

Jesus Is Tried and Crucified

Luke 19:28-40; 23:1-49

First- and second-graders are able to understand the idea of God’s love through their own experiences and education. While the idea of Jesus dying for our sins may be troubling to some children, reassure them by emphasizing that God loves us so much that he sent his Son to take our punishment. And be sure to tell kids that the story has a happy ending!



► Bible Point

Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins.

Key Verse

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Weaving Faith Into Life

Kids will thank God for sending Jesus to die for their sins.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Loving Actions <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Act out nice things others have done for them.		
2 Bible Exploration	What Jesus Did <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Draw pictures to illustrate the Bible passage in stages.	Bible, My Bible Fun, colored pencils, crayons, pencils, markers Teacher Pack: Bible Timeline 	Tear out the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.
	A Parent’s Punishment <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Listen to a story about a parent taking his child’s punishment.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
	God’s Great Love <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Learn and talk about the Key Verse.	Bible	

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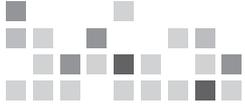




LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p>3</p> <p>Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p>Bookmark Reminders <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Create reminders of what Jesus did for us.</p>	<p>Bibles, markers, crayons, glue, glitter, yarn, stamp pads, paint, paintbrushes, clear self-stick paper, scissors, hole punch, ribbon</p> <p>Teacher Pack: "Bookmark" poster</p> 	<p>Cut apart the "Bookmark" poster</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Lasting Impressions</p>	<p>Daily Challenges <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	<p>My Bible Fun</p>	
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		

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1 GETTING STARTED

Loving Actions

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Welcome kids warmly as they arrive, and ask them how their week went.

Gather everyone together.

Say: Today we're going to start class by talking about the nice things people do for each other. Tell your partner about the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you. As you're talking, think of a way you and your partner can act out that nice thing for the class. The rest of us will try to guess what nice thing someone did for you.

Give children several minutes to talk about situations and how to portray them for the class. Walk around the room to offer help as needed. When everyone is ready, have each pair act out both partners' situations as the rest of the class tries to guess what happened. If no one can guess, let partners explain the nice thing they were trying to portray.

Then have kids answer the following questions in their pairs. After each question, let partners share their answers with the rest of the class.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

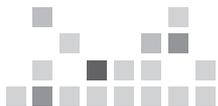
Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- How do you feel when someone does something nice for you?
- Why do people do nice things for each other?

Say: People do nice things for other people because they love and care about those people. In today's Bible story, we'll learn about the nicest thing anyone ever did for someone else! ► JESUS DIED TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SINS. Let's get started!





2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

What Jesus Did

What You'll Do

Show the Bible Timeline. Then say: **God loves us so much that he doesn't want to be separated from us. So he sent Jesus to give us a way to get close to God.**

And that's what today's Bible story is all about—it tells us what Jesus did for us so we can be close to God. I'm going to tell you the story, and as I do, I'd like you to draw some pictures on your My Bible Fun page.

Make crayons, pencils, colored pencils, and markers available, and give children their My Bible Fun pages for today's lesson. Open your Bible to Luke 19:28-40 and Luke 23:1-49, and explain that today's Bible story comes from these passages.

Say: **I'm going to tell the story in four parts. As I tell each part, I'd like you to draw a picture of that part of the story. When you've finished with your picture, you'll fill in the face in the box to show how you would have felt if you had been in the story.**

I'm going to start the story now, so get ready to draw in the first box.

One day Jesus asked his disciples to do a strange errand: He asked them to go to a village, get a colt—or young donkey—that they would find tied there, and bring the donkey to Jesus. His disciples did as Jesus asked. When they brought him the donkey, Jesus rode on it toward Jerusalem. Along the way, people saw Jesus coming. They were so happy to see him that they threw down their coats on the road so Jesus could ride over them. They also called out, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Pause and direct children to finish their pictures. Then instruct them to fill in a face in the circle next to the picture with an expression indicating how they would have felt if they had seen Jesus that day. Then continue with the story.

Say: **Later, some people who were mad at Jesus had him arrested. They brought him to see a man named Pilate and a man named Herod, who were both leaders of the people. The people accused Jesus of doing bad things. But Pilate couldn't find any reason to punish Jesus, so he sent him to Herod. Herod and his soldiers made fun of Jesus, but Herod didn't see any reason to punish Jesus either, so he sent him back to Pilate.**

Pause and direct children to finish their pictures. Then instruct them to fill in the face next to the picture with an expression indicating how they would have felt to see Jesus arrested. Then continue with the story.



What Jesus Did Supplies

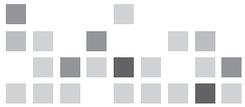
- Bible
- My Bible Fun
- colored pencils
- crayons
- pencils
- markers

Teacher Pack Bible Timeline

What Jesus Did Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.





Say: **When Jesus went back to Pilate, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, since he hadn't done anything wrong. But the crowd of people was very upset with Jesus. They said, "We want you to release Barabbas and crucify Jesus!" Barabbas was a criminal who was in jail for doing really bad things. Pilate finally gave in because he didn't want to say no to the people. So he said they could kill Jesus, even though he hadn't done anything wrong.**

Pause and direct children to finish their pictures. Then instruct them to fill in the face next to the picture with an expression indicating how they would have felt when Pilate wouldn't set Jesus free. Then continue with the story.

Say: **The soldiers took Jesus to the place where they killed criminals. They nailed him to a wooden cross and waited for him to die. They also killed two criminals at the same time. The people who hated Jesus watched and made fun of him. While he was hanging on the cross, the sky became very dark, even though it was still daytime.**

Then Jesus died. Jesus' friends stood in the distance and were very sad. One of the soldiers who was standing there realized that Jesus really hadn't done anything wrong.

Pause and direct children to finish their pictures. Then instruct them to fill in the face next to the picture with an expression indicating how they would have felt if they had been Jesus' friends.

Ask for volunteers to share some of their pictures and faces with the rest of the class. Then have kids form pairs to answer the following questions. Encourage kids to look at their pictures during their discussions. After each question, ask volunteers to share their answers with the rest of the class.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

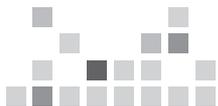
Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What do you think it was like for Jesus in this story?**
- **What do you think it was like for Jesus' friends?**
- **Why do you think Jesus died?**

Say: **Jesus didn't have to die, he was willing to die. When Jesus died on the cross, he was actually taking the punishment for all of the bad things that people do. And since Jesus took our punishment, when we believe in Jesus we can be forgiven for those bad things. And then we can be close to God. Without Jesus, we could never get rid of our sins by ourselves. But Jesus did it for us!**
► JESUS DIED TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SINS. Let's listen to something that will help us understand that better.





A Parent's Punishment

What You'll Do

Say: This is a story that will help us understand better what Jesus did for us.

Play the "Punishment" segment (track 5 on the CD). When the segment is over, stop the CD.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- How do you think the girl felt when she got caught eating the cookies?
- How do you think her dad felt when he learned she had disobeyed him?
- How do you think the girl felt when her dad took the punishment for her?
- Why do you think the girl's father was willing to take his daughter's punishment?
- How is this story like what Jesus did for us?

Say: Like the dad took the punishment for his daughter, Jesus took the punishment for the bad things we do. God knew that because all people sin, we could never make ourselves good enough to get close to him and be with him in heaven. But God loves us so much that he wanted people to be able to be with him in heaven. So he sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. When we believe in Jesus, he forgives our sins so we can be with him in heaven.

God's Great Love

What You'll Do

Open your Bible to Romans 5:8, and show kids the verse.

Say: Our Key Verse today is about Jesus showing his love by dying in our place. Listen while I read Romans 5:8: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Have kids repeat the verse with you several times.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What does this verse mean to you?
- What does it mean to be a sinner?
- What did Jesus do for us?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus died for you?

Say: Let's create something to help us remember what Jesus did for us.



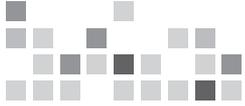
A Parent's Punishment Supplies

CD player
Teacher Pack
CD: "Punishment"
(track 5)

God's Great Love Supplies

Bible





Bookmark Reminders Supplies

Bibles
markers
crayons
glue
glitter
yarn
stamp pads
paint
paintbrushes
clear self-stick paper
scissors
hole punch
ribbon

Teacher Pack

“Bookmark” poster

Bookmark Reminders Easy Prep

Cut apart the
“Bookmark” poster

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Bookmark Reminders

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **We’re going to create cross-shaped bookmarks to remind us of what Jesus did for us. Decorate your bookmark in a way that will help you remember that**
▶ **JESUS DIED TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SINS.**

Give children several minutes to decorate their bookmarks. When they have finished, help children cover their bookmarks with clear self-stick paper. Place each bookmark facedown on the sticky side of a piece of self-stick paper, and place another sheet of self-stick paper (sticky side down) over the bookmark. Press down to make sure the paper is thoroughly stuck, and then cut around the bookmark, leaving a margin of about one-fourth of an inch.

Using a hole punch, punch a hole in the top of each bookmark. Give each child a length of ribbon or yarn. Show children how to attach the ribbon or yarn to the top of the bookmark. Fold the ribbon or yarn in half, and string the folded end through the hole in the bookmark. Then loop the free ends of the ribbon or yarn through the looped end and pull it tight.

Say: **Use this bookmark in your Bible to mark today’s Key Verse.**

If kids have individual Bibles, help them mark Romans 5:8 in their Bibles.

Say: **Every time you see your bookmark, remember what Jesus did for us.**

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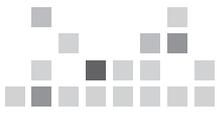
Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What did Jesus do for us?**
- **How do you feel when you remember what Jesus did for us?**

Say: **When we believe in Jesus, we can be forgiven for our sins and live forever with him in heaven. But just so you know, it wasn’t the end of the story when Jesus died on the cross. Jesus rose from the dead!**





4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do

Say: **Let's think about how ► JESUS DIED TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SINS.**

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges in their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- **Teach your friend the Key Verse and tell him or her that Jesus died for our sins.**
- **Draw a picture of Jesus and hang it in your room. Each time you see it, thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins.**
- **Lead your family in a prayer, thanking God for sending Jesus to save us from our sins.**

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

Talk With Kids

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Include a time, a place, and other ideas.**

Say: **Let's remember that ► JESUS DIED TO TAKE THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SINS by following through on our Daily Challenges.**

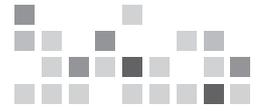
Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about why Jesus died for us. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids. Say: **Now let's pray to thank Jesus for dying to take the punishment for our sins.**

Pray: **Dear Jesus, thank you for dying in our place. Thank you for making it possible for us to be close to God. Help us to remember your great love for us. In your name, amen.**



Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Fun



