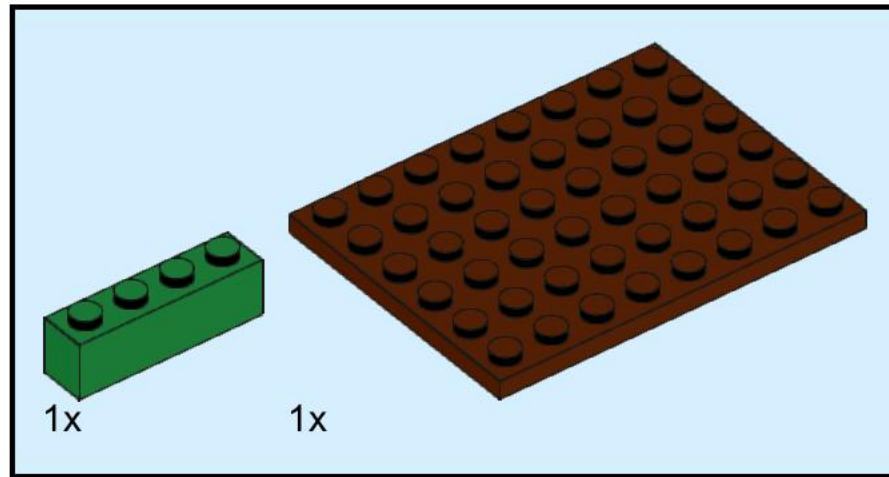


Crucifixion (Jesus on the Cross)

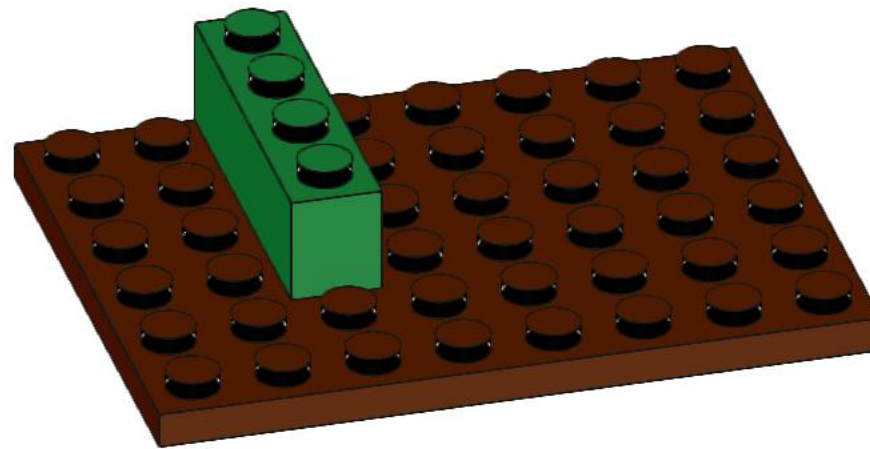


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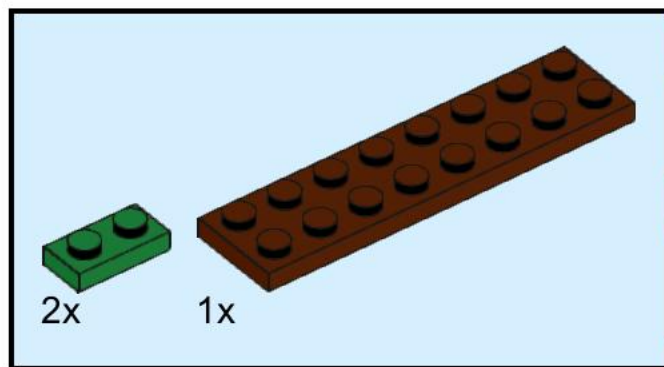
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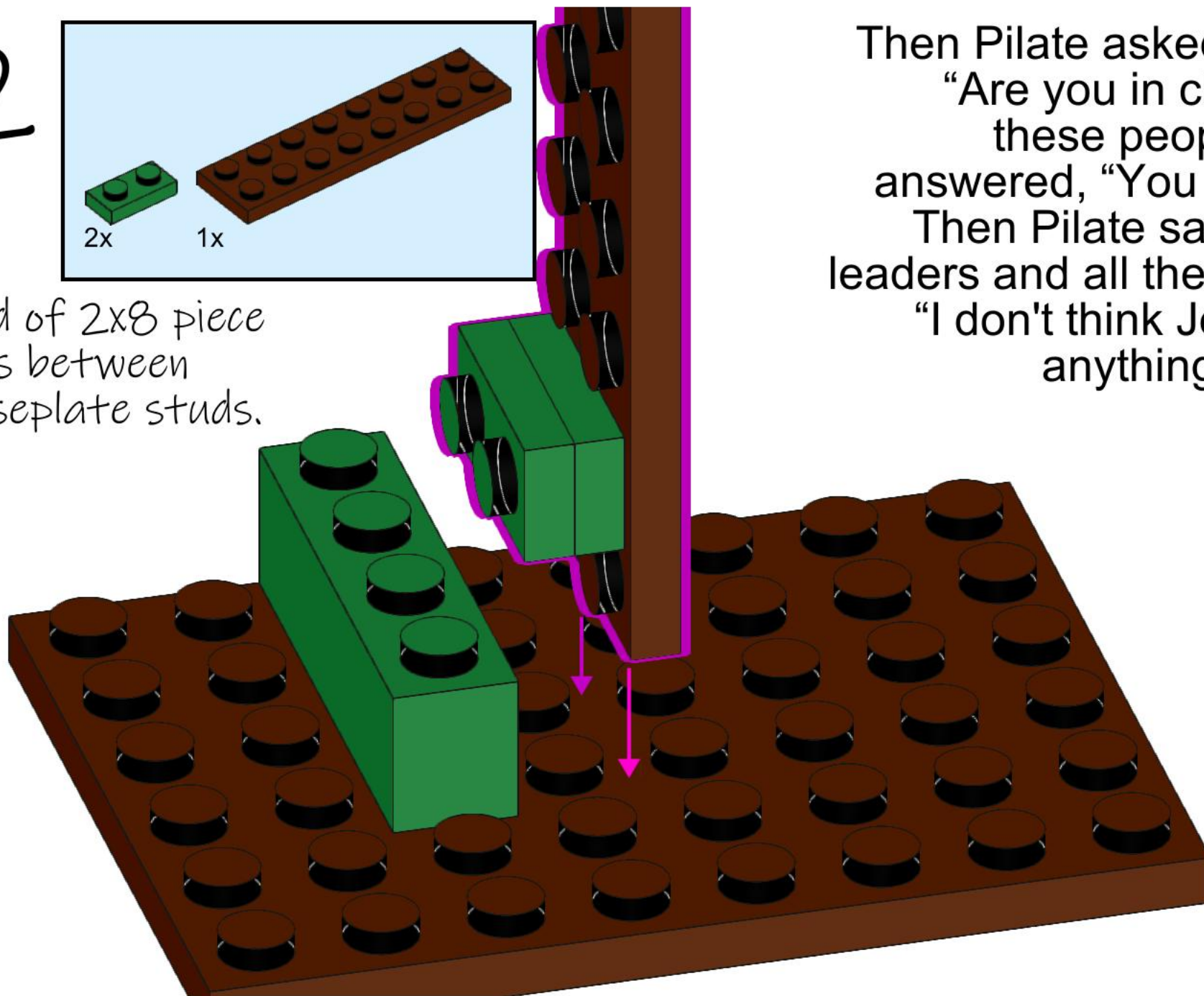
Then everybody got together and took Jesus to Pilate. They started blaming Jesus, saying, "We caught Jesus causing trouble, telling us to ignore your rules and saying that he himself is the Messiah, the one in charge."



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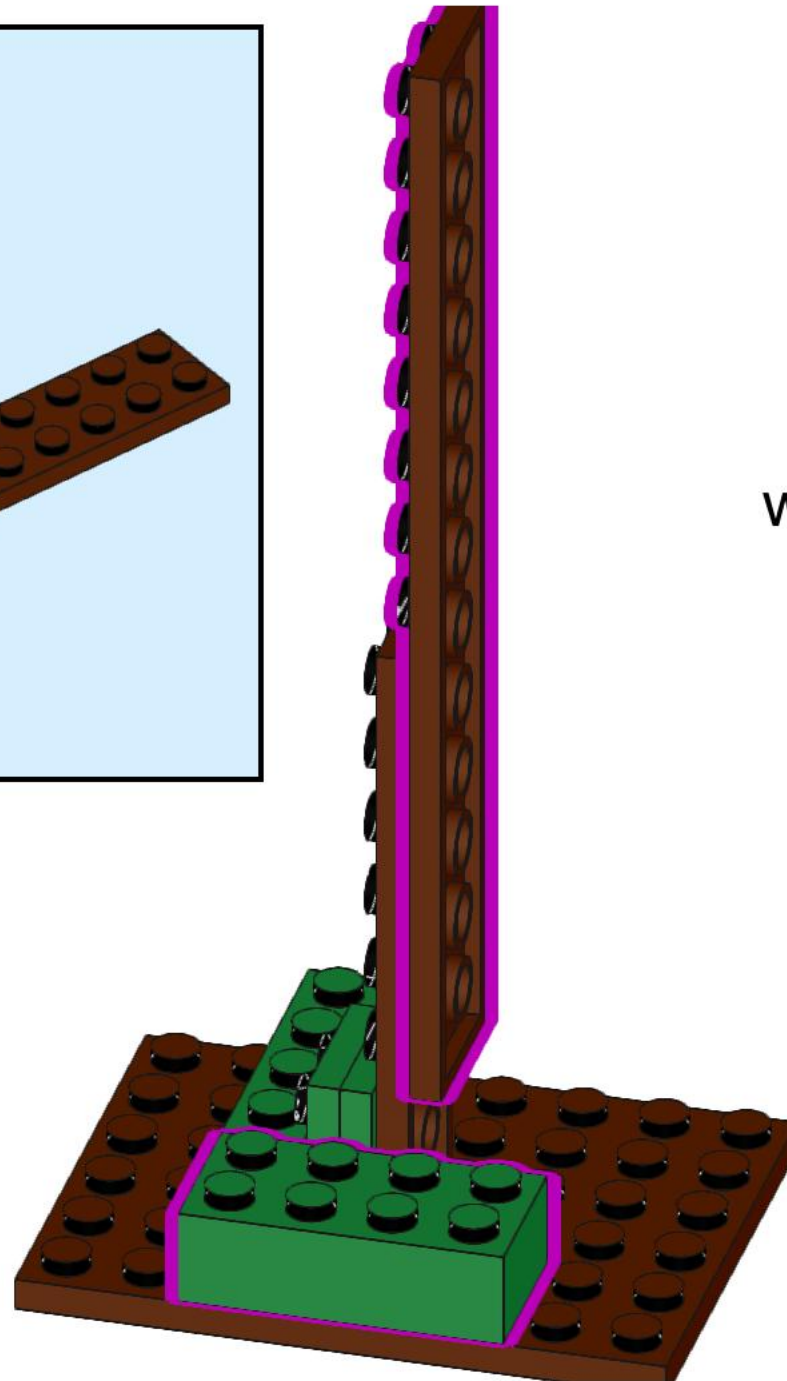
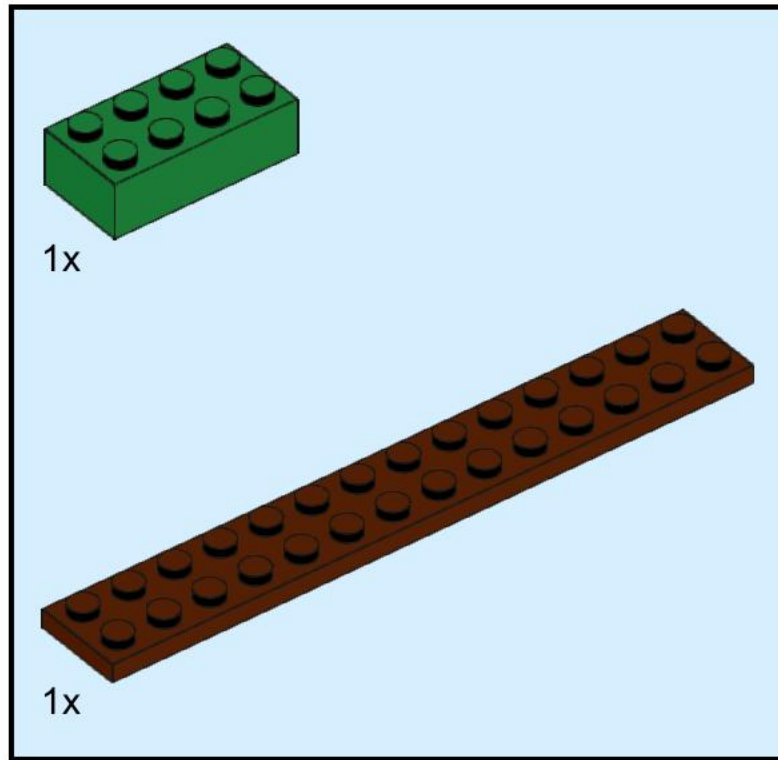
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Then Pilate asked Jesus,
“Are you in charge of
these people?” He
answered, “You say so.”

Then Pilate said to the
leaders and all the people,
“I don't think Jesus did
anything wrong”

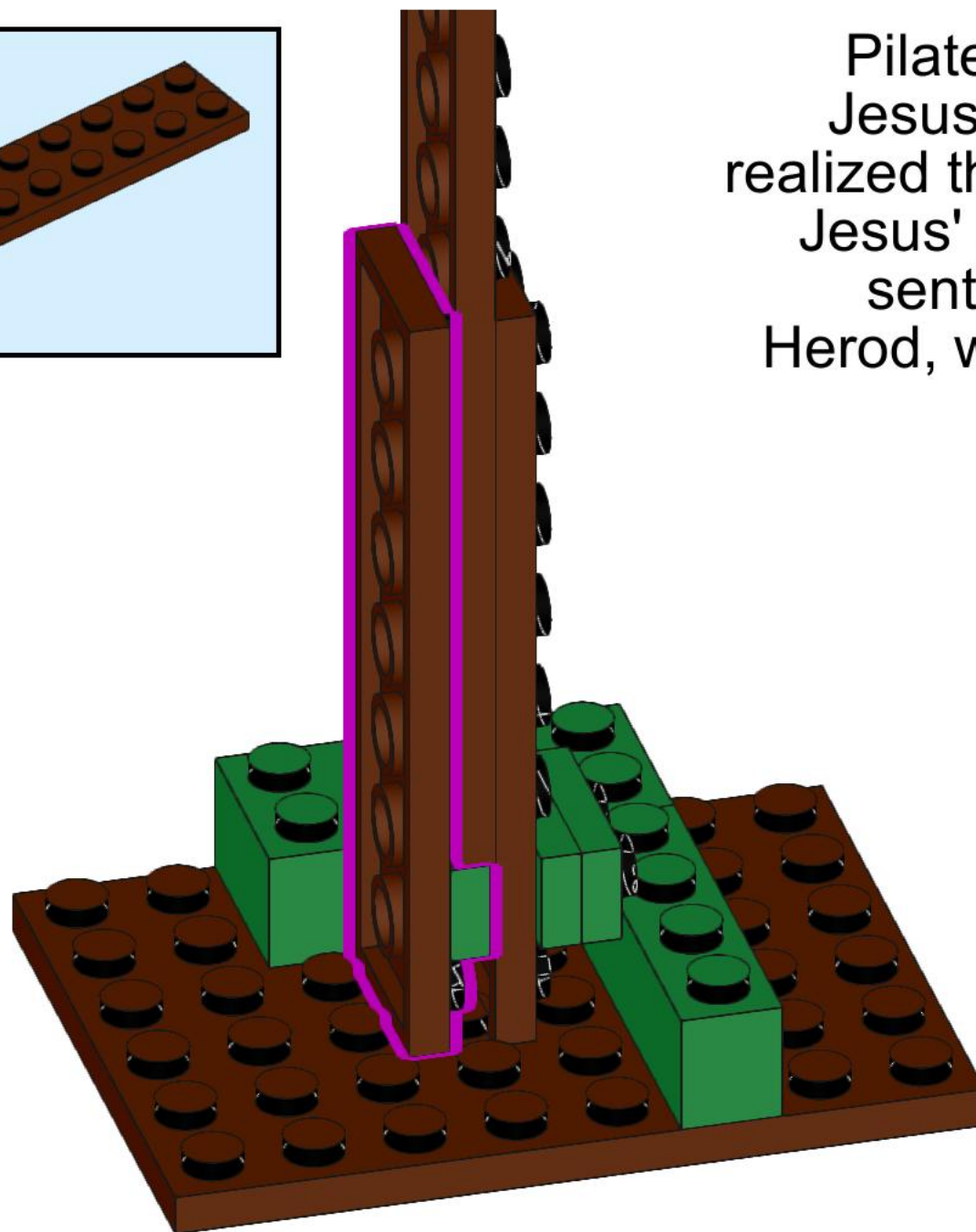
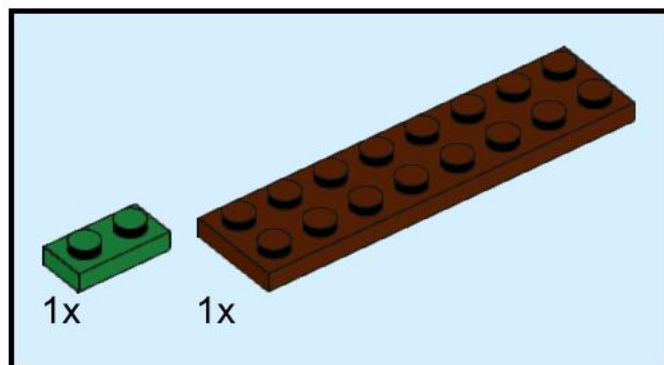
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But they wouldn't let it go and said, "Jesus has been spreading his message all over the country, from his hometown where he began all the way to here."

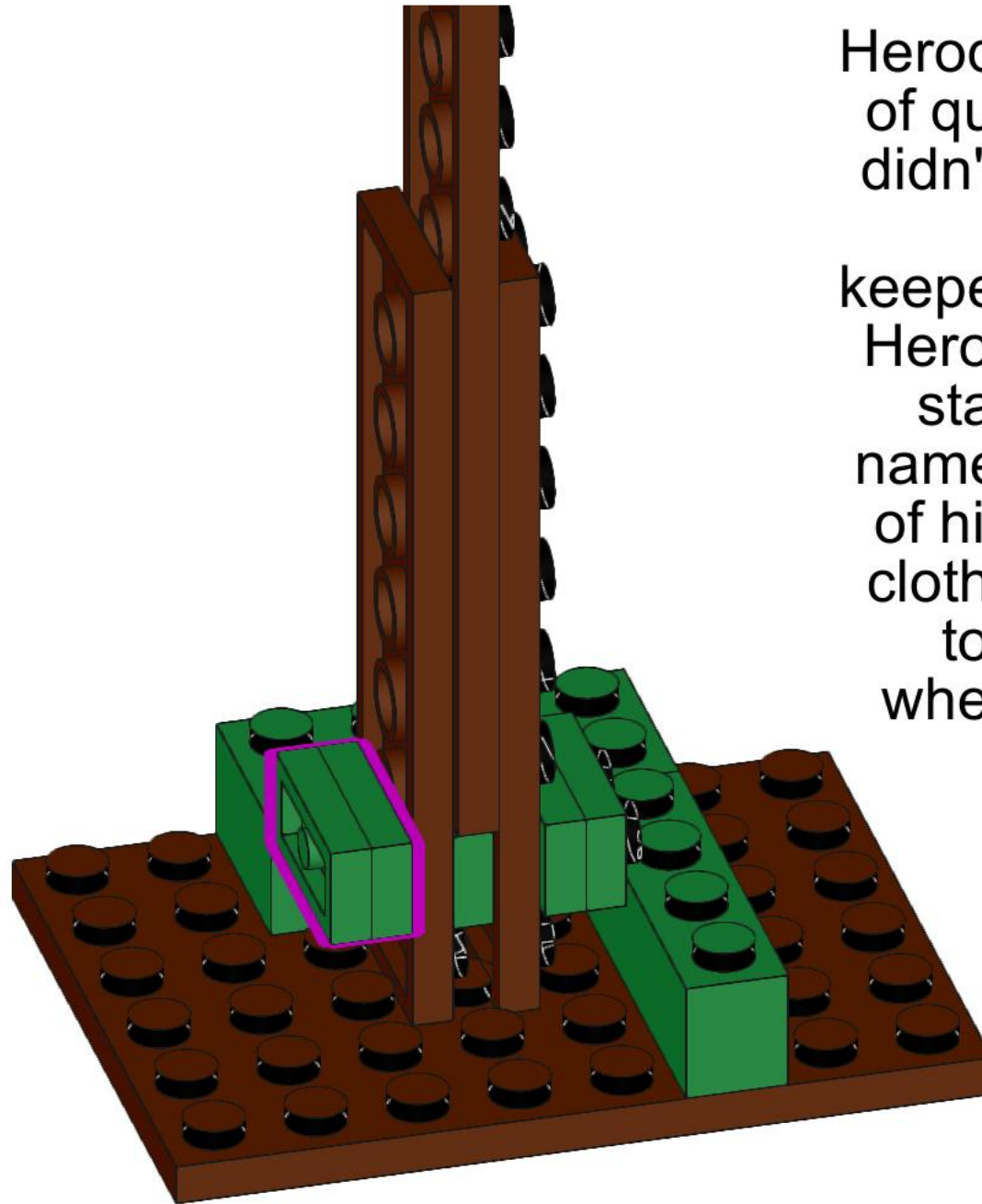
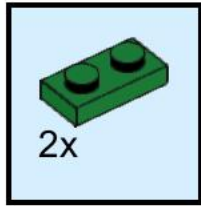


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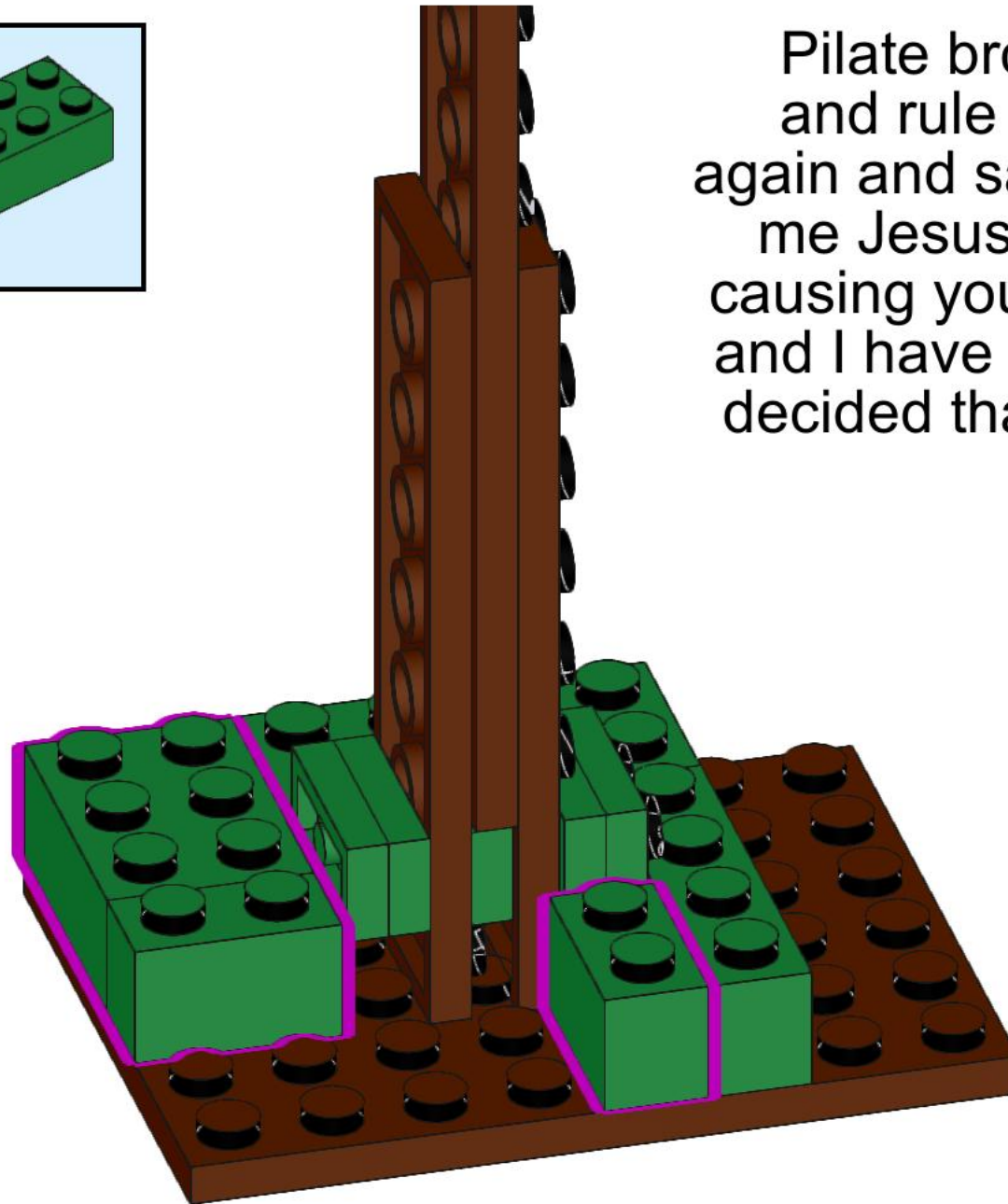
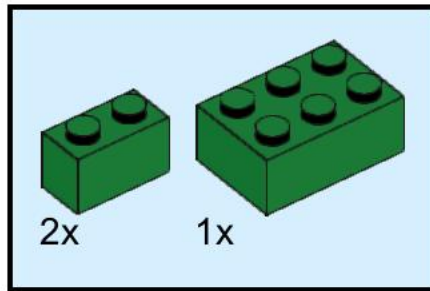
Pilate asked where Jesus was from. He realized that Herod was Jesus' governor, and sent Jesus over to Herod, who happened to be around.

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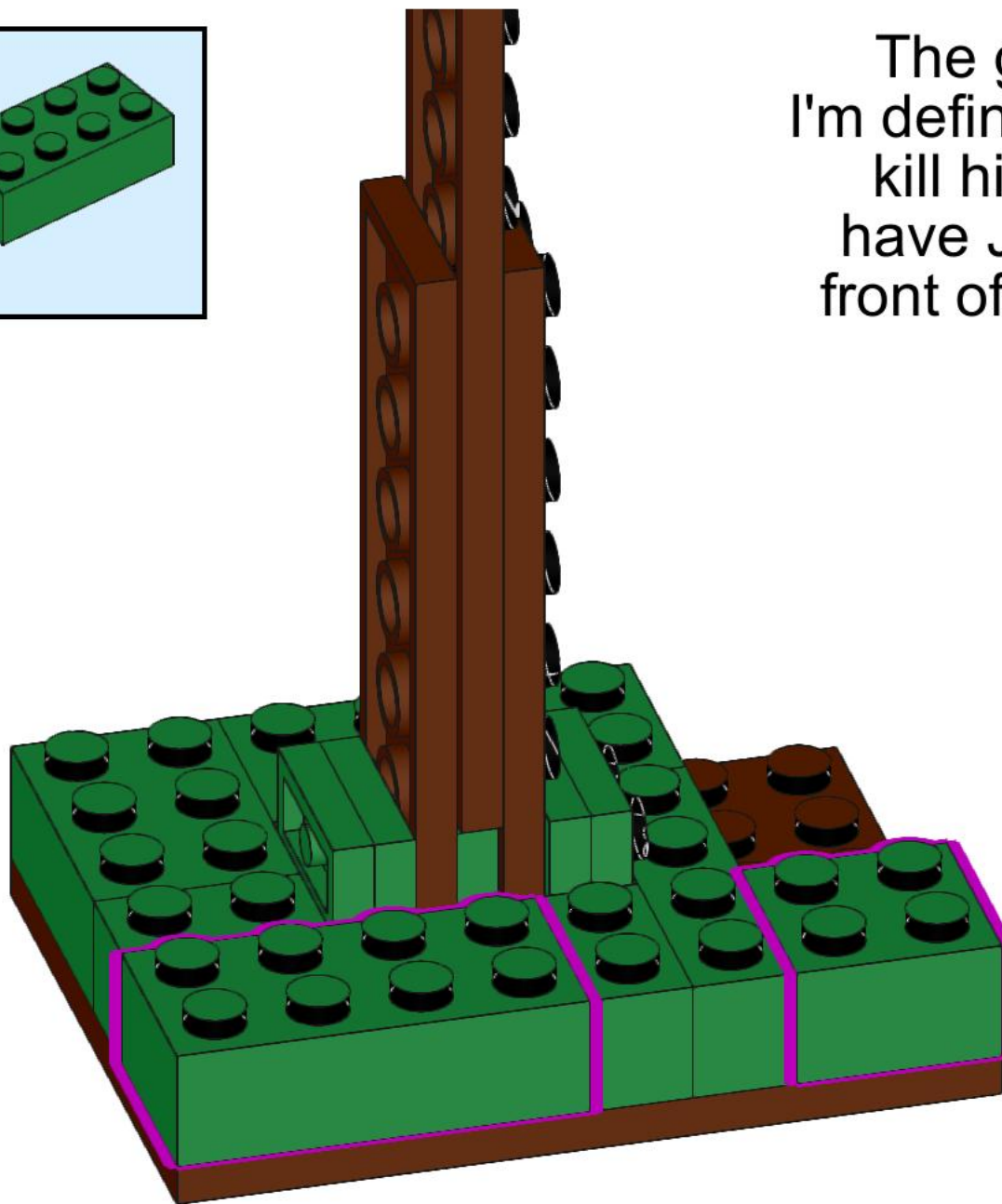
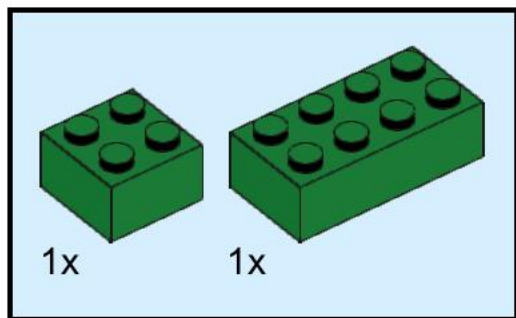
Herod asked Jesus lots of questions but Jesus didn't answer him. The leaders and rule keepers got really mad. Herod and his soldiers started calling Jesus names and making fun of him. They put fancy clothes on Jesus to try to embarrass him for when he went back to Pilate.

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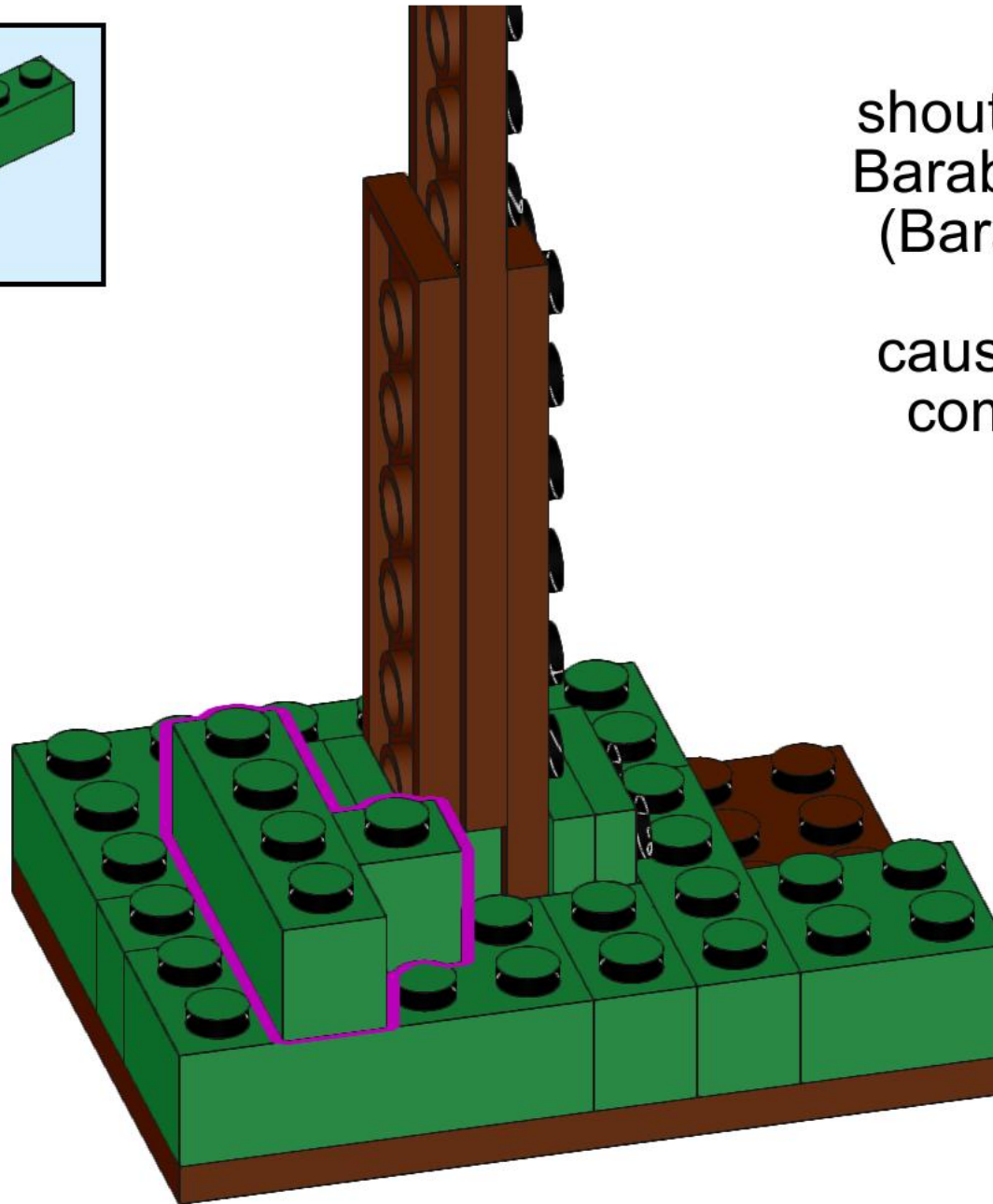
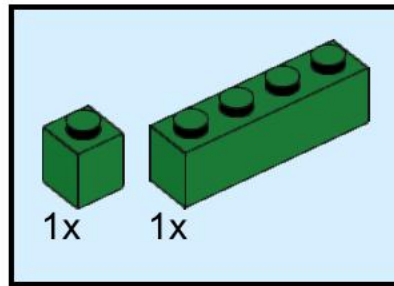
Pilate brought the leaders and rule keepers together again and said, "You brought me Jesus because he was causing your people trouble, and I have looked into it and decided that Jesus didn't do anything wrong."

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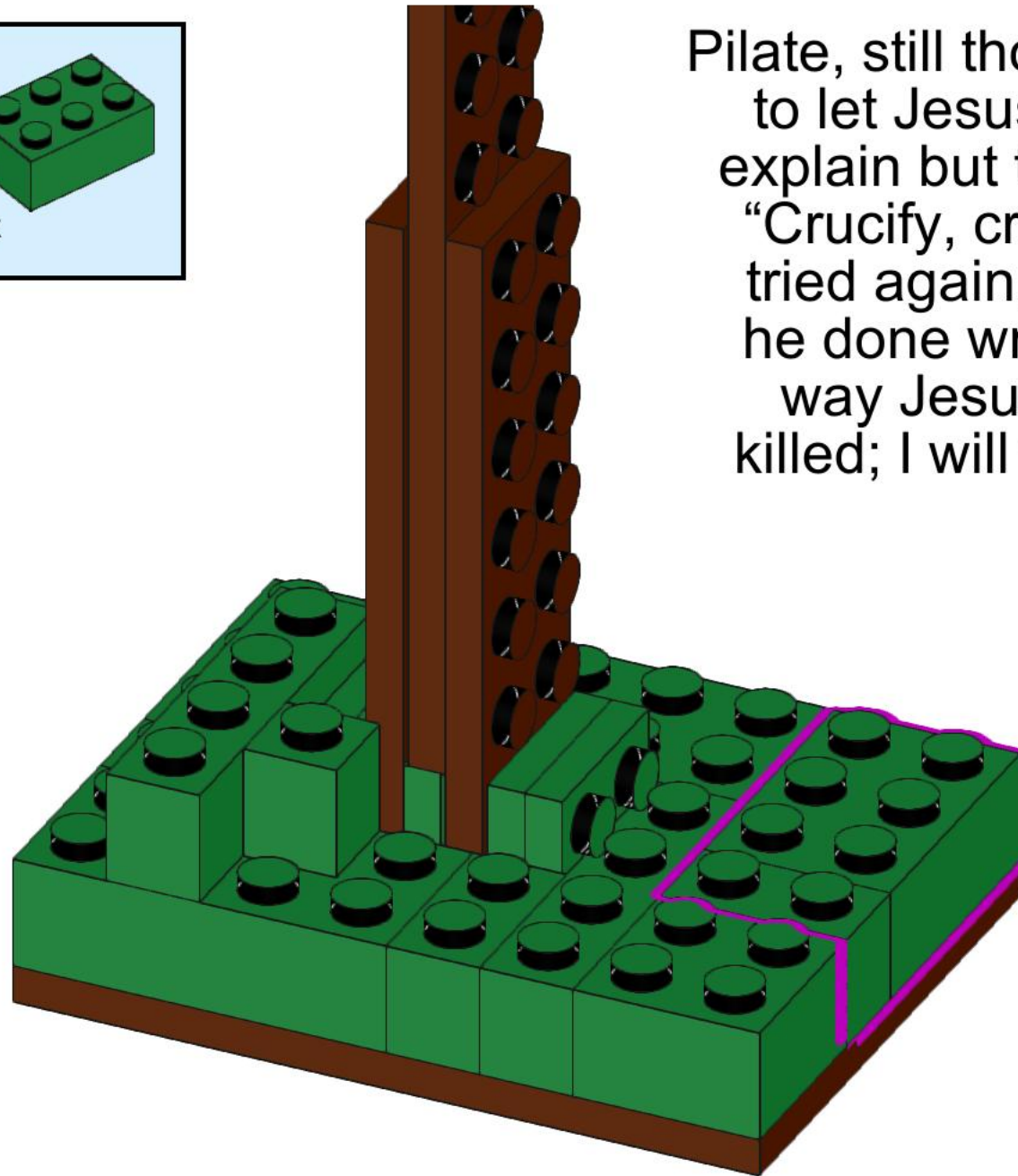
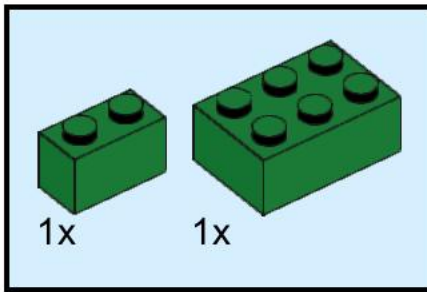
The governor agrees.
I'm definitely not going to
kill him for this. I'll just
have Jesus whipped in
front of you and then let
him go."

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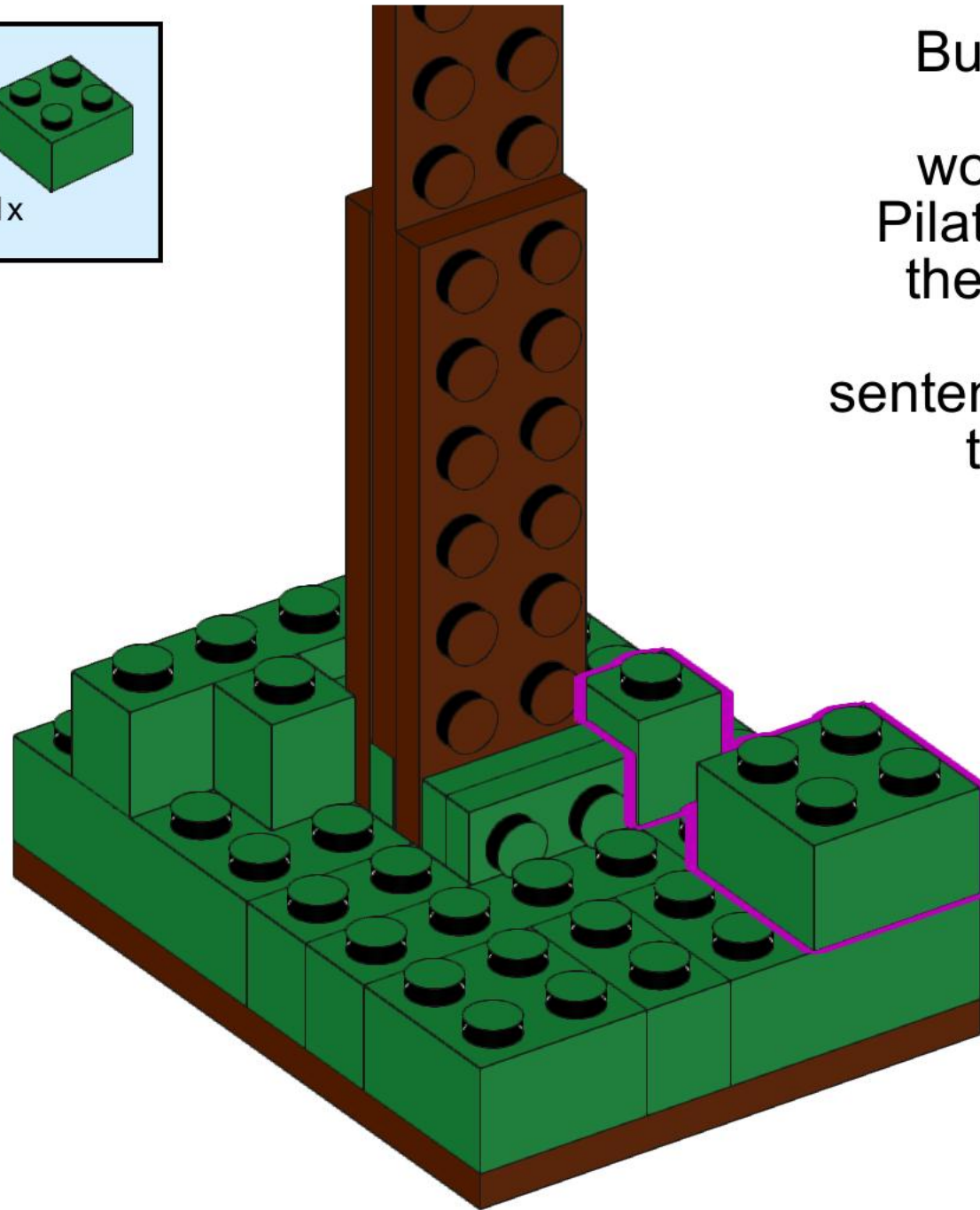
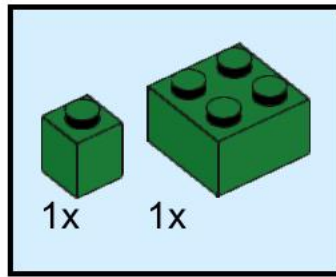
But the people
shouted, "No way! Let
Barabbas go instead!"
(Barabbas had been
put in prison for
causing violence and
committing murder.)

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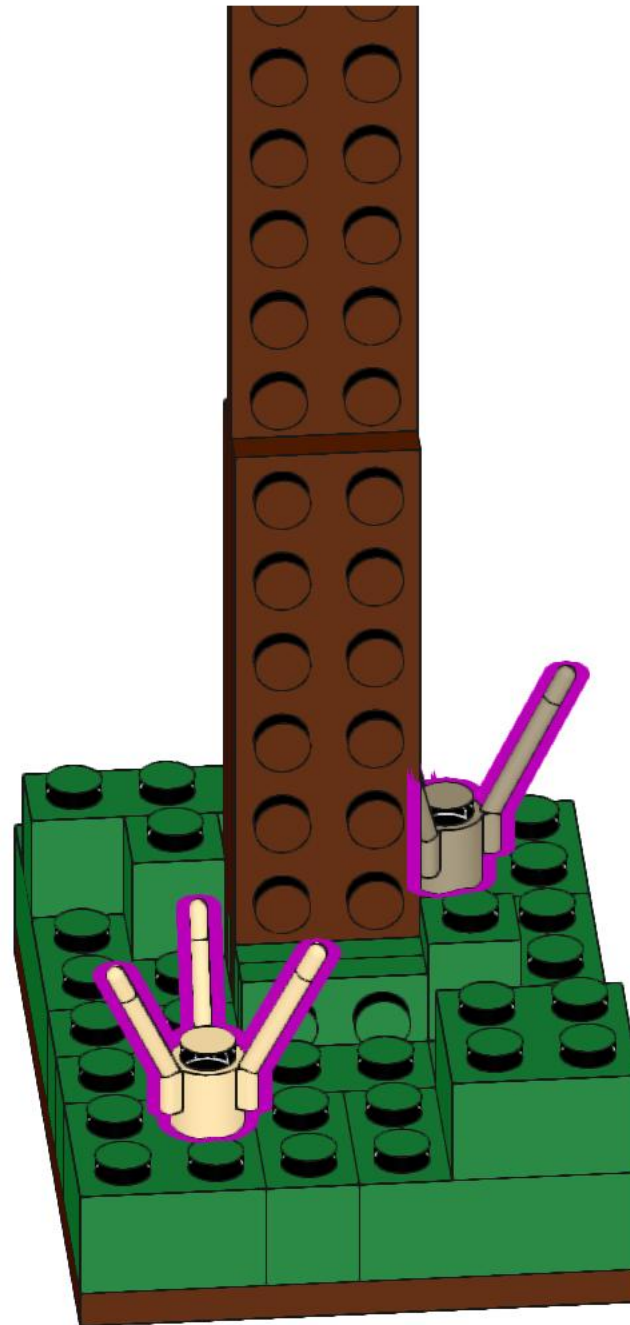
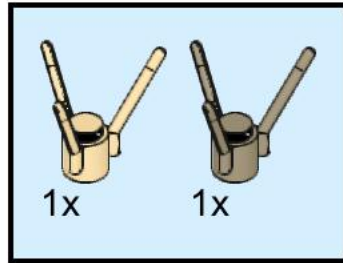
Pilate, still thought he needed to let Jesus go, and tried to explain but they kept yelling, "Crucify, crucify him!" Pilate tried again, "Why, what has he done wrong? There's no way Jesus deserves to be killed; I will whip him and let him go."

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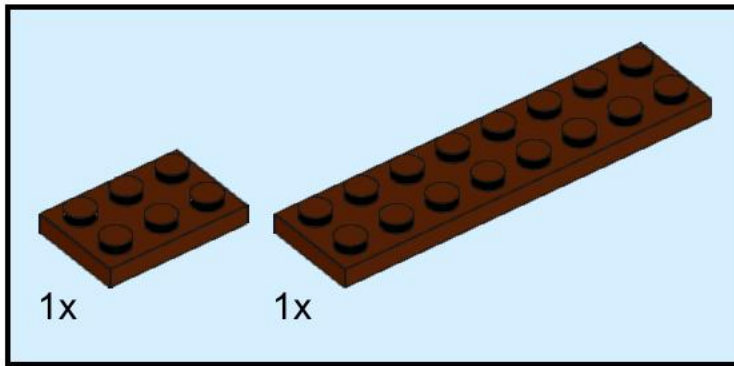
But they kept yelling
and yelling and
wouldn't let it go. So
Pilate gave up and let
the murderer go free
while Jesus was
sentenced to death and
taken away by the
crowd.

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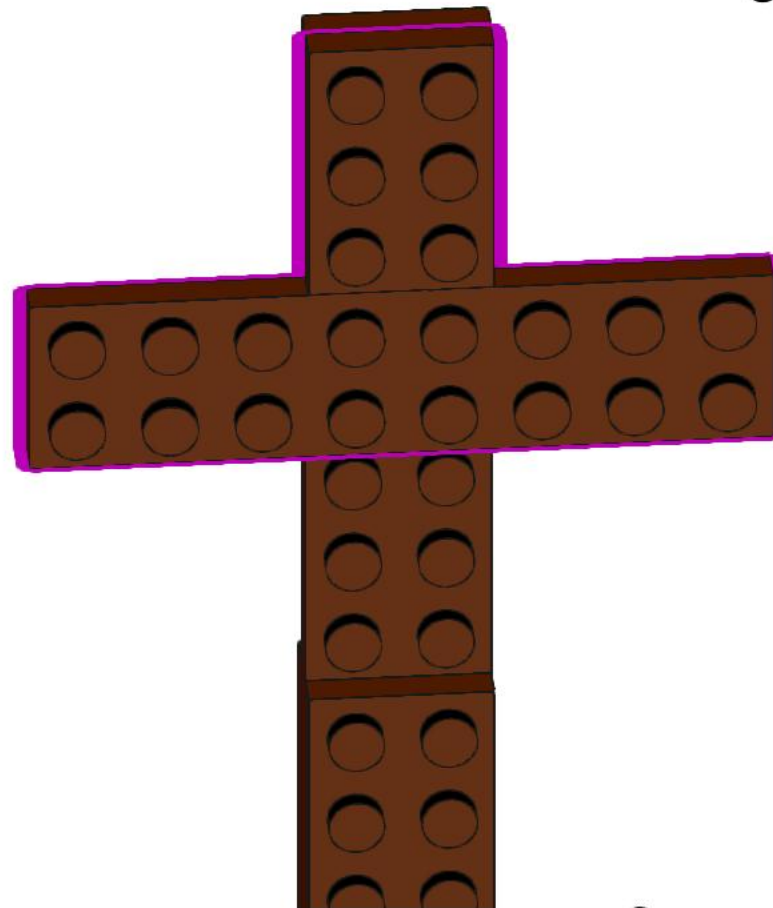


The crowd was getting violent and even grabbed a random person, Simon, and forced him to carry the heavy cross as Jesus was taken to be killed. Not everyone wanted this, many women were crying as they walked with Jesus.

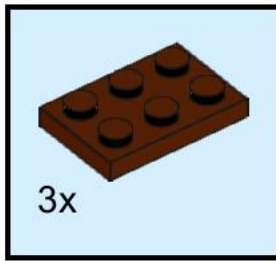
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When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they nailed Jesus to the cross there with the criminals on their own crosses, one on his right and one on his left.

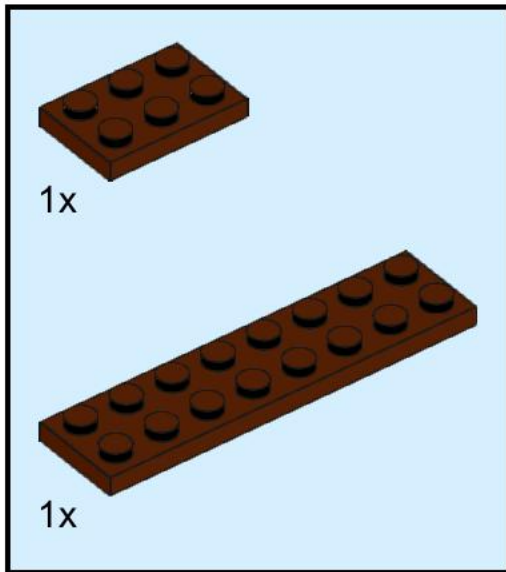


13



Then Jesus said,
“God, forgive them,
I don't think they
understand how
wrong they are.”
The people even
took the fancy
clothes Herod had
used to make fun
of Jesus.

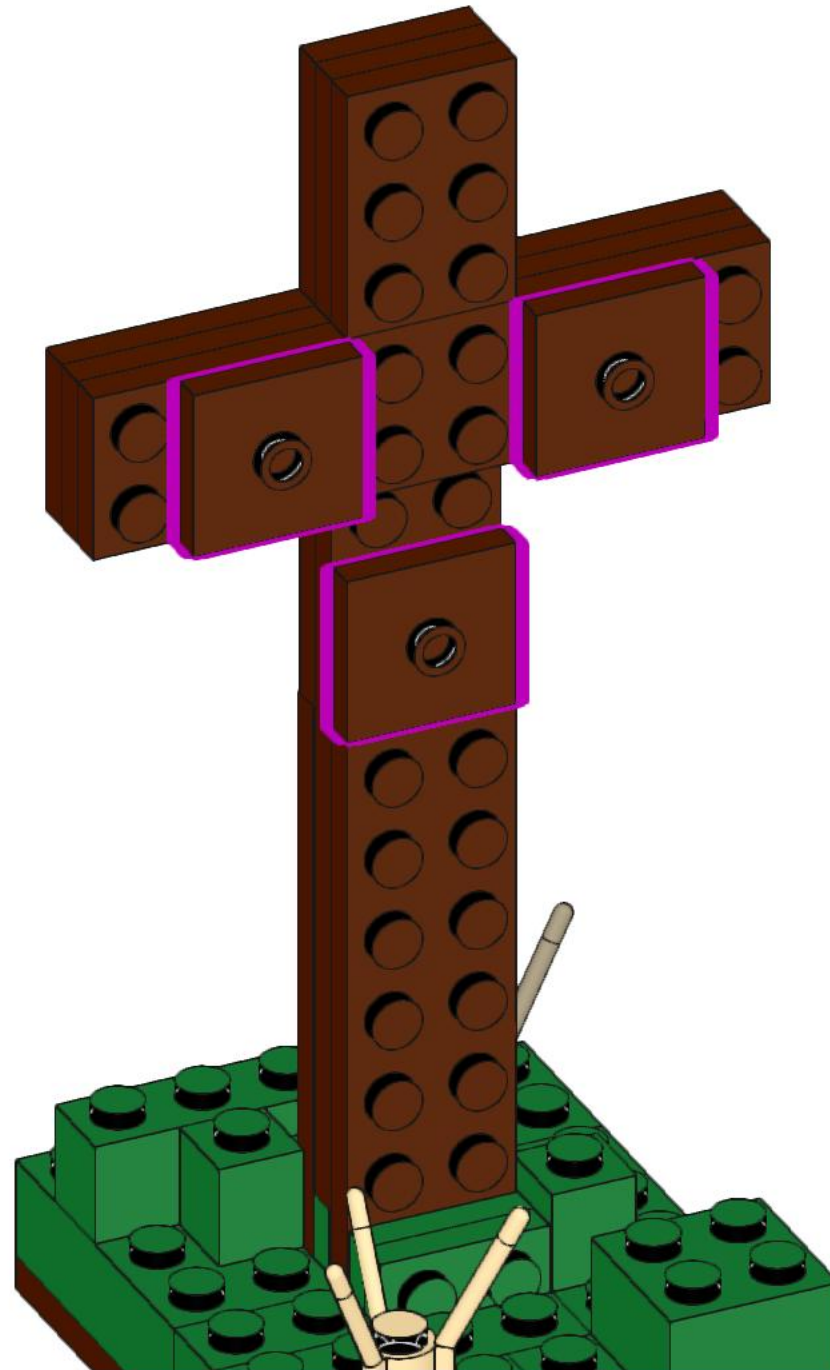
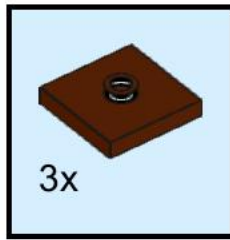
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Everyone was watching, and the leaders made fund of him even more, saying, "Jesus saved others; let him save himself if he is really that special, really God's chosen one!"



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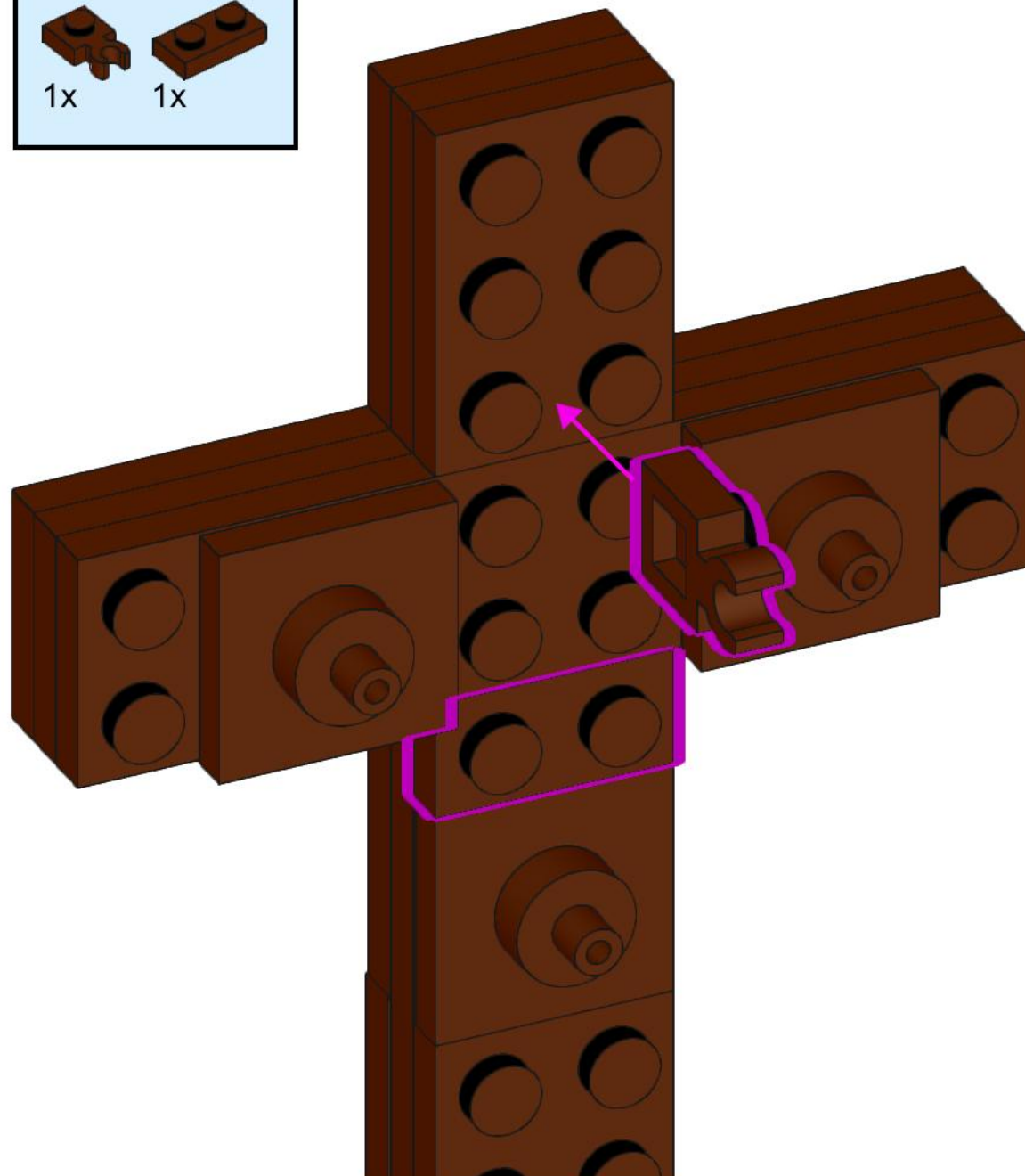
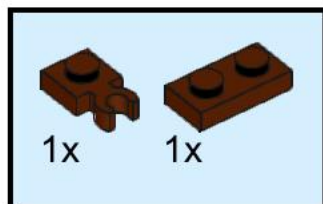
The soldiers made fun of him too, going up to the thirsty Jesus and giving him something that tasted so bad he would have to spit it out. They said, "If you are the King of the people, save yourself!" Over Jesus' head they wrote, "This is the King."

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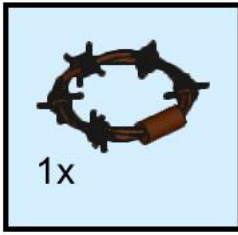
One of the
criminals
hanging on a
cross next to
Jesus said,
“Aren't you the
Messiah, the
chosen one?
Save yourself
and us!”

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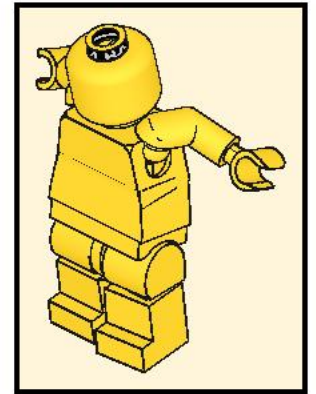
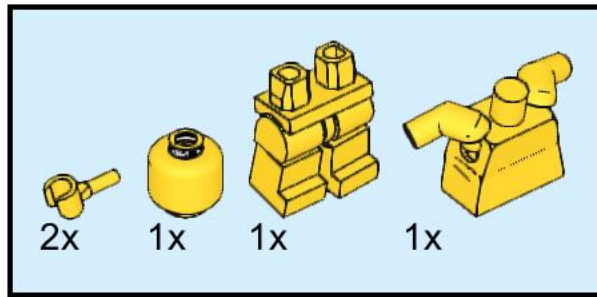
But the other criminal shouted back, "Don't you fear God? You know you are about to die too? And we're dying because we actually committed crimes. Admit you're guilty like me, but Jesus has done nothing wrong."

18



Then he said to his savior, "Jesus, remember me when you go to heaven." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

19



It was about noon, but you would have thought it was night already because the sun totally stopped shining. A big curtain over in the temple tore right in half, all on its own.

20



Then Jesus, said as loud as he still could,
“God, I’m giving my whole self to you!”
Having said this, he breathed his last.
After the head soldier saw everything that had happened, he praised God for the first time, saying,
“Jesus was definitely innocent.”

21



All the people who had gotten together to attack Jesus, and have him killed, and watch him die had to now think about what they had done while they walked back to their homes. Jesus' friends, including the women who bravely kept by his side even when the crowds were getting violent, witnessed everything that took place.

