

The Crucifixion

Card 14

3 Storytelling

2 Read Aloud

Mark 15:12-15

1 Review Activity

Pass out Card 14. Share the story.

- Jesus had been healing and teaching for three years. He knew he would die soon because it was the reason why God had sent him to live on the earth.
- One night, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.
- In the garden, Jesus was arrested and taken to the high priest, the most powerful leader of the Jewish religion. The high priest asked Jesus, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I Am." This made the Jews very angry because they didn't want to believe him, and they wanted to kill Jesus.
- At this time, the nation of Rome ruled over the Jews. They took him to the Roman governor, Pilate.
- Pilate couldn't see why the Jews were so angry at Jesus because he saw that Jesus didn't do anything wrong. But the Jews wouldn't listen to Pilate; so he had Jesus whipped and put a robe and a crown of thorns on his head. Jesus was spat on, hit on the head with a large stick, and mocked. Then Jesus was sent away to be crucified. This means that he would be killed by nailing his body onto a wooden cross.
- Jesus carried his cross to where he was crucified. On his cross was nailed a sign that said, "King of the Jews."
- Many of the people around Jesus were saying terrible things to him. Jesus cried out to God, and then he died.
- There was an earthquake. Everything became dark!
- The Roman soldier at the foot of the cross saw what happened and said, "This man truly was the Son of God!"
- Two followers of Jesus asked Pilate for the body of Jesus so they could bury it. A giant rock was placed across the tomb, closing it completely.
- A sacrifice is when someone gives something up when they didn't have to. Jesus was perfect and didn't deserve to die, but he let it happen to save us. Jesus said, "No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."

4 Discussion Questions

1. What happened to Jesus before he was sent to the cross? (whipped, mocked, beaten)
2. What happened when Jesus died? (earthquake, everything dark)
3. Why did Jesus die even though he did nothing wrong? (as a sacrifice for us)

5 Memory Verse

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

6 Activity: Sit Down, Stand up

Tell the children to find a partner. They should stand back to back and link arms while standing. The goal is to sit down and then stand back up while your arms are linked with your partner. The first partnership to stand back up wins.

Teacher Background

Review Card Set

Scripture: Mark 14:32-65
and Mark 15

Theme: sacrifice

7 Learning Point

- It takes a lot of strength to sit and then stand up with your arms linked.
- But imagine the strength it took for Jesus to carry his cross and all of our sin when he died. Because he loves us, he suffered, sacrificed his life, and took the punishment for our sin. He was the only one who could do this because he had never sinned.
- Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." If you decide to accept God's free gift of Salvation, then you will see your life change to be more like Jesus. Do you believe Jesus died for you? Will you receive his gift today and live for him every day? Jesus sacrificed his very life in order to save us!

8 Review Card Set

