

GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

EASTER – *To No One the Same*

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: You should tell others Jesus came to save them from their sin.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Have children put money in missions bank.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

1. OLDER CHILD: “The Day of the Cross”
2. YOUNGER CHILD: “Jesus Died so We Can Be Forgiven”

SONG: (2 minutes)

PRAYER: (4 minutes)

1. Prayer song: _____
2. Ask the children to share “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
3. Lead the class in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

Romans 5:8 – *“But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

“Volleyball” – After reading the verse from your Bible, explaining what it means, and repeating it at least two times, you may begin this drill. Divide the group into two teams. Put an imaginary net between them and say the verse, passing the “ball” (words) back and forth. Use your fingers to indicate to each team how many times (one, two, or three) they are to “hit the ball.” Each team repeats that number (one, two, or three) of words in the verse before it passes to the other team.

HYMN OF YOUR CHOICE: (2 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

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(See **“Involvement Helps for Younger Children”** for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind the children who responded to the invitation to stay after club for a few minutes.)

QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK/TAKE TIME TO REVIEW: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children’s responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, To No One the Same. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Review all the Books of the Old Testament.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share missionary information for Week #22 using the "Go and Tell" Box and pray. (See attached page.)
3. Show goal chart and mention the amount given for the year.
4. Missions song: _____
5. Story: *Until the Letter Came*. Teach the part of the story for Week #14.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

"**Spring Memory Game**" – You will need 16 squares cut from posterboard. Attach strips of flocking along the edges on the back so they will adhere to the flannelboard. Number the squares 1-16 on the front. Prepare the pictures on the attached page by coloring them, laminating them, and adding some flocking to the back sides so they will adhere to the flannelboard. Place a Spring symbol behind each of the 16 squares. Play like "Concentration." - *Shining Star Publications*. Used by permission.

Review questions for *To No One the Same*:

1. **Why was there excitement and commotion in Jerusalem?** (Jesus was on trial.)
2. **What had Jesus done wrong?** (Nothing; He is the perfect Son of God.)
3. **Who wanted to release Jesus?** (Pilate.)
4. **How did the soldiers treat Jesus?** (They whipped Him, stripped Him of clothes, mocked Him, and spit on Him.)
5. **What special woman was there the day Jesus died?** (His mother, Mary.)
6. **What did Jesus promise one of the thieves who was crucified with Him?** (That he would be with Jesus in Paradise.)
7. **What did the centurion say about Jesus when He died?** ("Truly, this was the Son of God.")
8. **The priests thought Jesus was a pretender. What did they say about Jesus?** ("Why doesn't He come down from the cross and save Himself?")
9. **Who wondered at Jesus' love for you and me that He would pay so great a price for sin?** (Angels.)
10. **Who saw that Jesus was obedient?** (His Father.)

*COUNSEL TIME: (*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

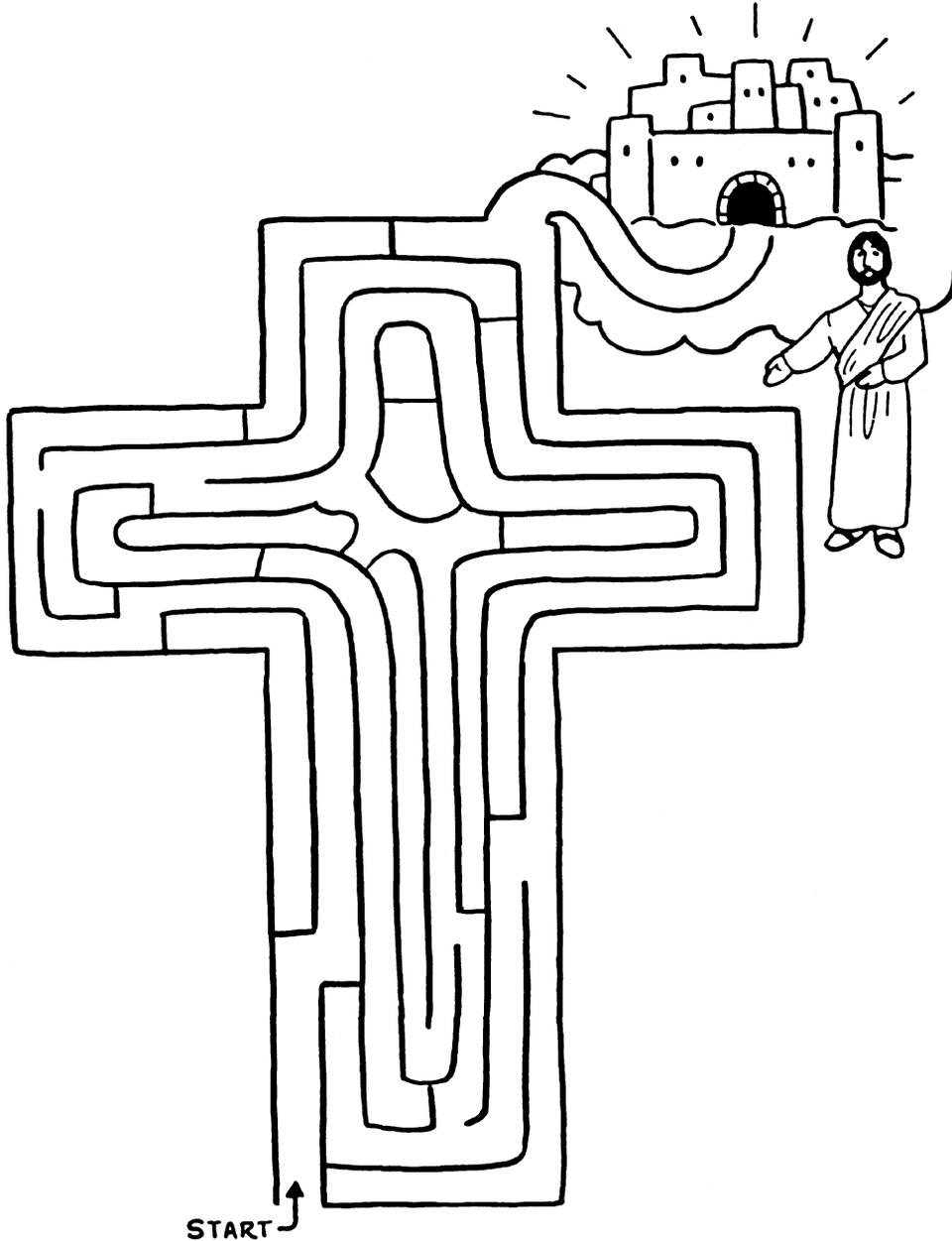
SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for the older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Quiet Time Notebook/Take Time to Review, To No One the Same

PRE-SESSION, Younger Child – EASTER: “To No One the Same”

Jesus Died so We Can Be Forgiven

Jesus died on the cross so that He could forgive our sins and make a way for us to live with Him in Heaven forever. Find the correct way to Heaven through the maze of the cross.



“... While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

MEMORY VERSE HELPS

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MEMORY VERSE: Romans 5:8

“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

Have you ever thought about why Jesus died on the cross? We know He died so you and I could be forgiven of our sin and today’s memory tells us why God sent Jesus to die on the cross.

READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse from the Bible or have an older child read it; then have all the children read with you from the verse visual.

EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

Romans 5:8 – This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address, or reference. It is found in the book of Romans, chapter 5, verse 8.

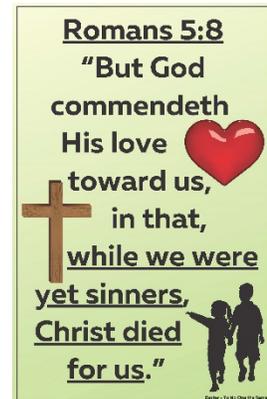
“But God commendeth His love toward us,” – The word *commendeth* means “demonstrates” or “shows.” In other words, it means that God keeps on showing His love toward us.

“in that, while we were yet sinners,” – We were not even friends to God. We were still sinners, far away from God, when He demonstrated His great love for us.

“Christ died for us.” – This is the great example of God’s love. Jesus Christ, God’s Son, went to the cross, gave His precious blood, and took the punishment that we deserve for our sins. He died in our place.

REPEAT THE VERSE: “Volleyball”

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INVOLVEMENT HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

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MEMORY VERSE:

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

Romans 5:8 *"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

BIBLE LESSON INVOLVEMENT HELPS:

Scene A - The One Who Died

- Have children repeat "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" as the crowds did.
- Have children use one fist to pound other fist as if pounding in the nails to crucify Jesus. Repeat with other fist and other palm.

Scene B

- After placing the word strip for how each person or group saw Jesus, have children repeat that word or phrase after you. Ex. "Criminal," "Helper," "Son," etc.)

Scene B-3

- Have children wipe tears from cheeks as Mary must have.

S, PAU – Have children repeat the definition of sin, using the motions. "Sin is anything you think (point to head), say (point to mouth), or do (make fists) that is not right (shake head "no") in God's sight.

Scene B-7

- Have children count to three on their fingers to represent the 3 hours Jesus was on the cross.

MT, PAS, Challenge

- Have children make the following motions while repeating the Main Truth: "Tell others" - make talking hands (as mouth moving). "Jesus died" - make a cross with index fingers.

BIBLE LEARNING GAME:

Line the children up in two lines, facing each other. At one end, hand a child a beanbag and tell him, "God loves you." He must gently toss the beanbag to the person across from him and say, "God loves you." Do this down the line until all the children have said it.

Repeat as time allows using the following Gospel truths: "Jesus died for you." "Jesus came alive again." "Jesus wants you to tell others that Jesus died for them."

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You can cut out the square below to use while you are teaching as a visual reminder of where each figure and word strip should be placed on the flannelboard.

2b	Criminal	
3b	Helper	
4b	Son	
5b	Destroyed Hopes	
6b	Evil Doer	
7b	King	
8b	Son of God	
9b	Pretender	
10b	Love	
11b	Obedience	
12b	Nothing	

GO AND TELL BOX

WEEK #22 – GREAT COMMISSION PART 4/5

INFORMATION

(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – Hindu and Buddhist figures.)

Last week, we learned about two groups: *(Place figures and wordstrips from previous week on flannelboard.)*

1. **Atheist** – They believe there is no God.
2. **Muslim** – They believe in a god who is far away and cannot be known personally.

Now, let’s learn about two more religious groups who do not know the truth about Jesus and what He did to provide forgiveness of sin. *(Pull out each figure and wordstrip as you talk about them.)*



1. **Hindu** – *(Place figure and wordstrip on flannelboard.)* There are about 1½ million people in America who are Hindus. Hindus worship literally thousands of gods and deities. The main teaching is *reincarnation* which means that after death a person comes back to live as a cat, butterfly, etc. This, they believe, is advancing into better levels of being. Reincarnation is not resurrection.

2. **Buddhist** – There are over 3 million **Buddhists** in America. *(Place figure and wordstrip on flannelboard.)* They practice yoga and meditation to become one with the universe. They believe right living, right thinking, and self-denial will enable their souls to reach *nirvana*, a godly state of release from pain, sorrow and desire.



*Adapted from: THE GREAT COMMISSION – MISSIONS (Original content from William Carey Library)
Religious Statistics from Barna Research 2007*

PRAYER

THANK God that someone shared the Truth about God and His Word with you and that you can share the Good News with others as well.

ASK God to help you share with a family member or friend about God and His Word. **ASK** God to give you boldness in sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.



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SPRING MEMORY GAME



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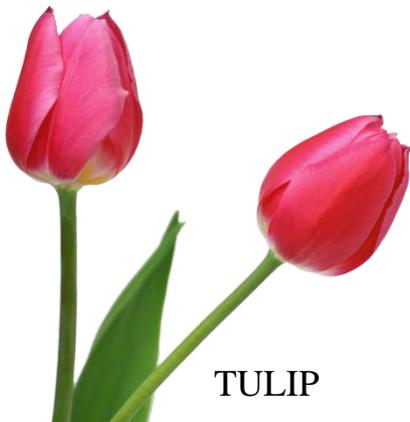
ROBIN



LADYBUG



CARDINAL



TULIP



GRASSHOPPER



You should tell others Jesus came to save them from their sin

promised to send to make the One and Only way you and I could be saved from our sin

Flashcard - 10

INVITATION

John 1:12 – “*But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.*”

**S
P, E
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BOW HEADS RESPONSE

CHALLENGE

G – Go over MT

MT, PAS – YOU SHOULD TELL OTHERS JESUS CAME TO SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SIN

R – Review PAS verse

Mark 16:15 – “Go ye into *all the world, and preach the Gospel....*”

O – Overview PAS examples

1.

2.

3.

W – Will you do it?

2. This is why Jesus came, but disciples confused; Didn't understand; All their hope was gone

3. Didn't know like you and I know that Jesus wasn't going to stay dead!

E

- Even though disciples didn't know it, three days later Jesus would come back to life!

- Someone else that was there that day

Flashcard - 9

- The **PASSER-BY**; When he looked at Jesus saw **NOTHING**

- The same is true today; Many pass through life and pay no attention to Jesus

- When hear His Name, don't think about anything at all – How sad!

- What about you? What do you think of when you hear the name, Jesus

- Do you like soldiers think He was a Criminal, maybe like religious leaders and 1st thief, think He was a pretender

- Or maybe you know Jesus is the Savior; The one God had

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Matt. 26:56; Matt. 27:11-31, 41-56; Luke 23:36-43; John 8:29; John 19:25-27

- When you hear the name JESUS, what comes to your mind?

- Maybe you think of Someone who was kind & loving; Maybe Someone who is powerful & did all kinds of miracles...

- ...Maybe you're not sure what to think...

- I wonder what people thought of Jesus when He was alive here on earth?

- We're going to talk a little bit about that in this true story from the Bible today

- On the day this true story took place, excitement must have filled the city of Jerusalem! Jesus was there!

- This time Jesus wasn't there to do miracles; Wasn't there to teach

- Jesus was there because He had been arrested

- Maybe wondering why would Jesus have been arrested? Jesus hadn't done anything wrong....

- You're right!

- Jesus hadn't done anything wrong; Men who hated Jesus (because feared Him) had Him arrested; Didn't want Him to be the King like God said

Flashcard - 1

- Took Jesus and brought Him before the governor – Pilate

- Pilate knew Jesus hadn't done anything wrong; Wanted to set Him free

- But the people and religious leaders shouted, “Crucify Him, Crucify Him!”

- Even though Pilate knew Jesus had done nothing wrong; Gave Jesus over to be crucified

- Jesus was taken and whipped by Roman soldiers till His back was open and bleeding

- Put robe on Him

- Pushed a crown made of thorns down on His head

- Put reed in His hand, knelt before him

- Mocked Him saying, “Hail King of the Jews!”

- Spit in His face

- After all of this, led Jesus away to be crucified; Nailed to cross of wood

O

Flashcard - 2

- Nails put through Jesus' hands and feet
 - Many came to watch; Wanted to see the One who called Himself the Son of God
 - **SOLDIERS** there that day; When looked at Jesus, saw someone they thought was a **CRIMINAL**
 - Came to arrest Jesus with swords
 - While on the cross they laughed at Jesus and made fun of Him
 - "If you are really the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"
 - Jesus could have gotten down off that cross; Could have saved Himself, but didn't
 - Chose to stay there for sinners like you and me; What amazing love!
- G**
- This was why Jesus came; Could have gotten down off that cross, but chose not to
- Flashcard - 3**
- Bible tells us **RELIGIOUS LEADERS** were there that day too; When they looked at Jesus, saw Him as a **PRETENDER**
 - Didn't believe Jesus was who He said - **GOD**

- Said, "If you really are God the Son, save yourself and come down from the cross;" "Why don't you call on God to help you now?"
 - There were two thieves being crucified with Jesus that day; One on right and one on left
- Flashcard - 4**
- **FIRST THIEF** looked at Jesus, also thought Jesus was a **PRETENDER**
 - Said to Jesus, "If You really are God the Son, save Yourself and us."
- Flashcard - 5**
- But when the **SECOND THIEF** looked at Jesus, saw something different; Believed Jesus really was the **SAVIOR** God had promised
 - He was right! Jesus was the Savior; One God had promised to send
 - He came to make the One and Only way for sinners like you and me to be saved from our sin
- S, PAU**
- Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."**
- 1.
 - 2.

3.
 - Jesus was the Savior God had promised to send
 - Many people, even today, don't believe that

MT - YOU SHOULD TELL OTHERS JESUS CAME TO SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SIN

 - 2nd thief believed Jesus was the Savior God had promised & knew needed Jesus to save him
 - 2nd thief said, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom"
 - Jesus said, "Today, you will be with Me in Paradise"

Flashcard - 6

 - Then Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they have done."
 - Then Jesus died; Did what He had come to do; Died in our place; Took the punishment we deserved; All of God's anger against sin was placed on Him

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Romans 5:8 - "But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (M.V.)

- Then there was an earthquake...graves opened up
- Flashcard - 7**
- **CENTURION** saw all that had happened; "Truly, this was the **SON OF GOD**"
- Flashcard - 8**
- Jesus' **DISCIPLES** were there that day too
 - They also believed Jesus was **GOD THE SON, THE SAVIOR** God had promised
 - Had been with Jesus for 3 years; Seen Him do amazing miracles
 - Thought Jesus came to set up Kingdom on earth to save them from the terrible Romans
 - Now all their hopes and dreams were gone...
 - What didn't realize was that Jesus had come to save them from something far worse than Romans - came to save them from their sin!
- MT, PAS - YOU SHOULD TELL OTHERS JESUS CAME TO SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SIN**
- Mark 16:15 - "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel...."**
- 1.