



HELLO EVERYONE!! WELCOME TO WEEK #5 ST PAUL SUNDAY SCHOOL!!

Welcoming all of you back to Sunday School after Easter Sunday. We hope you had a **blessed Easter** and were able to worship with your mom and dad listening to the church service and singing Easter songs!!

We still MISS YOU and are anxiously waiting for the day that we can all join at church again!

Till then....we will continue to have lessons on-line for you.

Thanks for the pictures we received last week from the Ricks family, the Rowsell family, and the Mishler family!!

And we appreciate the emails we get from you too!

As a Sunday School, we encourage EVERYONE, families and staff to send pictures and/or a message to say “Hi” and tell what you are doing to keep up with your Bible studies and lessons, and what else you have been up to lately!!

I would like to maybe make something with all of our ‘QUARENTINE COMMUNICATIONS’ during these Sundays we aren’t together. So send a picture or two, a note, maybe a picture you drew or just a message to everyone! Teachers included!! Be creative and have fun with it. Let’s see how many we can get these next few weeks.

LESSON 5 – “A Crushing Truth”

The events of Christ’s crucifixion unfold in a series of brutal and bloody scenes: questioned before Pilate, mocked and abused by the Roman guard, nailed to the cross. Jesus hangs between life and death—abandoned by His Father—giving up His life at the moment He chooses. Multiple witnesses see where Christ is laid in a borrowed tomb.

The Bible Verse: Christ died for our sins. I Corinthians 15:3

The Learner Goal: I know Jesus dies on the cross to pay for my sins.

Scripture: Matthew 27: 11-66

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You have done everything for us, even dying on the cross for us. Reading about this in the Bible is very difficult and makes us sad. But it tells us how much You loved us, and we are so thankful for Your love. Bless our time together. Amen



BONUS ACTIVITIES

CROSS SCAVENGER HUNT

10–15 minutes

Ask the children to join you on a scavenger hunt. Lead them in a line, and see how many crosses you can find. Some will be in the cross display you set out, but look for others in your room and perhaps even throughout the building. Some children may notice crosses in architecture and so forth.

MOVIE MOMENT

15 minutes

Build a playlist of a few brief online video clips. They can be famous parts of children’s movies or silly clips of animals. Choose some that are happy (a puppy does a trick) and some that may be mildly sad (a kitten loses a toy). Ask children to identify the different clips as happy or sad.

Talk about how our world has happy and sad things that happen. It was sad that Jesus had to die, but it was happy that He saved us from sin.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

20 minutes

Bring travel-size packets of tissues and blank address labels. Say, **Because of sin, sad things sometimes happen.** Mention that we can help others feel happy when they are sad. Ask children to decorate a label with crosses and hearts and to place a label on the front of a tissue pack.

Donate the tissues to a clinic or a Christian counseling center. Tell the children that they will help others feel better.

BONUS ACTIVITIES

WONDERFUL CROSS

5–10 minutes

Use reclaimed paper or thin cardboard. Help students tear rough strips and glue them to make a rough cross. Bring out jewels, buttons, sequins, and other decorations to adorn the cross.

Point out that there was nothing special or beautiful about the wooden cross. Ask students why Christians see the cross as something special or beautiful.

LIFE OF LOVE

10–15 minutes

Jesus demonstrates perfect love: He gave His own life for us sinners. As forgiven followers of Jesus, we can use our lives in love to others as well. Bring boxes of tissues, non-perishable foods, white onesies, or some other need for others. Provide markers, labels, tags, and blank gift bags for the gifts. Ask students to decorate the tags and bags with pictures and notes of love.

PRAYER WALK

15–20 minutes

Bookmark your Bible to the following: (1) **Luke 23:24**; (2) **Luke 23:43**; (3) **John 19:26–27**; (4) **Matthew 27:46**; (5) **John 19:28**; (6) **John 19:30**; (7) **Luke 23:46**.

Take your students on a walk throughout the building, pausing on occasion to read a Bible verse. Each time, pray, “Thank You, Jesus, for loving us.” If possible, end in front of a cross in your church.

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BONUS ACTIVITIES

CROSS COUNT

5–10 minutes

How many crosses can you find? Wall hangings, Bible covers, jewelry, clothing, bookmarks—crosses are all around. You could challenge students to tally all crosses seen throughout the week and report back. Why are there so many? Do we sometimes take them for granted?

ASHES, ASHES

10–15 minutes

Bring ash, such as used for Ash Wednesday. If you burned papers during the “Live” section, mix those ashes in. Add a few drops of olive oil with the ash and make a cross on each learner’s hand. Reinforce that sin is defeated on the cross. Washing hands later, youth can remember that their sins are washed away.

LENTEN HYMNS

15–20 minutes

There are many powerful hymns that Christians sing during Lent that focus on Jesus’ death for us. Sing a few together. You can search videos online for hymns and songs that you sing at church to help lead you. In *Lutheran Service Book*, Lent and Holy Week hymns are 418–56.

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Well, this completes lesson #5 for SS. Hope you were able to learn more about Jesus’ love for all of us as you reviewed it with your family. We are keeping all of you in our prayers for your safety and health. We know that God is keeping us close every day and we hope and pray that the time will come soon when we can all be together again at church. Till next week, keep the faith, wash your hands often and stay home!! We will try to get some more crafts for the next few Sundays for you to work on. Stay tuned!

GOD BLESS YOU!!

WE ARE 4G!! WE ARE 4G!! WE ARE 4G!! WE ARE 4G!!

***In Christian love,
Mrs. Skibbe and SS staff***