



Family Church Good Friday 2020

And now it's time for - Family Church!

It's the moment we've all been waiting for – my birthday! - Oh wait, I mean EASTER.

Today, it's Good Friday, just before Easter Sunday. What a funny name for a day. Why is this Friday *good*?

Well, remember that this term, we've been asking Big Questions that help us understand God better. You know how last week we asked this HUGE question....

Q. How does Jesus save us from our sin?

... and we said the answer has **three parts**:

PART 1: Jesus saves us from our sin by perfectly living God's way.

Well, this week, is PART 2 of the answer:

Q. How does Jesus save us from our sin?

Answer: Jesus saves us from our sin by dying in our place.

Before you start

Pray:

Dear God, thank you for Easter. Thank you that Jesus died in our place. Please help us to know why this is good news. AMEN.

Think:

- When have you swapped something and found out the thing you got is way better than you thought it would be?

Watch

Watch these videos about what Jesus did for us. Then use the questions to help you think about it.

Preschool and Infants – Saddleback Kids: Jesus’ Sacrifice (watch up to 4:02)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HL8R158Ujp4>

Primary and Tweens – QuizWorx: Christ Loved Us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmRozz1QJq4>

Stop and ask:

1. What happened to Jesus in the story?
2. Did Jesus deserve how he was treated?
3. Why did Jesus die?
4. Read Colossians 1:21-22: “You used to be far from God. Your thoughts made you his enemies, and you did evil things. ²² But his Son became a human and died. So, God made peace with you, and now he lets you stand next to him [in his presence] as people who are holy and faultless and innocent.” (CEV)

Draw, use string or move to show how close we could be to God before Jesus died. How close can we come to God now?

[For older kids: If Jesus died for us, what does that mean for us today? Try to come up with 2 or 3 different answers.]

5. How close to God on this line would you say you are right now?

Enemy _____ Friend

SUMMARY:

It might seem strange that Jesus had to die. Didn't we learn last week that he our 'best player'? Did he do something wrong after all?

No. Jesus never did anything wrong. Jesus died for OUR sin – he took our place. It's a little bit like if you broke a precious toy that belongs to a friend while doing the wrong thing with it. Imagine if, when they ask what happened, before you can own up to it, another friend says they did it! They take the blame and are punished instead of you. You get to go free.

God sent his only Son Jesus to take the blame for us. He stood in our place and God punished him for our sin so we could go free.

This is the second way Jesus is our **redeemer**.

Sing

For younger kids:

God is a Holy God – Emu Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN16lYtAJNU>

Baa Baa Doo Baa Baa – Colin Buchanan performance by real live kids!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fgWw-AYP08>

For older kids:

Jesus Strong and Kind – CityAlight (soft)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Y8s-Sz_ac

Say No to Sin – Ben Pakula (rock)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yq43oVfvDqU>

Pray

Dear God,

We know we would rather live our own way. We are sorry for choosing this instead of choosing to love you. Please forgive us.

Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for sending him to be punished for our sin by dying in our place. Thank you that he did this so we can come to you and be your friend.

Thank you for being so kind to us when we didn't deserve it. Please help us to want to be close to you, and be your friend. AMEN.

Play

Choose the activity you like best!

Activity 1: Block it!

Build the story of Jesus out of lego or playdough, or paint a mural illustrating Colossians 1:21-22.

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Activity 2: Colouring in

Print off the colouring in sheet attached and enjoy some quiet colouring in time.

Activity 3: a-Maze-ing!

Design a maze that only has one way out. Label the way out “Jesus in our place.”

Option: make this a family obstacle course around the house!

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Romans 5:8