



Jesus Gives Up His Life for Sinners

MAIN IDEAS

- **Jesus displays the greatness and worth of God.**
- **Jesus was obedient to His Father, and willingly gave up His life for sinful people.**
- **Jesus is sovereign over the actions of all people.**

MEMORY VERSE

...but God shows his love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
—Romans 5:8

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Isaiah 53:4-5, 7
- 2) Matthew 27:11-54
- 3) Mark 1:15
- 4) John 15:13
- 5) Romans 5:8



LESSON SUMMARY

Children have an acute sense of fairness, especially as it pertains to their own well-being. For example, if you ask a child to accept the consequences of a sibling's wrong doings. He will immediately respond with a strong and negative "But that's not fair!"

Now picture the narrative of Isaiah 53—the vision of a suffering servant, a quiet and perfect lamb, despised, rejected, pierced, crushed, and punished to death. Willingly, He goes to the cross to bear not His own sin, but the sin of others. That vision depicts Jesus. Jesus came to save sinners. All the events of His life led to this moment in history. It was not for His own sin or rebellion that He died; Jesus was perfectly righteous. Rather, it was for the sin of His people that He suffered. Every moment leading to Jesus' death—the trial, the floggings and beatings, the nails, the mocking crowds—were all part of God's glorious plan to vindicate His righteousness by punishing sin and saving sinners. This was Jesus' mission, and He completed it in joyful obedience to the Father. Even in the anguish of the Cross, Jesus never cried out, "But it's not fair." Instead, Jesus cried out, "*It is finished.*" Jesus said "yes" to the will of the Father to show the greatness and worth of God in saving unrighteous sinners. In this lesson, we focused on the events of the crucifixion as depicted in Matthew 27:11-54.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray that...

- *the glorious truth of the cross would impact your heart anew.*
- *God would cause you to cherish Christ more, and to cast yourself fully on Him for salvation.*
- *God would work in both your heart and the heart of your child, that you might be more fully moved by the willingness of Jesus to give up His life on behalf of sinners.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

Read Matthew 27:27-31 to your child.

- Is this a hard story to listen to? Why? Did Jesus deserve to be treated this way? Why not? Was this a surprise to Jesus?

Read Isaiah 53:4-5, 7b. These verses speak of the death of Jesus even before He was born. The death of Jesus was planned by God. It wasn't a surprise to Jesus. God planned everything that was going to happen, and He was in control of everything that happened.

- Pretend that you are going to be in charge of everything that will happen

to you for the next day. Would you want to plan just fun things? Eating your favorite foods? Watching videos? Playing all day? Why would Jesus plan to have something very sad and painful happen to Himself?

- Read and discuss Romans 5:8. What should sinners do when they see how much Jesus' loves them? What should you do?
- Read Mark 1:15 and have a time of prayer, thanking Jesus for what He has done, and asking God to give hearts that repent and believe.

ACTION STEP

Have your parents help you to cut out the shape of a cross and a red heart. On the red heart, write out the memory verse from Romans 5:8. Attach the red heart to the cross. Tape the cross and heart somewhere where it will be seen often.

