

Parent Lesson 1-10-2021

Jesus' Crucifixion//Matthew 26-27; John 18-19

Story Point: Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins.

Big Picture Q&A: What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

Key Passage: "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Philippians 2:8

Activity #1—Six Hours

Show two analog clocks: one set to nine o'clock and another set to three o'clock. Ask kids to identify the time on each clock and how many hours pass between 9am and 3pm. Hand out paper and pencils. Challenge your kids to think of everything they did the previous day between 9am and 3pm and write the activities down on their paper. Ask them to share their list. Who did the most?

SAY: You can do a lot in 6 hours! This week we learned about the most important 6 hours in history. In 6 hours, Jesus did something that changed everything. Read Mark 15:25, 33

Activity #2—Gospel Door Hanger

Review the Gospel Plan Poster with your kids. (You can find a pdf of this on our website.) Cut pieces of cardstock into small squares and help them draw the gospel plan icons onto the squares. Glue the squares in order on a length of ribbon, string or strip of paper. Create a loop at the top of the hanging in order to hang it on a doorknob.

SAY: the good news of the gospel is that Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. Keep this door hanger as a reminder of the gospel. If you have already trusted Jesus as your Savior, use them to share the good news of the gospel with others.

Lesson Review and Application

Open your Bible to Matthew 26.

Say: Before Jesus was crucified, Pilate asked Him questions and the religious leaders made accusations against Him. How did Jesus respond? (look at Matt. 26:62-63) Jesus was silent. He was even silent as the soldiers placed a robe and a crown of thorns on His head to mock Him. This fulfilled the prophecy about the Messiah found in Isaiah 53:7. Jesus' silence showed His humility, obedience, and willingness to lay down His life for us.

When Jesus was on the cross, the people made fun of Him, saying 'He saved others, but He cannot save himself!' Was this true? Was Jesus powerless to save Himself? (Allow kids to respond) No! Jesus is all-powerful and can do anything, but Jesus was obedient to His Father and carried out His plan for our salvation. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. Jesus shouted from the cross 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?' Why did He say this? Jesus freed us from sin and death by taking the curse of sin on Himself. God is perfect and separate from sin, so as Jesus hung on the cross with the weight of all our sin on Him, God turned away from His Son. When we trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, God will never turn away from us. This story shows us how much God loves us, that a perfect payment was needed for our sin, and that Jesus loved us enough to be the perfect sacrificial Lamb.