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LIFE OF JESUS

Jesus Before Pilate

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about a sad story involving Jesus. When Jesus came, some people didn't like him or what he taught. The religious people thought that they had it all figured out and that the Jewish law was all they needed to have a relationship with God. But, Jesus came to say that the only way to have a relationship with God was through him. He was the Messiah who had come to save the world. This made the religious leaders angry and they wanted to get rid of him. So, they had him arrested and brought before Pilate, the Roman governor. They wanted him to be sentenced to death. Pilate wasn't Jewish so he didn't understand the problem and he definitely didn't think Jesus had committed a crime. But, the people insisted and eventually Pilate agreed to have Jesus killed. This is a sad story but this isn't the end of the story. God had this whole thing planned all along. Jesus came to earth knowing that he would die for us. And, because Jesus was willing to go through all of that, we are saved!

Big Idea

The whole thing was God's idea all along

Key Question

What was God's idea?

Memory Verse

Isaiah 53:7 "He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter.."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What's your favorite movie of all time? Why is it your favorite?** (Tip: We love movies that have great characters, an interesting story and a great ending. The Bible tells the best story ever.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Jesus would come to die to pay for our sins.** (The Jewish leaders and Pilate thought they were punishing Jesus. But, the truth is, all of their mean actions were part of God's bigger plan. Jesus had to die to pay for our sins, so he came to earth, knowing that he would die on the cross for us. And, Jesus also knew that he would rise again three days later and would give all who believe in him a new life and the hope of heaven. Now, that's a great story with a fantastic ending!))
 - **Bonus Questions:** What was God's plan? Why did Jesus have to die? **4-5th:** What do you think heaven will be like?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Colossians 1:17-20. Identify everything this passage says about Jesus. What did Jesus come to do for us?** (Answer: Jesus existed before anything else did. He created all things and holds creation together. He is the head of the church, meaning he is who we worship at church every week. He is supreme because he is God. He came to make peace by dying for our sins.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: STAINED GLASS CROSS CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Cross template (page 5).
- Give each kid a few sheets of colored tissue paper.
- Have kids rip up the tissue paper into smaller pieces and have them glue them to their cross. Make sure they completely cover the cross with tissue so it looks like a stained glass.
- As they work, read the story of Jesus before Pilate from Luke 23:1-5,13-24. Remind the kids that, even though it seems like the mean people won in the story, it was God's plan all along. Jesus came to die to save us.

Supplies needed: Cross template (pg. 5, precut, 1 per kid), Tissue Paper, Glue

OPTION 2: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Memory verse words (page 6-7) and place in a bowl or basket.
- Have kids take turns coming up to pull a word out of the bowl. Tape each word up on the whiteboard as you go.
- Once all the words are on the board, work as a class to get them in order to say the memory verse.
- Then, remind the kids of what this verse means. The memory verse is from the book of Isaiah written many years before Jesus came. This verse was talking about Jesus and how he would suffer and die for us. This verse proves that the whole thing was God's idea.

Supplies needed: Memory verse words (pg. 6-7, pre cut, 1 set per class), Bowl/Basket, Tape

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God planned for Jesus to die on the cross way before he even came to the earth.

Key Points:

- Jesus went to court like a regular _____, John 18:28
- _____ thought Jesus was innocent. John 18:38
- Pilate sentenced Jesus to _____. John 19:7
- The whole thing was _____ idea all along. Isaiah 53:7

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What's your favorite movie of all time? Why is it your favorite?*
3. *Why was Jesus arrested?*
4. *Why did Pilate decide to punish Jesus to death?*
5. *Read Colossians 1:17-20. Identify everything this passage says about Jesus. What did Jesus come to do for us?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

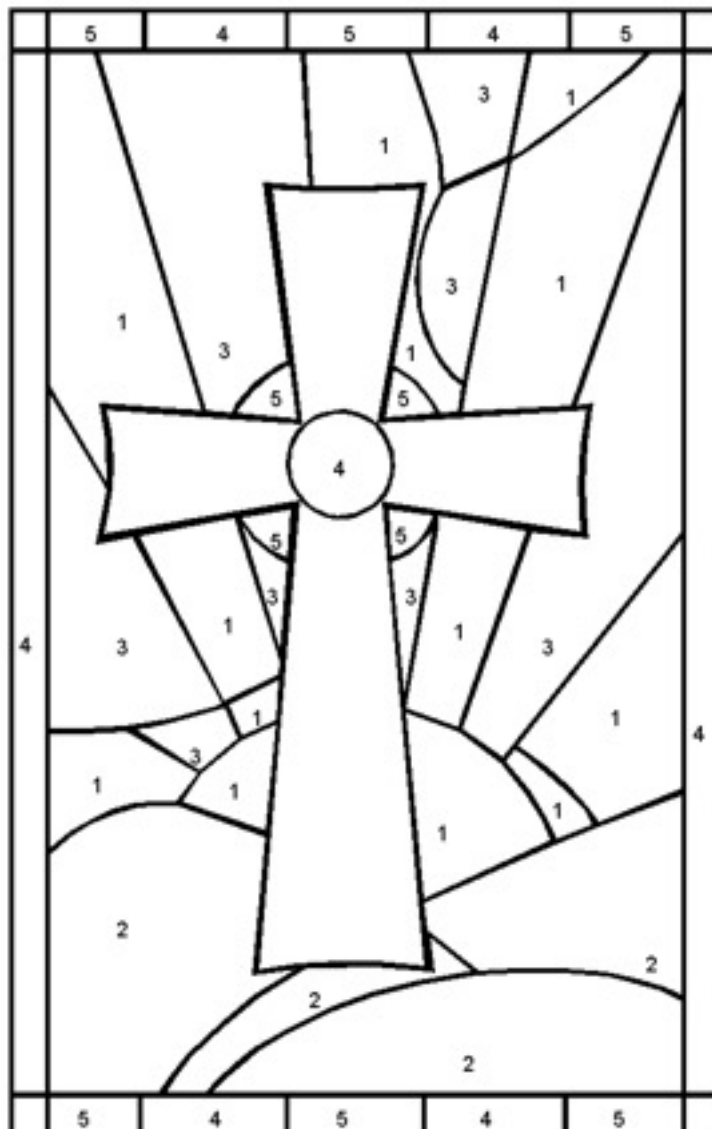
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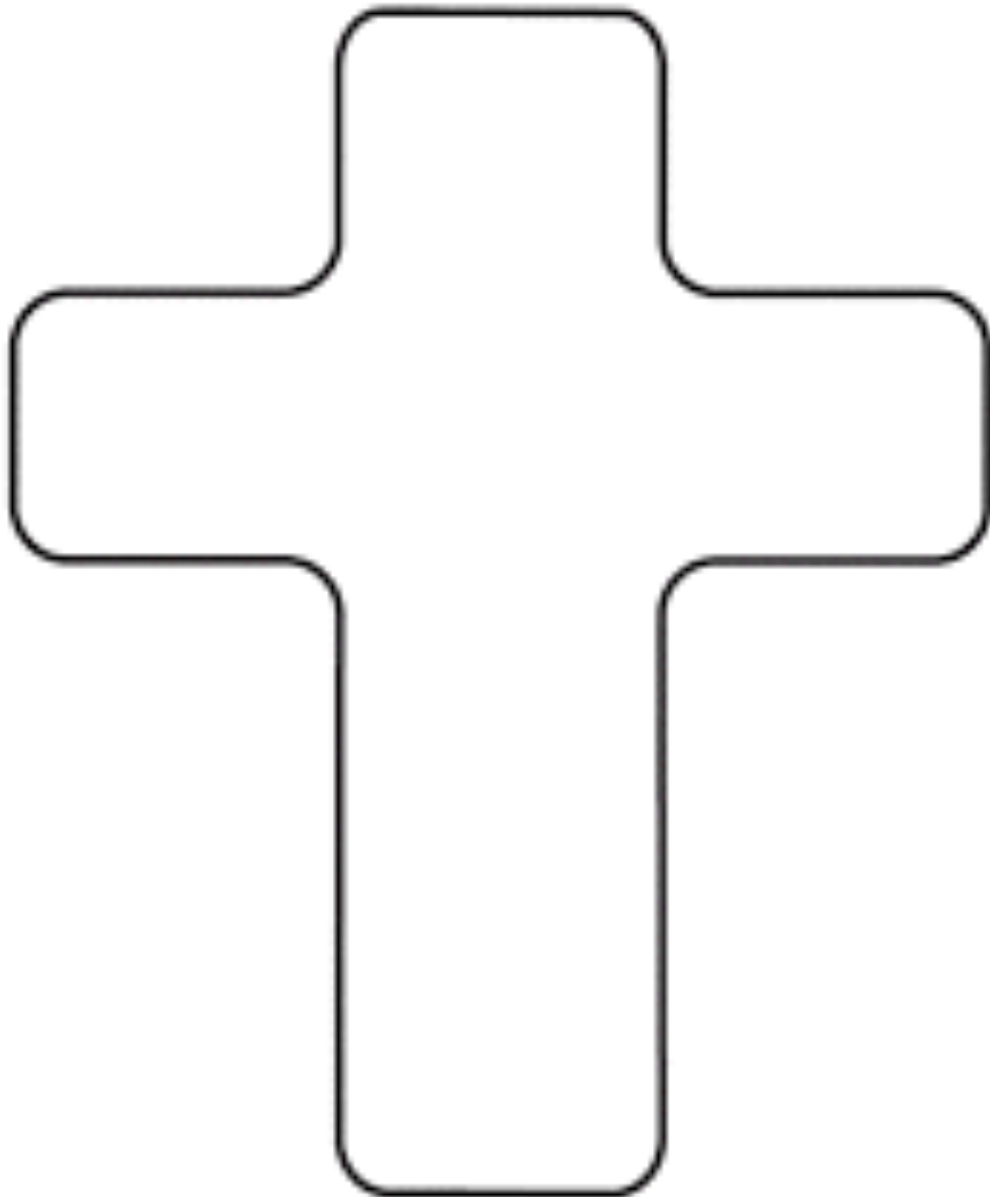


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