

Jesus Suffered for Your Sin!

Bible Lesson: Jesus the Suffering Savior – Isaiah 50:6, 53:7a, Matthew 26:51-75, 27:1-2, 11-31, Luke 23:1-16

Main Teaching: Jesus Suffered for Your Sin!

Word Up: Jesus Suffered for Me!

Supplies:

- Word Up Booklet – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Who Jesus is paper – Small Group
- Recording for “Jump” and “Savior of the World” - Worship (Sing About the King 3 CD)
- Optional Song Visual for “Jump” and “Savior of the World” – Worship (cefpress.com)
- Whiteboard, whiteboard marker, eraser – Object Lesson
- Flashcards for Bible Story “Jesus: God Who Saves” – Bible Lesson 3
- Prophecy verse scrolls – Bible Lesson 3
- Zonk (Zero) Game – Review Game (Resource Pack)
- The Burnhams Flashcard Visual 2 – Missionary Story (Resource Pack)
- Week 3 Color Sheet – Small Group
- Week 3 Quiet Time Guide – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Worship / Rules / Word Up
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Bible Lesson
- 10 min – Review Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group

INTRODUCTION

Jesus didn't have to die. He chose to go to the cross. This **doctrinal evangelistic** Bible lesson points out Jesus' willingness to suffer for us. He was arrested, put on false trial, tortured, and killed for sins He had never committed. But He did it to provide a way for the world—including the children you teach—to be saved from sin. Let the truths of the Gospel penetrate your heart. Then share this Good News with the children. Use Peter's denial to help the saved children understand that when they choose to sin, they can confess their sin and receive God's forgiveness. The saved child application in the Bible lesson and *Wonder Time* will teach the children how to confess their sin to keep walking closely with God.



SMALL GROUP

Say Memory Verse

Have kids say their memory verse from last week to their small group leader

Fulfilled Prophecy Discussion

Let's add to our "Who Jesus Is" poster (or notebook). Is there a name of Jesus or a word that describes Him that you would like to add to our list? Can you remember anything that was prophesied in the Old Testament that came true in Jesus? (*Allow responses and write answers on "Who Jesus Is" poster or notebook from previous Small Group Times.*) Listen today to hear more prophecies Jesus fulfilled.

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to YouTube and type in CEF and the name of the song in the search bar.

“Jump”

“The Savior of the World”

RULES

Skit:

Person 1: “Ah man, why do I have to follow rules? There are rules at school, rules when I play soccer, even rules when I’m walking home. The other day I was walking home and there was no one around so I started crossing the street even though the light was red. Seriously, there were no cars anywhere. My big brother yelled at me and made me wait until the light turned green. Why does life have sooooo many rules?”

Person 2: “Rules keep us safe! What if you started crossing the street, and a car turned the corner and drove right into you because their light was green? And in soccer, if no one followed the rules, it actually wouldn’t be a very fun game. Everyone would be running all over the place and someone would get hurt for sure.”

Person 1: “You’re right – I guess rules are a good thing.”

Person 2: “Let’s go over our Good News Club rules right now so we can have a safe and happy club.”



WORD UP!

“Jesus suffered for me!”

The Bible tells us that because we have sinned and gone our own way instead of God’s way, we deserve to be punished. The punishment for sin is death—being separated from God now and if you die in your sin you will be separated from God and all His goodness forever. Jesus came to take the punishment for you. He was beaten, nailed to a cross, and bore the punishment for your sin. Because Jesus suffered, your sin can be forgiven, and you can know and enjoy God now and enjoy living with Him forever after you die. WORD UP!, “Jesus suffered for me!” (Say with children.)

OBJECT LESSON

Confession of Sin

Supplies: Whiteboard, whiteboard marker, something to erase with.

Write a list of animals on the whiteboard and intentionally misspell “cat” writing it “kat”. Begin talking about all the animals God created until someone notices the misspelled word. When someone does notice it, first pretend that you just don’t see what they’re talking about. Next argue that it is the correct spelling; have someone ask Siri how to spell “cat”. After discovering that it is spelled wrong, then tell them that’s just the way you want to spell it. Let them argue their point. Next agree that it is spelled wrong, but just cover it up with a piece of paper or your hand. Finally ask them what they would have you do about it. Hopefully they’ll say, “Erase it and write it correctly!”

Explain that these are the same ways people treat sin in their lives:

- *First - we pretend we don't see it.*
- *Second - we argue that it's right.*
- *Third - we decide we don't care what the rules say, we're going to do it our way anyway.*
- *Fourth - we agree it's wrong, but just try to cover it up.*

Explain there is a big difference between a mistake and a sin. A mistake is unintentional; we don't mean to do it, and when we recognize it as a mistake we try to correct it. A mistake may cause us to say "oops", but it does not cause us to feel guilty. A sin, however, whether it is intentional or not, causes guilt.

God wants to erase our sin for us. First, we must see that sin is wrong, agree with God that it's wrong, turn away from it to make it right, and ask God to forgive us or erase it. Today in our Bible story we are going to see how Jesus came and suffered for us, so that we can have our sins forgiven.



BIBLE LESSON

INTRODUCTION

When was the last time you were punished for doing something wrong? Maybe you punched your friend, were caught telling a lie, or talked back to a parent or teacher. Has anyone ever offered to take your punishment for you? We call someone who takes your place a substitute. You may wish a substitute would take your place whenever you had to be punished. It would be unusual if someone who was innocent chose to take the punishment for someone who was guilty. But that's exactly what Jesus did many years ago!

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Flashcard 3-1

It was late at night. Jesus had been with His disciples in the quiet garden when suddenly the silence was broken by the sound of approaching soldiers!

Peter pulled out a sword, ready to fight, but Jesus said, "Don't you know that I could call to my Father right now and He would give me thousands of angels? But all of this is happening that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

The disciples didn't understand what Jesus meant. But Jesus knew all that was about to happen to Him was part of God the Father's plan and would fulfill the prophecies about the Messiah.

As the soldiers took Jesus, the disciples all ran away in fear. But Peter and John followed at a distance.

It would be a long night for Jesus. He could have called to His Father to rescue Him. God could have sent His angel armies to save His Son from what was to come but He didn't. Why not?



Jesus suffered for your sin because He loves you. When the Bible says, (*read John 3:16a*), it is talking about all the people in the world, including you. Jesus is God the Son. He is the Creator who made everything. He made our universe and everything in it. When I count to three shout the name of your favorite thing that God made. One, two, three! (*Allow response.*) God also made you and He wants you to be with Him in Heaven someday. Because God is holy, no sin can be where He is. But God had a plan for your sin to be taken away. Jesus' suffering was part of this plan. Jesus loves you more than anyone else ever could—enough to take your place and to suffer for your sin.

WORD UP!, "**Jesus suffered for me!**" (*Say with children.*)

God could have sent angels to rescue Jesus, but He didn't. Jesus willingly came to fulfill God's plan by suffering on the cross. He chose to allow the soldiers to take Him away that night.

Flashcard 3-2

Peter followed as the soldiers took Jesus to the home of the high priest—the head of the religious leaders. The other religious leaders were there too. They hated Jesus and wanted to have Him put to death. Because Jesus was perfect, they didn't have anything true they could use to get Him sentenced to death, so they brought some men who would lie and accuse Him of things He hadn't done. Jesus was innocent—He was not guilty of any sin.



Unlike Jesus, you and I are not innocent. We sin. In fact, you and I were born with a “want to” or desire to sin. You sin when you think, see, say, or do anything that does not please God. You can probably think of many times you have sinned. Perhaps you have hated someone or wished something bad would happen to someone who hurt you. Maybe you have been jealous of someone who does better in school than you or seems to have more friends or things than you do. Even though these are sins other people can't see, God knows about them. *Every sin is against God and is serious to God whether other people know about it or not. The Bible says, (read Romans 6:23a).* The payment for sin is death—to be separated from God both now and forever. You and I deserve that punishment because we are guilty of sin.

Jesus was not guilty of any sin at all—He was innocent. The leaders hated Jesus and wanted to sentence Him to death.

Jesus stood calmly and said nothing, which made the high priest very angry. Jesus could have defended Himself and stopped the lies, but He didn't. *(Read Matthew 26:63a.)* Jesus remained silent. How could Jesus stay quiet when He knew He was right? It was because He was trusting God. He knew this was part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world. Around 700 years before, a prophet named Isaiah, led by God the Holy Spirit, wrote about the promised Savior. *(Have a child read Isaiah 53:7a from scroll).*

He was accused yet He didn't speak in His defense. *(Place “Silent” on Prophecy Poster.)* Everything that was happening to Jesus was just as the prophets had written many years before. Do you remember what a prophet is? *(Allow response.)* A prophet is someone who spoke God's messages. God also spoke to them about things that would happen in the future. Every prophecy about the promised Savior came true in Jesus.

The high priest shouted, “I command you in the name of the living God to tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!” The high priest was not willing to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He wanted Jesus to admit that He wasn't the Messiah. But Jesus answered the high priest, saying He is the Christ, the Son of God. The high priest was so angry he tore his robes. The religious leaders decided to have Jesus killed because He said He was God. They spit in Jesus' face, struck Him with their hands, and made fun of Him.

The prophet Isaiah also prophesied this would happen to the Savior. Listen to what he wrote. *(Have a child read Isaiah 50:6 from scroll).*

The men dishonored the Son of God as they beat Him and spit on Him. Jesus suffered greatly as they hurt Him and made fun of Him. *(Place “Dishonored” on Prophecy Poster.)*

Flashcard 3-3

During the night, outside the high priest's home, Peter waited in the courtyard with some servants. The Bible says he was warming himself by a fire. Can you pretend to warm your hands by a fire? *(Do with children.)* One of the servant girls noticed Peter and was sure he was one of Jesus' followers. When she mentioned it, Peter said that he did not know Jesus. A second time someone asked Peter if he knew Jesus and again, he denied it. A little while later someone questioned Peter and a third time, he denied knowing Jesus. At that moment a rooster crowed. As Jesus was being brought out of the house He turned and looked at Peter. *(Read Matthew 26:75.)* Peter probably felt like he had failed Jesus.



Sometimes you and I, as believers, feel like we have failed Jesus. There will be times when you choose to sin. Perhaps you pretend you're not a Christian, so others won't make fun of you. Or maybe

you steal, lie, or treat others badly. When that happens, you might feel so ashamed that you don't think you can be close to God anymore. You might feel guilty or sad because you know you did something wrong. If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, God the Holy Spirit is living in you. He convicts you when you sin. That means He helps you see what you have done is wrong and against God. The Holy Spirit does this so you will not allow sin to come between you and God. He wants you always close to Him. God's Word tells you what to do to get rid of that guilty or sad feeling. (*Read 1 John 1:9.*) **When you choose to sin, you can confess your sins to God and receive His forgiveness.** When you tell God you are sorry for your sin, agreeing with Him that what you have done is wrong, you can know God has forgiven you. Thank God for His forgiveness and ask for His help to say no to sin next time and strength to do what pleases Him. You may even need to say you are sorry to someone else who was hurt by your sin. God does not want His children to sin, but is always ready to forgive you, even when you feel like you have failed Him.

Peter felt like he had failed Jesus and ran away brokenhearted. He must have been sad because of what he had done and because of what was happening to Jesus.

Flashcard 3-4

The religious leaders could not sentence someone to death—only a Roman ruler could do that. As morning dawned, they took Jesus to the Roman governor whose name was Pilate. Pilate listened to the high priest and others who said Jesus had broken their laws and deserved to die.

Pilate took Jesus away from the leaders and questioned Him. He did not find any reason for Jesus to be killed. When Pilate found out Jesus was from Galilee (an area of Israel), he sent Jesus and His accusers to another Roman governor named Herod, hoping that Herod would know what to do about Jesus.

Herod questioned Jesus but Jesus refused to answer. Herod had Jesus beaten and sent back to Pilate. Pilate would have to be the one who decided what would happen to Jesus.

But Pilate didn't know what to do with Jesus. He knew this man didn't deserve death, so he decided to try something to calm the religious leaders. Pilate told the people that he could find no fault in Jesus. Jesus was innocent! Can you say that with me? (*Say with children.*) Pilate announced that he would have Jesus punished and let Him go. That was not what the religious leaders wanted. They wanted Jesus dead.

Flashcard 3-5

Pilate knew every year at Passover the people could choose one prisoner to set free. One of the men in prison was an evil man named Barabbas, who had been sentenced to death. Pilate was sure the leaders would choose Jesus over wicked Barabbas. If you think the crowd chose to let Barabbas go, pat your head. If you think they chose to let Jesus go, stomp your foot. (*Allow response.*)

The religious leaders and the crowd that had gathered cried out for Barabbas to be released. But for Jesus they shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" They wanted Jesus to be nailed to a cross to die.

As the crowd screamed, Jesus stood silently. He didn't cry out for mercy or try to defend Himself. He knew this was why He came—to give His life for sinners.



Jesus came to give His life for you and me. Jesus, God the Son, left His perfect home in Heaven and came to Earth to take the punishment for sin. He is fully God and fully man. He is the only man without sin. **Jesus suffered for your sin** and died in your place to make the way for you to know God. WORD UP!, **"Jesus suffered for me!"** (*Say with children.*) We know Jesus bled and died on a cross, was buried, then on the third day God the Father brought Him back to life again! Many people saw Jesus on Earth before He returned to His home in Heaven. Jesus was willing to give His life for you.

Jesus came to give His life for sinners. He chose to remain silent and not defend Himself.

When Pilate saw he could not change the minds of the religious leaders, he released Barabbas and sent Jesus away to be crucified.

CLIMAX

Even though He was innocent, Jesus was beaten and sentenced to die.

CONCLUSION

Pilate’s soldiers took Jesus, stripped Him, and placed a purple robe on Him. Then they pressed a sharp crown of thorns onto His head. They made fun of Him, beat Him, and spit on Him. Then they took off the robe and led Him away to be crucified.

What terrible pain and suffering Jesus went through, even before He was nailed to a cross!

INVITATION



Jesus willingly suffered and died for you because of His great love for you. He took the punishment you deserve for your sins. The Bible says, *(read John 3:15)*. When you trust completely in what Jesus did for you, you will no longer be separated from God because of your sin; instead, you will have eternal life with Him—a special friendship with God that starts when you believe and lasts forever. God the Holy Spirit will come to live in you, giving you the power to live a life pleasing to God. Someday all who believe in Jesus will live with God in His perfect home forever. Will you believe in the Lord Jesus to forgive your sins so you can have a friendship with God? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you would like to have eternal life by believing in Jesus today or have questions about what that means, show me by raising your hand. Those of you who raised your hand may meet me *(designate time and location)* and I will talk with you more about what the Bible says about having eternal life.

? REVIEW GAME

Zonk!

Write various point values on cards. Write “ZONK” on four of them. Divide the class into teams. Place the cards in a bag or box. When a child answers a question correctly, he gets to pick a card. If the card has points on it, his team earns those points. He may keep drawing cards to try for more points but if he draws a ZERO card, he loses all points for that turn. After each turn, put all the cards back into the bag or box. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

1. Why did Jesus suffer in your place? *(Because He loves me; so my sin can be forgiven; to make the way for me to have a friendship with God.)*
2. Why couldn’t the religious leaders find anything wrong with Jesus? *(Jesus was innocent; He never did anything wrong.)*
3. Why is sin serious, whether people know about it or not? *(God knows about all my sin; every sin is against God; sin separates me from God.)*
4. Why did Jesus remain silent when the leaders falsely accused Him? *(Jesus was trusting God; He knew it was part of God’s plan to save people from sin.)*
5. What did Jesus say to cause the high priest to tear his robes and sentence Him to death? *(Jesus said He is the Christ, the Son of God.)*
6. What did Peter tell the three people who asked if he knew Jesus? *(He told them he didn’t know Jesus; he denied Jesus.)*
7. When Pilate could find no fault with Jesus, he decided to give the people a choice to set a prisoner free, either Jesus or Barabbas, an evil prisoner. Who did the people choose to set free? *(Barabbas.)*
8. Why did Pilate send Jesus away to be crucified? *(Because the religious leaders and the crowd shouted for him to crucify Jesus; because he couldn’t change the religious leaders’ minds.)*
9. Why was Jesus the only one who could die for sinners? *(Jesus is the only one who always did what is completely right; He is without sin.)*

10. Your sin creates a great gap between you and God. What is the only way you can no longer be separated from God but instead have a close friendship with him? *(Believe in Jesus to forgive my sins.)*
11. What does it mean to believe in Jesus? *(Trust completely in Jesus and what He did for me when He died on the cross and came alive again.)*
12. If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, what should you do after you have chosen to sin? *(Confess my sin; thank God for forgiveness; ask for help to not sin next time; say I'm sorry to anyone else who was hurt by my sin; answers may vary.)*



MISSIONARY STORY

The Burnhams

Part 2



How old do you think you have to be to prepare to be a missionary in another country? *(Allow response.)* God began preparing Martin and Gracia Burnham to serve Him when they were children!

Martin trusted Jesus as his Savior in a Sunday school class when he was in first grade. He was ready to share God's love with others. When Martin was 10 years old, his family moved to the Philippines to be missionaries. Now they lived in the jungle! Martin couldn't go to school in the jungle, so he had to live at a school in a city far away from his family. Martin didn't like leaving his family, but he loved being able to fly home for vacations in a small airplane!

Martin was fascinated with everything about the planes and the way they worked. These small airplanes were very important to the missionaries in the Philippines. They took people like Martin from place to place and they carried important supplies.

As he got older, Martin thought more and more about planes. He made models out of bamboo and eventually made one with a tiny engine. His goal when he finished school was to go back to the United States, become a pilot, and make lots of money. But instead, Martin went to Bible college for a year. That's

when he started thinking about becoming a missionary pilot. He learned how to fly and fix small airplanes and to teach others how to do these things.

A young girl named Gracia Jones was growing up at the same time as Martin. She learned how much God loves her and that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for her sin. Gracia believed in Jesus. Her sins were forgiven and she began a close friendship with God.

She had always loved to read but after she believed in Jesus, Gracia became fascinated with missionary stories—especially about Amy Carmichael and Mary Slessor, two missionaries from the past who were willing to give up everything to tell others about Jesus. These stories helped Gracia learn about people in other parts of the world who needed to know Jesus.

Gracia loved talking to people, organizing things, planning parties, and making music. She decided to go to Bible college to study the Bible and music. Who do you think she met there? *(Allow response.)* Martin Burnham! They fell in love and got married!

After Bible college Martin got a job flying a small plane. Martin and Gracia knew God had a plan for their lives. They wanted to follow God's plan because they loved Him. The Burnhams soon realized that God wanted them to work in the Philippines. God would use Martin and his love of airplanes to become a missionary pilot and fly missionaries and supplies in and out of the jungle. God would use Gracia and her skills in talking to people and organizing as a way to show God's love to the people there.

But it often takes time and a lot of work to get ready to be a missionary in a different country. What are some things you think the Burnhams had to do? *(Allow response.)* Come back next time to find out.

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Color Sheet and Discussion

Review the story of Jesus' suffering as kids color the picture. Talk about how Jesus suffered because He loved us so much. Ask the kids how they can show God's love to others this week.

DISMISSAL

Hand out a Quiet Time Sheet (Week 3 in the Resource Pack) to each child. Encourage them to fill it out and bring it back next week. As children are getting picked up, try and connect with the parents and let them know the kids are working on confessing their sin when they do something wrong this week.

Jesus the Suffering Savior

This page has been designed for you to photocopy and place in you Bible as a ready reference.

<p>Lesson Outline</p> <p>I. INTRODUCTION Has anyone ever offered to take your punishment for you?</p>	<p>II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS</p> <p>A. Flashcard 3-1 (Matthew 26:51-56, 58)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Peter drew a sword, but Jesus told him not to fight. Jesus knew all this was part of God's plan. The disciples ran away when Jesus was arrested but Peter and John followed at a distance. <p>☞ Jesus is God the Son, who created you and loves you. [John 3:16a]</p>	<p>B. Flashcard 3-2 (Isaiah 50:6; 53:7a; Matthew 26:57-68)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The religious leaders brought men to accuse Jesus of things He had not done. <p>☞ Unlike Jesus, you and I are not innocent. [Romans 6:23a]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 53:7a prophecy: "Silent." Jesus said He is the Christ, the Son of God. Isaiah 50:6 prophecy: "Dishonored." 	<p>C. Flashcard 3-3 (Matthew 26:69-75)</p> <p>Peter denied Jesus three times.</p> <p>☞ When you choose to sin, you can confess your sins to God and receive His forgiveness. [1 John 1:9]</p>	<p>D. Flashcard 3-4 (Matthew 27: 1-2, 11-14; Luke 23:1-16)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pilate questioned Jesus. Pilate sent Jesus to Herod who questioned Him and sent Him back. Pilate said he couldn't find fault with Jesus but the religious leaders wanted Jesus dead. 	<p>E. Flashcard 3-5 (Matthew 27:15-26)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pilate gave the people a choice: free Jesus or Barabbas. The people chose Barabbas and shouted for Jesus to be crucified. ☞ Jesus knew this was why He came. ☞ Jesus suffered for your sin. [1 Peter 3:18a] <p>Pilate could not change the people's minds and sent Jesus to be crucified.</p> <p>III. CLIMAX Even though He was innocent, Jesus was beaten and sentenced to die.</p> <p>IV. CONCLUSION (Matthew 27:27-31) Pilate's soldiers mocked Jesus, putting a crown of thorns on His head, and took Him to be crucified.</p> <p>☞ Jesus suffered for your sin. [John 3:15]</p> <p><small>Scripture verses in parentheses are background text. Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.</small></p>
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Jesus: God Who Saves Coloring Sheet, Lesson 3