

Adventures with GOD!

SUFFERING OF JESUS (C.1.WINTER.10)

Biblical Reference	Isaiah 53:4-6, Luke 23:32-47
Key Verse	Isaiah 53:4-6
Key Concept	It was prophesied that Jesus would come and heal my sicknesses and pains. Jesus' suffering and death has freed me from all guilt.
Educational Objectives	At the end of the class today, the children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the different parts of life that can be affected by pain and sickness (body, emotions, mind) 2. Express gratitude to God because God isn't just concerned about our souls, but our whole beings 3. Reflect on what Jesus suffering and death means to them.

Life Application

Isaiah saw through the miracle of prophecy that the coming of the Messiah would be different than the Jews expected. The Messiah that Isaiah told about would suffer to heal humanity from the consequences of sin. These are important and challenging concepts for children. Putting our faith in Christ will result in freedom as we allow Jesus to take control of our lives. Some of the children in our classes may have suffered from different illnesses or pains and this week would be a very special time to pray specifically for their health, or for the health of others that are suffering in their families.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
My GROW Adventure	GROW Adventure materials	5 minutes
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Bible Reading	Bible	5 minutes
Activity	Bible, board, chalk or large paper, markers, dictionary	10 minutes
Bible Story	Bible, art supplies: markers, clay, paper, pipe cleaners, etc...	20 minutes
Hidden picture		5 minutes
Game	Bibles, folders, yarn	10 minutes
My GROW Adventure	Review	5 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

My GROW Adventure with God Weekly Review: As children enter take time to have them reflect on their adventure with God booklets and either discuss or use art materials to express their journey during the past week. You may wish to add any art work, written poems, prayers or songs to a GROW wall in the room. You can find my GROW Adventure with God materials on the Covchurch.org website in the same place as the Adventures with God sessions.

Opening Prayer: Gather children around a candle. Light the candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them palms up as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today.

Prayer Example: Lord God, thank you for making us, for loving us, for forgiving us, and guiding us. We know you are here with us right now. As we enter into your word, the Bible, help us draw close to you, to understand and to listen to what you have to say to us. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer)

Bible Reading: Explain that as we read the Bible we do that first to spend time with God. Children can remain with hands out stretched palms up to receive the word as it's being read. Alternatively they can be invited to draw what they hear. Read the key verse Bible passage for the day two times and ask children to respond.

Question examples: What did you notice in this passage? How does it make you feel? Was there anything you would ask God about that you didn't understand or was confusing? Is God saying anything to you though the story?

Activity: Read together again the first portion of Isaiah 53:4, ask them, what do the words, "pain" and "suffering" mean. Then let them look up the words in a dictionary. They can write the definitions on the board or a big sheet of paper that can be hung on the wall. Then they can add experiences or circumstances in life that produce "pain" and "suffering" (i.e. the death of a parent, a physical illness, physical abuse, being abandoned, war, drought, etc.)

Bible Story: Take your Bibles and read Luke 28:32-47. Then look together at the three verses for today that talk about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The bible tells us that his death not only gave us salvation, but it gave us the possibility of being healed from the wounds we have in life. Each person suffers wounds in life, from unexpected situations, from difficulties and sometimes bad decisions we make. We live in a world that is fallen and no one is perfect, not our parents, not our teachers, and many of our decisions are incorrect ones. Each person that has lived and will

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live needs to be saved by the grace of God, through faith in Jesus Christ. Grace – not something we have earned or deserve but given to us because God loves us. Each person has the need to be healed not only physically, but emotionally as well. Healing is sometimes a long process, but it was accomplished because of Jesus' death on the cross. These are difficult concepts for children, but helping them to think about them now will only be beneficial as they continue to grow and become teenagers and adults.

Hidden Picture: Have students use the art materials to illustrate their stories and feelings about the story. Let them share their creations and then ask how they feel about Jesus.

Today's GROW Adventure with God Review:

G: God's Word: What is the story? (give children an opportunity to express their understanding of the story)

R: Relationships: Is there anything in today's bible story that shows us how we should or shouldn't share God's love with others? (Remind children that sometimes God uses the stories of the bible to show us how we shouldn't act toward God or others and give them a chance to consider how we might show God's love instead)

O: Outward Action: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should help or serve God or others? (Explore concrete ways the children could live this out in the coming week)

W: Worship: Is there anything in the bible story that shows us how we should accept God's love for us and others? Ask: How do you feel about God? How would you like to respond to God? What would you like to say to God?

Closing Prayer: Gather children around the candle again. As you light the candle explain that the flame is something that is present in the light and the darkness. In the same way, it reminds us that God is always with us. Is there anything anyone wishes to say to God? After children have responded, close the prayer time.

Prayer Example: Lord God, we thank you that you are always with us, and always love us. It's good to be with you. Thank you for what we have learned today. Thank you for being with us and for teaching us through the Bible. Help us to remember what you have taught us today and to live it out when we leave. Amen

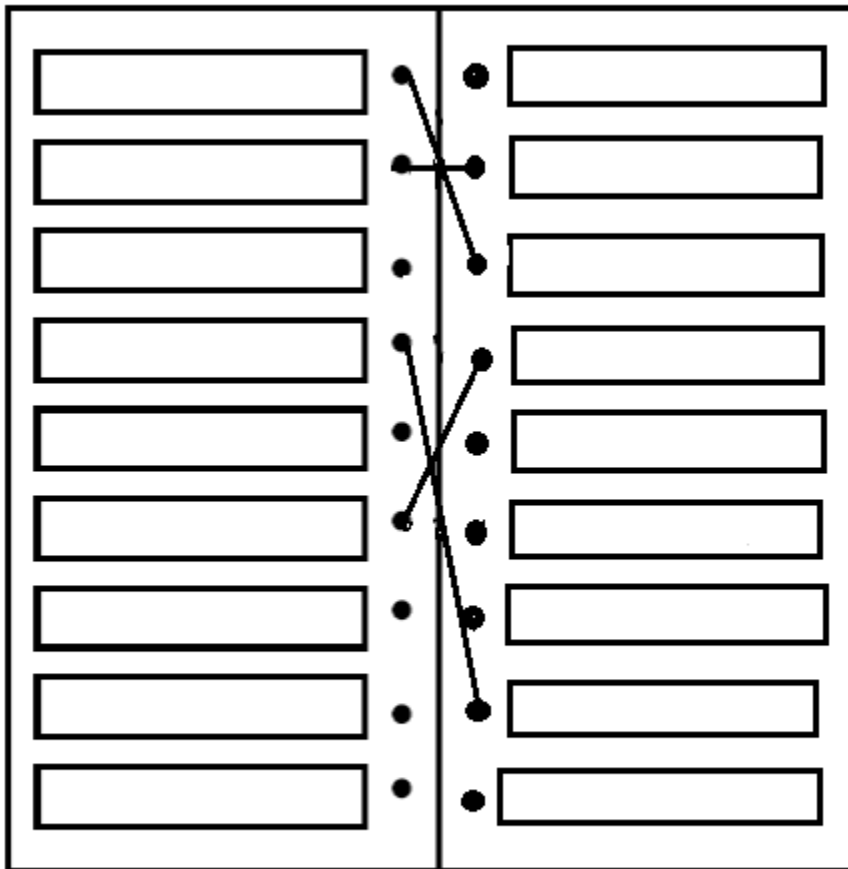
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GAME

Review

Make two or three copies of this activity so that a few children can work on it together or do this as a group. Make the following board out of card board or using a folder. On the left hand side use the **sheet #1**. Make a hole (using the tip of a pencil or pen) next to each of the Bible verses. Cut up some yarn and thread a piece through each of the holes. Knot the end so that it doesn't pull through the hole.

Then on the right hand side, use **sheet #2** that correspond with the Bible verses (but in random order). The children will then connect the Bible verse with the Bible reference using the yarn and putting the other end through the corresponding hole.



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Sheet #1

ANSWERS

LUKE

23:53 When they came to the place of the skull they crucified him there.

23:34 Father, forgive them for they for they know not what they are doing.

23:35 He saved others let him save himself.

23:38 A written notice above him read This is king of the Jesus.

23:41 This man has done nothing wrong.

23:43 Truly I tell you today you will be with me in paradise.

23:45 The curtain in the temple was torn in two.

23:46 Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

23:47 Surely this was a righteous man.

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