

LUKE 23 Jesus' trial and death

Vs 1-5 – before Pilate

Vs 2 – What was the “nation” that Jesus is supposed to be subverting?

Were their accusations true?

Vs 3 -4 – If Pilate believed Jesus' answer to his question, why does he find him innocent?

Vs. 5 – What is the deeper reason for wanting Jesus to be executed? What excuse were they using?

Vs 6-12 – before Herod

Vs 6 – Why did Pilate send Jesus to Herod? Why would they become friends (vs 12) after this situation?

Vs 8-9 – Why didn't Jesus talk to Herod? (Could it have had something to do with John the Baptist?)

Vs 10-11 – What does the term “railroaded” mean? Have you ever jumped on board?

Vs 13-25 - before Pilate

Why would Pilate want to “punish” an innocent man, then release him?

If Pilate had been the only voice at Jesus' trial, what could have happened?

Why did Pilate surrender?

Vs 26-49 – crucified

Vs 26-27 – Can you imagine being a part of this parade?

Vs 28-31 – What is Jesus referring to?

If you are not happy (fill in the blank – safe, satisfied, etc.) during “good times”, what makes you think you will be happy at any other time?

Vs 34 – What would you, as an innocent man, say from the cross?

Vs 35-37 - Do you remember the guard's reactions when they arrested Jesus? They cowered before He submitted.

What gives them the courage to be bolder now?

Vs 38 – Does Pilate have a sense of humor or is this his show of control? Why did he write the sign this way?

Vs 39-43 – What reactions does Jesus get today? Are they any different?

Vs 44-49 – What is it like to watch someone die? Is watching someone die a common occurrence? What are people expecting to see?

Vs 50-56 – burial

Vs 50-53 – What kind of man was Joseph? Why did Pilate give him what he wanted?

Vs 54-56 – What does the behavior of the women say about their faith and trust in God?

**6_9_13 LUKE 23 Jesus served unselfishly
Ideas for SS classes, small groups, etc.**

Pray together, **R**elate to each other, **E**at together, **S**tudy together, **S**erve together

PRESS on toward the goal of growing in Jesus!

General outside activity – Plan a parade. What will be in it? Where will you go? Be sure that everyone is a part of it. As you go, invite others to join you in the parade. Plan how & where your parade will end.

Luke Team Memory Verse – 1 John 3:16-18 - What better way to demonstrate teamwork and the results it can bring than to do our memory verse for the Luke series as a team? The concept is that each week a leader cuts apart each line of the memory verse and hands each section to a member of their group/class. Each person is to memorize their section of the verse and know where it goes. If you rotate parts, by family or person, then you might all learn the whole verse before the sessions are over.

Eat together – Rotate through families/people to bring some form of food to share. If you need adult time, ask the kids to prepare and serve the food. If you need kids' time, ask some of the adults to prepare and serve the food. Food could also be prepared and served by the family/people that brought the food

Pray together – PRAISE – thank God for who He is; REPENT – Ask God to forgive and help us; ASK – Ask God for things that others need; Ask God for things that you need; YIELD – Tell God that you trust HIM with whatever He provides and with whatever He has planned. Thank Him that you can trust His love.

Study together

Luke 23:26-43– Jesus served unselfishly

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: What was fun about the parade? Was there anything that wasn't fun? Our Bible lesson today begins with a parade, but it is not a fun one. People joined in as the parade passed. Some of the people were angry. Some were sad. Some just didn't want to miss what was going on.

ADULT QUESTIONS:

Vs 26-27 – Can you imagine being a part of this parade?

Vs 28-31 – What is Jesus referring to? If you are not happy (fill in the blank – safe, satisfied, etc.) during “good times”, what makes you think you will be happy at any other time?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Make a lip print. (Each family bring/use their own lipstick?)

What is the nastiest thing someone has ever said to you? How did you respond to the person who said it? What did Jesus say when the people said and did nasty things to Him?

What is the nicest thing that someone has ever said to you? How did you respond to the person who said it? What did Jesus say to someone who believed in Him?

How does what we do and say show Jesus to others?

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES: Draw a picture of the crucifixion. Was it easy for Jesus to die? Was it easy to watch Jesus die? Sometimes it is the hard things that we do that help others to see Jesus and His love. What do you find hard to do that helps others to see Jesus?

ADULT QUESTIONS:

Vs 44-49 – What is it like to watch someone die? Is watching someone die a common occurrence? What are people expecting to see? What does Jesus' death teach you about His heart?

What is the **LESSON THEME**, or GOAL that you want the kids to learn?
We should not let others pressure us into doing wrong.
We should never be ashamed that Jesus is our friend.
Forgiveness puts wrongs (ours and others) in the past.
Jesus forgave even those who crucified Him.
We can forgive others because Jesus forgives us.
Love puts others first. Jesus loved us enough to give His life for us. We can love because Jesus loves us.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE/STORY: John 15:13; John 18; John 19:17-42 - The crucifixion **Luke 23:1-56**; Matt 27:11-66; Mark 15:1-47

READ the scripture, stopping to make note of ALL of the following:

THINGS/NOUNS: Jesus, sign "This is the King of the Jews", scarlet robe, soldiers, crown of thorns & staff, Barabbas, dream, criminals, paradise, centurion, skull (& crossbones?), criminals (guilty people), wine vinegar, sign saying "This is the King of the Jews", scarlet robe, soldiers, crown of thorns & staff, Simon, wine,

ACTIONS: washing hands, crucified, flogged, silence, remembering, telling time, darkness in the middle of the day, curtain torn in two (from top to bottom), breathing (& not breathing), praising God, beat breasts (tarzan?), watching, earth shakes & rocks split, tombs opened and bodies come back to life, crucified, forgiving, casting lots (we did this some with the story of Jonah) - dividing clothes, watching (but not doing anything about it), sneering & taunting, stripping, bowing, spitting, striking, carrying the cross,

IDEAS: pardon (letting someone go free); innocent/guilty innocent vs. guilty, punishment, spirit vs. physical, righteous man, right and left, not knowing what you are doing,

READ the scripture, making notes of amazing thoughts & questions as you go.
Just imagine what our society would be like if we let the guilty go free because we were mad at the innocent.
How far would I go to get the respect of others?
Riots show us how easy it is to be caught up in the crowd. What would I have done in this situation?
Jesus didn't even take the wine to dull the physical & emotional pain.

MEMORY VERSE:

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." I John 4:11
"Love one another" I John 4:11
"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32
"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34
"Surely He was the Son of God" Matthew 27:54 or
"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:10

SONGS:

"O How He Loves You and Me"
"God is so Good"
"ABCDEFGH"
"John 3:16"
"Do Right"
"Jesus Love Me" (new and old versions)
"Jesus Loves the Little Ones Like Me"

GAMES:

Simon Says - we must be careful about who we listen to
Relay with Tarzan sounds
Dice Game - casting lots
Simon says - with a lot of right and left

Do an obstacle course. Go through it frontwards, then backwards. Which is easier? When we can't forgive, it is like going through backwards - we are looking at all the wrong things.

KEY PHRASES:

Pilot was afraid of what the people might do. Pilot wanted to stay Governor. Pilot didn't want the King (Caesar) to be mad at him.

This man has done no wrong. Have you ever been blamed for something wrong that you didn't do?

Forgiven - no penalty for - no punishment for - no grudge held, etc. - forgotten

STORY:

Wrap up a body, somewhat like Jesus would have been, with ace bandages. Explain about the spices that would be included and how heavy they were. A simple napkin would cover the face.

Talk about the temple curtain being torn and the earthquake. If you had a curtain as tall as the wall, would you tear it from bottom to top or from top to bottom? It was a tall curtain and because it was torn from top to bottom indicates an act of God. Have an old sheet that the kids can practice tearing.

Talk about the 2 thieves that died with Jesus. What were their response to Him and His response to them.

Jesus, in His last moments of physical life, was still concerned about others. Note His forgiveness of those who killed Him and His concern for His mother.

GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Wash hands

Talk about dreams

Talk about your best friend

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

Keep a good watch out for the grudge monster. Make sure friends remain friends. Spend some time working on your friendships with others.

Love in action - Visit a nursing home or a shut-in. Invite a new neighbor (or unknown neighbor) over for dessert. Send a note of thanks/encouragement to a missionary or fellow church member. What one thing could you do in your neighborhood to make it better?

Plant seeds this week to remind you that some things must die before they come to life.

Watch a sunset together. It is beautiful, but it is the end of the day. Tomorrow, the sunrise will bring a new day, full of hope.