

SUNDAY FUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2020
JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

GAME TIME

PLAY A QUIET GAME

Form a circle on the floor. Direct one player to tiptoe around the circle and gently tap a quiet someone's shoulder. Then they will take their spot in the circle while the new player tiptoes around the circle and gently taps another quiet person's shoulder. Play as time allows.

SAY: The religious leaders lied and said that Jesus had done wrong things. Pilate thought Jesus would say something about the religious leaders' lies, but Jesus was quiet. Jesus never did anything wrong, but He died in our place. Jesus died on the cross for our sin. God forgives our sin when we trust in Jesus.

BIBLE STORY

Jesus' Crucifixion Matthew 26-27; John 18-19

Jesus had been arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked.

"Yes," Jesus said. Then the religious leaders lied and said that Jesus had done wrong things, but Jesus never did anything wrong. Pilate thought Jesus would say something about the religious leaders' lies, but Jesus was quiet.

Every year at Passover, Pilate would let the people choose a prisoner to set free. One of the prisoners had done very bad things. His name was Barabbas (buh RAB uhs). So Pilate asked the crowd, "Who do you want me to set free? Barabbas or Jesus?"

The crowd shouted, "Barabbas!"

Pilate asked, "What should I do with Jesus?"

"Kill Him on a cross!" they said. "Crucify Him!"

Pilate's soldiers took Jesus away. They made fun of Him because He said He was a King. The soldiers put a crown of thorns on Jesus' head and a purple robe on His back. They pretended to bow down to Him. Then they led Jesus away.

Jesus was put on a cross. They put a sign above Jesus' head that said: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two criminals were crucified next to Jesus.

DARKNESS AND LIGHT

Invite children to take turns sitting inside a tent or under a table draped with a sheet. Dim the lights and offer flashlights for children to use to look at books in the tent.

SAY: The day turned dark when Jesus was on the cross. Jesus died on the cross for our sin. The Bible says that when Jesus sets up His kingdom, there will be no night. We will not need the sun or the moon because Jesus Himself will give all the light we need.



The day turned dark. In the afternoon, Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You left Me all alone?" Then Jesus shouted and said, "It is finished!"

Jesus died and was buried in a tomb. A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb, and Pilate's soldiers guarded the tomb so that no one could steal Jesus' body.

CHRIST CONNECTION: We deserve to die because of our sin, but God loves us and kept His promise to send a Rescuer. Jesus never did anything wrong, but He died in our place. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life forever with Him.