

PART 3 THE CROSS

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Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Worshiping God - The Miracle of Easter

1. On Good Friday, Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. Why do we call it "Good Friday" when it is the day that Jesus died?
2. What is so important about the cross? Jesus loves you so much that he gave his life for you! As you listen to this episode, think about how God loves you so much that he sent his very own son for you.

Memory Verse

<p>Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.</p>

Luke 23:46

After You Listen

Good Friday seemed like the worst day ever! Pilate gave Jesus over to his soldiers to be killed. They made fun of him, spit on him, and beat him. At noon, it became dark as night. The day ended with Jesus dead and buried in a tomb. How could this have been a good day? To save us from eternal separation from God, Jesus, who had never sinned himself, had to take the punishment we deserved for our sins. He died a horrible death, and for the first and only time in all eternity, God the Father turned his back on his Son. Jesus' death separated him from God so that we would not have to be.

That is why we call it Good Friday.

While at first, it seemed like the worst day ever, God had a plan that didn't end on that Friday. Three days later, God raised Jesus to life again. Hallelujah!

Read about Jesus' death in [Luke 23](#). The best part of the story is yet to come. Check out the next Bible story, [Resurrection!](#) Want to dig deeper and learn more about why Jesus died for you? Check out [1 Peter 3:18](#), [1 Peter 2:24](#) and [John 3:16](#).

Challenge

Jesus died on the cross, but the story doesn't end there! The cross is empty, and the tomb is empty because Jesus is alive! Make your own empty cross to remind you of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.

Take two pieces of masking tape and make a cross shape with them on a piece of paper. Use paints, crayons, markers, or chalk to cover the whole paper. When it is dry, carefully remove the tape. You will have an empty cross to remind you of Jesus' love for you. You can print these words on the top of your page: "Jesus loves me so much he gave his life for me!" Share your picture with an adult, and together, thank God for His amazing gift for you!

Also, check out the [Kids Corner Easter Activity Booklet 5](https://kidscorner.net/bible-stories/the-cross).

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: Who gave the orders for Jesus to be crucified?

Answer: Pilate

Question 2: What did the sign that they posted on the cross say?

Answer: This is the King of the Jews.

Question 3: Why did they place guards outside the tomb?

Answer: They were afraid that Jesus' disciples would steal his body to make it look like he rose from the dead.

Question 4: What time did it get dark on that day?

Answer: Noon
