

Lesson 17: Jesus Is Crucified

[Luke 19:28-40](#) & [23:1-49](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/VVjyFEw8isk>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/UBe5OdA6NDM>

Worship Theme: Jesus died for our sins.

Memory Verse: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Hosanna in the Highest <https://youtu.be/QWQ47zCVaCw>
2. River of Life <https://youtu.be/AP6fwLxUqK0>
3. When the Storm Comes <https://youtu.be/II5A7jKQb2o>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Name the Color

GREEN

RED

YELLOW

ORANGE

Materials Needed: On a white paper, write as many names of colors using different colors (Example: Write "green" using a red pen)

1. Divide the children in groups of 5 students.
2. Have each group send one student to play the game.
3. When one child from each group comes out, the teacher will show one paper that has the name of the color. The first person to read the name of the color wins the game. For example, if the paper says "green" but it is written in red, the correct answer is "green."
4. Play the game until you run out of your colors.
5. Please explain to the students that we get the colors wrong because we are not perfect. But there is someone who is perfect. It is Jesus!

(OPTION 2 - Traffic Light)

1. Ask the students to stand in line.
2. If the teacher shouts "yellow," the children will walk slowly; if the teacher shouts "green," the children will walk fast; if the teacher shouts "red," the children will stop.
3. If the children do not stop when the teacher shouts "red," they will be out of the game.

Introduction:

What kind of people do police put in jail? Thieves, murderers, and violent people should go to jail. How would you feel if you did not do anything wrong, but the police came and put you in jail? Would you try your best to get out of jail? Jesus did not do anything wrong in his life. He is the Son of God, but he came to us in order to save us. But people put him in jail and wanted to kill him. Let's learn about this story of Jesus today.

Bible Story:

Our Bible story tells us about a time Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people stood on the road and waved their palm branches. They were excited because some of them thought that Jesus was entering the city to be their king. They shouted, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38). They treated him like a great king.

Several days after entering the city, Jesus was arrested when he did not do anything wrong. The leaders didn't understand that he was God's Son. They did not like to hear people praise Jesus and treat him like the king. So, even when Jesus didn't do anything wrong, they killed him by crucifying Jesus on a cross.

But God had a different plan. God allowed Jesus to die to pay for our sins—the things we do that don't please God. When we do bad things, we deserve punishment. Sin separates us from God. The bible says "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Because God loves us, God sent Jesus to die for you! He took the blame for you! Jesus did not just die for rich people or famous people. Jesus died for everyone, including you and me! Because Jesus died for us on the cross, now you can be with God. We thank Jesus for dying for us.

Questions to discuss:

1. What did the people think Jesus would do when he entered Jerusalem on a donkey? (They thought he would become a king)
2. What happened to Jesus after a few days? (He was arrested and crucified on the cross)
3. What does sin do in our relationship with God? (It separates us from God)
4. Because Jesus died for us, what happened to our sins? (Jesus took our sins and died for our sins.)
5. How can you thank Jesus for dying for you so that you can be with God? (let the children answer - pray, read the bible, be kind, love people)

Game: No More Sin in Jesus

Materials Needed: 40-50 sheets of paper



1. Ask children to crumple as many papers as possible and put them in the middle of the room.
2. Divide the students in 2 groups.
3. The crumpled paper represents sins in our lives.

4. Group 1 will try to throw away their sin toward Group 2. This represents Christians trying to live godly lives.
5. Group 2 will throw the paper back at Group 1. This represents the world making it hard for us to be free of sin.
6. Group 1 has to work hard to throw as many crumpled paper away from them to win the game. (Teacher should set a time limit.)
7. Explain to the children that it is impossible for us to get rid of all our sins. That is why Jesus died for us on the cross. Jesus took care of all our sins. Now, we must choose to live a life that makes God happy.

Memory Verse:

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 6:23)

Craft: Jesus on the Cross

Please have the students color Jesus on the cross and remember that Jesus died for our sins.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Because life is so busy, it is easy to forget that everything in this life is about God. But everything in creation tells us that God is the Creator. Be thankful to be in a loving relationship with Jesus! Like the bible teaches today, even a rock can praise Jesus. Pick up a rock. What does it tell you about God? It should tell you about the greatness of a Creator with no beginning or end. Fill every moment of today praising your Messiah.

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