

SESSION TITLE: Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 26-28

STORY POINT: Jesus died on the cross and is alive.

KEY PASSAGE: Proverbs 3:5-6

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.

SCHEDULE

Introduce the Story	
(1) Activity Page & Intro Question	5 minutes
(2) Session Starter Activity	5 minutes
Teach the Story	
(3) Big Picture & Timeline	2 minutes
(4) Watch Bible Story Video	4 minutes
(5) Bible Story Discussion	4 minutes
(6) Sing	4 minutes
(7) Pray	2 minutes
Apply the Story	
(8) Craft	15 minutes
(9) Snack & Reflection Questions	10 minutes

PREPARE the Home Session

Set aside some time to prepare for your session. This is a special and unique opportunity and is likely different from what kids are used to, which may cause some challenges. Pray over your time and prepare the best you can.

1. Print this packet, activity pages and coloring sheets. *
2. Gather necessary materials*
 - a. Crayons, markers or colored pencils
 - b. Internet-capable device (with Bible video cued)
 - c. Bible
 - d. Craft materials
 - e. Snack
3. Verbally prep children for the Sunday School lesson. Let them know that you will be having a very special Sunday School at home! Let them know your expectations for participating.

*** If you do not have a printer or the materials needed,** Anthem Kids Lead Nicole Raden has packets of supplies you can pick up at her home. Let Nicole know if you'd like to come pick up a packet via email at nicole.raden@anthemchurch.org or text at (360) 383-6411.

INTRODUCE the Story

(1) INTRO & ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

To introduce the lesson, print out the appropriate activity page for kids to complete. As they fill them out, ask the intro question to get them thinking about the lesson you will be covering.

MATERIALS

- Preschool Activity Page – “Shadow Matching”
- Younger Activity Page – “Have No Fear”
- Older Activity Page – “Stained Glass Art”
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils

QUESTION - Prompt kids to talk about times they did something difficult to help a friend.

What did they do? How did it feel to help their friend?

SAY - Choosing to help a friend is a great thing to do. Sometimes it can be hard to make that choice if you know helping the friend could be hard or cause trouble for you. Today we will learn about Jesus, who did something incredibly hard and painful to help people—He died on a cross.

(2) SESSION STARTER ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Twenty Questions

MATERIALS

- None.

Invite kids to play a game of 20 questions. Explain that you are thinking of a person, place, or thing. Kids may take turns asking up to 20 yes-or-no questions to try to figure out what you are thinking of. For example, “Is this a place?” “Is this a person?” “Is this person a boy?” “Is this person still alive?” or “Is this person famous?”

Keep track of how many questions kids ask. If they are unable to guess the person after asking

20 questions, reveal the answer. Play multiple rounds as time allows. Use words related to today's Bible story. (Suggested words: Jesus, garden, prayer, king, cross, earthquake, and so on)

SAY - In the Bible story today, something happened to Jesus that the disciples didn't fully understand. It probably left them with a lot of questions.

/// TRANSITION TO TEACH THE STORY ///

TEACH the Story

MATERIALS

- Internet-capable device (Computer, laptop, tablet)
- Bible

****Note****

If your children are young, you may want to summarize some of the intro and story explanation. It does not need to be read in its entirety.

(3) Big Picture Question & Timeline (2 minutes)

SAY – Who remembers the Big Picture question we've been learning? (Allow answers) **What is sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.** You may know that the Bible contains many different stories. However, those stories also fit together to tell one big story. That story is about God loving people despite the ways we disobey Him and make sinful choices. In fact, He showed His love by sending a rescuer to take the punishment we deserve!

Today, we are going to talk about a story that didn't take place in the Old Testament, but in the New. This story is the center of the gospel. We know from stories in the Old Testament that God gave His people lots of victories over their enemies, especially while they were led by Joshua. Our story today is about the biggest and best victory God ever provided—victory over sin and death. And He provided it through His Son, Jesus. Our story is called "Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection."

(4) Bible Story Video (3 minutes)

VIDEO TITLE - "Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection"

(5) Bible Story Discussion & Review (4 minutes)

SAY - This story is the center of the Bible's one story. This is like the climax, where everything in the history of the world turned around. After years and years of offering sacrifices to have forgiveness of sin, Jesus died to be the final and perfect sacrifice. After years and years of being separated from God, the temple curtain ripped in two to show that we could approach God personally. After years and years of people being dead in sin, Jesus rose again to bring us eternal life with God.

This story is absolutely the most important story that the world has ever known or will ever know. God has been telling it from the very beginning. Since before Adam and Eve sinned, God had a plan to send a Rescuer. Jesus came, He lived, He died, and He is alive again. Because of Jesus, we don't have to fear anything—not even sin or death. We have victory because Jesus is victorious. This is the gospel, and it is good news.

(6) Sing! (4 minutes)

Note – the music videos have hand motions to move along with! Kids are more likely to participate if you do, so get ready to move. 😊

MUSIC VIDEO TITLES (OPTIONS) -

1. Trust! (Elementary)
2. Trust in the Lord (Preschool)

3. Walking by Your Side (Elementary)

(7) Pray (2 minutes)

SAY - Father, thank You for sending Jesus to win the battle for us. We know that because of His death and resurrection, we have nothing to fear in this world. He has overcome the world! Help us trust You more each day and glorify You by lovingly obeying Your commands. Amen.

EXPERIENCE the Story

(8) Cross Painting

MATERIALS

- Heavyweight or watercolor paper
- Watercolors
- Painter's tape
- Permanent marker



Print or write the story point with a permanent marker at the top of a sheet of heavyweight paper for each child. Guide children to use several strips of painter's tape to make a cross on their paper. Invite them to paint over their entire paper with watercolors. Allow the paint to dry, and then remove the tape to reveal a white cross. Suggest boys and girls give their cross pictures to a friend or family member and tell them that Jesus died on a cross and is alive!

SAY - The bright colors on your cross picture are happy colors. The women were very happy to see that Jesus was not in the tomb. They ran to tell Jesus' friends that Jesus is alive. The women had been sad and afraid when Jesus was dying on the cross and then placed in the tomb, but now they knew they did not need to be afraid. Jesus brings forgiveness and life

with God forever. Can you give your cross picture to someone in your family or to a friend and tell him or her that Jesus is alive?

(9) Snack & Reflection (10 minutes)

MATERIALS

- Snack suggestion – Donuts and donut holes

Serve half a doughnut and a doughnut hole to each child for snack. Show children how to stand the donut on the cut edge to make a tomb or cave. Use the donut hole for the stone in front of the tomb. Ask children who rolled the stone away and what the women saw. Remind children that **Jesus died on the cross and is alive.**

As they eat, guide kids to think about and answer questions reviewing and reflecting on the story:

- **What did Jesus pray in the garden?** *(He asked God to take the suffering away but agreed to do God's plan no matter what, Matt. 26:39)*
- **How did Jesus die?** *(He was hung on a cross, or crucified; Matt. 27:33-50)*
- **What did the women find on the third day?** *(an empty tomb, an angel who said that Jesus rose again; Matt. 28:5-6)*
- **Why is it important that Jesus perfectly obeyed God?** *Guide the kids to understand that Jesus could only be the perfect sacrifice for our sin if He was not a sinner. His perfect obedience is amazing and true, and it's the reason His death was enough to pay for sin.*
- **Why is it important that Jesus really died?** *Guide kids to understand that God demands a sacrifice for sin. Because we are sinners, we deserve death. If there were no sacrifice, God would not be perfectly just. Jesus had to die for us to be forgiven. (See Heb. 9:22; Rom.6:23; and 2 Cor. 5:21.)*

- **Why is it important that Jesus rose to life?** *Help kids see that Jesus' rising again was proof that His sacrifice was enough. He rose again to prove that sin and death were totally defeated. We have victory in Christ. (See 1 Cor. 15:12-22.)*

Extra Activity Options

Coloring Page

A coloring page is also provided and can be used as needed to go along with the story.

Key Passage

Keep practicing our Key Passage, Proverbs 3:5-6. You can print it out and help kids practice over the next few weeks. Note that the songs "Trust!" and "Trust in the Lord" are meant to help with memorization.