

# Large Group

## Jesus Was Crucified

Bible Passage: Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23–24; John 19–20

Memory Verse: Revelation 5:13

Big Picture Question: How is Jesus the perfect King?  
Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as the King of kings.



### 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:

Last week, we learned Jesus was arrested and put on trial after being falsely accused. People told lies about Jesus, and He was beaten. The crowd even rejected Jesus and chose Barabbas to be freed. Jesus was sentenced to be crucified on a cross even though He did nothing wrong. Today, we will learn how Jesus was crucified to save people from sin and offer forgiveness

## Today's Lesson

Jesus' death can make us very sad. Jesus never sinned, and He didn't deserve to die. But without Jesus' death there would be no way for us to be saved from our sin. He died in our place.

During Jesus' crucifixion many treated Him very badly. What were some of the mean and wicked things people did? [Allow responses.] They made fun of Him, put a crown of thorns on His head, made Him wear a scarlet robe, cast lots for His clothes, and mocked Him saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' Jesus was not treated like the King He is. He was treated like a criminal.

As Jesus hung on the cross, people passed by and mocked Him by saying how Jesus saved people, but could not save Himself. Why didn't Jesus save Himself? [Allow responses.] Jesus willingly laid down His life as part of God's plan to save sinners.

The Son of God hung on the cross and took on the punishment we deserve for sin. He was pierced because of our sin and shed His blood so we could have forgiveness. Darkness covered all the land for three hours while Jesus bore our sin on the cross. Then Jesus said 'It is finished' and died. What happened after Jesus died? [Allow responses.] The temple curtain tore in two and there was an earthquake. Now, we can get to God through faith in Jesus.

After Jesus died, He was buried in a rich man's tomb. His death on the cross is the only way we can be forgiven of our sin. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

**Christ Connection | We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Savior. Jesus never sinned, but He died in our place. Now those who trust in Him have forgiveness through His blood and are no longer separated from God.**

## Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Mark 15:16-20, 24-34, 37-39

## 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.