



Grace Church Preschool

Tree House

Holy - Family Lesson 4

Divine Attribute: God is holy

Heart Response: Repent

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. Jesus is God’s Son.
2. Jesus is perfect and holy, but we are sinners.
3. Sin separates us from God.
4. Jesus came to save us from our sins.
5. We need to be sorry for our sin.

Family Worship

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to Romans 6:23. Remind your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words*

in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.

Supplies:

Bible (Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18 & 19)

Set of Resurrection Eggs (one per bin)

(Open the Bible to John 18.) **Remember last week when the soldiers and enemies of Jesus came to the garden to arrest him? The soldiers first take Jesus to a man named Caiaphas (KAY-uh-fuhs), the high priest. Can you say, “Caiaphas?”** (Say Caiaphas with your child.) **People are brought in to make claims against Jesus, but none of their stories are the same. Then Caiaphas asks Jesus, “Are you then the Son of God?” and Jesus answers, “You rightly say that I am.” This makes all the Jewish leaders very mad.**

In the morning, they take Jesus to a man named Pilate, the Roman governor, who has the power to put criminals to death. Can you say, “Pilate?” (Say “Pilate” with your child.) **Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus replies that he is, but “not of this world.” Although Pilate knows Jesus has done nothing wrong, Pilate sends Jesus to a man named Herod, another Roman ruler, who makes fun of Jesus and says mean things to him. Then, Herod returns Jesus to Pilate’s court.**

To make the Jews happy, Pilate places a purple robe on Jesus’ shoulders and puts a crown of thorns on Jesus’ head. They put the crown of thorns on Jesus’ head when they are hurting Jesus and making fun of him.

The Jews still say they want Jesus to die. The Bible tells us Jesus is hung on a cross along with two criminals—one on his left and one on his right. As Jesus looks down from the cross at the soldiers and the Jewish leaders who have put him there, he asks God to forgive them.

We might think, “Oh, no! This is wrong! This should not have happened to Jesus!” But all of this was God’s plan. God sent Jesus to live a perfect, holy life, and then to die in our place to pay for our sins. God sent Jesus to be our Savior! If this had not been God’s plan, it would not have happened, because God is all-powerful and he could have stopped it.

In the end, Jesus cries out, “It is finished!” and dies on the cross, taking the punishment for all our sin forever. Jesus has broken down the wall between God and us so we can have a relationship with him. God wants us to be sorry for our sin—not just sorry we got punished or sorry we got caught. God wants us to be sorry because we hurt his heart when we sin and sin hurts us.

Joseph of Arimathea (ehr-uh-muh-THEE-uh), a follower of Jesus, gets permission to take Jesus’ body to bury it. He puts it in a tomb that has never been used. Pilate seals the tomb and places a guard outside. Next week, we are going to hear the end of the story. It is very exciting, and you will not want to miss it!

Jesus does not stay dead. Remember how he showed his power over death? Well, next week, we will learn about how he overcomes his own death and comes back to life!

Prayer

Lord, we thank you that Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, and died to pay the penalty for our sin. We know that this was your plan to give us the opportunity to know you and have a relationship with you. Help us to see our need for you as our Savior. Remind us that we should always be sorry and ask forgiveness when we sin. Amen.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

- 1. Where did the soldiers take Jesus when they arrested him?** (They took him to Caiaphas, the high priest.)
- 2. Caiaphas had the soldiers take Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor. Did Pilate think Jesus was guilty of any crime?** (No.)
- 3. What did Pilate put on Jesus to make fun of him for saying he was a king, but not a king of this world?** (He put a purple robe and a crown of thorns on Jesus.)
- 4. Who demanded that Jesus be hung on the cross?** (The Jewish leaders and people.)
- 5. Where was Jesus’ body put after he was crucified?** (Joseph of Arimathea put Jesus’ body in a tomb.)

Optional Additional Activities

“It Is Finished”

Supplies

Plain white paper

[Cross worksheet](#)

Glue sticks

Give your child a sheet of plain white paper. Talk about how God is perfectly holy. Jesus is God’s Son and came to earth and lived his life without sin. The white paper is like God—perfectly clean, holy, and without sin. Give them crayons and explain that we all sin. Have them color the paper to represent the sin that we all have. Talk about some of the sinful choices we make (trying to have your own way, disobeying parents, being unkind to others with our words or actions, putting yourself first, not sharing, and leaving people out).

Our sin separates us from God and causes us so much trouble and pain. Have them tear their paper in half to show how our sin separates us from God. Then, explain the great news that Jesus sacrificed himself for us by dying on a cross. He chose to do this because he loves us so much. He wanted to turn us away from our sin that separates us from him and bring us back to himself. He is our creator and wants to share himself with us.

Have your child turn one half of the paper over so the blank side is facing up and ask, “Who is perfectly holy like the white side of the paper?” (God.) Then have them face the other half with the coloring side up and ask, “Who sins and is not perfectly holy like this paper?” (You and me; all of us.)

Give your child the cross worksheet. Remind them that Jesus came to rescue us from our sin and turn us back to God. We need a savior. Jesus died on the cross to show us how much he loves us and to take our punishment for our sins away. Our sins can be forgiven and covered by the work Jesus did on the cross. Have them glue their cross on top of the two halves of paper to bring them

back together. This shows how Jesus dying on the cross can put our relationship with God back together and covers all our sin. Read the phrase on the cross to them and have them “act it out” as they say the verse a few times. (Point up for “God,” hug themselves for “loves,” point to themselves for “me,” open arms wide for “this much!”) Your child can use crayons to color the cross to look like stained glass.

