

1st-5th Grade Activity

Session Title: Jesus' Crucifixion

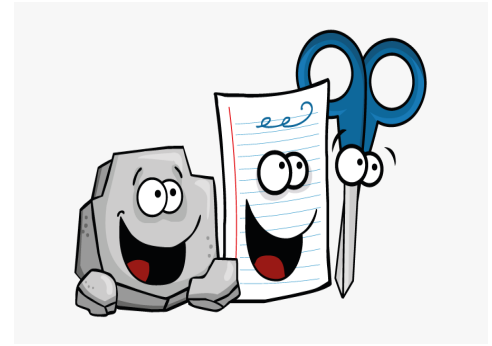
Bible Passage: Matthew 27:11-66

Main Point: Jesus was crucified on the cross.

Key Passage: Ephesians 2:8-9

Big Picture Question: Why did Jesus die on the cross? Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins and came back to life to show we are forgiven.

Christ Connection: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Savior. Jesus never sinned, but He died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, and those who trust in Him have forgiveness and eternal life.



Free the Captives

Form two teams. Choose two people—one from each team—to face off in a game of “Rock, Paper, Scissors.” The winner stays in the game while the other person goes to his team’s “prison”; the player should sit against a wall.

If the two players tie, the first player to say, “It is finished!” frees any of his or her teammates from prison. The team that sends all of the other team’s players to prison wins.

Jesus was crucified on the cross. His death and resurrection freed people from something much worse than prison. Jesus died on the cross to save people from sin, and He is alive. When we trust in Jesus, we are freed from the power of sin and receive eternal life with God.

Mystery Picture

INSTRUCTIONS: Color each section labeled 2 black. Color all other sections red.



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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why did Jesus die on the cross?
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BIBLE STORY:

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

- Jesus went before the governor, Pilate.
- Pilate offered to release Jesus or Barabbas.
- The people chose Barabbas and shouted for Jesus to be killed.
- Jesus was crucified on the cross.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why were the people so angry about Jesus?
- Why is Jesus' death so important?
- Who can be saved by Jesus' sacrifice?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Use dulled nails, jewelry wire, and twine to make cross necklaces. Talk to your kids about the importance of Jesus' death. Encourage them to wear their necklace as a reminder to themselves and a conversation starter with friends.