

2.9 JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR US

Topic: Meeting Jesus, the Son of God

Subtopic: The Death of Jesus

1B. Jesus Christ: God, the Son

Class: Standard II (2nd Grade)

Objectives:

Knowledge: When asked why Jesus came to earth, students will respond that He gave His life for our sins.

Attitude: Students will respect and give thanks for Jesus who gave His life for them.

Materials Needed

Exercise book

Memory Exercise book

Candles, matches, paper (optional)

Scripture:

References: Mark 14:12-15:47

Teacher's Notes

Memory Verse: "I am the good shepherd...I am willing to die for them."

John 10:14-15

TEACHER'S ACTIVITIES

Introduction:

1. Can you tell me what we learned about Jesus' birth? When Jesus grew up, He healed the sick, made the blind to see, loved people, taught people about God.

Bible Story:

2. Because of Jesus' popularity, leaders became very jealous of Jesus. Do you know what they wanted to do to Him? Tell Bible story from Mark 14-15.

Suggested Discussion Questions

3. What have you learned to do when you are angry? Could these jealous leaders have learned from you?
4. In their anger, the jealous leaders treated Jesus very badly. How did Jesus respond to being treated badly?
5. Why did Jesus allow Himself to go to the cross?
6. What happened to the sun the day Jesus died?

Application:

7. What can you do to experience the forgiveness of Jesus for your sins?

Evaluation:

8. How would you explain to a friend why it was important for Jesus to give His life for our sins?

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Introduction:

1. Students will recall events that surrounded the birth of Jesus.

Bible Story:

2. Students will listen to the story to learn what the leaders wanted to do to Jesus. They wanted to kill Him.

Possible Answers to Questions:

3. Expect students to review the four rules for Talking Together when there is conflict. Leaders could learn from you.
4. He forgave them because they didn't know what they were doing.
5. He took upon Himself our sins so we can be forgiven and spend life eternally with Him in heaven.
6. The sun turned dark because it was a sad day.

Application:

7. Thank Jesus for giving His life for you and tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins. Ask Him to forgive you.

Evaluation:

8. By Jesus' death, we are forgiven of our sins when we confess our sins to Him. Our sins were nailed on the cross that day.

Extension Activities

1. Memory Verse: Have the children write their memory verse in the Memory Verse Exercise Book: "I am the good shepherd...I am willing to die for them." John 10:14-15. Jesus said these words.
2. In their exercise book, have the children write at the top of the page: God the Son: Jesus Christ. Underneath write: Jesus gave His life for our sins. Beneath that have the students draw a picture of a cross.
3. Let candles explain what happened that Good Friday when Jesus was crucified.
Materials needed: Seven candles and something to hold them in place, matches to light the candles with. Place seven candles in a circle on a table or desk in the front of the class. Light them all. Talk to the children about how Jesus was like a light to everyone He met. He had compassion and healed people who were sick or blind. He taught people how to live like God wants us to live. People saw the truth in Him and wanted to follow Him. But then leaders became jealous because people preferred Jesus to them. (Blow out one candle.) They became angry at Jesus for being so good. (Blow out another candle.) They went to officials to demand His death. (Blow out another candle.) They told lies to try to find evidence for His being killed. (Blow out another candle.) Once they were told to crucify Him, they beat Him. (Blow out another candle.) They nailed His hands and feet to the cross. (Blow out another candle.) They put Him in a tomb. (Blow out another candle.) They thought they had done away with Jesus. His light had been removed. It was as if darkness had fallen over the world. But remember God made something good of this tragedy. We will learn about the wonderful thing that happened to Jesus next week.
4. Make a paper cross (or make a large wooden cross) and place on the wall in front of the children. **Materials needed: Paper to make a large cross on the wall or make a wooden cross from timber. Prepare two papers—one with the word "Jesus", the other with the words "Our Sins", pins or tape to hold them in place.** Talk about who died on the cross. Then write Jesus' name on a paper and pin "nail" it to the cross. Talk about what else was nailed to the cross: "Our sins". Write that on a piece of paper and pin "nail" it to the cross. If it is appropriate, leave that up until next week. Then talk about the importance of each child telling Jesus they are sorry for their sins and ask Him to forgive them.

NOTES FOR TEACHERS

Highlights for the Bible Story

As you tell this story, use the opportunity to review the rules for Talking Together when there is conflict.

1. Jesus was very well liked by many people. The leaders felt threatened by Him. They were so jealous they wanted to kill Jesus yet Jesus never did anything wrong.
2. They had to go to officials to get the permission for His death. They had to say things about Jesus that were not true about Him to gain permission.
3. Once they got the permission, they got out of control and beat him unmercifully. They spit on Him. They placed a crown of thorns on His head which caused Him to bleed. They nailed His hands and feet to the cross and stood the cross up leaving Him to die.

4. Jesus didn't deserve this treatment. Yet in His agony, Jesus said to God, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Jesus loved even the people who were putting Him to death. He forgave them.
5. God made something good of this tragedy though. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, all of our sins were nailed to the cross with Him. So through His death, we can ask God to forgive our sins and our lives are made clean. Jesus laid down His life for us that we might be saved from our sins.
6. The day Jesus died, the sun turned dark because it was such a sad day. We remember this day on the Friday before Easter and call it Good Friday because by Jesus dying, our sins are forgiven and we can enjoy life with Him forever.
7. The body of Jesus was put in a tomb. Next week we will learn about the wonderful thing that happened to Jesus.

Key Point

Jesus willingly gave His life on the cross so He could bear the sins of the world and our sins are forgiven. We simply have to confess our sins to Jesus and we are forgiven and can spend eternity with Jesus in heaven.

This story may help students understand the concept of Jesus giving His life for us. One day a father took his two children to climb a mountain. Have any of you climbed a mountain? What mountain would probably be the closest to you? Elgon maybe? (American Rockies or Smokies maybe?) When you climb mountains it can get extremely cold the higher you go. That is what happened to this threesome. Not only did it get extremely cold, but it began to storm. In fact, it began to snow. Snow is white fluffy stuff that comes down like rain but it can pile up and it is very cold. When it falls like that and the wind blows it is very difficult to see. The father realized that they could easily get lost in the snow and it was getting so cold that he worried about the children not being warm enough. He found a place where there was some protection from the wind. They all laid down and let the snow build up around them but the father laid where he was the least protected. He brought the children close to him so their body warmth would keep them from freezing. He was trying to keep the children as warm as possible. No one found them for many, many hours and when they did, the children were okay but the father got too cold and died. He loved his children so much that he was willing to risk his own life that they might live. That is exactly what Jesus did for us. He gave His life that we might live forever with Him.

Teacher Evaluation

What was the point where I got their attention? Did they hear only the part about Jesus being tortured or did they begin to understand that what Jesus did was because He loved us so much He was willing to lay down His life for us? Did they hear that God made something good out of Jesus' death?