Lesson 14 Jesus is Crucified

Pictures 15, 16, 17, 21



Aim To teach that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died as the sacrifice for man's sin.

Teacher Prepration: Ask God to help you explain clearly to your students the significance of Jesus' death on the cross. Then read and study Mark 15:15-20; Luke 23:26-49 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:24

Christ himself carried our sins in his body on the cross.

Lesson Plan

Introduction Take a mirror to the lesson. Put it in front of a child's face. Ask, "What do you see?" Answer, "My face," or "Me." Teacher asks again, "Can you see yourself clearly?"

The child will answer, "Yes"

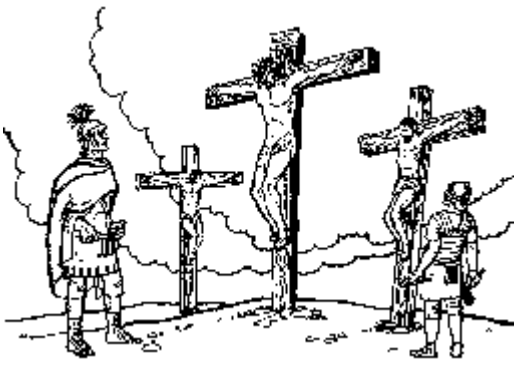


The teacher should put a little dirt on the mirror and ask the same question. "Can you see yourself clearly now?" This time he cannot see clearly.

Main Points of Lesson

1. Our sin has made our lives like this dirty mirror. God made us like himself but now we cannot see him. Jesus came to show us what God is like. Ask the children to tell you any of the things Jesus did when he lived on earth. After some answers, *show picture 15*. Review the stories briefly. These were good things. Ask, "Did Jesus ever do anything wrong?" "No. He is the Son of God."

2. Explain that Jesus taught by his work and his stories how people can worship and obey God best in their lives. His work and his stories showed people when they were wrong and selfish. He showed them they were sinners. Many people did not like this especially the leaders who should have been teaching the people how to worship God. They were angry and had Jesus arrested by the government.



3. Jesus was given to the soldiers. Tell what happened in Mark 15:15-20. *Show picture 16.* Jesus had never sinned but he was beaten. He did not fight back. He did not get angry.

4. Jesus was taken to be crucified. *Show picture 17.* Luke 23:26-27.

5. Put picture away to tell rest of story, Luke 23:32-48. The two thieves were crucified. Jesus asked God to forgive those who crucified him. The soldiers divided up his clothes. When Jesus died the sun stopped shining. God said blood must be shed to forgive sin. Jesus shed his blood for us. He who had never sinned took our sins upon Himself and died in our place (*Show picture 21)*

Teach Memory Verse



Review Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that Jesus who is without sin died for our sins giving His body and blood as a sacrifice. Jesus took the punishment in our place so that we might be friends with God forever through faith in Jesus' finished work on the cross.

Our Response to the Lesson

Show the mirror used in the introduction. It is still dirty. Dip the mirror in some water or wipe it very clean. Just as this mirror has been made clean, Jesus washed and wiped away our sin when he died on the cross.

Have you thanked Him?

Ask the children why we call the Friday on which Jesus was crucified "Good Friday?"