A Reading from the Gospel of John 12:20–33:
The Coming of Jesus’ Hour

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will
glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

1. Jesus said to His disciples, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” What do you think Jesus is speaking of?

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2. When a grain of wheat is planted in the ground, it is the seed of a new wheat plant. In a way, the grain of wheat stops being a grain of wheat and becomes a new thing: a new wheat plant. How are we like the grain of wheat?

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3. What does Jesus say He will do when He is “lifted up”?

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Follow Jesus

Directions: Read about following Jesus. Then, solve the puzzle and answer the question.

Jesus said, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9:23).

Our cross is not like Jesus’. It is not big and wooden. It is not something we carry on our shoulders. Our crosses are the hard things we have to face in our lives. Some people might be very sick. Some people might be lonely and need friends. Other people are poor or homeless. Some people have a hard time in school. Everyone’s cross is different.

Jesus asks each of us to carry our own cross – the hard things we face in life. When we follow Jesus, we accept the hard things in our lives and walk in Jesus’ footsteps. He knows what it is like to be you and me. And He knows that following Him is hard to do. Jesus only asks us to do things that He already knows we can do. Even though following Him is hard, Jesus loves us. And He helps us carry our crosses every day.
1. Jesus asks me to carry my

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2. Jesus knows what it is like to be

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3. When we follow Jesus, we walk in His

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I will follow Jesus today by....

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