

## The Crucifixion

Part 2 of 3 lessons about Jesus' death and resurrection

(Lessons intended for ages 5-7)

**Memory Verse:** (Have children that are able recite memory verse for the class )

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 13: 34

### **Discussion:**

What is crucifixion? Where can you read about it? Is it in the Bible or the Book of Mormon? *(Jesus is prophesied about in the Old Testament of the Bible. His life, teachings and miracles are written in the New Testament. The Book of Mormon also prophesied of Christ in II Nephi 11. In III Nephi 5- tells of Christ coming to the Americas.)*

What was our last lesson about? What do you know about Jesus' death?

### **New vocabulary:**

Crucify- to nail to a cross, to put to death by nailing the hands and feet to a cross.

Betray- to be delivered into the hands of an enemy.

Transgressions- breaking the law or commandments

### **Story:**

Jesus and his disciples have just finished their Passover meal. Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples, planned on betraying Christ.

*Have one of the students/teacher read: Matthew 26:14-16*

Jesus and some of his disciples head to the garden Gethsemane. Jesus was very sad. He knew that He would die. He went to the garden with His friends to pray.

*Read Matthew 26:38-39*

Jesus was willing to do whatever His Father asked Him to do. Do you think that was hard for Him?

*Read Matthew 26:47-50*

Jesus' friend and disciple betrayed Him with a kiss. They took Jesus to the High Priest's palace and found false witnesses

to testify against Jesus. After hearing the testimonies they decided that Jesus was worthy of death. They did many cruel, mean things to Jesus. They spit on him, hit him and made fun of him.

They took Jesus to stand before the Governor, Pilate. Pilate didn't think that Jesus was guilty. He asked what they wanted done with Jesus.

*Read Matthew 27: 22-23*

Pilate didn't agree but seeing how great the crowd was He let them take Jesus to be crucified. They took Jesus and made fun of Him giving Him a crown of thorns and a purple robe. Then they led Him away to be crucified. There were two other men to be crucified at the same time. Above Jesus they set a sign above his cross that said, "THIS IS JESUS KING OF THE JEWS" Many made fun of Him saying that if He was King of Israel, let him come down and then we will believe Him.

There was darkness in the land and Jesus said, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Then He died.

Joseph of Arimathaea, one of Jesus' disciples, asked for His body and they took Jesus' body and laid it in a tomb.

### **Review:**

Ask children to retell events of the story.

Some questions to ask:

Who betrayed Jesus? (*Judas Iscariot*)

How much money did he receive for betraying Christ? (*thirty pieces of silver*)

What did Jesus ask His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane? (*let this cup be removed from me, but not my will but thine.*)

What was the name of the Governor? (*Pilate*)

What does it mean to be crucified? (*nailed to a cross*)

What did they do with Jesus' body after He died? (*laid Him in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathaea*)

Why did Jesus die? (*Jesus died for us. His death covers our sin and wrong doing. He died or sacrificed His life for us, so we can*)

*keep His commandments and live in Heaven with Him someday.)*

**Craft:** With remaining time have children:

*(Print out verse from Isaiah 53: 5 found below)*

Draw a picture of three crosses on a hill. Above one cross, have the children write the words, "KING OF THE JEWS"

“...he was wounded for our  
transgressions... with his stripes are we  
healed.”

Isaiah 53:5