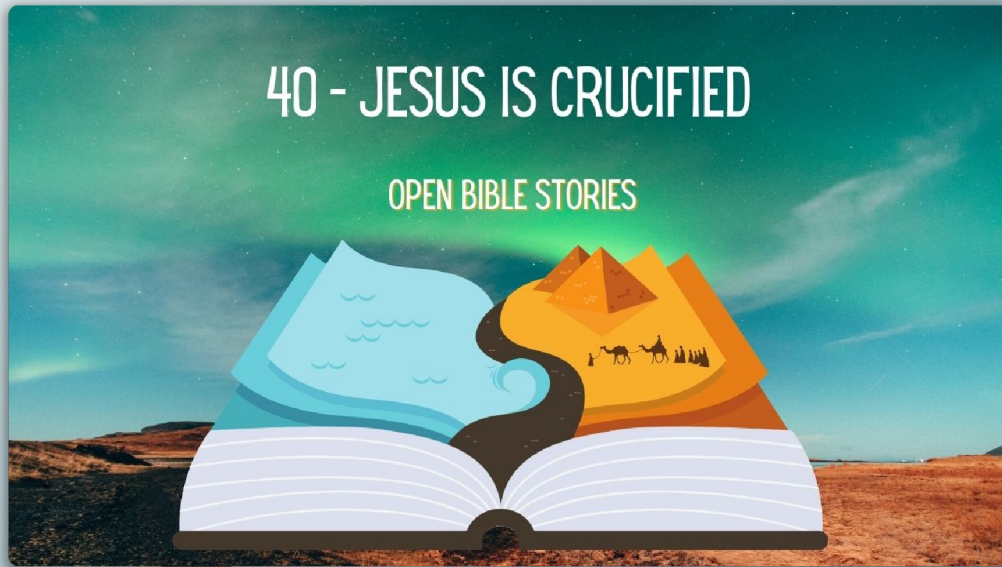


# STUDY AIDS



## Story 40 Jesus Is Crucified

A Bible Story from the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John



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# A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

## The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about who God is and about what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

## How to Use The Stories

- **Choose a story to read.** The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story
- **Read the story.** In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- **Look at the images.** Use the images to help you understand what happened in the time of the story. Try to identify the people in the images.
- **Refer to the Notes.** Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else that you do not understand in the story.
- **Discuss the Questions.** Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions help you see what the story says. The next set of questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer, or different from it.
- **Read the Summary.** Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. If you are in a group, ask the group what they have learned from the story.

## The Parts of The Stories

- The text of the stories
- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

# Study Notes

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## Slide 1

After the soldiers mocked Jesus, they led him away **to crucify him**. They made him carry the cross on which he would die.

**to crucify him** - The soldiers crucified criminals by nailing them to a large cross and keeping them there until they died.



## Slide 2

The soldiers brought Jesus to a place called '**the Skull**' and nailed his hands and feet to the cross. But Jesus said, "Father, **forgive them because they do not know what they are doing**." They also put **a sign on the cross above his head**. It said, "King of the Jews." This is what Pilate had told them to write.

**the Skull** - This is a small escarpment near Jerusalem with a rocky, white face that looks somewhat like a skull.

**forgive them because they do not know what they are doing** - Jesus knew that the soldiers thought Jesus was only a criminal who deserved to die. They did not understand that he was the Son of God.

**a sign on the cross above his head** - The Romans often put a sign on a cross to state the crime that the person had committed.

