

Lesson 3-29-20

Theme: Good Friday

Set-up: This is our second lesson about Holy Week. Last week we focused on Maundy Thursday when Jesus gathered with his disciples for a Passover supper and then washed all of their feet. In today's lesson, it is Friday of Holy Week and Jesus is condemned to death, is taken outside the city of Jerusalem to a hillside where he is hanged on a cross and dies.

Story to Read: From "Children of God Storybook Bible"

After Jesus' last supper with his disciples, they went out to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus stayed awake, praying alone. Suddenly, soldiers surrounded them and arrested Jesus. They accused him of trying to become king.

At his trial the Roman ruler, Pontius Pilate, asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"My kingdom is not of this world," answered Jesus.

"Set him free," said Pilate. "This man has done nothing wrong."

But some people were angry. "He called himself a king," they shouted. "Crucify him!"

To please the crowd, Pilate ordered the soldiers to beat Jesus and then to kill him. They whipped him and made fun of him. Pretending he was a king, they put a crown of thorns on his head and a red cloak around him. Then they made him carry a heavy, wooden cross to a hill outside the city.

They nailed Jesus to the cross. His mother, Mary, and several other women wept at his feet and stayed with him until the very end.

Then Jesus prayed to God one last time before he died. "Father, forgive them, for they do not understand your dream."

Activity Ideas:

1. Cross puzzle - Cut the cross out in the attached sheet to form a puzzle and then complete the puzzle. See if siblings and parents can also do it.
2. Stained Glass Cross - You will need broken crayons, wax paper, something to shave the crayons (scissors, pencil sharpener, cheese grater) and an iron. Shave the crayons onto a piece of wax paper to form a cross. Place another piece of wax paper on top and iron the wax paper at a medium temperature. This will melt the crayon and seal the two pieces of wax paper together. Cut the cross shape out of the fused sheets and tape in a sunny window.
3. Coloring sheet - Attached is a Good Friday coloring sheet