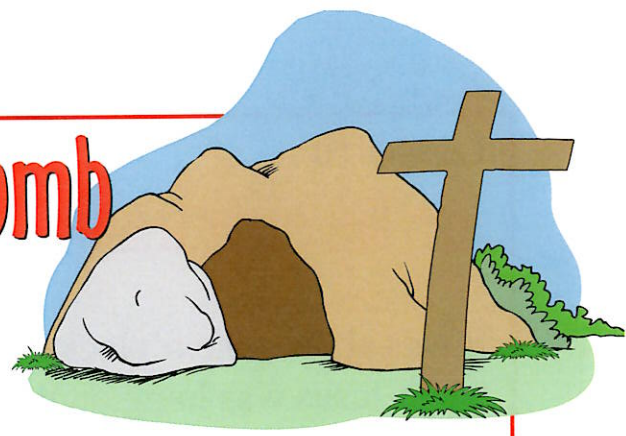


The Cross & the Empty Tomb



Parents' Page

Lesson 10

Jesus Dies on the Cross

Your child should understand...

Thankfulness—Being thankful for Jesus' willingness to die for us

Your child should be able to...

1. Describe how Jesus' sentence of death was carried out.
2. Tell that Jesus asked God to forgive those who crucified Him.
3. Describe what happened from noon to three o'clock in the afternoon while Jesus was on the cross.
4. Identify why we should be thankful that Jesus died on the cross.

Your child should be memorizing...

Matthew 28:19-20

"So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end."

Please read to your child...

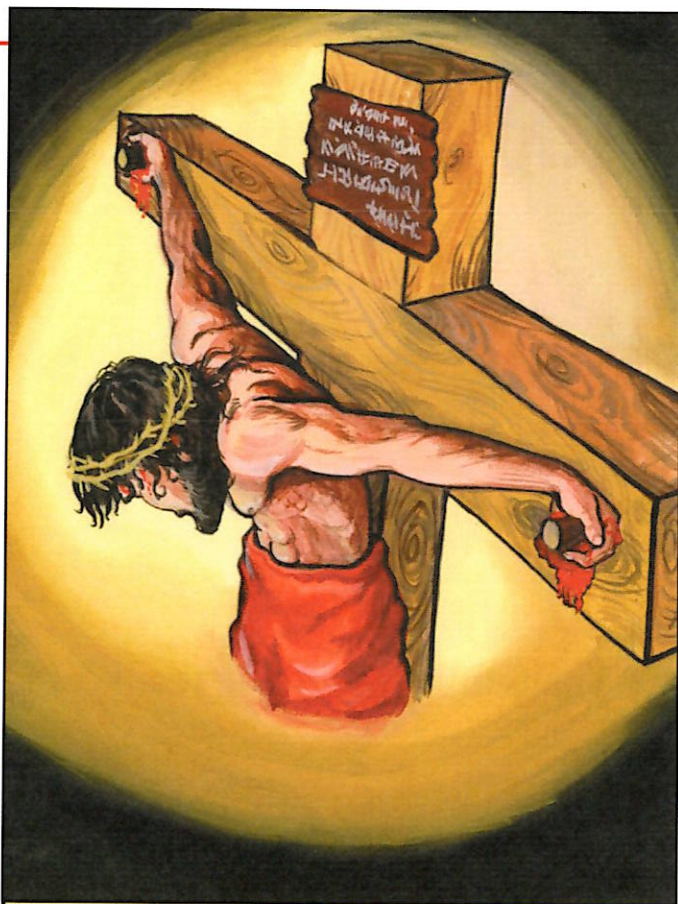
Thursday	Matthew 27:33-44
Friday	Matthew 27:45-56
Saturday	Mark 15:29-32
Monday	Luke 23:33-49
Tuesday	John 19:17-18, 25-27

Lesson 10

Jesus Dies on the Cross

It was about nine o'clock in the morning when Jesus was hung on the cross. Soldiers nailed Jesus' hands and feet to the cross. Two men, who were criminals, were crucified on crosses on each side of Jesus. As people came in and out of the city, they could see them up on the hill. The men who nailed Jesus to the cross divided up His clothes to keep for themselves and then sat down to watch Him die. Some Jews came up on the hill to watch Jesus and make fun of Him. It took several hours for Jesus to die. His pain was terrible.

Normally it is light outside at noon; but on the day Jesus died, it got dark from noon until three o'clock in the afternoon. While Jesus was on the cross, it was hard for Him to talk because He was in so much pain. But Jesus cried out to God, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." These people had beaten Him, spit on Him, made fun of Him, and now they had nailed Him to a cross. But *still* Jesus asked God to forgive them. He loves all of us and wants all of us to be forgiven of our sins. That's why He died—for them, for you, and for me.



How was Jesus killed?

When Jesus was on the cross, what did He ask God to do for the people who were killing Him?

The robbers who were crucified with Jesus made fun of Him, too. But one of them watched what was happening and listened to the things Jesus said. Before that robber died, he believed in Jesus.

Jesus looked down on the people who were there around the cross. He saw the apostles and Mary, His mother. He told one of the apostles to take care of His mother. From that day on, that apostle took care of Mary as if she were his very own mother.

When Jesus died, there was a great earthquake. The guards who were watching Jesus were afraid. One of them said, "This man was surely the Son of God!" What a horrible day that must have been for Jesus.



Be ready to tell the class as much as you can about the things that happened from noon to three o'clock while Jesus was on the cross.

Jesus, the Son of God, died for the whole world. He died for all of us to save us from our sins. We are so thankful to God for sending us His only Son and to Jesus for coming to the earth and giving His life for us.

Why are we so thankful that Jesus died on the cross?

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Jesus Dies on the Cross

Memory Verse:

Practice saying your **memory verses** with your mother or daddy. Can you say them without any help? Give it a try!

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I Know My Bible Facts!

What is the book of **Philemon** about?
(A runaway slave becomes a Christian)

Stand **in the doorway** and say the names of **Jesus’ twelve apostles**.

(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

Look at your **Bible map**, and find the **region of Samaria**. Use your **ring finger** to point to the **city** inside the region with the **same name**.