



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 17

The Cross: His Suffering

Lesson Aim: To learn of the suffering leading up to the crucifixion and to understand Jesus died for us on purpose.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the best choice you have ever made?

GAME: Cross Puzzle

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO LOVES

Read Worship Scripture: Hebrews 12:2-3.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS FINISHED GOD'S PLAN

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus prayed in the garden.

Today, we will hear about Jesus' unfair trial in Jerusalem. (Point to Jerusalem.) **Jesus was tried by Caiaphas, the high priest and then the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate.** Reveal Bible Story
Scripture Reference: John 19:1-3, 6-11, 16, 30; Luke 23:32-43. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 19:30. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

Did Pilate find any reason to charge Jesus with a crime? (No.)
Was Jesus innocent? (Yes.) **It is against Jewish law to falsely claim to be the Son of God. The punishment for breaking that law is death. What did the chief priests want Pilate to do?** (Crucify Jesus.) **Why was it unfair for Jesus to be punished for saying He was the Son of God?** (Jesus is the Son of God.)

How does His choice to not save Himself show His love for us? (He cared more about saving us than saving Himself.)

What did Jesus say as the soldiers nailed Him to the cross?

("Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.")

What do you think Jesus meant? The soldiers did not know they were crucifying the Son of God.

What did the second criminal say that showed He believed in Jesus as God's Son? (He said, "Don't you fear God?" and "Remember me when you come into your kingdom.") **What did Jesus say to him?** ("Today you will be with me in paradise.")

Why do you think Jesus said, "It is finished"? (Jesus finished paying for our sins, so the plan for buying our forgiveness was finished.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The details of the day Jesus died were predicted in the Old Testament prophecies. Reveal Psalm 22:16-18. Find It First. Highlight.

Listen to King David's words of prophesy written centuries before Jesus was nailed to the cross. Imagine Jesus thinking these thoughts as He looked down from His cross. Raise your hand each time you recognize something that happened at the cross. Read Psalm 22:16-18.

Jesus suffered and died for us, but that is not the end of the story. Who knows what happened on the third day after His death? God raised Jesus from the dead. He lives and reigns over heaven and earth forever.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "What Happened Next?" activity sheet
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #17
- OFFERING OF ART: Cross or crown of thorns
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Choices Snack

GAME: The Final Hours

CRAFT: Reflection Poster

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Tag, Heart Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW