

Parent Take Home Sheet

Week 44: Jesus Dies for Our Sins

Sunday, November 1, 2026 | Bible Passage: Matthew 27

Big Idea: Jesus willingly died for our sins so that we could be forgiven and brought back to God.

This Week's Memory Verse

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3, selected phrase)

Help your child understand: Jesus never did anything wrong, but we have all sinned. He willingly died to take the punishment our sins deserve. God had promised long before Jesus was born that a Savior would come.

Practice together: Say the verse slowly, then take turns saying it without looking. Ask your child, "Why did Jesus die?" Help them answer, "For our sins, because He loves us."

Today Your Child Learned

Today we learned about the most important sacrifice in history. Jesus was arrested, brought before the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, mocked by soldiers, and sentenced to die on a cross.

Jesus was completely innocent. He had never sinned, and He had the power to stop what was happening. But He willingly gave His life to save us.

When Jesus died, the large curtain inside the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. That curtain had separated the Most Holy Place from the rest of the temple. Its tearing helps us understand that Jesus' sacrifice opened the way for people who trust Him to come to God.

Jesus was buried in a tomb, but His death was not the end. On the third day, He rose from the dead!

Why This Matters to Our Family

Every one of us has sinned. Whether it's lying, disobeying, being selfish, or hurting someone, we have all done things that go against God's goodness.

We cannot erase our sins by trying harder or doing enough good things. That's why we need Jesus.

God the Father sent His Son because He loves us. Jesus, who is God the Son, lived without sin, died in our place, and rose again. When we turn away from our sins and put our trust in Jesus, God forgives us and gives us new life. The Holy Spirit helps those who belong to Jesus learn to follow Him.

Salvation is God's gift, not something we earn. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Talk About It at Home

1. Why did Jesus die on the cross?

Suggested answer: Jesus willingly died to take the punishment for our sins so we could be forgiven and brought back to God.

2. Could Jesus have stopped the people who hurt Him?

Suggested answer: Yes. Jesus is God's Son and had the power to stop them, but He chose to give His life to save us.

3. What happened to the temple curtain when Jesus died?

Suggested answer: It tore in two, showing that Jesus had opened the way for people who trust Him to come to God.

4. What can we do when we know we've sinned?

Suggested answer: We can admit our sin, turn away from it, and trust Jesus for forgiveness. We can also make things right with people we have hurt.

A Question Children May Ask

"How do we know Jesus really died on a cross?"

The Bible records Jesus' crucifixion in all four Gospels. Ancient writers outside the Bible also reported that Jesus was executed under the Roman governor Pontius Pilate. These historical accounts support that His death was a real event, not a made up tale. Scripture explains why His death matters and tells us that He rose again.

Read together: Matthew 27:50-54 and Matthew 28:5-6.

Try This as a Family

The Open Door: Stand together near a closed door. Explain that our sin separates us from a holy God, and we cannot save ourselves.

Open the door and remind your child that Jesus made the way for us to come to God through His sacrifice. The door is only a picture to help us remember. Jesus Himself is the Savior.

Ask your child to repeat: "Jesus brings us to God."

A Prayer to Pray Together

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to save us. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for our sins and rising again. Please forgive us when we do wrong, help us trust You, and teach us to love and obey You. Thank You that we can come to God through Jesus. Amen.

A Final Thought for Parents

You don't need to have every Bible answer to help your child know Jesus. Read Scripture together, welcome their questions, and remind them that God's love is real and His forgiveness is a gift. The cross shows how serious our sin is, but it also shows how wonderfully God has provided for us through His Son.