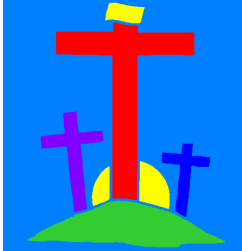


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Jesus our Saviour

CHAIRPERSON'S PLAN

Sing
 Opening Prayer
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 Memory Text
 Offering
 Chain Prayer
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 Quiz
 Sing
 Benediction
Next week's jobs

To Prepare

Praise Leader: Select songs on theme of Jesus and the cross e.g.

- JP 18 Barabbas was a bad man
- JP 59 God so loved the world
- JP 103 I met you at the cross
- JP 274 What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus
- JP 304 A purple robe, a crown of thorn
- JP 411 Jesus was the Son of God

Come and see MP 85

JP 151 Led like a lamb MP 402

JP 235 Thank You Jesus MP 633

Bible Reading 1: **Mark 15: 16-20**

Bible Reading 2: **Mark 15: 21-32** Select Juniors to prepare these verses.

Bible Reading 3: **Mark 15: 33-41**

Bible Reading 4: **Mark 15: 42-47**

Drama: Bring a piece of cloth for the robe - purple if possible

Sword Drill: Select from the verses on **The cross**

John 3: 16 1 John 4: 9,10 2 Corinthians 8:9

Isaiah 53 : 8 Romans 3: 24 Matthew 16: 24

Romans 14: 9 1 Peter 2: 24

Memory Text: John 3: 16 Copy sheets as required.

Interactive Story: Familiarise yourself with the enclosed script and the expected reactions.

Quiz: 'Correct! Go!' Cut up the enclosed questions and put them in a tub. Procedure is below.



Programme

Drama: Nominate a group of soldiers, a crowd and Jesus. Everyone can be involved. Read through Mark 15: 16-20 again, asking the children to think as they listen how they will be feeling and what they will be doing. (All beatings will be non-contact!) Now read the passage slowly again and the Juniors will enact the **The mocking of Jesus**. Afterwards, discuss how Jesus must have felt. How did He react? (Isaiah 53: 7, 8. He was treated harshly, but endured it humbly; He never said a word. Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, He never said a word. He was arrested and sentenced and led off to die, and no one cared about His fate. He was put to death for the sins of the people.)

Chain prayer: Thank Jesus for enduring all the shame and pain as He took the punishment for our sins.

Interactive story: You may ask everyone to make the same noise / action together, or you may ask groups or individuals to make their own noise / action. Demonstrate and practise the responses, to give the Juniors the right idea. Leading by example is the best way to encourage an enthusiastic response. Try to be as animated as you can as you teach the responses and tell the story.

Correct! Go!: Procedure is on the next page.

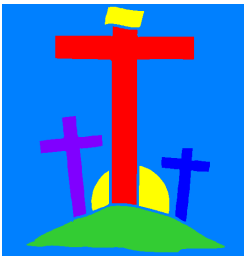
Correct! Go! Juniors stand in a circle, facing inwards with their hands cupped behind their backs. One person is 'It'. 'It' takes a question from the tub and runs round the outside of the circle. S/he stops and puts a question slip in one of the cupped hands. 'It' waits till the child has answered the question correctly. They then stand back to back until the Leader says, 'Correct! Go!' On that signal, these two Juniors race round the circle to get to the empty space first. The one who did not get to the circle first is the new 'It'. (If the Junior cannot answer the question, 'It' must quickly select another question and another Junior.) Try to ensure that everyone has a turn of answering and running.

<p>Correct! Go! Mark 15 : 16 - 47 (7) Jesus our Saviour</p>	<p>1. Who took Jesus to the governor's palace?</p>
<p>2. What did the soldiers put on Jesus?</p>	<p>3. What was the crown made for Jesus made of?</p>
<p>4. What did the soldiers shout as they saluted Jesus?</p>	<p>5. What did the soldiers do with a stick?</p>
<p>6. What did the soldiers do to Jesus after they took off the purple robe?</p>	<p>7. Who was forced to carry the cross of Jesus?</p>
<p>8. What does the name "Golgotha" mean?</p>	<p>9. How did the soldiers decide who would get which bits of clothing?</p>
<p>10. What time was it when Jesus was crucified?</p>	<p>11. What was written on the top of the cross Jesus was on?</p>
<p>12. Who else was crucified with Jesus?</p>	<p>13. What did the people who were watching Jesus on the cross do?</p>
<p>14. Complete this : "Come down from the cross and"</p>	<p>15. Complete this : "He saved others but He"</p>
<p>16. What lasted for three hours?</p>	<p>17. Complete this : "My God why did you"</p>
<p>18. What was on the sponge which was on the end of the stick?</p>	<p>19. When Jesus was on the cross, what did He do after He gave a loud cry?</p>
<p>20. What happened to the Temple curtain when Jesus died?</p>	<p>21. Who said, "This man really was the Son of God"?</p>
<p>22. Name one of the women who were watching from a distance.</p>	<p>23. What did Joseph of Arimathea ask Pilate for?</p>
<p>24. What surprised Pilate?</p>	<p>25. What did Joseph of Arimathea wrap the body of Jesus in?</p>
<p>26. Where did Joseph of Arimathea put the body of Jesus?</p>	<p>27. What was put in front of the tomb?</p>

Correct! Go! Answers

Mark 15 : 16 - 47 (7) Jesus our Saviour

- 1 Soldiers
- 2 Purple robe
- 3 Thorns
- 4 Long live the King of the Jews!
- 5 Hit Jesus over the head
- 6 Put His own clothes back on
- 7 Simon
- 8 Place of the Skull
- 9 They threw a dice
- 10 Nine in the morning
- 11 The King of the Jews
- 12 Two bandits
- 13 Hurling insults at Him
- 14save yourself
- 15 cannot save Himself
- 16 Darkness
- 17 abandon Me
- 18 Cheap wine / vinegar
- 19 He died
- 20 It tore in two
- 21 The officer at the foot of the cross
- 22 Mary / Mary Magdalene / Salome
- 23 The body of Jesus
- 24 That Jesus was already dead
- 25 A linen sheet
- 26 A tomb cut out of rock
- 27 A large stone



Easter Friday

An interactive story based on
Mark 15 : 16 - 47

Tell the story sensitively, building an atmosphere. Allocate a part each to six Juniors, or ask everyone to participate. Practise the responses beforehand. The parts are played when they hear their word in the story.

Stage Directions

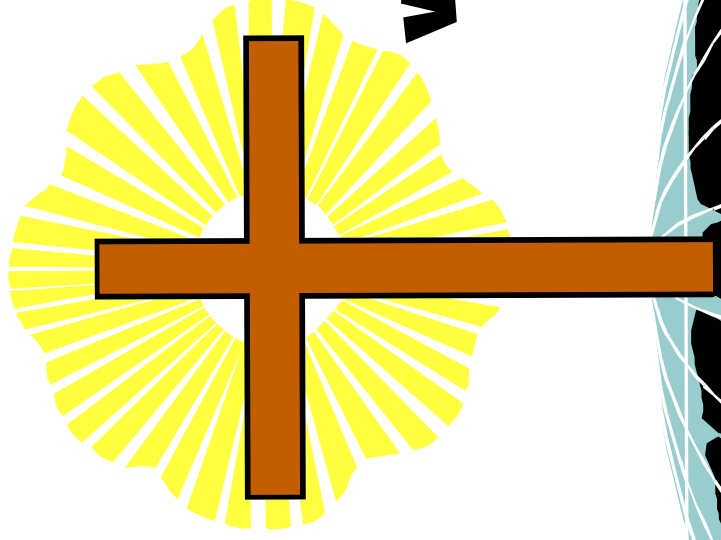
Soldiers: salute and say "Sir"
Crowd: jeer and shout
Mary and friends: sadly wipe tears from your eyes
Pilate: stand erect with an air of authority
Cross: stretch arms open wide
Nails: press thumb in palm of other hand

Pilate did not understand Jesus. He didn't know what to do with Him. So to please the **crowd**, he handed Jesus over to be crucified. The **soldiers** marched Jesus into the Governor's palace courtyard. Then the **soldiers** put a purple robe on Jesus and a crown, made out of thorns, on His head. "Long live the King of the Jews" shouted the **soldiers** as they made fun of Jesus. When Jesus had His own clothes on again, He had to carry the massive wooden **cross** through the **crowd** of jeering people. Jesus was now so weak that He stumbled and the **soldiers** forced a man called Simon to carry the **cross** to the place called Golgotha. There Jesus was made to lie down while the soldiers hammered large **nails** through His hands and feet into the **cross**. Then the **soldiers** lifted the **cross** and dropped it into the hole in the ground so that Jesus was hanging there by the **nails** for everyone to see.

The **soldiers** threw dice to decide who would get the lovely linen robe that Jesus wore. The passing **crowd** shook their heads and insulted Jesus. Even the chief priests and the Pharisees jeered at Jesus as He hung on the cross. **Mary and her friends** were scared and near to tears as they watched. It took six hours for Jesus to die and when He did the curtain in the Temple was ripped from top to bottom. One **soldier** was amazed at the calm way in which Jesus died and exclaimed "This man really was the Son of God."

It was now Friday evening and the Sabbath was near, so, Joseph, a respected member of the community, went to **Pilate** to ask for the body of Jesus. **Pilate** was surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead and asked a **soldier** to go and investigate. It was true. Jesus was dead. The **soldiers** lowered the **cross**, took out the **nails** and gave the body to Joseph. He wrapped it in a sheet and placed it in a tomb which had been cut out of the rock. **Mary and her friends** were heartbroken but they watched and saw where Jesus was buried. Perhaps when the Sabbath was over, they could properly prepare the body of their friend for burial with spices.

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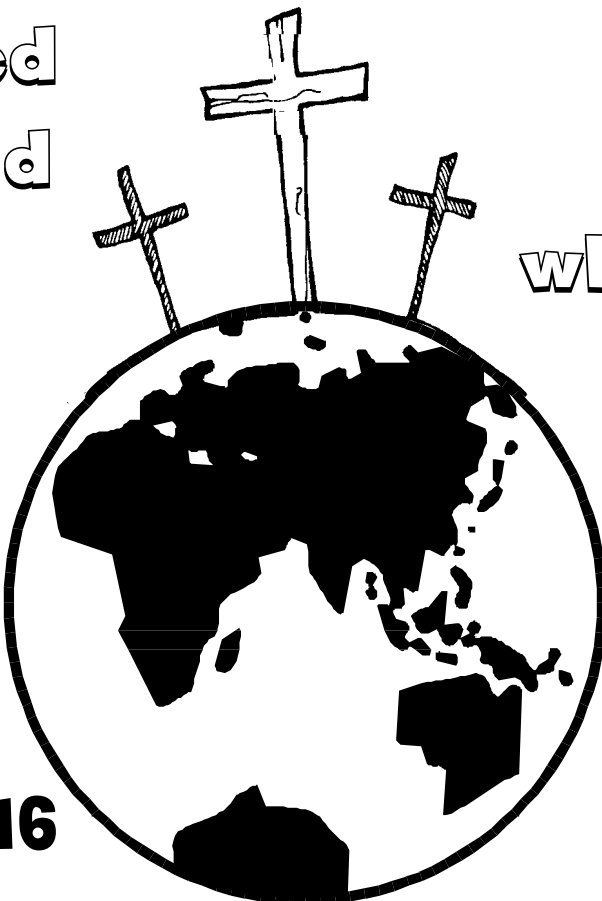


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