



Lesson  
**32**

4s-K

# JESUS IS CRUCIFIED



April 3 - Good Friday  
**JESUS RESCUES**



## LESSON GOAL:

**Background:** In the beginning, God created everything perfect, including the first man and woman - Adam and Eve. Sadly, they disobeyed God and sin entered the world. This sin separates us all from God but God created a plan to save us from our sins by sending Jesus to die on the cross for each of us.

**Lesson Goal:** For kids to understand that we are all born sinners and make mistakes. Sadly, this sin separates us from God and we need to be rescued from our sin by believing that Jesus died on the cross for us.

**Matthew 26-28**

## KEY VERSE:



Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**John 14:6, NIRV**

## LESSON OVERVIEW:

*Good Friday Service is about 1 hour long*

### **40 minutes - CHECK-IN**

30 min prior to the start of service until 10 min after service starts

### **10 minutes - EXPLORE**

Craft to introduce lesson topic

### **25 minutes - LARGE GROUP**

Worship, Bible Story, Worship Response & Blessing  
*(Led by staff or assigned teacher)*

### **10 minutes - RESPOND**

Reinforce the lesson by talking about God Statement and doing an activity together

### **CHECK-OUT**

Follow check-out procedures as parents arrive to pick up

25  
min

## CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

### **SAY:**

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! You can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

20  
min

## EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



### **DISCUSS: Jesus Rescues!**

Help kids connect relationally and to the daily lesson by participating in the Bag of Wonder activity together.

**Bag of Wonder:** cross

### **SAY:**

We are going to take turns passing around this Bag of Wonder! It has something inside that helps us think about our lesson today. You can hold it, smell it, shake it, touch it...but no peeking inside! What do you think it could be? You each get one guess!

### **DO:**

Pass the Bag of Wonder around until each child has had a turn holding it and guessing what's in the bag. Offer hints to help the kids guess the item.

### **SAY:**

I *wonder* why this item is in our Bag of Wonder today! Our lesson is about how **Jesus Rescues**. This true story comes from the Bible in **Matthew 27:45-51!** (*Open your Bible to show the kids the verse is in the Bible then read the explanation below*).

**CONNECTION:** Today we are learning how Jesus came to rescue, or save us, from our sins. Jesus did this by dying on the cross to take the punishment for our mistakes.



## CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



### SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

**1. Who is our story about today?**

Jesus and us

**2. What is the problem?**

We are all sinful (sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God)

**3. What will God do?**

God sent Jesus to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins



## MAKE: Cross Plate Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

**Supplies:** paper plate, 3 crosses per child, blue paper, green paper, glue, markers, crayons, banner



### SAY:

Jesus rescues! Jesus came to die for our sins on the cross. Today we are learning about the day that Jesus died for us. Let's make a craft to remind us of this special time.



### DO:

Pass out one paper plate per child. Fold up the bottom part of the paper plate. Have kids glue on paper pieces (green and blue) and three crosses. Add the banner to the front of the craft.



## CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



4:25-4:50pm  
6:25-6:50pm

# LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



## EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



## HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



### SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Key Verse for today.

### KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

### PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



## WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

**SONG 1:** The Way

**SONG 2:** He is the Light



## LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



## WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



## PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



## OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

# WORSHIP RESPONSE



## REFLECT: Jesus Rescues!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

### Worship Response Station

**Supplies:** Cross worship response station, heart stickers (1 per kid)

#### **SAY:**

We are all born sinners and make mistakes. This sin separates us from God. We need to be rescued from our sins! God loves us so much that He created a plan to rescue us from our sins by sending Jesus to die on the cross for each of us. Jesus rescues!

#### **DO:**

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
  - **We all sin... Right? What do you think sin is?** Let kids respond.
    - **Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God.**
  - **Our sin separates us from God. And that makes God really sad because He loves us so much and wants a relationship with us. Show me your sad faces.**
  - **Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?** Let kids respond.
    - **Jesus died on the cross to take our place - He took the blame for all our sins because He loves us that much!**
  - **Because of what Jesus did, anyone who believes in Him is made new! All our sins are wiped away.**
  - **These heart stickers represent each of us. Let's thank Jesus for rescuing us as we put a heart sticker on the cross.**
    - Give each kid a heart sticker and invite them to put it on the cross as they say, "Thank you, Jesus!"



## PRAY

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



## OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.

#### **SAY:**

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say "Thank you, God!" for all He has done for us.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

#### **SAY:**

May you remember what price Jesus paid to rescue you from sin and death!  
He loves you **THAT** much!

4:50-5:10pm  
6:50-7:10pm

# RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



## APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



### SAY:

**Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!**

**1. Who is our story about today?**

Jesus and us

**2. What is the problem?**

We are all sinful (sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God)

**3. What will God do?**

God sent Jesus to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sins

**4. Why does this matter to me?**

I am a sinner in need of a savior - that savior is Jesus!

**5. How can I apply this to my own life?**

Example: I can accept Jesus into my heart; I can ask God to help me with my sins and receive forgiveness



## PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together.



### SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



### DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents  
arrive after  
service

# CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



### DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.