

GOOD FRIDAY AT HOME EXPERIENCE GUIDE FOR KIDS

Read the account of Jesus' crucifixion and death from a children's story Bible that uses age-appropriate language and detail.

Allow children to enter into the seriousness and sadness of Jesus' suffering. Explain that Jesus was willing to go to the cross to pay for our sin. Everyone sins (Romans 3:23), and because God cannot allow sin into Heaven, He had to find a way to remove our sin. He did this by taking the punishment for our sin on Himself.

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN: BEAUTY OF THE CROSS

Draw an outline of a cross, either a large one on mural paper or smaller, individual crosses for each family member. Have everyone write or draw an area of sin, or simply write their name on the cross, identifying with the sin that was paid for by Jesus' death. Afterward, glue colored paper or tissue paper scraps all over the cross. Explain that the cross, which was an instrument of death, can be made beautiful when we remember how Jesus paid for our sin there and forgives us.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN: TAKING OUR SIN

Draw a large cross on a sheet of paper or poster board. Give everyone an index card and have them write "sin" on one side. On the other side, let them write or draw a specific area of sin. Young children can dictate their thoughts for someone else to write. Tape the card with the word "sin" on the outside to each person's shoulder, as you explain again that sin is common to everyone.

Play some quiet music, and allow each person, one at a time, to take the "sin" tag from their shoulder and place it on the cross to remember that Jesus took all of our sin on Himself. End in a prayer of thanks for Jesus' great love and plan to rescue us from sin.

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