

Parent Notes

In this week's lesson your child learned

- Some people did not understand who Jesus was. They hurt and killed him.
- This was not the end of the story—Jesus told his friends that death would not win.

It Helps to Know

Scripture tells us that

- Jesus said, "I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own accord" (John 10:17–18).

The *Catechism* teaches us that

- Christ's entire life was a continual teaching. Everything he did on earth as well as his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension is the fulfillment of Revelation (CCC, 561).
- "the redemption won by Christ consists in this, that he came 'to give his life as a ransom for many' (Matthew 20:28), that is, he 'loved [his own] to the end' (John 13:1), so that they might be 'ransomed from the futile ways inherited from [their] fathers'" (1 Peter 1:18, CCC, 622).

How Five- and Six-Year-Olds Understand the Lesson, by Joseph White, Ph.D.

Young children have very little experience of death, and little understanding of it. This makes it an even greater leap for them to understand that Jesus allowed himself to die or that God had a larger plan in these events. What is important, at this age, is for them to understand that Jesus was killed, but that even death could not defeat him. This was not the end of the story, as we will see in the Easter lesson.

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Keep It Simple

- Attend Good Friday service together as a family. Explain that this is a time to remember the sad day when Jesus died and honor the Cross where he gave his life.

Jesus Dies



This Week's Scripture Story

focuses on the crucifixion of Jesus.

When Jesus Died

Some people did not understand who Jesus was. They hurt and made fun of him. Then they put him on a cross to die. This is the story of how it happened.

The morning passed but Jesus had not yet died. It became dark, even though it was the middle of the day!

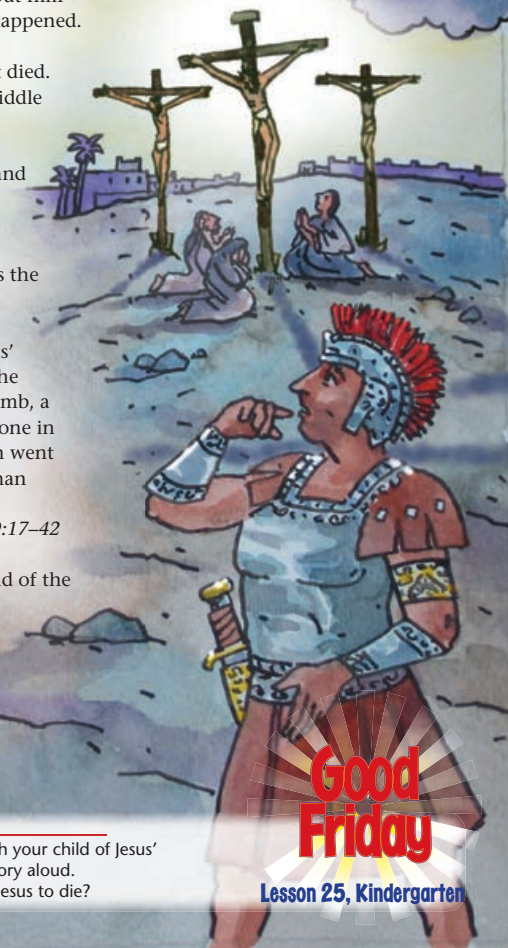
Later, Jesus called out to God the Father, and then he died.

Suddenly, the earth shook! It was an earthquake! A soldier said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

A good man, a follower of Jesus, took Jesus' body down from the Cross. He wrapped the body in a clean cloth and placed it in a tomb, a place like a cave. Then he rolled a huge stone in front of the opening to the tomb. He then went home. Mary Magdalene and another woman stayed near the tomb.

Based on Matthew 27:45–61 and John 19:17–42

They did not know that this was not the end of the story about Jesus!



Sharing Faith at Home Share the story with your child of Jesus' crucifixion, by talking about or reading the story aloud. Discussion Starter: Why did the people want Jesus to die?

Good Friday

Lesson 25, Kindergarten



Through the Week

Remember that even though the day Jesus died was a sad day, we call it "Good Friday," because God brought something good out of it.



Ask Me!

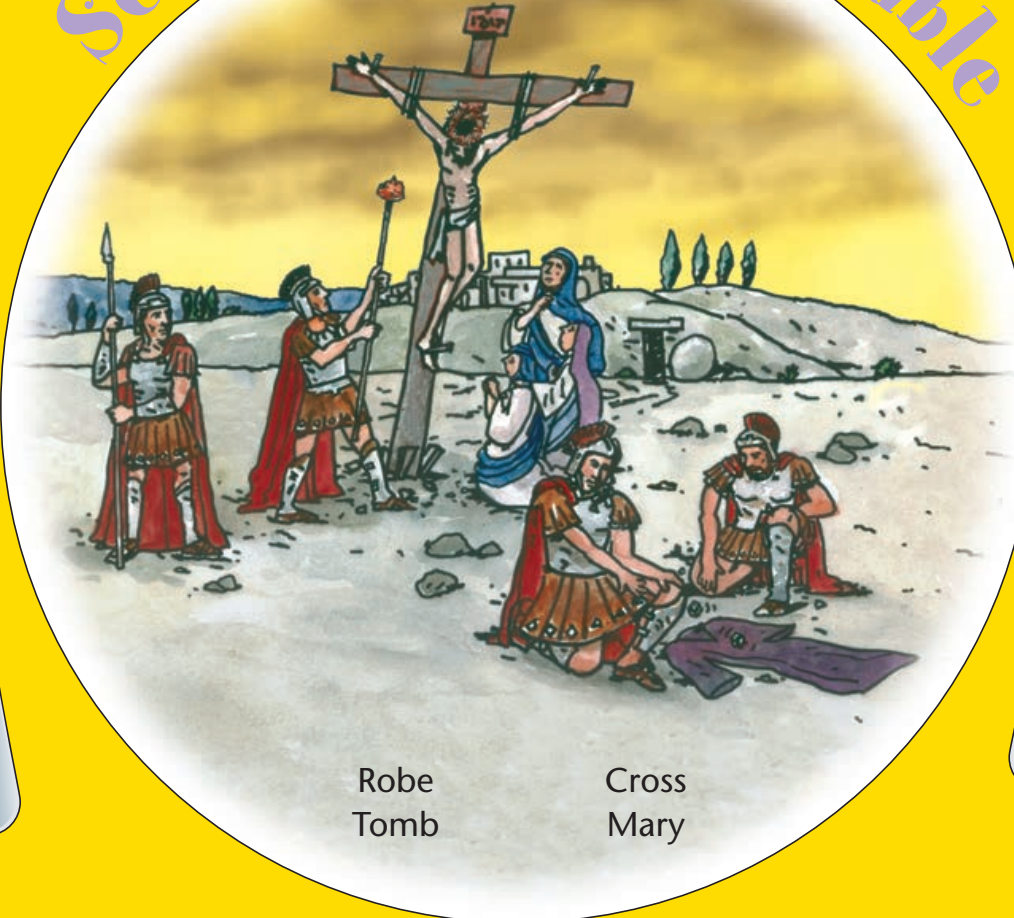
Ask your child these questions, and see if he or she can give you the answers. *(If not, give a hint, and review the questions again later.)*

1. What happened to Jesus in Jerusalem when people did not like what he was saying and didn't understand who he was? *(The people hurt and killed him.)*
2. Was this the end of the story? *(No, Jesus had told his friends that death would not win.)*

Setting the Family Table

Jesus Dies for Us

Find and circle the items below.



Robe
Tomb

Cross
Mary

Mealtime Prayer

Jesus,
In good times,
In bad times,
In all times,
You are with us, and we
thank you!
Amen.

Pray this prayer as a family.

Saint of the Week



John (first century)
Feast Day: December 27

Did you know?

One of the first of the Apostles to meet and follow Jesus, John was probably the one referred to as the one Jesus loved. He was the brother of James, and Jesus' nickname for them was "sons of thunder" which might allude to their fiery tempers. John was also one of the four Evangelists.

Saint John, pray for us!