

**INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the series, To Be Loved. To Be Loved was birthed out of the deep desire to share the depth and beauty of our God displayed on the cross. Every heart needs an understanding of the grace and love that Jesus pronounced on the cross.

**How to use this study:**

This series is designed to be a 5 week family experience. Each week has two distinct sections that require your attention.

**Daily Time**: Each week has 4 days of individual study time. If you are married discuss each day together or even spend time doing the study together as a couple.

**Family Devotionals:** These are designed to give you ideas on how to teach the truths of the Lord that you are learning in your Daily Time to your children. Although schedules are busy and time is at a premium, let us give God the firstfruits of our time. I encourage you to turn off the computers and TV and spend 15 to 30 minutes together as a family in God’s word. More ideas found in Appendix A.

**LIFEgroups**: LIFEgroups will be pouring through these days discussing and learning the truths of the cross together. If you are not involved in a LIFEgroup this is a great time to start. Appendix C is the home of small group discussion guides.

**KIDzJAM:** Even KidzJam is learning about the cross each Sunday morning. Keep encouraging them in the Lord and encourage them to share what they are learning with you.

**Memory Verses**: We, as a church, want to keep God’s precious word close to our hearts. Be diligent in practicing the verse each week. There are memory verse cards at the back that you can cut out to help in Appendix B.



Week 1



Jesus in Agony

Luke 22:39-53

Week 1

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Hebrews 12:2

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Day 1: Gethsemane

Day 2: Joy Set Before Him

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Read Matthew 26:36-46.



Luke calls it the Mount of Olives. Matthew and Mark specifically call it Gethsemane. The Mount of Olives give a pretty vivid description of the type of trees and culture that was present in the area but what and where is Gethsemane?

Gethsemane means olive press. Therefore the garden of Gethsemane was a place of olive pressing, where we most likely had several presses like the one on the right here.

http://bib300spring11.blogspot.com/2011/03/329-gethesemane-testation-and-us-being.html

What do you think a Gethsemane is for? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The olive was a vital part of the spiritual and economic life of Israel. One of the most precious and spiritual purposes of the olive was to produce olive oil. To extract oil from an olive it took a specific process. First the olives had to be cracked by a huge circular millstone like the one in the background of the picture. Then the cracked, broken olive would be put in burlap sacks and placed under the Gethsemane. The huge stone would press the olive and the oil would seep down the grove and into a jar. When the oil stopped flowing the process was finished.

Read the verses below referring to the precious olive oil and express their purpose physically and look for spiritual parallels.

Physical Purpose Spiritual Parallel

Exodus 27:20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Mark 6:13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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James 5:14 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Ray Vander Laan, Jewish Christian and teacher, points out that the word ‘mashach’ - from the same root word for ‘messiah’ in Hebrew-means ‘to be anointed with olive oil.’ Priests, kings and prophets were anointed with olive oil, indicating that they were gifted and called by God.

The purpose of the Gethsemane was to press out the precious oil hidden in the olive. How was this garden a proper setting for Jesus before his arrest and crucifixion?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As we consider the setting of Gethsemane, we find Jesus being pressed by the sin of the world. We see, just as the olive releases its precious oil when pressed, Jesus sweating drops of His precious blood. Why is the blood of Jesus precious to you?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

When you are pressed by the world, what is your normal response? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For more about Ray Vander Laan visit his website at: <http://www.followtherabbi.com/Brix?pageID=1458>

Jesus in Agony



Luke 22:39-53

Week 1

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 1

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

1 Lemon per Family Member

1 c. of Sugar

Water

Cups and Ice

**Family Activity:**

Make Family Lemonade (Recipe above). Spice it up with other fruits and flavors as your creativity excites but be sure to let your family squeeze the lemonade by hand.

*Steps for making Lemonade*

1. Make sugar syrup: Combine 1 c. sugar and 1 c. [water](http://www.ehow.com/how_140_make-lemonade.html##) in a saucepan and heat to boiling. Remove from heat, stir to dissolve sugar completely, and allow cooling. (You'll only use a couple of tablespoons per serving, but this is a good item to make ahead and store in the refrigerator, covered. It keeps for weeks.)

2. For each serving, combine the juice of half a lemon, 2 tbsp. of the sugar syrup and 8 to 10 oz. cold water in a tall glass.

3. Add ice and any of the garnishes (or all of them, if you're feeling festive). Serve immediately.

**Devotion Questions:**

How did it feel to squeeze the lemon? *Fun, messy, went everywhere, hard*

Read Mark 14:32 together. Did you know that a Gethsemane was an olive press that pressed olives kind of like how you pressed the lemon for juice? *(Expand from Day 1 study on previous pages)*

Why do you think Jesus was feeling pressed?

*Because the cross was set before him, because of the sin of the world*

Do we have to squeeze the lemon to make lemonade? ………..*Yes*

Did Jesus have to die to save us? ………..*Yes*

Just like Mark 14:32 called the disciples to pray lets pray together.

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Luke 22:39-53

Week 1: Day 2

Day 2: Joy Set Before Him

Memory Verse for Week 1

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looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

As we continue to work through our Memory verse for Week 1 we notice a peculiar phrase. **“”**.

The cross

Joy?

Only Jesus

Let’s look at God’s view of joy. Try to describe God’s joy in the following verses.

Luke 15:1-7 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 13:44 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 6:22-23 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 20:5 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

***Hebrews 12:1-2***

In verse 1, “since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” is referencing us back to Hebrews 11. Take a minute to skim through Hebrews 11 and jot down some of the names you find there in the space below.

People like Abel, Abraham, and Moses were witnesses to the greatness of God expressed through their life. Jesus was the culmination of all the prophets and the crescendo of all of Chapter 11. Then, in verse 1, we see “let us also lay aside every weight” which reminds us of Gethsemane. And then the text gets more personal.

What sin so easily entangles you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How does that sin prevent us from running with endurance?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How can we untangle our lives from the grip of sin? By our memory verse,

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Week 1

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 2

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Bag of 50 M&Ms

Extra M&Ms for after

A small cup for each color M&M

**Family Activity:**

Minute to Win It: Separation Anxiety

You must separate the M&Ms into different cups sorted by color only using one hand. Let everyone have a chance to play. Adjust play for the age of your kids.

To watch the blueprint if you have internet go to the link below

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Yh_EZU0EQQ>

Do not let anyone eat the M&M’s until the end. After everyone has had a chance to play give the 50 M&M’s to one person in your family. Giving it to the one with the most tender heart would be best. Do not allow them to share and encourage them to eat them.

How did it feel when \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ got all the M&M’s for him/herself and ate them?

How did it feel to receive all the M&M’s and not be able to share?

Even when we receive gifts it is sometimes hard to enjoy them because of the people around us. Read Psalms 30:4-5. Jesus knew that salvation and joy came in the morning even though pain and suffering came through the cross. We have an incredible God.

Sing I’m Trading My Sorrows… together as a family. Words and link are on the next page. Or go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7z8ox7JL3k&feature=related> and then pray together.

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Week 1

**Trading Sorrows by Darrell Evans**

**A D F#m E**

**I'm trading my sorrows**

**A D F#m E**

**I'm trading my shame**

**A D F#m E A D F#m E**

**I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord**

**A D F#m E**

**I'm trading my sickness**

**A D F#m E**

**I'm trading my pain**

**A D F#m E A F#m E**

**I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord**

**A D F#m E**

**We say yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord**

**A D F#m E**

**Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord**

**A D F#m E A D F#m E**

**Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen**

**A D F#m E**

**I'm pressed but not crushed persecuted not abandoned**

**A D F#m E**

**Struck down but not destroyed**

**A D F#m**

**I am blessed beyond the curse for his promise**

**E**

**will endure**

**A D F#m E**

**That his joy's gonna be my strength**

**E Esus4 E**

**Though the sorrow may last for the night**

**G D**

**His joy comes with the morning**

**�1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music**

**Words and Music by Darryl Evans**

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Week 1: Day 3

Day 3: Not My Will

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Today we are going to investigate the prayer of Jesus in the Garden. We have looked at the setting of the Garden of Gethsemane and we have viewed Christ and His role in the grand story of God. Now let’s read the words of Jesus in the gospels to paint a picture. Observe similarities and differences in the gospel accounts.

Luke 22:42 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mark 14:36 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 26:39 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Firstly, Jesus calls out to God as Father, Abba was the Hebrew word signifying daddy. In fact some speculate that Abba was a childish way of saying dad. This was one of Jesus favorite ways to refer to His Father. Matthew 6:6-9 Jesus tells us to pray to our father who is unseen and then begins the Lord’s prayer in a similar way. Jesus, an obedient Son, knew and spoke to God in intimacy and love. We, as adopted sons, should speak in intimacy as well.

Next, we see 3 different phrases that I find fascinating. *if it be possible, all things are possible for you, if you are willing*

Our God who is capable of all things and who is willing in love to intervene for His people still knows the glory of the story that is unfolding. Abba Father knowing the joy set before Jesus and the salvation for all people allows His plan to unfold.

Why do you think the 3 authors record different wording in Jesus’ prayer?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do the different wordings change the meaning of the text at all? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

In eyewitness testimony, it is actually an objection called “collaboration” when people repeat the same story word for word. There is actually strength in perspective and independent testimony that shows a common theme.

Next, Jesus asks for God to take this cup from me. What does he mean by cup? If you remember the context of the Garden, Jesus had just observed a supper with his closest disciples. During that meal, he told them to do this in remembrance of me. Most scholars believe that Jesus was referring to the 3rd cup or Cup of Redemption. Below is a list of the 4 cups associated with the time of Passover.

* **The Cup of Sanctification** –God’s statement, “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians”
* **The Cup of Judgment or Deliverance**- God’s statement, “I will deliver you from slavery to them”
* **The Cup of Redemption** –God’s statement, “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm”
* **The Cup of Praise or Restoration –**God’s statement, “I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God”

The 4th cup, the cup of Restoration, Jesus stated he would not drink until it was made new in God’s kingdom. Jesus knowing that he would redeem with outstretched arms (isn’t God’s word incredible).

“Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

What a statement! When we can say not my will but Your will our lives will begin to flourish in the love and provision of our Father.

What is a practical way we can say not my will? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Remember Hebrews 11. Let’s finish by looking at a few people that lived their life with “not as I will, but as you will” as their chief goal.

Ex. Hebrews 11:4 – Abel said not my will by: offering the firstfruits of his flock

Hebrews 11:7 – Noah said not my will by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11:8 – Abraham said not my will by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11:27 – Moses said not my will by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Lord, we as God’s chosen people seek your will and not our own. Help us to be subject to your will because of the joy set before us despite the cost. Amen.

Jesus in Agony



Luke 22:39-53

Week 1: Day 3

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 3

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

White Paper

Colors, Markers, Pencils

Popsicle Sticks

Glue

**Family Activity:**

Read Mark 14:32-42 together. Create a puppet show out of paper by drawing characters for the story and gluing them to a Popsicle stick. (If you want to be the favorite parents ever, let them eat popsicles then glue the puppets to the finished, washed ☺ sticks. Beware they may want to make all 12 disciple puppets.)

How was your puppet show like the story in Mark 14:32-42?

What emotions did you feel when acting it out?

**Optional Ending:** To show the intensity of the Garden of Gethsemane watch this interpretation from the Passion of Christ. Although some is speculation and creative license, I feel it depicts the intensity of the prayer situation. We may need more intensity in our prayer life. **Note:** Parents may want to watch this clip first to be sure it is age appropriate. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pr5X6ZZtYcw>

How did the video clip differ from what you have learned about Gethsemane? In what ways was it similar?

At the end of the video, Jesus crushed the serpents head. See Genesis 3:14-15…Verse 15 has been called the *protevangelium* meaning the first light of God’s plan of salvation. The suffering of Christ, bruising of heel, will lead to a victory over satan by bruising/crushing his head. The gospel preached to satan in the garden and then the fulfillment beginning in a garden. God’s word is amazing!



Jesus in Agony

Luke 22:39-53

Week 1: Day 4

Day 4: Set My Face

Memory Verse for Week 1

Hebrews 12:2

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Read Acts 2:23-24.

Circle or highlight words in the next passage that echo Jesus knowing the He was in the “definite plan” of His Abba Father.

Luke 22:47 While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” 49 And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? **53** When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”

Jesus had begun his journey to this moment in Luke 9:51-53. Along the way many things beckoned Him to lose focus. At the very outset in verse 54, James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy a village and then later on ask to be at Jesus right hand causing quarreling inside the twelve.

Lazarus dies only to be brought back to life. Jesus grows intensely popular then loses popularity when He tells them to eat His flesh and drink His blood. What things in our passage today from Luke 22:47-53 look to derail Jesus path to the cross? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many times are we like the disciple? “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” and before Jesus can answer they charge in. My kids do this all the time. “Can I play the DS?” as they are staring deeply into the screen that is loading.

Why would the disciples want to go to war? Read the verses below and what do they point to about the Messiah?

Jeremiah 23:5 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Isaiah 11:1-4 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Micah 4:1-4 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The Jews expected a charismatic military leader that would free Israel from the oppression of a fallen world. (For futher study <http://www.jewfaq.org/mashiach.htm> ) But Jesus set His face to Jerusalem to free us from the oppression of sin which is greater by far. God’s plan of redemption, set before the foundations of the world were set in motion and Jesus refused to be derailed.

We similarly must set our face to the things of God. 1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. When our mind is not prepared we can easily fall and deny Christ. Like a guy named Peter, but that is next week.

Jesus in Agony



Luke 22:39-53

Week 1: Day 4

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 4

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Pretzel Snack

**Family Activity:**

Answer the Would You Rather questions below together as a family. Spend time reflecting on the week.

Would you rather be able to stop time or fly?

Would you rather be stranded on an island alone or with someone you hate? Matthew 5:43-44

Would you rather eat poison ivy or a handful of bumblebees?

Would you rather never use the internet again or never watch TV again?

Would you rather have a credit card you never have to pay back or the ability to withstand any trial with joy? James 1:2-4

Would you rather sing praise songs for 3 straight hours or listen to someone teach you about God’s word for 2 straight hours? Both answers are good this question just gives a clue about the style of worship your family prefers.

End the Family time with each person sharing their High and Low from the week. Then pray over each person in your family by sitting them in the middle and asking God’s blessing over them.



Week 2



Jesus’ Betrayal

Luke 22:54-65

Week 2

Memory Verse for Week 2

2 Corinthians 1:5

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Day 1: Peter the Rock

Day 2: Sift

Day 3: Love Throughout

Day 4: Death on Your Own Terms

Jesus’ Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2: Day 1

Day 1: Peter the Rock

Memory Verse for Week 2

2 Corinthians 1:5

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Welcome to Week 2 of To Be Loved. This week we dive into one of the most beloved and talked about disciples of Jesus, Simon Peter. Peter was a man that we can all identify with. Let’s look at some background of Simon Peter and then explore the character of this incredible man.



**Hometown**: Bethsaida, Capernaum on North coast of Sea of Galilee **John 1:44**

Capernaum was the home base of much of Jesus ministry. For more excellent pictures of Capernaum see the website below. [**http://www.biblewalks.com/Sites/capernaum.html**](http://www.biblewalks.com/Sites/capernaum.html)

**Status**: Married or Widower

What proofs do you see in these verses that Peter was either married or had lost his wife earlier in life? Matthew 8:14-17**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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1 Corinthians 9:5**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Renamed**: Simon, Cephas or Peter **John 1:42**

Cephas / Petros (both are Greek words for stone or rock) were associated with Simon from this first meeting forward; however, the most famous passage concerning Peter as the rock occurs in Matthew 16:13-20. Read Matthew 16:13-20 and jot down any observances from the verses below. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Occupation: Fisherman …Boat used in Jesus Ministry…**

How was Simon’s profession used for Jesus kingdom in the following verses: Luke 5:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I find it so fascinating how Jesus secures our affection by the act of remembrance. Remember how you caught so many fish when I first called you. Remember the little boy’s lunch where I fed the 5000 with fish and loaves. Remember how the nets almost tore and you need help but this time I am your help. I am your provider of daily bread. You do not need to go back to your old life. I am.

Remember back in your own life. When has God showed you that He was the same God that called us from the beginning? **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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To look more into Peter, study the events listed below, but for the next 3 days we are going to look at a moment where Peter is broken, where the rock cracks under pressure. Perhaps we can learn from his example.

**Significant Events in Life:**

Becoming a Disciple **John 1:35-42**

Walking on Water **Matthew 14:28-31**

Empty Tomb **John 20:1-9**

Pentecost **Acts 2**

Jesus’Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 1

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

White paper

Markers or crayons

**Family Activity:**

Renamed Activity – on a blank piece of paper make an acronym of each person in your family with traits you like about them. For example see the right side of this paper.

**Devotion Questions:**

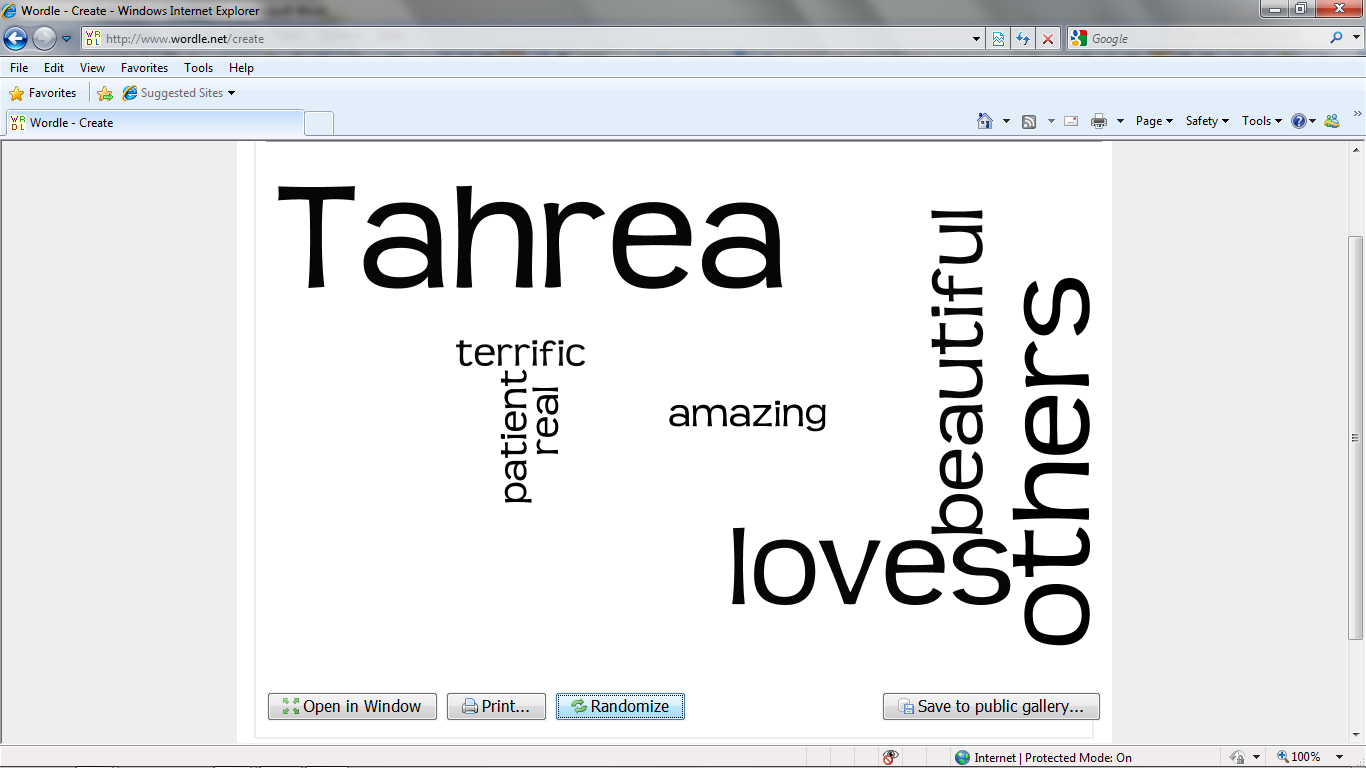
Why did you pick each word in the Renamed? *If each person does this activity then each person should hear 20 to 30 words of affirmation for their family who loves them.*

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11. How can we be a family that encourages one another?

**Young Kids Activity**: For Family RENAMED put a person in the middle and have the family members tell words that make them think of the person. Write them down for future use.

**All-Star Activity**: If your family, child or you need a special encouragement then combine the words using Powerpoint or the cool website on the bottom of the page to make a RENAMED paper. Frame it and present it to each person to hang in their room.

<http://www.wordle.net/create> : To use Wordle you put in the words you want to be in your picture. For example, Tahrea’s from earlier. The more times you put the words the bigger they are in the picture. So for example, Tahrea, Tahrea, Tahrea, Tahrea, beautiful, beautiful, amazing, terrific, patient, loves others, loves others, loves others, real… would produce this…



Jesus’ Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2: Day 2

Day 2: Sift

Memory Verse for Week 2

2 Corinthians 1:5

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Read Luke 22:31-34. What do you think is involved in being sifted like wheat by our enemy, satan? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



When talking we talk about sifting, we must think back to the time of Jesus. In the process of sifting wheat there were two processes that constituted sifting.

**#1 Threshing** – defined as the process of separating the chaff from the wheat, generally by beating the wheat with a flail upon a large flat stone called the threshing floor.

Look at these references about threshing. What is God’s purpose in threshing?

* Isaiah 27:12
* Isaiah 41:14-15
* Matthew 3:11-12

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God often has to separate us from the chaff in our lives by dramatic circumstances. What is the chaff in our lives that clings to us and keeps us from being useful? Internet, our grip on money, our fear of surrendering to Christ, idolization of our kids, affairs with things of the world, love of self, pride.

**#2 Winnowing** – defined as the process of removing the chaff from the threshing floor. Using a winnowing fork, the sifter would throw the mixture into the air letting the chaff float way with the breeze and the heavier wheat would fall to the threshing floor.



In these verses who is the wheat? Who is the chaff? How are they separated?

* Isaiah 27:13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Isaiah 41:16 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Hosea 13:3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Daniel 2:35 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The intent of satan was to sift Peter and let the belief in Jesus float away in the winds of change. This was not what Peter had signed up for. He was ready to go to war (see Luke 22:50-51) and see the Messiah in glory.

See 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. When we are sifted or the genuineness of our faith is tested by fire (1 Peter 1), what remains are the things in our lives that have weight. The things we value most. If we were sifted by satan, what would we find on the threshing floor of our life? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I pray that I would find a genuine faith and find myself blown away with the chaff leaving room for the image of Jesus Christ in me to be revealed.

*Lord if we need sifting let us find you through the process. Reveal the chaff in our lives and let us sow the seed of righteousness that is left.*

Jesus’Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 2

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

A Window Screen

A bucket of Dirt

Shovel to get dirt out

10 Quarters

Alternate Supplies

Rake

Pile of leaves

10 quarters in small ziplocks

**Family Activity:**

SIFT – In the bucket of dirt hide the quarters. Sift the dirt through the screen to find the hidden coins.

Same activity can be done with leaves and a rake tossing the leaves into the air and letting the prize fall to the ground while leaves scatter with wind.

**Devotion Questions:**

Read Luke 15:7 – 10. How did you feel when you found money in the dirt (leaves)? *Excited, what was lost was found.*

We would not have found them if we have not sifted them. If God sifted your life like the dirt(leaves) what things of value would be left? *Kindness, love for family, knowledge, giving spirit, Jesus*

Does God still love us if he only found 1 coin? *Yes, God loves us because of Jesus not because of the things we can do.*

We can count on God even if the sifting is painful and hard. The results of our sifting reveals the value we have in Jesus Christ.

What could we do with this money to love others for God’s glory?

Jesus’ Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2: Day 3

Day 3: Love Throughout

Memory Verse for Week 2

2 Corinthians 1:5

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

When we follow the Lord at a distance, sometimes we forget the truth we knew when we were so close to Him. Take a moment to listen to the song “Sometimes” by David Crowder



**It your love that we adore, it’s like a sea without a shore, we’re lost in you**

**Don’t be afraid, Don’t be afraid, to set yourself and risk the ocean there’s only grace. Where you go we will follow**

We walk so closely with the Lord in an overwhelming loving relationship and then the world makes us afraid. We forget. Sometimes. We have to be a people that risk everything to return to that love. That will not only follow but sacrifice it all if necessary because there is only grace.

Today as we look at the denial of Peter lets not forget that he did follow when many did not. He was close enough to see the Lord but he felt distant. And in the end he did not take the risk. An all too familiar place that I find myself in everyday. Perhaps we can learn from Peter how to avoid the pitfall of denial in the existence of the Lordship of Jesus in our lives.

Read Luke 22:54-62 and record any emotions that are stirred in your soul below?

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“I would never”, deep sorrow for him, regret for a liar, all go through my mind but I think I shutter in fear at verse 61.

The Lord turned and looked at Peter.

He looked into Peter. They locked eyes and the

memories flooded Peter’s mind. Memories of Luke 22:31-34. It almost makes me want to weep bitterly right now. Would we live differently if we had to look into the eyes of the one laying down his life for our eternal destiny every time we denied our love for him? Would we?

It is almost as comical as it is tragic when you see how he denied Christ. The first person that questions him is a servant girl. Record Peter’s answer to the servant girl found in verse 57:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Over the next hour he denies him twice before the rooster crows. For more clues to the severity of these denials let’s cross reference the other gospel accounts.

Read Matthew 26:72. Peter denied it with an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* Oaths we very serious in the time of Jesus. If I made an oath on my children and I was found to break that oath then I would lose my kids to slavery or death. In his fear, Peter had chosen his own safety over the safety of everyone else in his life. Who are we to fear? Why?
  + Psalms 27:1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Proverbs 8:13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Proverbs 14:27 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Psalms 25:14\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Read Luke 18:25-27. What do we learn of the accusation facing Peter at the third denial? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Peter is busted in his sin. How does he react?

* Mark 14:70-72 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Matthew 26:74-75 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Compare Peter in this case and the character in these passages.

* 2 Samuel 12:1-15 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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David, a man after God’s own heart, is busted by the prophet, Nathan. He recognizes his sin and although deeply grieved by the punishment of the Lord

He presses into the Lord and feels the Lord’s comfort.

It is going to take Peter a little longer to feel the restoration of the Lord until John 21:15-19 where Christ covers and commissions Peter with his love.

***Do you love the Lord, sometimes? Are you ready to let the love of Christ wash over you like a sea without a shore? Lord help us to live for you. Help us to acknowledge you before men. We love you Lord*.**

Jesus’Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 3

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Costumes if you want

**Family Activity:**

Lights, Camera, Action

Your family is going to act out the story of the denial of Christ by Peter. (be sure to have a great rooster crow for the end). They will act it out serious the first time and then you will ask them to rewind and act it out in one of the following creative ways. Do as many or few of these as you see fit as long as you are having fun.

**Yelling Style** – everyone must yell every line of the play.

**Ninja Style** – act out with ninja chops, kicks and “hiyas”

**Crying Style** – everyone is emotional and sobbing, crying through every line.

**Farm Animal Style** – Peter is a cow and “moos lines, assign each person an animal.

**Make up your own style – have fun**

**Devotion Questions:**

Is the style important when you act out something?

Our mindset is very important when we try to be like Jesus. How did Peter show a mindset of fear in Luke 22:54-71?

Have you ever looked back after something and thought, “I knew I should not have done that”? How did you feel?

*Pray that we will have a spirit of boldness and not a spirit of fear.*

Jesus’ Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2: Day 4

Day 4: Death on Your Own Terms

Memory Verse for Week 2

2 Corinthians 1:5

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

What was Jesus thinking when he looked into the eyes of Peter as the rooster crows in the background? What would it be like to know the circumstances of your own death and still, with joy, embrace the pain and suffering?

“looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:2

We are moving toward the cross and today I want to tackle an interesting facet of the cross. Jesus’ willingness to follow the path of suffering to the cross.

We used to sing an old praise song that had a bridge that went like this: I never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross, but what does that mean? We see today, in Luke 22:63-71, the beginning obedience of the only begotten son. Let’s journey together.

Describe the different attacks on Jesus in Luke 22:63-71.

Verbal Attacks Physical Attacks

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John 18:19-24 shows the intensity of the questioning that Jesus was under. The Pharisees had attempted to trap Jesus in His words repeatedly throughout the gospel accounts but failed miserably every time.

For example, read Mark 12:13-16. What was Jesus answer to their question? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

A simple “Yes” would mean that Jesus was a supporter of Rome and would have made him unpopular with the Jewish people, especially the Jewish zealots. A simple “No” would mean that the Pharisees could report Jesus to the Roman authorities for resisting taxation and encouraging revolt against Rome. Yet Jesus, knowing their intent, showed them that things seen are temporal and the unseen is eternal.



What does that have to do with the cross? Well, in the questioning of Jesus that we are going to dive into next week we need to realize that Jesus was very capable of defusing every question thrown at him. He was able to tell the name of every person that punched him in the face. He could prophesy of the end of each individual and still He chooses to die for you and me. He loved us enough to embrace the cross. Wow!

Would I do that for you? Would we be willing to follow a path of suffering knowing the scope of eternity? Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. What does this say about eternity? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Did you notice verse 17? Our light (they sure don’t feel light when we are in the middle of them) momentary afflictions are preparing us for an eternal weight of glory. We work out spiritually now to prepare to see God. His glory is more than we can bear unless we suffer these light and momentary afflictions. I wonder if Jesus, who carried His Glory to the right hand of God, knowing the unseen had confidence to face the cross, despising its shame.

*Jesus, encourage us to be thankful for the light and temporary afflictions in this world. Help us to have faith like Hebrews 11:1 in the unseen which is eternal. We are amazed at your love to give you life on the cross. We love you. Amen.*

Jesus’Betrayal



Luke 22:54-65

Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 4

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Coins of various sizes

Skittles or other colored candy

**Family Activity:**

Flip for Candy

You are going to need 2 coins to represent each flavor of candy. To win you must flip both coins to land on heads. For example, pennies represent Red Skittles. If I flip a tail and a head, I do not win and it is the next persons turn. Keep to the rules strictly even if someone does not ever win. It will flow into the questioning better.

**Devotion Questions:**

Was it hard to win?

How did it feel to lose and watch others win? *I was jealous that others won. I was just so unlucky. I felt like I would never win.*

It is funny that candy, that we did not have a chance to get before the game, can cause us to “feel” a certain way. Read Mark 12:13-16. How did the Pharisees try to trap Jesus? *By giving him a question that seemed to have no answer.*

Whose picture is on the coins you use for the game you played tonight?

Money, candy and other worldly things should not be the source of our joy. Jesus, who can answer even the trickiest things that come up in our lives deserves our praise and prayer.

*Pray that we will find joy in our salvation and in Jesus Christ.*



Week 3



Jesus on Trial

Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3

Memory Verse for Week 3

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Day 1: Twisted

Day 2: Job’s Witness

Day 3: Senseless Beating

Day 4: Release Barabbas?

Jesus’ on Trial



Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3: Day 1

Day 1: Twisted

Memory Verse for Week 3

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Welcome to Week 3 of To Be Loved. As we begin this week, I must issue a warning. We are embarking on a study of the events leading to the cross and are unashamedly brutal. As we dive deeper into these events, please press on through out with a spirit of thanksgiving in view of our God’s love for us. Even as I write, my heart aches in preparation for this week.

Let’s read the account as a whole to gain some perspective. There is strength in viewpoints. Through each writer of the synoptic gospels, God revealed his activities around the cross. We are investigating the similarities. Look for patterns. Below note the most important events recorded in each account.

Luke 23:1-25 Mark 15:1-20 Matthew 27:1-26 John 18:28-19:16

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Now that we have an overview Describe each character in the scene.

Pilate –

Herod –

Jewish Leaders –

The crowds –

Barabbas –

The soldiers –

It is hard not to wonder where we would be in these scenes. Early on Jonathan taught me to be careful to judge things we don’t understand because they could be from God. The religious leaders, the self proclaimed righteous, did not understand the God they so adamantly and zealously wanted to worship. Herod wanted to be entertained, which caused John the Baptist to loose his head earlier in the narrative. Pilate was caught between a rock and a hard place and chose the easy way out. (*how often do I*) The crowds blindly followed their leaders even though a week earlier they had proclaimed Hosanna in the highest at the sight of Jesus. Barabbas, murderer, thief, released at the cost of innocent blood.

Then the soldiers. The roman torture guards. Flogging *(which we will discuss in day 3)* is one thing but the crown of thorns? Twisting together thorns to press into someone’s skull with the sole purpose to mock a beaten and bleeding man. What is going through your mind to blindfold and play punch in the face version of “heads up seven up?”

Was satan there orchestrating the scene? Were his demons twisting the thorns? Were these just twisted men with depraved minds? Who or what twisted them? Am I like them? Do I predetermine opportunity to sin? Do I mock the sacrifice of Jesus when I hide my faith, when I fail to stand up in the face of adversity, when I do not suffer well?

*Lord, forgive me for my sin. Thank you for following the plan of redemption laid out from the foundation of the world. Forgive my hidden sin and help me to chase after you and your beauty as displayed in the cross. Amen.*

Jesus on Trial



Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 1

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Questions on this Sheet

White Paper to record answers

**Family Activity:**

Consensus –

In this game each person will answer the question by giving 3 multiple choice answers. The family will vote on which answer they think is correct one person at a time. People who pick the answer with the most votes get a point. For example, let’s say the question is, What is your favorite food? My multiple choice would be lasagna, chips and salsa, cake with ice cream mixed in. Ok. Vote……hmm…….

If you picked lasagna you would be correct but that is not the key to the game. Let’s say Shelby, Tyler and Mom vote ice cream with cake mixed in while Charis and Kale picked lasagna. The consensus is ice cream with cake mixed in so Shelby, Tyler and Tahrea would all get points and Charis and Kale, although correct would get zero points.

First person to 10 points wins.

Feel free to make up more questions. If you have a small family, you can play with guessing correct answers.

**Consensus Questions:**

My favorite movie that I could watch over and over is….

What friend do you think your Mom or Dad likes most?

If I hear this song, it gets stuck in my head all day. That song is …

If I could have one super power, I would choose to have …

If I had to dye my hair a crazy color for a church mission trip, I would pick this color…

If my iPod broke and would only hold one song, I would put this song on it.

My favorite character in the bible is…

Jesus’ on Trial



Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3: Day 2

Day 2: Job’s Witness

Memory Verse for Week 3

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.



Yesterday we saw the trial of Jesus from all different views. Today we look back to a man that endured pain, shame and loss like few others. Job is a name synonymous with suffering well and an example that foreshadows the cross.

Read Chapter 1 of the book of Job. Fill in the blanks below with answers from the verses.

1 whose name was Job, and that man was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5 Thus Job did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7 The Lord said to satan, “Have you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Job.

19 and behold, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came across the wilderness

21 the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gave and the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Verse 21, made famous by the song Blessed be your Name, is remarkable. In the midst of death, suffering and emotional agony, Job cries out to the Lord recognizing His sovereignty over mankind.

Read Ezekiel 14:14. Name the three righteous men mentioned.

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Read James 5:7-11. Job is mentioned as an example of what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Read Job 2:1-10. Job holds to his integrity and receives pain beyond what many can bear. Job unlike Pilate, held onto his integrity while Pilate melted in the face of adversity. In these verses, satan takes on the role of who around the cross?

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satan (*who I refuse to capitalize, it is not a typo*) orchestrates the torture of an innocent man, the death of the first born son of Job, along with his other children, and he points him toward shame and despair. We have a real adversary who wants to destroy us. A real enemy, who tries to twist our circumstances, planning shame and despair in our lives.

But we have a true GOD that is LORD over all and knows what we can bear. We have a loving and compassionate Jesus who laid down his life for our sin.

What sin did Job commit to cause all of the suffering he faced? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Exactly, nothing. Do we really trust God? Are we willing to face the reality that God our Father has a plan for our life to glorify Jesus not necessarily our self?

*Lord, help us have confidence in your plans even if it does not make sense to us at the time. Thank you Jesus for giving us the Holy Spirit to guide and protect us.*

Jesus on Trial



Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 2

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

A way to sing Blessed be the name of the Lord. Here is a link to a worship video to watch or see attached paper <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikzeFW2Ufg4>

Story behind the music…

**Family Activity:**

Family Music –

Begin your time by reading the story about the song, Blessed be your Name from below and then sing the song as a family. If God leads you to research more songs to sing, here are a few I suggest.

Desert Song – Hillsong United <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9YQeJQXgfY&feature=related>

How He Loves Us

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NXWE6AC8ao>

**Blessed be the Name:**

This song was penned just after 9/11. “It struck me how little a vocabulary we have in church worship music to respond appropriately in dark times of life. We all face seasons of pain and unease. And in those times we need to find our voice before God. The church, and indeed the world, needs songs of lamentation.” Worship is always a choice. During peaceful and pain-free times, the choice to respond to God in thanksgiving and praise may be relatively easy. But at other painful or confusing times in our lives, the choice to worship is a costly act of devotion. In the life of every worshiper there will come times when worship meets with suffering. Job in Job 1:21, glorified the Lord by saying, the Lord gives and the Lord takes away, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

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| **Blessed be Your Name** |
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| Written by Beth Redman & Matt Redman |
| (capo 2)  A E F#m7 D  Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  A E  Where Your streams of abundance flow  D  Blessed be Your name  A E F#m7 D  And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  A E  Though I walk through the wilderness  D  Blessed be Your name  A E  Every blessing You pour out I'll  F#m7 D  turn back to praise  A E  And when the darkness closes in, Lord  F#m7 D  Still I will say  A E  Blessed be the name of the Lord  F#m7 D  Blessed be Your name  A E  Blessed be the name of the Lord  F#m7 D  Blessed be Your glorious name    Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  When the world's "all as it should be"  Blessed be Your name  And blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  Though there's pain in the offering  Blessed be Your name    A E  You give and take away  F#m7 D  You give and take away  A E  My heart will choose to say  F#m7 D  Lord, blessed be Your name  © 2002 Kingsway's Thankyou Music  CCLI# 1596342  Album: Where Angles Tread to Fear |

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Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3: Day 3

Day 3: Senseless Beating

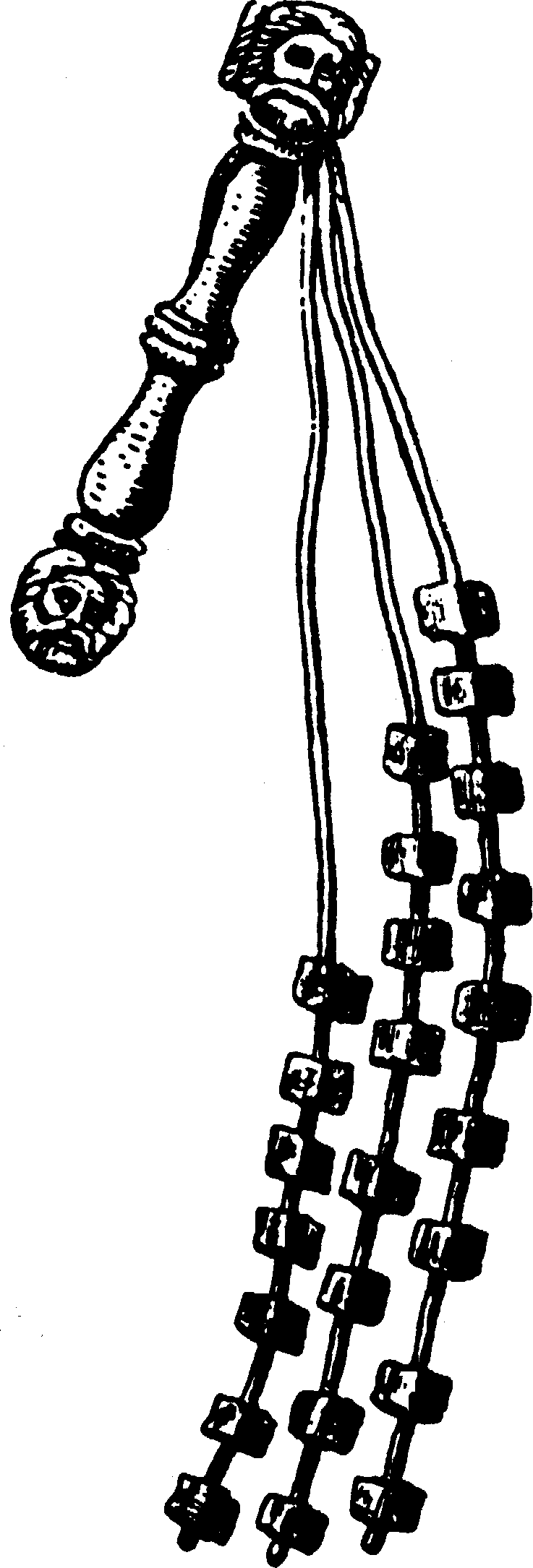
Memory Verse for Week 3

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Read Luke 23:16. Pilate makes such a casual remark of a horrific event. “I will therefore, since he is innocent, punish him and release him.” Today we look into the heart of the brutality of sin. The darkness that hates the light and has its end in total destruction unleashes on the son of God. Jesus. Luke reported the facts objectively while the other gospel writers recorded the details.

Look for a common word in the verses listed below:



* John 19:1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Mark 15:15 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Matthew 27:26 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Flogging or scourging was a Roman torture technique used in the 1st century; however historians like Herodotus, say the Persians invented crucifixions with King Darius. Their goal, according to early records, was to beat them so severely that they could only carry their cross and then would die to make the crucifixion easier for the soldiers. Look at this except from Dr. Richard Bucher…

So what form did a more normal crucifixion take? First came the flogging or scourging. The flogging usually was done by two soldiers using a short whip (*flagrum*, *flagellum*) that had several leather thongs of different lengths. Tied to these leather thongs were small iron balls or sharp pieces of sheep bones. The victim was stripped of his clothing and his hands were tied above him to a post. The back, legs and buttocks would then be flogged until the person collapsed. With the back and legs thus torn open there would be extensive blood loss. This blood loss from the flogging often determined how long it took the crucified person to die on the cross. The fact that Jesus was not able to carry his cross all the way, and the fact that he died in six hours, indicates that this flogging must have been especially severe. The ancient sources tell us that many people died just from the flogging.

What was going on in the unseen at the flogging and senseless beating of Christ? Is this the wrath of satan unleashed upon Jesus?

But, there is more. Record the senseless beating Jesus endured in the verses below and see if you can identify a core sin behind the beating.

Senseless Beating Core Sin

Mark 15:16-17 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mark 15:19-20 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matt 27:24-31 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John 18:29 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John 19:2-4 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We find in these sins at the forefront, envy (Mark 15:10), foolishness (Psalm 14:1), coward, anger, greed and many more because the leader of sin, satan himself was present. We no not want to be the people around the cross. We want to love our Lord and Savior with a pure heart.

I pray that you can grasp the sacrifice of Christ. It is important to remember that these are actual sickening events of our enemy. If you are braver than I then you can watch the Passion of the Christ clip of this brutal beating at the link below. But it is very graphic and needs to be watched with the right heart.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_n0McKgim1M> go to 51:55

What do these images stir in your heart? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you Jesus for Your sacrifice. Although we cannot fathom the pain, we are thankful that you set your heart upon the cross. I am in awe of the magnitude of your sacrifice. Thank you*.

Jesus on Trial



Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 3

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

2 cups flour

3 cups water

1 balloon

Newspaper

Paint, crayons, or markers

Colored crepe paper

String

**Family Activity:**

Family Piñata–

1. Blow up a large balloon and tie the end
2. Mix the flour and water together until it makes a smooth paste
3. Cut the newspaper into long 1 inch thick strips and dip into the flour/water mixture
4. Carefully place the strips on the balloon until it is covered, leaving a hole at the top
5. Set aside and let the balloon dry
6. Place another layer of newspaper dipped in the mixture over the balloon and let dry
7. Repeat with one more layer, making sure you leave the hole at the top
8. When dry, pop and remove the balloon
9. Paint your piñata with different designs and colors
10. If desired, hang colored crepe paper from the sides and bottom
11. Punch 2 small holes in the top near the opening and string a large piece of string through the two holes
12. Fill your piñata (through the hole you left at the top) with candy, toys, or any other fun surprises. You should also fill with strips of newspaper so the surprises are not all in one location
13. Tie your piñata in the air with the string and have fun!

You can be very creative with this project. You can design your piñata into any shape (animal, flower, etc,) with your imagination. Use thick colored paper filled with scrunched up newspaper and glue or tape to add any details to your basic piñata structure.

\* Don’t forget to fill it with candy.

After you destroy the piñata, ask what do you think it was like to be the piñata?

Did the piñata deserve to get smacked around?

Was it fair?

Just like Jesus precious blood was spilled, this candy was spilled. Let’s pray that we recognize God’s daily blessings and then enjoy this blessing.

Jesus’ on Trial



Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3: Day 4

Day 4: Release Barrabus?

Memory Verse for Week 3

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Today is a tragic comedy. The foolishness of the educated. The fierce anger of the chief priests and religious leaders. How can the smart be so stupid? How can the man blessing the peace-makers in Matthew 5 be on trial? We look at the testimony against Jesus and look at a man that is not innocent that gains freedom.

Write down the questioning / testimony of Jesus in these verses…

Mark 14:56-57 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Luke 22:70 – 71 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Mark 14:61-65 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 27:11-12 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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John 18:33-38 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I must pause here to look at verse 37 in John 18. Jesus was born to bear witness of the truth. What is truth? Pilate asks and he walks away. Do we walk away from the truth that sits before us?

* God’s invisible qualities, power and nature (Romans 1)
* Works of His hands (Psalms 19)

**Final Accusations**

John 19:7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Luke 23:2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John 19:12 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Accused of being a King, leading a revolt against the taxes of Caesar, and claiming himself the son of God, Jesus is traded for Barabbas. Jesus, the Lamb of God exchanged places with the worst of sinners.

How does Mark 15:6-7 describe Barabbas? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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A murderous rebel who leading a force against Rome to overthrow Caesar in an insurrection. Do those charges sound vaguely familiar? Yet, this is our God. Christ exchanges his life for us while we are still sinners. We are Barabbas? Before you say no, how often are we imprisoned by our sin? How often are we rebellious against authority? How often do we look on people in anger and hate and forget Matthew 5:21-22 that anger is a heart issue that requires judgment?

How do you think Barabbas felt after his freedom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you think he looked into this Jesus whose life was exchanged for his own?

*Lord, help us to seek after the one who exchanged His life for our own. We do not deserve your covering but thank you for your love. Amen*

Jesus on Trial



Luke 22:66 -Luke 23:25

Week 3

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 4

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Video Link

Hakuna Matata – in German

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IuLjWoEtr8&feature=related>

Hakuna Matata English Version

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6vLAa-kylM&feature=fvwrel>

**Family Activity:**

World views -

Start by watching the German version. Then when they realize you picked the “wrong video” watch the English version.

Why did you not want to watch the first video? *Because we did not understand it except for hakuna matata.*

What does Hakuna Matata mean? *No worries*

Why is that a bad theology for life? *Because we have to deal with life. We cannot just avoid everything because life has responsibility*.

Describe a time that you felt like the world was against you.

How can we turn to Jesus who is willing to give his life for our joy? *Turn to His word, sing praises to him, and remember his sacrifice.*



Week 4



Jesus Crucified

Luke 23:26-43

Week 4

Memory Verse for Week 4

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

Day 1: Simon the Cyrene

Day 2: Soldiers at the Cross

Day 3: Isaiah 53

Day 4: Isaiah 53 cont.

Jesus’ Crucified



Luke 23:26-43

Week 4: Day 1

Day 1: Simon the Cyrene

Memory Verse for Week 4

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

Welcome to Week 4 of To Be Loved. I pray that you are staying strong as your walk through this series.

I pray that your family time will be rich with the presence of the Lord.

Take a journey with me to a dry and weary land. Jerusalem, AD 33, on a dusty narrow street, the

noise is deafening. Mocking cries with mixed with

tears and guttural moans line the streets as Jesus carries the cross. The nature of the beating that Jesus took by the Roman guards is obvious here. Jesus, a stone mason or carpenter, would not have been characterized as a weak man; yet in his brokenness he could not bear the cross. A man named Simon is brought in to bear the cross. Let’s take a closer look at this man.

What town was Simon from? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ See Luke 23:26, Mark 15:21

* Cyrene is in present day Libya. There was a Jewish presence there about 100, 000 strong that was under duress by Greek and Roman influences causing some Jews to flee.

Why was Simon in Jerusalem? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_See Luke 23:26

* We only know that he was coming in from the country. The timing suggests that he was coming into Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.

What were the children’s names of Simon? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

See Mark 15:21 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Interestingly, there is much speculation on the affect of this moment on Simon and his boys. Church tradition mentions Rufus and Alexander as missionaries.
  + In Acts 16:20, what men are mentioned as preaching the word?
  + In Romans 16:13, who is mentioned?

These could be different men, but Mark’s mention of them seems to imply that they were known to others reading the letter at the time.

Here is the key point. Simon of Cyrene was pulled into the drama of the cross although he had no merit or plans. His role becomes ordained for him through Roman threats. Would that change a man to carry the cross of Jesus?

What emotions would ***you*** feel if you were Simon of Cyrene? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Look up Matthew 10:38-39. How do your emotions above apply to this verse? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The cross should stir us. It should move us to a place near him.

*Lord, help me to carry the cross daily and to have a remembrance of you in my daily life. Thank you for walking to the cross and freeing me from my own snares and sin. You are a God like no other. You are the One True God. Amen.*

Jesus Crucified



Luke 23:26-43

Week 4

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 1

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Access to Ray Boltz video for Watch the Lamb <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6EHveaXv1E>

**Family Activity:**

Video Discussion–

Today you will watching a music video rendition of the drama of Simon of Cyrene. I love the message of this song. Watch the video together and answer the discussion questions. Popcorn would be a great snack with this activity too.

**Discussion Questions:**

How would you feel if Daddy/Mommy was called out of the crowd to carry the cross? *Scared, worried, mad, lost and afraid*

Why do you think they were carrying the lamb? *Passover lamb to be sacrificed at the 9th hour on Passover*

At the end of the song who does the singer call the Lamb? *Jesus*

Read John 1:29-36. Who does John the Baptist call the Lamb of God? *Jesus*

Let us pray that God will help us follow the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world?

Jesus’ Crucified



Luke 23:26-43

Week 4: Day 1

Day 2: Soldiers at the Cross

Memory Verse for Week 4

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

I hope you have been practicing your verse this week. It is an incredible verse about our Savior. We look today into the eyes of the soldiers at the cross.

Read Matthew 27:32-44 and record any activities or words of the soldiers, referred to as “they” often in the accounts, in the space provided. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Supplement that list with the account from Luke 23:26-43.

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SOLDIERS at the CROSS

#1 They, the soldiers, compelled Simon to carry the cross. – we studied this yesterday.

#2 Offered Him wine mixed with myrrh and gall – gall, bile secreted by the liver, was bitter and associated with bitterness of spirit (Acts 8:23). Myrrh was a pleasant smelling and medicinal sedative many believe. Many people in the world point to this event as a contradiction in the Bible. Matthew 27:32-34 mentions wine mixed with gall, while Mark 15:21-23 mentions wine mixed with myrrh. Based upon the behavior of the soldiers up to this point, I am going to assume like many scholars that this “mixture” of wine had many ingredients including the two mentioned. In the events around the cross, there is not evidence of a let up from the mocking torture of the soldiers in any fashion.

#3 Cast Lots for His clothing - One of the most curious scenes around the cross was the casting of lots at Jesus feet. Today we take a chance look at this ancient custom.



Read John 19:23-24.

A “lot” was a pebble or small stone marked by a particular individual like the one on the left. This ”lot” was dug up on an archeological dig in the 1960’s in Madasa, Israel.

Two methods for casting lots were used in the Old Testament. One method was a simple Yes/No draw from a bag or knapsack. The other involves throwing named lots. Based upon the names up or grouping of the lots, people would be eliminated from the game.

For what item of clothing were they casting lots? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Based on what you have learned, what type of people were the soldiers. Check the descriptive words that apply below.

Arrogant Dedicated Loving Vengeful

Evil Mocking Hard Working Bitter

Joyful Cruel Religious Spiteful

*Lord, help us to be men and women of love and integrity. Although we sin and disgrace your name we thank you for your forgiveness. We love you. Amen.*

Jesus Crucified



Luke 23:26-43

Week 4

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 2

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Find a set of dice

Set of bunko Cards

Pen or Pencil per player

**Family Activity:**

Family Bunko–

Bunko is a dice game with points and rules. See the rule sheet on the next page and print the Bunko Cards for play.

**Discussion Questions:**

What was your favorite part of the game? *rolling a bunko, trying to grab the dice.*

How did it feel to roll the “lucky” numbers? *Great, fun*

Pull out 1 special candy treat. We are to roll for this treat. The winning number is 4. If you can roll 2 dice and the numbers add up to 4 you will win. *Play the game*

Read John 19:23-24. There were 4 people, soldiers around the cross, casting lots for Jesus tunic. How would it be different if we played bunko or the special candy game in a hospital room of someone who was dying? *It would be quieter, less fun, weird*

Verse 24 points out that they fulfilled Psalms 22:18. We are going to study this Psalm later this week. Let’s pray now that God will show us how awesome He is through our time as a family.

**FAMILY BUNKO RULES**

There are six rounds in each set of Bunco. The scorekeeper at each table is the first to roll.

Players earn points by rolling the three dice. In each round, players are trying to roll the same number as the round, or the target number (for example, rolling in Round 3) - sometimes called a mark.



For example, in round 1 you will want to roll the number one until your team scores 21 points. One point is awarded for each target number rolled successfully. For example rolling in round 1 earns 2 points because 2 dice have the number 1 showing, in round 2, the same roll earns one point because there is only one number 2 showing. In rounds 3-6 this roll earns no points.



Five points are awarded for rolling three of a kind of any number except the current target number. For example rolling in round 3 earns 5 points.



BUNCO! is called when rolling 3 of a kind of the target number. For example, rolling in Round 3. Rolling BUNCO is worth 21 points, but the player has to yell it out to get credit for it.



The player rolls as long as they score one or more points. When they fail to roll the target number on any of the dice, the dice are passed to the player on the left and the scorekeeper records the cumulative score on the Table Tally as the temporary team score.

The round is over when someone reaches 21 points, they ring the bell and the round is over for everyone.

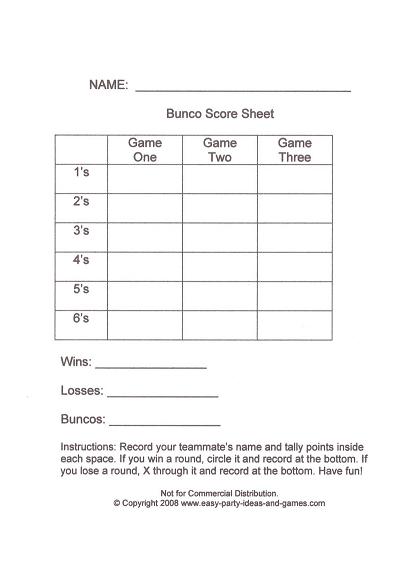
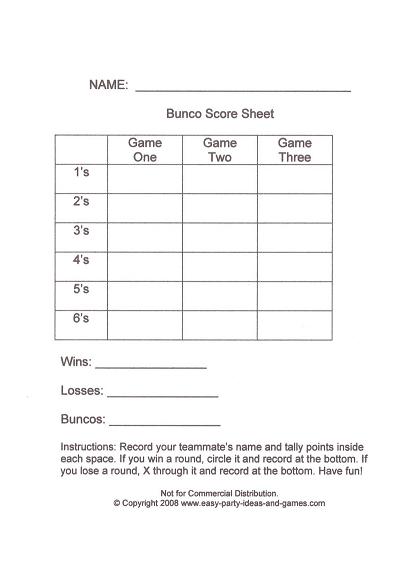
Optional: \*Refuge Full Contact Bunko – with all the same rules above intact we add a little flavor. So for example in Round 1, if you roll a 1 on a die you would get a point but in Refuge Full Contact Bunko whoever grabs the 1 rolled on the die gets the point so you can steal points from other teams. Couple of pointers, have a family trim fingernail party before playing or have bandaids nearby. ☺ I’m not kidding. If a player touches a die that is not a winning roll. For example, if McKay grabs the die with #2 showing in round 1 his team would lose 2 points.

Have fun!!! Use the score sheets on the next page for your game.

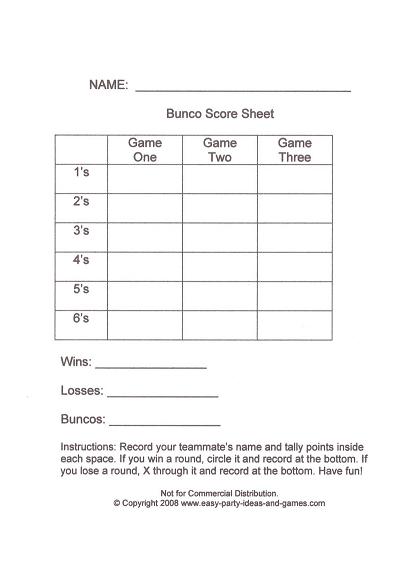
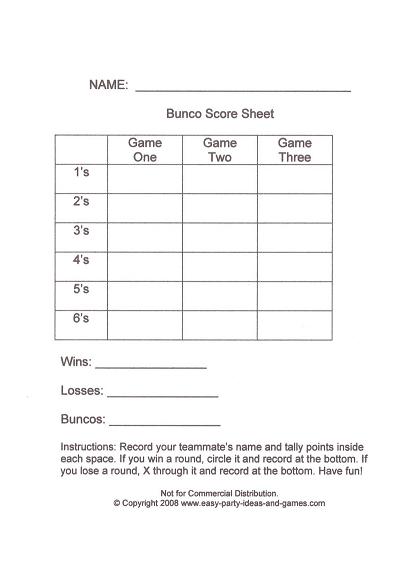
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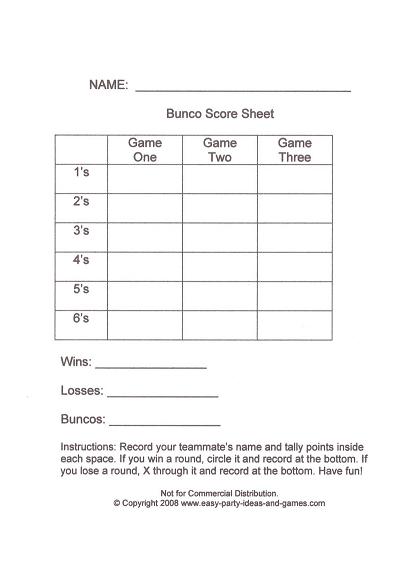
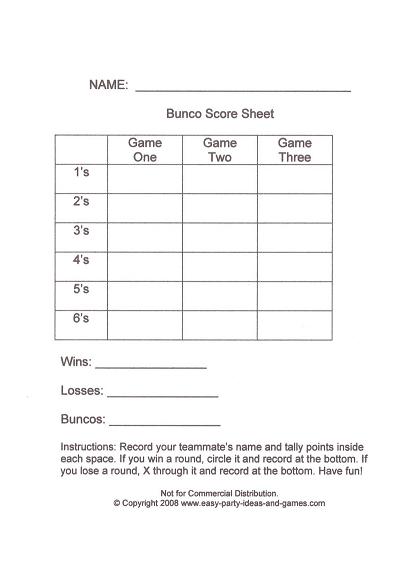
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Jesus’ Crucified



Luke 23:26-43

Week 4: Day 3

Day 3: Isaiah 53

Memory Verse for Week 4

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

Today we study one of the most fascinating chapters in the entire Word of God. **Isaiah 53.** This chapter about the Suffering Servant is rejected by Jews and embraced by Christians as referring to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Read Isaiah 53 as a whole.

As we walk together through this passage, we will cross reference many verses and see the fulfillment of these verses in the New Testament. Stick with me. You can do it.

**Read** **Isaiah 53:1** – This verse is mentioned twice in the New Testament as finding their fulfillment in Jesus. How do these verses point to Jesus and His fulfillment of this prophesy.

* John 12:27-38 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* Romans 10:14-17 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Read Isaiah 53:2** – root out of dry ground. See Isaiah 11:1-5. Who do you think this passage is referencing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The root out of dry ground was in stark contrast to the fertile vineyards of Isaiah 5. Jesus as we have seen being denied, mocked, and rejected by men. He is the vine, we are the branches.

**Read** **Isaiah 53:3** – He was despised and rejected by men. In Mark 9:9-13 just after the transfiguration, Jesus refers to the concept of a suffering servant.

Read Hebrews 12:4 – How can this verse encourage us in the shadow of hard times? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Read** **Isaiah 53:4** – This chapter is so rich with the beauty of Christ through suffering. See Matthew 8:14-17. How did Jesus fulfill Isaiah 53:4? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you believe that God still heals today? Yes / No

**Read Isaiah 53:5** – This verse is very familiar but don’t let satan rob it of its power. Isaiah wrote of the crucifixion of Christ 700 year before the event and over 200 years before crucifixion had even been invented. Two verses obviously reference Isaiah 53:5. Read these verses and comment on each.

* Romans 4:24-25 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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* 1 Peter 2:24 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Well I could not finish this incredible chapter in one day, we will be back tomorrow to rest in the shadow of the cross detailed in Isaiah 53.

*Lord, continue to show us the beauty of your plan revealed 700 years before it unfolded. We are in awe of your Word. Your Word is truth. Amen*

Jesus Crucified



Luke 23:26-43

Week 4

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 3

**Family Story time. Here is the readers digest version of an amazing book by YWAM publishing. Read it together and pray for missionaries around the world.**

**The Story of Glayds Aylward**Gladys Aylward was born in London in 1904 (or a few years earlier). She worked for several years as a parlor maid, and then attended a revival meeting at which the preacher spoke of dedicating one's life to the service of God. Gladys responded to the message, and soon after became convinced that she was called to preach the Gospel in China. At the age of 26, she became a probationer at the China Inland Mission Center in London, but failed to pass the examinations. She worked at other jobs and saved her money. Then she heard of a 73-year-old missionary, Mrs. Jeannie Lawson, who was looking for a younger woman to carry on her work. Gladys wrote to Mrs. Lawson and was accepted if she could get to China. She did not have enough money for the ship fare, but did have enough for the train fare, and so in October of 1930 she set out from London with her passport, her Bible, her tickets, and two pounds nine pence, to travel to China by the Trans-Siberian Railway, despite the fact that China and the Soviet Union were engaged in an undeclared war. She arrived in Vladivostok and sailed from there to Japan and from Japan to Tientsin, and thence by train, then bus, then mule, to the inland city of Yangchen, in the mountainous province of Shansi, a little south of Peking (Beijing). Most of the residents had seen no Europeans other than Mrs. Lawson and now Miss Aylward. They distrusted them as foreigners, and were not disposed to listen to them.

Yangchen was an overnight stop for mule caravans that carried coal, raw cotton, pots, and iron goods on six-week or three-month journeys. It occurred to the two women that their most effective way of preaching would be to set up an inn. The building in which they lived had once been an inn, and with a bit of repair work could be used as one again. They laid in a supply of food for mules and men, and when next a caravan came past, Gladys dashed out, grabbed the rein of the lead mule, and turned it into their courtyard. It went willingly, knowing by experience that turning into a courtyard meant food and water and rest for the night. The other mules followed, and the muleteers had no choice. They were given good food and warm beds at the standard price, and their mules were well cared for, and there was free entertainment in the evening--the inkeepers told stories about a man named Jesus. After the first few weeks, Gladys did not need to kidnap customers -- they turned in at the inn by preference. Some became Christians, and many of them (both Christians and non-Christians) remembered the stories, and retold them more or less accurately to other muleteers at other stops along the caravan trails. Gladys practiced her Chinese for hours each day, and was becoming fluent and comfortable with it. Then Mrs. Lawson suffered a severe fall, and died a few days later. Gladys Aylward was left to run the mission alone, with the aid of one Chinese Christian, Yang, the cook.

A few weeks after the death of Mrs. Lawson, Miss Aylward met the Mandarin of Yangchen. He arrived in a sedan chair, with an impressive escort, and told her that the government had decreed an end to the practice of footbinding. (Note: Among the upper and middle classes, it had for centuries been the custom that a woman's foot should be wrapped tightly in bandages from infancy, to prevent it from growing. Thus grown women had extremely tiny feet, on which they could walk only with slow, tottering steps, which were thought to be extremely graceful.) The government needed a foot-inspector, a woman (so that she could invade the women's quarters without scandal), with her own feet unbound (so that she could travel), who would patrol the district enforcing the decree. It was soon clear to them both that Gladys was the only possible candidate for the job, and she accepted, realizing that it would give her undreamed-of opportunities to spread the Gospel.

During her second year in Yangchen, Gladys was summoned by the Mandarin. A riot had broken out in the men's prison. She arrived and found that the convicts were rampaging in the prison courtyard, and several of them had been killed. The soldiers were afraid to intervene. The warden of the prison said to Gladys, "Go into the yard and stop the rioting." She said, "How can I do that?" The warden said, "You have been preaching that those who trust in Christ have nothing to fear." She walked into the courtyard and shouted: "Quiet! I cannot hear when everyone is shouting at once. Choose one or two spokesmen, and let me talk with them." The men quieted down and chose a spokesman. Gladys talked with him, and then came out and told the warden: "You have these men cooped up in crowded conditions with absolutely nothing to do. No wonder they are so edgy that a small dispute sets off a riot. You must give them work. Also, I am told that you do not supply food for them, so that they have only what their relatives send them. No wonder they fight over food. We will set up looms so that they can weave cloth and earn enough money to buy their own food." This was done. There was no money for sweeping reforms, but a few friends of the warden donated old looms, and a grindstone so that the men could work grinding grain. The people began to call Gladys Aylward "Ai-weh-deh," which means "Virtuous One." It was her name from then on.

Soon after, she saw a woman begging by the road, accompanied by a child covered with sores and obviously suffering severe malnutrition. She satisfied herself that the woman was not the child's mother, but had kidnapped the child and was using it as an aid to her begging. She bought the child for ninepence--a girl about five years old. A year later, "Ninepence" came in with an abandoned boy in tow, saying, "I will eat less, so that he can have something." Thus Ai-weh-deh acquired a second orphan, "Less." And so her family began to grow.... She was a regular and welcome visitor at the palace of the Mandarin, who found her religion ridiculous, but her conversation stimulating. In 1936, she officially became a Chinese citizen. She lived frugally and dressed like the people around her (as did the missionaries who arrived a few years after in in the neighboring town of Tsechow, David and Jean Davis and their young son Murray, of Wales), and this was a major factor in making her preaching effective.

Then the war came. In the spring of 1938, Japanese planes bombed the city of Yangcheng, killing many and causing the survivors to flee into the mountains. Five days later, the Japanese Army occupied Yangcheng, then left, then came again, then left. The Mandarin gathered the survivors and told them to retreat into the mountains for the duration. He also announced that he was impressed by the life of Ai-weh-deh and wished to make her faith his own. There remained the question of the convicts at the jail. The traditional policy favored beheading them all lest they escape. The Mandarin asked Ai-weh-deh for advice, and a plan was made for relatives and friends of the convicts to post a bond guaranteeing their good behavior. Every man was eventually released on bond. As the war continued Gladys often found herself behind Japanese lines, and often passed on information, when she had it, to the armies of China, her adopted country. She met and became friends with "General Ley," a Roman Catholic priest from Europe who had teken up arms when the Japanese invaded, and now headed a guerilla force. Finally he sent her a message. The Japanese are coming in full force. We are retreating. Come with us." Angry, she scrawled a Chinese note, Chi *Tao Tu Pu Twai,* "Christians never retreat!" He sent back a copy of a Japanese handbill offering $100 each for the capture, dead or alive, of (1) the Mandarin, (2) a prominent merchant, and (3) Ai-weh-deh. She determined to flee to the government orphanage at Sian, bringing with her the children she had accumulated, about 100 in number. (An additional 100 had gone ahead earlier with a colleague.) With the children in tow, she walked for twelve days. Some nights they found shelter with friendly hosts. Some nights they spent unprotected on the mountainsides. On the twelfth day, they arrived at the Yellow River, with no way to cross it. All boat traffic had stopped, and all civilian boats had been seized to keep them out of the hands of the Japanese. The children wanted to know, "Why don't we cross?" She said, "There are no boats." They said, "God can do anything. Ask Him to get us across." They all knelt and prayed. Then they sang. A Chinese officer with a patrol heard the singing and rode up. He heard their story and said, "I think I can get you a boat." They crossed, and after a few more difficulties Ai-weh-deh delivered her charges into competent hands at Sian, and then promptly collapsed with typhus fever and sank into delirium for several days.

As her health gradually improved, she started a Christian church in Sian, and worked elsewhere, including a settlement for lepers in Szechuan, near the borders of Tibet. Her health was permanently impaired by injuries received during the war, and in 1947 she returned to England for a badly needed operation. She remained in England, preaching there.

In 1957, Alan Burgess wrote a book about her, *The Small Woman.* It was condensed in *The Reader's Digest,* and made into a movie called [*The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*](http://us.imdb.com/Title?Inn+of+the+Sixth+Happiness,+The+(1958))*,* starring Ingrid Bergman. When Newsweek magazine reviewed the movie, and summarized the plot, a reader, supposing the story to be fiction, wrote in to say, "In order for a movie to be good, the story should be believable!" Miss Gladys Aylward, the Small Woman, Ai-weh-deh, died 3 January 1970.

For more information on missions around the world or more stories like this check out these links:

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Voice of the Martyrs <http://www.persecution.com/>

International Mission Board <http://www.imb.org/main/default.asp>

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Luke 23:26-43

Week 4: Day 4

Day 4: Isaiah 53 cont.

Memory Verse for Week 4

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

We are back to embrace God’s word in Isaiah 53. Let’s start like we did yesterday by reading the chapter as a whole then breaking it down.

Read Isaiah 53.

Let’s not waste time and dive in.

**Read Isaiah 53:6 –** How do these verses tie into Isaiah 53:6?

* 1 Peter 2:25 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 2 Corinthians 5:21 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean to go astray? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How does Jesus handle stray sheep, illustrated in the Parable of the Lost Sheep found in Luke 15:3-7? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Our Savior seeks after us and carries us back to the fold. He saves us.

**Read Isaiah 53:7-8 –** This verse has an awesome tie to a story found in Acts 8:26-39. God uses all things to call people to Himself. How can you relate to the Ethiopian? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Read Isaiah 53:9 –** How was Isaiah 53:9 fulfilled? See Matthew 27:57-60.

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**Read Isaiah 53:10 –** This verse requires another 5 week study but I pray you can glean wisdom from this thought. The crucifixion of Jesus was not God’s reaction to sin. The cross was God’s picture of love for us; a planned demonstration of His Grace while we were still sinners.

**Isaiah 53:11-12 -** Christ poured out his soul for us. Romans 5:18-19 sums up the experience of Isaiah 53. Christ’s obedience on the cross. To obey is to love. No greater love has a man than this that he lay down his life for his friend. God in the flesh poured out his soul so that we may find life in him. Praise Him.

I hope you found this chapter as compelling as I did. List something you learned in the section below and then pray that God would refresh your mind with that truth this week. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*How do we thank you enough Lord Jesus? You were pierced for us. Let us live a life worthy of your calling.*

Jesus Crucified



Luke 23:26-43

Week 4

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 4

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Would you Rather questions?

Skittles and M&M’s

**Family Activity:**

Family Discussion Round 2

Hopefully the questions below will lead you to rich discussion in your family. Be sure to ask why.

**Would You Rather Questions:**

Would you Rather get caught picking your nose and eating it or eat a cooked steak that got run over by a car?

Would you Rather be able to hold you breath for as long as you want or be able to fly without getting tired?

Would you Rather be a baby bird that fell out of your nest or a lamb lost from the sheepfold?

I would pick the lamb if I had a friend like Jesus. Let’s read Luke 15:3-7. Why would Jesus be a good friend to have? *Because he would search for us and carry us back to safety.*

Read Isaiah 53:6. How does this verse tie into the story we just read about the lost sheep? *We have all gone astray and we all need a savior. Thank you Jesus for being that Savior on the cross.*



Week 5



Jesus Dies

Luke 23:44-56

Week 5

Memory Verse for Week 5

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Day 1: Psalms 22

Day 2: 7 Statements of the Cross

Day 3: Abraham and Isaac

Day 4: He Rested

Jesus’ Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5: Day 1

Day 1: Psalms 22

Memory Verse for Week 5

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Welcome to Week 5 of To Be Loved. Our final week of study is here. I pray that you have been blessed through what God did on the cross for us. Today we are looking at a passage of scripture that revolutionized my thoughts of the cross. Jesus does not speak casual words.

Read Psalms 22:1 on the right.

Why did Jesus cry out those words? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Tomorrow we will walk through the 7 statement of Jesus on the cross but today I want to dive into this topic. For what purpose did Jesus cry out these words? Let me give you some theories first and then I will show you my point of view. Below each theory is a scale to vote the believability of that theory. 10 very believable…1 completely false.

**Theory 1:** The Father turned his face away because He could not stand to look upon our sin upon Jesus.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

False believable True

**Theory 2:** Jesus was quoting scripture from the Old Testament for the purpose of salvation for those observing the cross.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

False believable True

**Theory 3:** Jesus, completely worn out by suffering, expressed a pained bewilderment of why.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

False believable True

**Theory 4:** God the Father abandoned Jesus on the cross to make him experience the hell of separation from God?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

False believable True

I land on 10 in Theory 2 and here are some reasons why?

**Truth 1:** Psalms 22:6 parallels Isaiah 53:3 pointing to the suffering Servant, Jesus.

**Truth 2**: Psalm 22:7-8 describes the people mocking him in what way? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You should have mentioned: wagging head, He trusts in the Lord, let him deliver him. This is incredible; now look at Matthew 27:39-43 or Mark 15:29-32.

What do you see in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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David wrote this song 1000 years before Jesus. A millennium before and he records the scene like an eyewitness news reporter. Could Jesus have been screaming out through scripture that these men would have known, **LOOK!!!** You are fulfilling the scripture. It is right in front of you. **WAKE UP!!!**

Do we need to wake up? Look around you right now. What has God put in front of you to wake you up to the reality of Him? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Truth 3:** Psalms 22: 16-18. Who were the dogs according to Philippians 3:2? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Last week, we studied verse 18 in detail. The priests viewing the scene must have been running Psalm 22 through their minds. How could they not see it? Look at the detail of verse 18 compared to John 19:23-24. They divide garments and cast lots for clothing. God’s word is seamless and beautiful.

**Truth 4:** The author of Hebrews relates Psalm 22:22 to the cross in Hebrews 2:10-12. Write down the name of Jesus found in verse 10? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Why is Psalms 22 comforting to me? We have a God who does not turn his back on His people. He will never leave us or forsake us. We have a savior who hung on a tree to show his love for us and even on that tree he was interested in the eternity of his enemies.

*Lord we worship you for your inexpressible love. We would all cower at the thought of dying for our enemies and yet you love with a perfect love. Teach us that love.*

Jesus Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 1

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Complete the phrase list below

Starburst candy

**Family Activity:**

Complete the Phrase–

You will play a family game of completing the phrase. Keep track of points. First place wins 5 starburst, second place wins 4 starburst, etc.

**Complete the Phrase Questions:**

1 point category

An apple a day …*keeps the doctor away*

Better late than…*never*

Stuck between a *…rock and a hard place*

2 point Movie Category: (bonus point for movie)

Bond…*James Bond … any bond movie ever made*

Life is like…*a box of chocolates …. Forrest Gump*

Hasta, la vista…*baby … Terminator*

3 point Bible Category (Bonus point for reference on verse)

To live is Christ to*…..die is gain Phil 1:21*

I can do all things through*…Christ who strengthens me Phil 4:13*

In the beginning was the Word and*…The Word was with God and the Word was God…John 1:1*

Sometimes it is hard to recognize things out of context. Read Psalm 22 without telling anyone the reference. What do you think this is talking about?

With the proper perspective, we can see God in all things. Let’s give God praise.

Jesus’ Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5: Day 2

Day 2: 7 Statements of the Cross

Memory Verse for Week 5

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

In reverence, we study the final words of our Savior. Jesus made seven statements on the cross and today we reflect upon them in chronological order.

**Record Statement #1 – reference Luke 23:34**

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What an incredible display of love. Matthew 5:44 says to love our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and in Mark 10:38 Jesus challenges them, “Are you able to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the cup that I drink? “

Could we love in the midst of the sins of the world like Jesus? Do we love those around us that do not even shed our blood? What an example of love.

Could we say blessed be the name of the Lord and ask for forgiveness for the ones causing us pain unto death? What a glorious Savior is Jesus our Lord.

**Record Statement #2 – reference Luke 23:43**

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Revelations 2:7 mentions heaven a “paradise”, however I am amazed at how Jesus focuses his attention to the lost souls around him. Perhaps the weight of eternity over rides the temporal pain of sin.

**Record Statement #3 – reference John 19:26-27**

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Once again Jesus is caring for the people around the cross. He is taking care of those he loves despite the pain. Being the first born son of Mary it was his responsibility to care for her. He shows his love for her in providing for her at a time where she wishes she could provide for him. This is so true of God in our own lives. He cares for us. He loves us.

**Record Statement #4 – reference Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34**

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We studied this in Day 1 of this week in the midst of Psalm 22.

**Record Statement #5 – reference John 19:28**

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Jesus quotes Psalm 22 in statement #4 and he continues here by purposefully fulfilling scripture. Read Psalm 69:21. What was prophesied in these verses? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

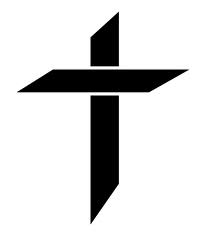
**Record Statement #6 – reference John 19:30**

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Read John 17:1-5. In John 17:1-5, Jesus sets the stage for the drama that is unfolding. “It is finished!” The plans that God set in motion from the beginning of the world have found their completion in Christ and his rebirth through sin opens the door to salvation through his blood that is being shed as he speaks these words. He came to testify to the truth that life is eternal through Jesus our Lord.

**Record Statement #7 – reference Luke 23:46**

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Jesus continues to declare scripture to the Glory of God. Read Psalms 31:5.

Then move forward to Acts 7:59-60. Stephen, an early Christian follower is being stoned for his faith in Jesus and his bold declaration of Jesus as Lord. As he is dies he cries out two things. Record them below.

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We are called to follow the example of Christ. We are called in Philippians 2:5 to have the attitude of Christ Jesus. We must love our enemies and pray for them. We must speak the truth of scripture over those in sin in hopes of salvation for them and when we find ourselves in persecution for Christ we must suffer well.

Look up 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. We do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. For this light momentary affliction is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us for an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ weight of Glory beyond all comparison. We cannot fathom the weight of glory that awaits us in paradise.

*God, our Father, we long to see you and fall before your immaculate glory. Help us to walk as Jesus walked in your truth. Amen*

Jesus Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 2

Supplies:

Minute to Win It supplies listed below for games you want to play.

**Family Activity:**

Minute to Win it–

Play the following games below for fun and the challenge. See Game list below with follow up questions.

**Game 1: Eraser** [**http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to/speed-eraser/**](http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to/speed-eraser/)

Materials: You will need 7 glasses and 7 pencils.

Objective: You have to bounce pencils off the table and into each glass

Did it get easier as you practiced?

Walking with Jesus may seem hard but what does God’s word promise in

**Game 2: Back Flip** [**http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to/episode-221/back-flip/**](http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to/episode-221/back-flip/)

Materials: You will need 7 glasses and 7 pencils.

Objective: You have to flip up and catch pencils in increasing order of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12

How did you feel as the clock was ticking down?

Jesus was under a ton of pressure on the cross. How did he handle the pressure?

**Game 3: A Bit Dicey**[**http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to/episode-236/a-bit-dicey/**](http://www.nbc.com/minute-to-win-it/how-to/episode-236/a-bit-dicey/)

Materials: You will need a popsicle stick and 6 dice.

Objective: You have to stack all 6 dice on the end of a popsicle stick being held in your mouth.

It is hard to balance the things of life. Jesus was able to stay focused in the midst of difficult circumstances. How can we be more like Jesus in this area?

Jesus’ Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5: Day 3

Day 3: Abraham and Isaac

Memory Verse for Week 5

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

The intensity of the last few weeks surrounding the cross has taken a toll. As our study of the cross begins to close I want to look back to seek God ahead of us.

Read Genesis 22 and answer the questions below:

* Who are the main two characters in this story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What is the purpose of the story? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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This is an incredible story with many levels of depth but we would consider this story an archetype of Jesus, or detailed foreshadowing of Jesus. Consider these questions below:

* What is kind of animal was found to sacrifice in Isaacs place? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Burnt offerings we sacrifices to cover the sins of the provider. Leviticus 1:10-17 mentioned it must be without blemish.

* Where did Abraham take Isaac to be sacrificed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Moriah was known to be in the area of the Jerusalem. Many scholars think this event took place on the Temple Mount where Solomon and other would build a house for God. Others think that the place of sacrifice that Abraham was called to was Golgotha or Calvary where our Lord was crucified. Either place has huge significance in our faith but how beautiful is it to see God unfolding His plan of salvation. A salvation that even the angels long to look into according to 1 Peter 1.



What must have been going through the mind of Abraham, as he walked his beloved son on a trail of tears march to his death? We get a glimpse into the mind of Abraham and his incredible faith that was accredited to him as righteousness in Hebrews 11:17-19. What was Abraham thinking? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Does that make the hair on your neck stand up? God helped him believe that he could raise him from the dead. What faith! What steps of faith can you take this week in the shadow of Abraham and Isaac’s example? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Lord, give us real faith to believe the impossible. Lord, help our unbelief and help us to press into the one who can raise Jesus from the dead. We need a greater understanding of you and your ways. Teach us Lord. Amen.*

Jesus Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 3

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Drama clothing

**Family Activity:**

Drama Skit to Abraham and Isaac Story in Genesis 22–

Choose charaters and a narrarator to act out the story of Abraham and Issac. Before you begin acting the scene, answer the Questions below together.

**Starter Questions:**



Describe the countryside that Abraham and Isaac were walking through to get to Moriah.

Read Genesis 22:1-14 together. Describe the scene in your own words from Isaac’s perspective.

**ACT OUT THE SCENE…costumes make this better**.

Did this remind you of a different event? How? *He was willing to sacrifice his only son*

Read Hebrews 11:17-19. Why was Abraham not afraid to sacrificing his son of the promise? *He figured God could raise him from the dead*

Jesus’ Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5: Day 3

Day 4: He Rested

Memory Verse for Week 5

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

I hope that you have enjoyed walking this journey with me through these last 5 weeks. I feel like I have learned so much about my best friend. List something you have learned from this series in the section below.

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Do not lose heart. We have a significant amount of work to be done. Enough reminiscing. We must press on because hope comes in the morning and the Son of God must be put in the grave before he can roll back the stone. He must be taken from the cross to rise in glory. Uh-oh, I am getting excited. This could be a long day. In honor of Todd Beamer and flight 93, Let’s roll.

Read verse 44 on Luke 23. What time was it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How was the weather? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total darkness. There are no street lamps, cell phones, or anything else except a fire to start providing some flickering light. 3 hours while the sun’s light fails. This is not your normal crucifixion. This is not a normal man.

Interestingly, there is historical proof of a massive solar eclipse that occurred from the sixth hour to the ninth hour according to historians such as Phlegon of Tralles and Eusebius of Caesarea who actually mentions the eclipse during the 4th year of the 202nd Olympiad (AD 32/33).

Tertullian, another famous historian, states in *Apologeticus* that if you were unaware of the events of the cross then they would have “no doubt thought it an eclipse.” We cannot explain away this act of God though, because as Sextus Africanus, 3rd century Christian historian pointed out, the Passover which was looming occurred only at full moon which makes a solar eclipse impossible.

Why did we spend a paragraph on that you may ask? Although it was fun to type all those cool names, I often wonder if I misinterpret the things of God because I am not in His will or near the situation. Without context, God’s miracle was explained away by reason. What is going on around you right now that you need to recognize God in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Something else curious happens in Luke 23:45. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The significance of the parochet(veil) was incredible. What was the purpose of the veil as mentioned in Exodus 26:31-33? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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It separated the Hakodesh (holy places) from the Holy of Holies (Kodesh Hakodashim). The parochet separated the presence of God on earth from our flesh. Josephus, another historian with a cool name, estimated that the parochet in Herod’s Temple was 60 feet vertically and 4 inches thick. The veil was meant to be a permanent separation used only once a year for the sins of the nation as a whole.

The veil being torn in two was symbolic of what? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Read Hebrews 10:19-20 for more.

Jesus tore down the walls between the Father and his creation. Let grace fall on us on earth as it is in heaven.

I cannot help but notice the reaction of the crowd in verses 47 and 48. One of the soldiers recognizes the divinity of Christ. The rest of the crowd “returned home beating their breasts.” Let see if we can find a clue to this phrase. Remember it is always best to let scripture interpret scripture. What does this phrase mean in Luke 18:13? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Read Isaiah 53:9. How was this prophesy fulfilled in Luke 23:50-54?

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Who was Joseph of Arimathea? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

As you see these major events unfold, Gethsemane, Betrayal, Peter’s Denial, Trial, Crucifixion, and then the Death and Burial of Jesus, we see six stages of creating a path of salvation. And on the Sabbath they rested. Even creation calls out his name in Psalm 19 and Romans 1. All things point to Jesus. God has called us to rest in Him.

As we think back to the beginning of this series, I pray that you find yourself in a different place. We have an incredible God that loves us, with a love that never fails and works all things together for our good.

**Every heart needs the Love of Jesus.**

*Lord, we ask for your love to flood over us and sweep us away from the rhythm of life that we are walking in today. Fill us with your spirit and show us your love. Amen*.

Jesus Dies



Luke 23:44-56

Week 5

FAMILY DEVOTION DAY 4

Don’t forget to practice your memory verse

Supplies:

Ice Cream and Topping

**Family Activity:**

Ice Cream celebration and Reflection

**Review Questions:**

Did you like having family devotional time? *Yes I loved it. The guides were so great. Lol, jk.*

Which devotional did you like the best? *Look back if necessary, be sure to share your favorite.*

Do you think we blessed God by doing devotionals together and memorizing Scripture together? *Yes*

Do you think God blessed us during these times? How?

If you want more ideas on Family devotional guides see Appendix A in the following pages.



Family Devotion



Ideas

Here are some continued ideas for family devotion through the year.

#1 To have a successful devotional you need a few key things.

* First, you must have family devotional time. This is not an idea it is an actual event. You may say, Chris you do not know my life. True. But 1 or 2 nights a week and the kids will be asking for more time.
* Snack food always makes devotionals more fun.
* Make up a game, skit or activity that leads to a point.
* Read scripture.
* Chase rabbits about the Lord. The best devotions are generally unscripted when God let me be in on him working in my kid’s heart.

#2 One of the best devotional series we did together, was reading through the Gospel of John and then watching movie clips from the Gospel of John movie. Comparing how they were different than I imagined was great fun.

#3 Read a missionary book together from YWAM. George Mueller, Mary Slessor and Eric Liddell are excellent books. Read a chapter or two a night and discuss. Ask the Smith kids about which book we re reading now.

Lastly, do not be afraid to step out and be creative. We are building lives for eternity. It is worth the money to by a YWAM and try it out. We are called to train our children in the ways of the Lord and we must step up as families to make Jesus a priority. I pray that you will find joy and peace in family devotions this year.



Memory Verse for Week 1



TO BE LOVED MEMORY VERSES

Hebrews 12:2

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



Memory Verse for Week 2

2 Corinthians 1:5

For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Memory Verse for Week 3

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Memory Verse for Week 4

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

Memory Verse for Week 5

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.



LIFEgroup Guide

Week 0

If you have a group on Sunday, you will be reviewing the week before and then looking forward to the week ahead. Here is a suggestion for Week 0 starting this Sunday, September 18th.

One option is to do Day 1 of Week 1 together as a group discussing the questions. Please encourage (and I encourage you) to try the Family Devotional Portion of the weeks.

A second option is to ask questions like:

* How did you like the order of service today?
* Was there anything in the sermons you want to discuss?
* What kind of things in today’s world tend to press in around you?
* What are you hoping to learn over the next 5 weeks in the To Be Loved series?
* Do you have any fears of leading family devotional time?
* Which titles in the table of content for each week catch your eye most?
* What emotions come to mind when you think of doing homework again?

LIFEgroup Guide



Weekly

My anticipation for you over these 5 weeks is to walk and talk through the weeks of materials. Be sure to practice the memory verses together as a group. Here are some possible questions you could ask during LIFEgroup:

* What was your favorite family devotion this week?
* Let’s review Day 1. What was something that stood out as you studied Day 1.
* Let’s review Day 2…etc., etc., etc.
* After this week of study, what do you thing Jesus wants you to do to be in His will more completely?
* What was the major theme for the week?
* Did you fall more in love with Jesus through studying this week? Why?
* If you were to add a day 5 to the devotional guide, what would you focus on?
* Let’s look up some of the most significant scriptures from this week. What verse leapt off the page at you this week?

Thanks for all you do in the life of the body of Christ. I pray that this series will strengthen your relationship with Christ and your group.

*Lord we pray over the LIFEgroups of our church. Let them be rich with discussion of you and let your word be a lamp unto their path. Amen.*

