

Good Friday

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus' death on the cross.

You can find it in your Bible in:

John 18 v 1–19 v 42

Read the story together
– choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



The other lectionary readings for today are:

Isaiah 52 v 13 – 53 v 12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10 v 16–25

or Hebrews 4 v 14–16; 5 v 7–9

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

I am sorry for the mistakes I have made, for the times when I have made bad choices or been disobedient.

Thank you that you sent your son Jesus to die on the cross for us.

Thank you that when Jesus died on the cross, he took the punishment for all my mistakes and all the mistakes of the world.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

- *Why did Jesus have to die?*

It seems strange that we call the day when we remember Jesus dying "Good Friday" but for God's amazing Good news plan to happen Jesus first had to die. When Jesus died he had never done anything wrong but he took the punishment that should have been ours. The punishment for all our mistakes

A question for children to ask adults

*What is the messiest you have ever been?
How did you get cleaned up?*

We have all made mistakes and messed up and our messy sins stop us from coming close to God who is perfect and pure. When Jesus died on the cross, he made a way for all our mistakes to be forgiven so that we can come close to God.

Family Activity

You will need: Any craft materials you have around the house

Use whatever craft materials you have around the house to create your own crowns. Decorate them and wear them together.

Use them as a reminder of the crown of thorns that Jesus was forced to wear. The people were laughing at Jesus when they called him the 'King of the Jews' but we know that the truth that Jesus is the King of Kings.

As children of God we all deserve to wear a crown – we are precious and royal too!

