



# Jesus Takes Away the Sin of His Friends

## MAIN IDEAS

- **All people are unrighteous sinners, except Jesus.**
- **God hates sin and is right to punish sin.**
- **Righteous Jesus willingly received the wrath of God on behalf of His sinful friends.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.*

—1 Peter 2:24a

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Luke 23:39-43
- 2) John 1:29
- 3) John 8:31b
- 4) Hebrews 9:22b, 28a
- 5) 1 Peter 2:24a
- 6) 1 Peter 3:18



## LESSON SUMMARY

In last week's lesson, we related the story of the crucifixion of Jesus. From outward appearances, it didn't seem like Jesus had accomplished much on behalf of sinners. After all, His death did not bring the hoped-for deliverance from political enemies, nor remove the godless burden imposed by the religious leaders. However, unseen by any human eye, something extraordinary was happening.

In this lesson we focused on the justifying work of Jesus by first reviewing previous themes concerning God, man, sin, and judgment, and then connecting these to what Jesus accomplished on the cross. As Romans 3:25-26 explains, God would not compromise the value He places on His own righteousness. Sin must be punished if God is to be just. So God presented His own righteous Son as a perfect substitute and poured out on Him the punishment His sinful people deserved—saving His sinful people from the wrath they deserved. It is important that children understand what the death of Jesus on the cross truly means: Jesus' death bore our sin and ultimately the terrible wrath of God. This is how God stands as both Judge and Justifier.

## PRAYER POINTS

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

- *God would cause the hearts and minds of both you and your child to understand the work Christ accomplished on the cross.*
- *God would work in your child's heart to see the greatness of Christ and cling to Him alone for salvation.*



**AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY**

Remind your child that in Old Testament times God had commanded His people to kill and shed the blood of animals in order to cover sin. Read and discuss John 1:29: “...*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*”

- How is taking away sin different from covering sin? Which is better? See Hebrews 10:1-4 and Hebrews 9:26. Jesus is much more special than any animal. Only the blood of Jesus could take away sin.
- What is your response to Jesus? Do you believe He is God and has come to take away sin? Is there anything that keeps you from trusting in Jesus? What is it? Who can help you trust in Jesus?

Spend some time praying with your child that God would give you hearts to truly see and love God's gift of salvation in Jesus.

- Read 1 Peter 2:24a.

What does it mean that Jesus “bore our sins”? What does it mean to “die to sin and live to righteousness”? Who is righteous? [Jesus.] Who should we want to live like? What is one thing you could do this week to “die to sin and live to righteousness”?

**ACTION STEP**

Have your parents help you to read 1 Peter 2:24a. Go away to a quiet place in the house and spend some time thinking about the verse and what it means for you. Pray to Jesus, asking Him to make this verse true in your heart.

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