



It is Finished

The Cross John 18:28-19:42; Luke 23:34-35

Character Trait: Thankfulness

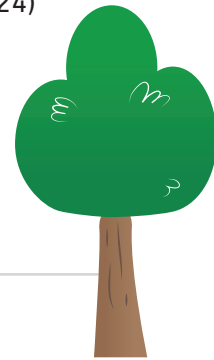
Objectives:

Children will understand that:

- A sacrifice had to be paid for our sins.
- Jesus willingly died on the cross to pay for our sins.
- Jesus did this because He loves us.

Supplies:

- It is Finished loaded onto a tablet or phone or in the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope (pages 21-24)



Welcome Activity: (5 minutes)

Share that you'd like to start off today's lesson by talking about thankfulness. Explain that you'll be tossing the ball to a child. He or she is to share one thing that they are thankful for, and then toss the ball to someone who has not shared yet. Continue until each child has had the opportunity to share.



God's Bigger Story:

Jesus willingly died on a cross to pay the price for our sins. He did not do anything to deserve death Himself. Jesus died in our place to fix the sin problem that we could not fix ourselves.



Today's Bible Story:

Show It is Finished or read the story aloud from the Bible App for Kids Book of Hope.



Discussion: (8 minutes)

- ★ **What did Pilate say about Jesus?** (*Jesus was innocent and there was no reason to kill him.*)
- ★ **What was Jesus nailed onto?** (*A cross*)
- ★ **What was the last thing Jesus said on the cross?** (*"It is finished."*)



Remind the children of what they learned in last lesson: Jesus showed that He had all of God's power. Jesus could have saved himself. But He loves us so much that He willingly died to pay the price we owed for our sins.

“ Memory Verse:

“But God *(point to heaven)* showed his great love *(arms crossed over body as in a hug)* for us by sending Christ *(point to heaven)* to die for us while we were still sinners.”

Romans 5:8



Activity:
(10 minutes)

Line the children up shoulder-to-shoulder. Create a finish line no more than ten child-size steps ahead of them. Explain that you will say statements about the story. They are to hold up one hand if they think it is true and two hands if they think it is false. Children who are correct may move one giant step forward. Some statements include:

- Jesus is king, but not of this world. (True)
- Jesus deserved to die. (False)
- Jesus carried His own cross up a hill. (True)



Character Trait:
Self-Image

★ **What are some specific ways we can show God our thankfulness for Jesus?** *(We can choose to love, follow and obey Jesus. We can say thank you to Him through prayer.)*



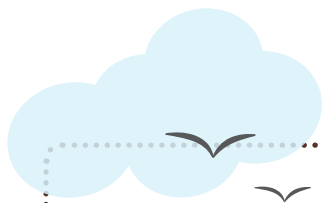
Connect with Others:

Ask the children to think of someone in their life that they are thankful for. Challenge the children to express their gratitude to this special person before the next lesson.



Prayer:
(2 minutes)

Dear Lord,
How thankful we are for Your great love. Thank You for dying for our sins. You showed us what real love looks like. Help us show that kind of love, too.
Amen.



Notes

