

# Large Group

## Jesus Knew He Would Be Rejected

Bible Passage: Luke 13

Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:3

Big Picture Question: Why do people reject Jesus?

People reject Jesus because all people are born with a sin nature and want to please themselves rather than obey God.



### Countdown Video (3 mins)

### Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

### Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

### Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

### Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Throughout the Old Testament God sent many prophets that spoke the truth about people's need to confess their sin and repent. Often the people, Israel, rejected the prophets and went their own way. God has always been calling to His people to come to Him and find forgiveness and salvation!

We have learned that Jesus came to teach people to repent and believe in Him. Jesus' miracles proved He is God's Son and proved His teachings were true. Today, we will learn that people's hard hearts of unbelief led them to reject Jesus.

## Today's Lesson

Jesus traveled around to many places and taught people the good news of the gospel. Was Jesus liked by everyone? [Allow responses.] Jesus came to earth knowing that not everyone would accept Him. But Jesus loves sinners. He came to live the perfect life we could not, and then die in our place. He accepts anyone who repents and turns to Him.

Why were Jesus' teachings hard to hear? [Allow responses.] Jesus' teachings were hard to hear because our hearts naturally want to do things our way. We might think we need to make ourselves 'good' before we can come to God. Or maybe we think God's ways are not that important and we can say we love God, even if our actions do not show it. But none of the good things we do can ever be enough to fix our relationship with God. Nor can we say we love God and ignore His Word. The way we enter God's kingdom is by trusting in Jesus' perfect works. Faith in Jesus is the only way to be forgiven and saved from our sin.

We have a choice to trust Jesus or reject Him. Jesus loves us and will never reject us when we come to Him by faith. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

**Christ Connection | Everyone is invited into the kingdom of God, but not everyone will enter. People are saved only by trusting in Jesus. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.**

## Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Luke 13:22-35

## Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

## Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.