

Jesus' Crucifixion

IDC Kids Preschool

Bible Passage: Matthew 26–27; John 18–19

Story Point: Jesus died on the cross for our sin.

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

Big Picture Question: What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

Christ Connection: Christ Connection: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Rescuer. Jesus never did anything wrong, but He died in our place. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life forever with Him..

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Review Questions

Did the religious leaders say Jesus had done wrong? (yes)

Did Jesus ever do anything wrong? (no)

What did the soldiers put on Jesus to make fun of Him for saying He was a king? (*a purple robe and crown of thorns*)

Where was Jesus' body put? (*on a cross, in a tomb*)

Did Jesus stay dead? (*No, He rose from the dead on the third day.*)

What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

Say • People did not want to believe Jesus is God's Son. Pilate's soldiers made fun of Him because He said He was a King. They put a purple robe and a crown of thorns on Him. Then, they put His body on a cross. **Jesus died on the cross for our sin.** His body was placed in a tomb. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life forever with Him.

Learn the big picture question

Say • Our big picture question asks, What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. Jesus told His disciples to remember Him. We can remember what Jesus did for us too!

Practice the key passage

Place the key passage marker at Philippians 2:8. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Invite preschoolers to take turns saying the key passage from memory. Offer assistance as needed.

Say • Our key passage describes today's Bible story. Jesus humbled Himself. He obeyed His Father's plan to save people from sin, all the way to dying on a cross like a criminal. Jesus never sinned, but He took the punishment for our sin so we can be forgiven.

Activity Page (if you didn't order them, you still can [download and print HERE](#))

Invite preschoolers to draw a line connecting each shadow to its matching figure.

Say • Good job matching the shadows to the figures. All these figures are part of today's Bible story. Listen to the story to find out how.

Pray & Sing

Say • **Jesus died on a cross for our sin.** Jesus never did anything wrong, but He died in our place. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life forever with Him.

Sing "Jesus Saves" and "Jesus Paid It All (Whiter Than Snow)" as children move with the music.

Say • God, thank You for Jesus. Jesus died in our place. He was punished for our sin. He suffered so much and gave up His own life so we can have life with You forever. Help us turn away from our sin and follow Him. Help us love Him more. Amen.

Activities

Play a quiet game

Form a circle on the floor. Direct one child to tiptoe around the circle and gently tap a quiet child's shoulder. Then she will take his spot in the circle while he tiptoes around the circle and gently taps another quiet person's shoulder. Play as time allows.

Say • The religious leaders lied and said that Jesus had done wrong things. Pilate thought Jesus would say something about the religious leaders' lies, but Jesus was quiet. Jesus never did anything wrong, but He died in our place. **Jesus died on the cross for our sin.** God forgives our sin when we trust in Jesus.

Build a castle

Invite preschoolers to build a castle using blocks.

Say • Pilate's soldiers made fun of Jesus because He said He was a King. They put a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and a purple robe on His back. They pretended to bow down to Him. They did not know that Jesus is the King of kings. One day Jesus will come back and set up His kingdom.

Experiment with darkness and light

Invite children to take turns sitting inside a tent or under a table draped with a sheet. Dim the lights and offer flashlights for children to use to look at books in the tent.

Say • The day turned dark when Jesus was on the cross. **Jesus died on the cross for our sin.** The Bible says that when Jesus sets up His kingdom, there will be no night. We will not need the sun or the moon because Jesus Himself will give all the light we need.

Make a tissue paper cross

Cut a cross shape from white construction paper for each child. Show a child how to rub glue on her cross and add pieces of torn, crumpled tissue paper.

Say • When you get home, put your cross somewhere where you can see it. When you look at it remember that **Jesus died on the cross for our sin. What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.** He gave up His life so we can be forgiven and have life forever with God.

Weigh stones

Gather an assortment of stones. Show a preschooler how to hold a stone in each hand and predict which stone is heaviest. Show a child how to use a scale to check their prediction.

Say • **Jesus died on a cross for our sin.** His body was buried in a tomb. A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb. But on the third day, the stone was rolled away because Jesus had risen from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life forever with Him.

Happy & Sad

Give each preschoolers a paper plate. Invite children to draw a happy face on one side of the plate and a sad face on the other. Share different scenarios and ask preschoolers to display the happy face for a happy situation or a sad face for a sad situation. .

Say • Today's Bible story was about the saddest thing that ever happened. **Jesus died on the cross for our sin.** But the next part of this Bible story is the happiest thing that ever happened. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. **What did Jesus do to save us? Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.**

Decide what comes next

Tape a sheet of construction paper to a wall on one side of the room. Line up preschoolers along the opposite wall. Explain that you will tell preschoolers something that happens first, and if they have a guess of what happens next,

they should walk across the room and touch the sheet of paper. Call on two or three children to tell what they think will happen next. Use the following statements or create your own. End each statement with the question, "What happens next?"

First, your dad rakes a pile of leaves.

First, your cat climbs up in a tree.

First, you brushed your teeth.

First, you went to the ice cream shop.

First, you planted a seed.

First, your grandma bought you a new kite.

Say • Great thinking about what happened next! Today's Bible story is the first part of the most important story in all the Bible. Today, we learn that **Jesus died on the cross for our sin**. Can you guess what happened next?