

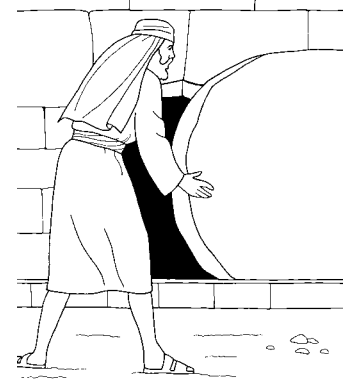
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☆Let's Talk

SAY Joseph of Arimathea had become a follower of Jesus. At first, he had been afraid to let people know. But after Jesus died on the cross, he acted boldly. He went to Pilate, the Roman leader, and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate ordered that it be given to him.

ASK *What did Joseph do with Jesus' body?*

SAY Joseph carried the body of Jesus away and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. Then he placed it in his own new tomb. Joseph rolled a big stone in front of the entrance.

SAY But neither the tomb nor the stone could hold the Lord Jesus. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead, and his followers saw their Savior with their very own eyes. We can praise God that Jesus our Savior is alive!

☆Let's Construct and Plan

- 1 Cut **butcher paper** to the approximate height of the children, one sheet per child. Have a helper assist you in tracing around each child as he lies on the floor. Help cut out body outlines. Each child can personalize his outline by adding hair, facial features, and clothing.
- 2 As children work on their "body-portraits," mention that Joseph of Arimathea loved and served the Lord. Let children mention ways they can love and serve the Lord at home, at school, at church, and where they live.

☆Let's Sing

Sing "Be Strong." The words of the song fit well with the Bible story of Joseph of Arimathea and will encourage the children to ask Jesus to help them tell others about him.



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