LESSON 23

JESUS DIED FOR US



Aim: **To show the children that Jesus died to take away our sins.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 23:26-47; John 3:14-18**

Memory Verse: **John 3:16**
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Retell the story of the boy who climbed the mango tree (see Lesson 20), but replace the last part with the following ending:
While the boy was still in the tree eating mangoes, the owner came and saw him. He was angry. He shouted, "You! Come down at once! I'll beat you for stealing my mangoes." Just then the boy's brother arrived there. He offered to pay the price of the mangoes the boy had eaten. The owner accepted this exchange. The boy came down from the tree. He was safe, as his brother had paid the price for his trespass.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. **Show picture 20 and ask some questions about it.** The following are some suggestions:
Q: What is wrong with these people?
A: They are sick/they have been bitten by snakes.
Q: Why?
A: They disobeyed God.

Point to Moses:
Q: Who is this man?
A: Moses, their leader.
Q: What is he doing?
A: He is telling the people to look up at the snake to be healed.

2. **Show picture 23.**
Q: Who is this on the central cross?
A: It is Jesus, who died to take away our sins. We must look up at him to be healed.

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3. When Jesus was crucified two criminals were crucified next to him. **Tell the children what they said (Lk 23:39-43).** They had done wrong, but Jesus was innocent.
4. The leaders of the people laughed at Jesus and mocked him (v 35).
5. The soldiers shared his clothes among them and also mocked him (v 34, 36-37).
6. One soldier, who stayed there until the very end, saw what happened when Jesus died (v 47). Tell the children how he reacted.

Our Response to the Story

Only the Son of God could take away our sins. He took our punishment on himself.

Act the introductory story and end the session by saying the memory verse together.

Instil the Memory Verse



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