



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 3, Lesson 17

The Cross: An Unfair Trial

Lesson Aim: To know the events 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, 19, 30. Find It First.

Highlight Key Verse: John 19:30. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

What did the soldiers make Jesus wear? (A crown of thorns and a purple robe.) **What did they call Him?** (King of the Jews.)

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.)

There are many ways Jesus could have stopped the soldiers, the chief priests, and Pilate. Jesus said He could have called an army of angels to rescue Him. Why didn't He stop them? (He knew they were going to crucify Him and His death was God's plan to pay for the sins of the world.) **How does His choice to not save Himself show His love for us?**

On the day He died, Jesus finished what He came to do on earth. Why did Jesus come to earth? (To save us from our sins so we could have life forever with God.) **Why do you think Jesus said, "It is finished," just before He died?** (By dying, Jesus finished paying for our sins, so the plan for buying our forgiveness was finished.)

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? (Children respond.) **God raised Jesus from the dead and He lives and reigns over heaven and earth forever.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The details of Jesus' death were predicted in the Old Testament prophecies. They help God's people recognize Jesus as the Savior who was promised throughout the scriptures. Reveal Isaiah 53:5, 11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Isaiah refers to our sins as "iniquities" and "transgressions." Which phrase points to the fact that Jesus paid for our sins? ("He was crushed for our iniquities", "by His wounds we are healed") **Which phrase points to the fact that God would raise Him from the dead?** ("He will see the light of life and be satisfied.")

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "What Happened Next?" activity sheet
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Circle Tag, Heart Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW