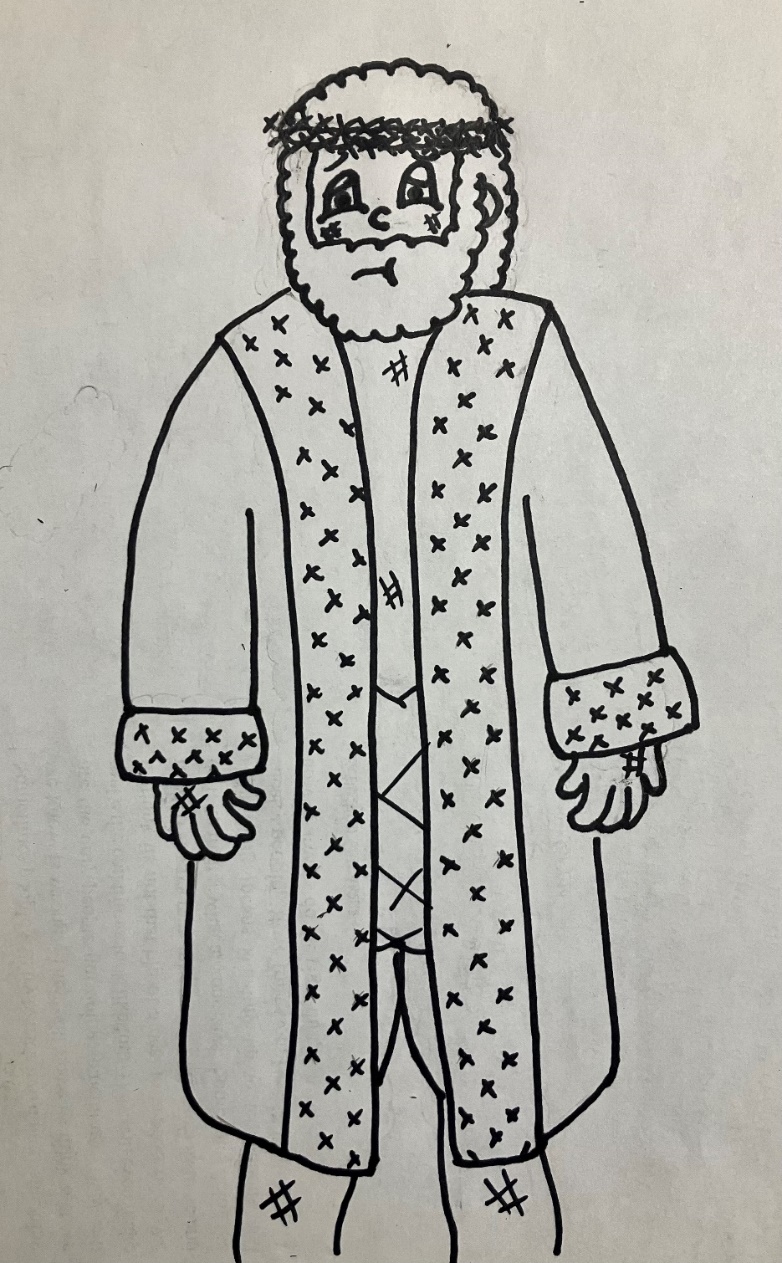
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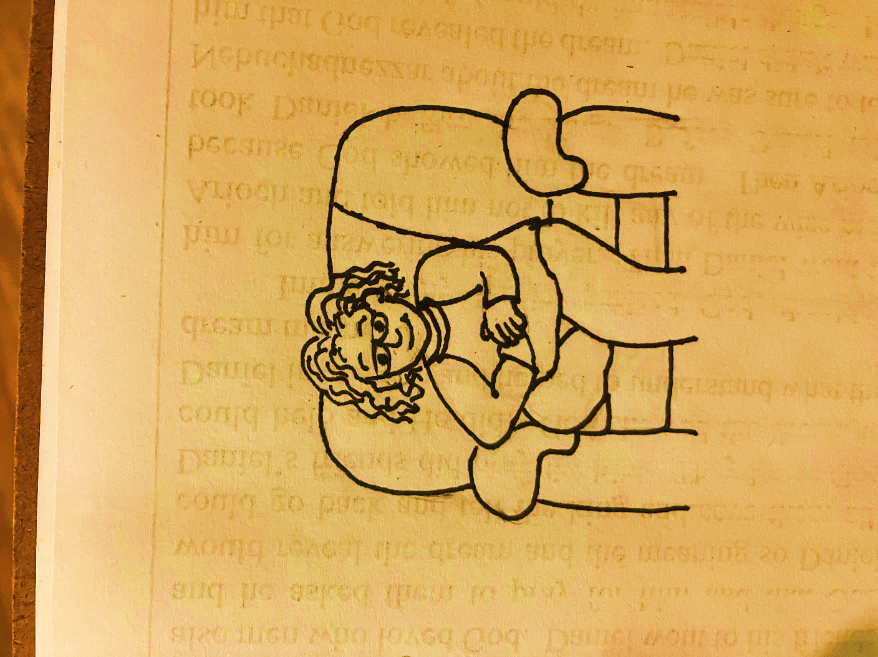
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Dear God,

Thank you for this lesson

even though it was a had one to think about. The

things that happened to him in this story were scary and

mean and sometimes that’s hard to think about. Please help

us to realize that going through those bad, scary things was part

of your plan. Sometimes your plan includes things that we think are bad and scary, but you know they are important. Please help us to trust you and your plan for our lives. Please help us to be brave and strong while we are trusting you just like Jesus. Thank you so much for Jesus. Thank you for sending him to do the job you had for him to do. Please help us to always remember to keep reading and learning about Jesus and your plan. Help us to understand that his great suffering was because of his great love for us. Please help us to feel

that great love as we keep learning the rest of your plan for

Jesus. Please help us to feel your great love as we keep

learning the rest of your plans for our lives,

especially in the hard, scary times.

In Jesus’ Name,

Amen