

#### JESUS IS MY LIFELINE

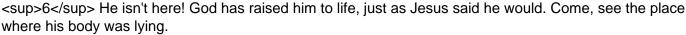
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### **Bible Readings**

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Matthew 27:31-65

## **Memory Verse**



Matthew 28:6



# CASEY'S DAY

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Cole clung to the rocks in the middle of the river. The current was fast, faster than he expected and now he was stuck. His friends yelled something from the shore, but Cole couldn't hear them over the rushing water around him.

He looked around for some way to get to shore, but there was no way he could save himself. He looked to his friends on the shore and saw them pointing to the sky. A helicopter was racing towards him. It stopped and hovered overhead. Cole looked up and watched as someone was lowered beside him.

"Hi, I'm Kaylee," she said as she fastened the safety harness. "Don't worry, we're going to get you out of here." She double-checked the straps then signaled to the helicopter. Cole hung on tight as he and Kaylee were slowly pulled back up to the warmth and safety of the helicopter.

We all need to be rescued sometimes. Most often it's a small rescue like if you get sick and need someone to pick you up from school. Sometimes it's more extreme, and we—like Cole—need to be saved by a Search and Rescue Team. But there is someone who we all need to be saved by: Jesus.

Jesus knew that saving us meant he had to die on the cross. But he did it. He loved you so much that he even *gave his own life* in order to save you.

Have you let Jesus save you yet or are you still clinging to some rocks? And if you have accepted him as your Savior, have you ever thanked him for dying on the cross to save you?

## **Prayer**

Dear Jesus, thank you so much for choosing to save my life even though it cost you yours. Help me to remember what my salvation cost you and to live in a way that honors you. Amen.

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