Date | March 28, 2021 Family Theme | Jesus Died for Our Sins Study Text | John 19:1-42

Objective: Make sure your children understand that Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. We worship and serve Him out of appreciation for what He has done for us.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set at the end of Christ's earthly life when He was crucified and buried. God had planned this before the world began so that our sins could be forgiven and we could have eternal life with Him. The Old Testament pointed to it, the Gospels led up to it, and the rest of the New Testament shows the change it made possible for all people.

Bible Basics: Memorize Hebrews 12:2 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: John 19:1-42

Disciple Your Kids

Make sure your children understand that everyone, including them, has sinned and falls short of God's perfect standard. But God sent His Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. We trust Him to save us, and we worship and serve Him because of what He has done for us.



Key Truth: Jesus' Own People Rejected Him (John 19:1-16)

Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, found no guilt in Jesus, and sought to release Him. The Jewish leaders, however, cried out that Jesus should be crucified for claiming to be the Son of God. Appealing to Pilate's desires to please Caesar, the Jewish leaders denied that Jesus was their king and proclaimed Caesar as their king. In response to the people's wishes, Pilate had Jesus scourged or flogged. He presented Jesus to the crowd hoping the sight of Jesus' battered and bleeding body would appeal to the sympathy of the people. Instead, the Jews cried out the more, "Crucify Him."



Key Truth: Jesus Paid the Penalty for Our Sins (John 19:17-22)

The soldiers led King Jesus, at first carrying His own cross, to Golgotha to be crucified. Golgotha was known as the place of the skull, likely because the barren stony top of the hill resembled a skull. The Son of God and King of the universe was crucified between two criminals, paying the penalty for our sins (1 Peter 2:24). When we pause to consider our sinfulness and the penalty for those sins that we deserved, it is only right for us to praise King Jesus and serve Him. (A trauma surgeon shares a medical perspective of the crucifixion at bit.ly/MedicalPerspective. Consider playing this for your family if age appropriate.)



Key Truth: Jesus' Crucifixion Fulfilled Messianic Prophecies (John 19:23-42)

Many components of Jesus' crucifixion were direct fulfillments of Old Testament prophecy. John repeatedly demonstrated that the events of the crucifixion fulfilled Old Testament prophecies so his readers would believe that Jesus truly was the Son of God. At least four prophecies were fulfilled in these 19 verses, also showing the reliability of God's Word. The event that had been foretold hundreds of years prior had been completed.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How was Jesus death on the cross a sacrifice for others?
- What did Jesus sacrificial death on the cross accomplish for humanity?
- How did Jesus' death on the cross fulfill Old Testament Scriptures?
- · How should we respond to Jesus' sacrifice for us?
- For Elementary: What suffering did Jesus endure before dying on the cross?
- For Elementary: What does Jesus' death on the cross tell us about God's love for us?

Everyday Extras

Try this outdoor object lesson. Find three clear jars or glasses. Label the first "Being Good," and fill it with tap water. Label the second, "Sin," and add iodine to it. Iodine stains terribly (which is the point). You can dilute it a bit and it will still get the message across. (No iodine? You can try ink or mustard.) Label the third jar, "Jesus," and fill it with diluted chlorine bleach. Then cut an old rag into a heart shape. Show your children that "Sin" (the iodine) makes our hearts dirty. Ask them to wash the heart in "Being Good." You can add soap and scrub, but our good deeds will not make our hearts clean. Only "Jesus" can wash away our sin (dip the heart into the jar). Remind your children that because Jesus died on the cross, our sins are covered and we can go to Heaven. While the "heart" is still wet, show your children what happens when we "sin" again and show them that we must return to "Jesus" to confess our sins.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE & ROUND

Today began the first of two weeks of the Easter lessons. Your child learned one of Jesus' disciples, Judas, led some bad people to where Jesus was. Jesus was arrested and placed on a cross where He died. Your child learned the story doesn't end there because **Jesus Is Alive**.

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