

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

Scripture:

John 18:28-19:16, Luke 23:39-47

Materials Needed:

Dry erase board and markers
Calculator/2 pieces of paper
MV tokens
Song visuals
Snack

Objectives: As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know: Although Pilate found Jesus to be innocent, he agreed with the Jewish leaders to put Jesus to death because He claimed to be both the Son of God and rightful King. Jesus was crucified and finished the task of paying for the sins of the world.

To Realize: Jesus was the innocent Son of God who died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world.

To Respond: by asking Jesus to forgive them of their sins, and thanking Him for paying for what they have done.

Opening Procedures:

Sing *I Believe the Bible*

What Can Wash Away My Sin?

Setting Up the Story—

Did you know that the Bible says we get paid for sinning? ...for going our own way and not God's way? In Romans 6:23, it says, "the wages (that's payment) of sin is DEATH." Some people think that sins are just the BIG things that we do, but sins can be in our hearts and words, too. Let's say that a person sins only three times a day. Maybe in the morning their mom tells them to do something they don't like, and they argue and are disrespectful. Then later they sneak a cookie from the kitchen that they aren't supposed to have. Then they see their brother or sister get a toy they wanted, and they are jealous of them. That's just three things that all of us do. How many sins would that person have done?

(On piece of paper have the word Name: at the top. Then underneath write Sins: Finally, write Reward: and calculate the number of sins at 3x/day for 365 days x#of years of the students) This is how many sins you would have on your record up to this point in your life—and that's at just 3 sins a day! Think of how many sins I have on MY record! And the Bible says that the reward, or payment is DEATH (fill it next to Reward: and add "separation from God. Loneliness. Hell—place of punishment.) There is only ONE PERSON who has a PERFECT record!

Telling the Story—

I. Jesus Stands Before Pilate

- A. Grabbed by soldiers in Garden of Gethsemane

- B. Pilate asks what the charge is

C. Pilate Talks with Jesus

1. Cannot find a charge against Him
2. Has him whipped and offers him back to leaders.
3. Crowd calls for crucifixion
4. Pilate (tries to) wash hands but gives the order.

II. Jesus is Crucified

A. With two criminals

1. They are guilty
2. One is making fun of Jesus and one believes Jesus is King.

- B. Jesus promises eternal life: Today you will be with me in paradise.

III. Jesus Pays for Our Sins

- A. “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?”

As you tell the story—

The Jewish religious leaders were very jealous of Jesus and His popularity. They understood what Jesus said in John 5:18—

“Calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.”

Had Jesus done anything wrong or broken the law? No!

(On second piece of paper, fill it in with Jesus’ name. Write “O” for Sins, and next to Reward: write, Eternal Life. Together in Heaven forever and ever.)

They just said, “He’s guilty!”

“I find no guilt in Him.:

“I find no guilt in Him.”

“I find no guilt in Him.”

JESUS WAS the INNOCENT Son of God. (Point to His record.)

There was No Reason for Him to die because of anything HE had done. But that’s not why Jesus chose to die. He could have saved Himself from death, but that’s not why He came.

Show visual.

“Save yourself! And save us!”

“We deserve to be here, but He has done nothing wrong. Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

What was happening?

If Jesus wasn’t dying for HIS sins, whose sins was He dying for?

John the Baptist had said that Jesus was the Lamb of God, who

B. "It is Finished!"

takes away the sins of the world.
What was finished? Jesus used a
word that meant, "It's all paid for!"
Jesus paid for ALL our sins.

Concluding the story:

Show two pieces of paper next to each other. My record has all these sins, but Jesus died on the cross to pay for what I have done. How does someone get their sins forgiven? Do what the thief did who believed Jesus.

1. Admit your sin. "I'm guilty and deserve to be here."
2. Admit who Jesus is. "You are the Son of God who can forgive sins."
3. Ask Jesus to forgive you and give you His record.

At this point, cross out your name at the top and put "Jesus" and cross out Jesus' name on His record and put in your name. Jesus takes our guilty record before God and gives us His perfect record. Now we can have eternal life with Him!

Because only Jesus was perfect, He beat death and came BACK TO LIFE AGAIN! He did not stay dead! Now we can have His perfect record and live with Him each day and forever!

After Lesson Activity:

- Sing Song: *Faith is Just Believing*
- Review Questions (tic-tac-toe)
- Hand out snack
- Hand out invitations for friends