

Easter: Jesus knew He would die

Warm – up:

Prediction game:

Watch this video about Ormie the pig trying to get a jar of cookies down from the top of a fridge and pause the video at 2:38. Can you predict whether Ormie will get the cookies on this attempt or not? Press play to see what happens after your prediction!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUm-vAOmV1o>

I predict Ormie the pig...

- ✓ Will get the cookies
- ✗ Won't get the cookies



In today's bible readings we are going to hear how Jesus predicted his own death!

In the book of Mark, Jesus predicts his death 3 times.

Mark 8: 31-33: Jesus Says He Must Die

³¹ Then Jesus began to teach his followers that the Son of Man must suffer many things. He taught that the Son of Man would not be accepted by the older Jewish leaders, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law. He said that the Son of Man must be killed and then rise from death after three days. ³² Jesus told them everything that would happen. He did not keep anything secret.

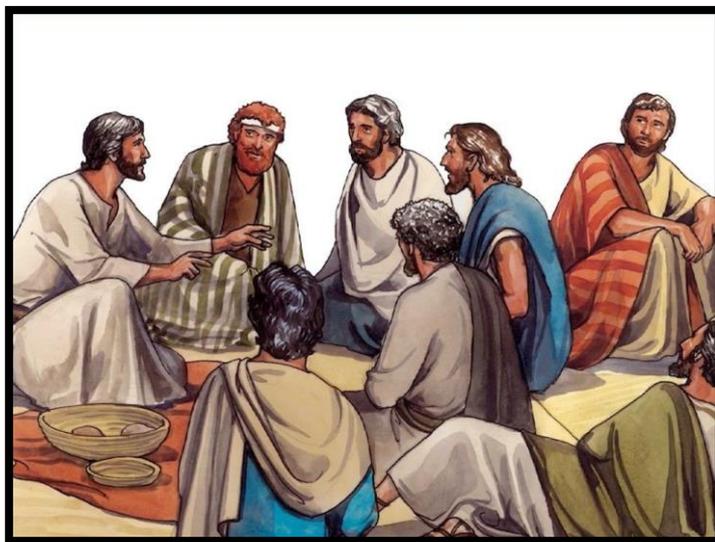
Peter took Jesus away from the other followers to talk to him alone. Peter criticized him for saying these things. ³³ But Jesus turned and looked at his followers. Then he criticized Peter. He said to Peter, "Get away from me, Satan! You don't care about the same things God does. You care only about things that people think are important."

Mark 9: 30-32: Jesus Talks About His Death

³⁰ Then Jesus and his followers left there and went through Galilee. Jesus did not want the people to know where they were. ³¹ He wanted to teach his followers alone. He said to them, "The Son of Man will be handed over to the control of other men, who will kill him. After three days, he will rise from death." ³² But the followers did not understand what he meant, and they were afraid to ask him.

Mark 10: 32-34: Jesus Talks Again About His Death

³² Jesus and those with him were on their way to Jerusalem. He was at the front of the group. His followers were wondering what was happening, and the people who followed behind them were feeling afraid. Jesus gathered the twelve apostles again and talked with them alone. He told them what would happen in Jerusalem. ³³ He said, "We are going to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the leading priests and teachers of the law. They will say that he must die and will hand him over to the foreigners, ³⁴ who will laugh at him and spit on him. They will beat him with whips and kill him. But on the third day after his death, he will rise to life again."



Think about it...

Why did Jesus call Peter 'Satan'?

Besides his death, what else does Jesus predict?

Why did God plan to have Jesus suffer and die?

What would you say about Jesus, that he knows he'll die in Jerusalem but plans to go anyway?

Pray

Either complete these sentences yourself, or with your family you can complete this by playing the 'consequences' game. First everyone writes the first line down and completes the sentence in their own words. Next, fold the piece of paper over to cover what you have written and pass it on to the next person. Keep going until you have written something for every sentence. When you have finished open the piece of paper and take it turns to read the prayers aloud.

Lord God, thank you for...

Your creation is...

We praise You because...

And so I will...

Sorry for...

Please...

Amen

Activities:

Cross craft:

Draw a large cross on a piece of paper and use different coloured crayons to colour it in. Go over the top of your colouring with a black crayon, pressing down hard to create a thick wax layer. Then, get a cocktail stick or something similar, like the end of a pencil, a needle or safety pin and scratch pictures or words into the cross to scrape away the black and reveal the colour beneath. You could write "Jesus knew He would die for me"

If you don't have crayons but you have a white candle and paint you could do this by using the bottom of a white candle to draw your pictures/ words first and then paint over the top.

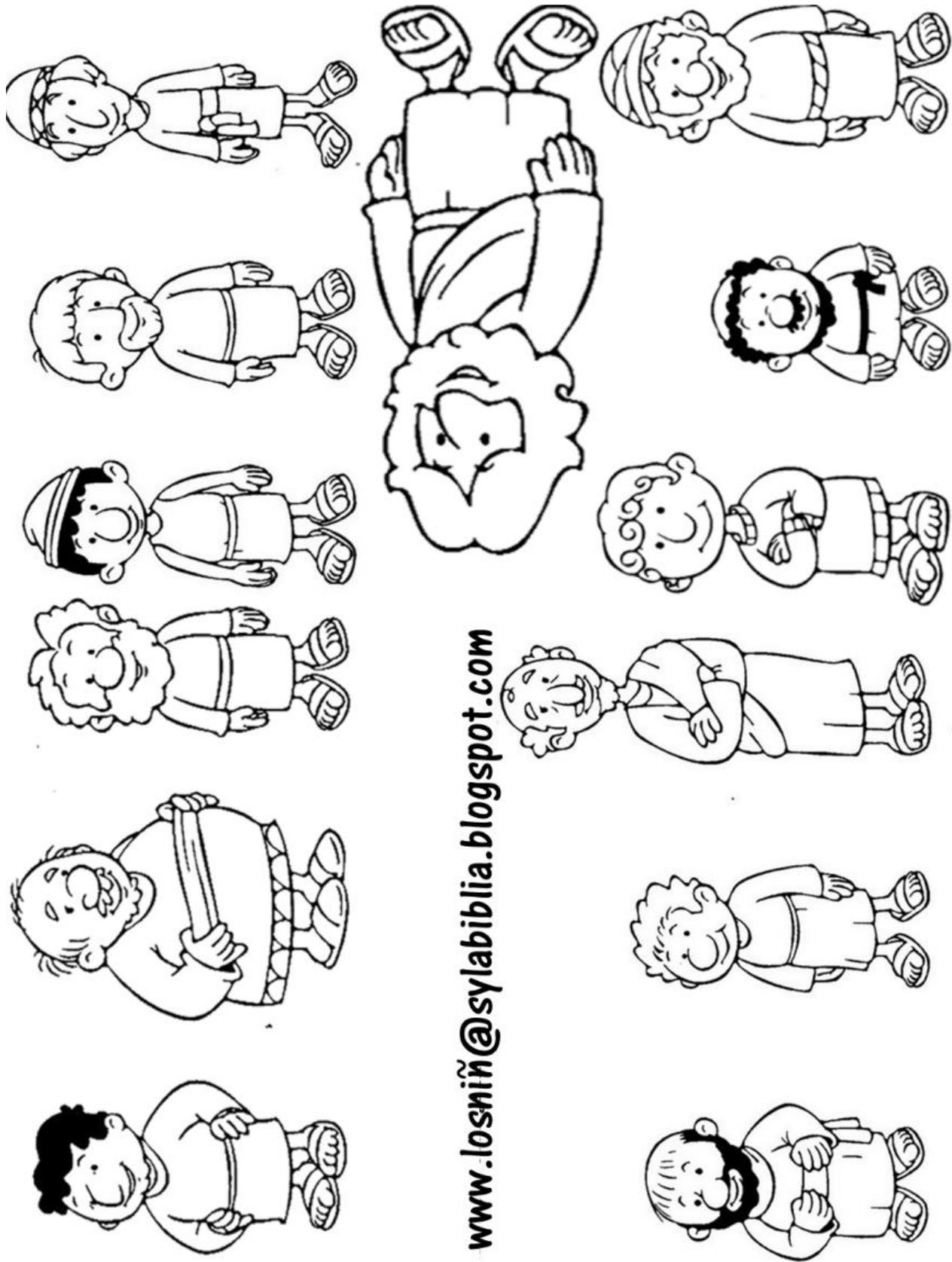


Disciples picture:

Draw Jesus and his disciples and write down the predictions Jesus made in the book of Mark around the edge.

If you have 2 small egg boxes, or one large 12 egg box, you could colour in the 12 disciples and stick them into each egg hole. Stick Jesus on the inside of the lid and write/stick down the predictions he made. You could draw them yourself or print the template on the following page.





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Jelly Bean Poem (Jelly Bean Prayer)

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If you get some jelly beans this week you could match them with the colours in this poem to remind us of Jesus' love!

Red is for the blood He gave.

Green is for the grass He made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright.

Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins we made.

White is for the grace He gave.

Purple is for His hour of sorrow.

Pink is for our new tomorrow.

An egg full of jelly beans, colourful and Sweet

Is a prayer, a promise, A loved one's treat!!

Charlene Dickensen, 1997