

Jesus was **CRUCIFIED**



Quarter 2: God the Son — Lesson 25



Year 1—Quarter 2: God the Son

Jesus Was Crucified (*Good Friday*)

Bible Study: Good Friday

Today we are talking about Jesus' crucifixion. To help us understand better, we are going to watch a video. (*Kids are very sensitive, so be sure to use a video you have pre-viewed. We suggest using a YouTube video on Jesus' crucifixion by Menno*) As we watch this video, think about all that Jesus went through for us. (*Show video.*)



Now most all of us have heard before that Jesus died for us, but why? The Bible says that the cost for sin is death. We have all sinned so we all deserve to die. Jesus loves us so much that He gave His life for us. Imagine if you were in danger and Jesus stepped in to save you. That's

exactly what He did! He took our place and died for us because He loves us so much.

When we think about this amazing love, we should say, "Yes, I accept it and thank you!" Let's all say it together: "Yes, and thank you!"

Jesus died on the cross so that everyone could live forever. But only those who believe that He died and came back to life will go to heaven. That's why it's so important for us to believe and to tell others about His love, so they can believe too.

Jesus would have died on the cross just for you. Even if you were the only person who needed to be saved, He still would have done it. But Jesus loves everyone and wants everyone to go to heaven. So, it's our job as Christians to share His love with others so they can have eternal life too.

Power Point

**Jesus died
so we can
live.**

MEMORY VERSE:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."
Jn 3:16

Communion



The night before Jesus was crucified, the disciples and Jesus had one last super together. This meal was the first communion and people continue to take communion in memory of Jesus' sacrifice. We are going to take communion together. Read from Matthew 26:26. Have helpers pass out the bread to the children. Read Matthew 26:27-28. Have helpers pass out the grape juice. Finish in a prayer thanking Jesus for what He did on the cross for us.



Bible Drill: “Seven Last Utterances”

Here is an activity to help your students to gain skill in looking up Bible passages, have them look up each of the times Jesus spoke while He was being crucified. The Bible records seven utterances made by Jesus on the cross:

1. *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”* (Luke 23:34)
2. (To the thief on the cross) *“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”* (Luke 23:43)
3. (To His mother) *“Dear woman, here is your son.”* (to the apostle John) *“Here is your mother.”* (John 19:26-27)
4. *“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”* (Matthew 27:46)

5. *“I am thirsty.”* (John 19:28)
6. *“It is finished.”* (John 19:30)
7. *“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”* (Luke 23:46)

It took Jesus about three hours to die. As He drew his final breath, Matthew records that a series of strange events took place throughout Jerusalem. The curtain of the temple *“was torn in two from top to bottom.”* The earth shook and rocks split. Tombs broke open, and the bodies of righteous people who had died came alive and were seen by many people (Matthew 27:50-53).

Craft: Handprint Cross

Here’s a fun and meaningful handprint craft idea for teaching kids about Jesus’ crucifixion:

Materials Needed:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Paint (non-toxic, washable)
- Paintbrushes
- Markers
- Glue
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Paper:

Cut out a large cross shape from a piece of construction paper. This will be the base of your class mural craft.

2. Paint Handprints:

Have each child choose a color of paint and paint one of their hands. Help them press their painted hand onto a piece of construction paper to create a handprint. Repeat this step to make two handprints per child.

3. Cut Out Handprints:

Once the paint is dry, help the children cut out their handprints.

4. Assemble the Cross:

Glue the handprints onto the cross shape, arranging them so they look like they are “hugging” the cross. This symbolizes Jesus’ love and sacrifice.

5. Add a Message:

Use markers to write a message on the cross, such as “Jesus loves us” or “Jesus died for us.”

6. Decorate:

Let the kids decorate the cross with additional drawings, stickers, or glitter to make it special.

Application: This craft not only helps kids understand the story of Jesus’ crucifixion but also allows them to create something personal and meaningful. Plus, it’s a great artwork to hang up in your classroom to remind them of Jesus’ love and sacrifice.

Jesus dies on the cross.

Matthew 27:32-56; Mark 15:21-41;
Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-37



Take-Home

Summary

Bible Passages:

John 3:16; Mt. 27:32-56;
Lk. 23:26-49

Main Point:

Jesus died so we can live!

Discuss:

Q: What is the cost of sin?

A: Death

Q: What should be our response to Jesus' sacrifice?

A: Yes, I accept it and Thank you

Q: In communion, what do the bread and juice represent?

A: The body and blood of Jesus.

Gospel Connection: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to bear the wrath of sin and separation from Himself on the cross, that whoever trusts in Him might be reconciled to God and receive eternal life, as Jesus Himself declared, 'It is finished' (John 19:30)

Explore the Bible

Read Luke 23:26-49 together, simplifying the language for younger children.

Focus on Jesus' love and willingness to die for our sins, despite the crowds' cries for crucifixion.

Ask questions to encourage understanding and discussion:

- Why did the people want Jesus to die?
- What did Jesus do while on the cross?
- What did He say to the thief on the cross?

Journal Time

Have your child/children write answers to the following questions in their journals. (If they have no journals, consider helping them begin one.)

- What does this lesson teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this lesson teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in these passages to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in these passages to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this lesson help me to live on mission better?

Apply and Pray

Ask your family to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and its impact on their lives: + How does Jesus' love and sacrifice make you feel? + What does it mean to you that Jesus forgives our sins?

Pray: Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. We're so grateful that Jesus took our place and paid the price for our mistakes.