

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Jesus suffered on his way to the cross.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Jesus the Savior/ Worshiping God

1. With what you know about Jesus' suffering and crucifixion, describe some of the ways that people hurt Jesus.
2. Throughout the Bible, God saves his people. As you listen to this episode, think about how the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most awesome of all God's works of redemption.

Memory Verse

42 Again Jesus went to pray and said, "My Father, if there is no other way, and I must suffer, I will still do what you want."

Matthew 26:42

After You Listen

Think about the different ways that Jesus suffered.

The religious leaders of the Jewish people wanted very badly to have Jesus dead, but they didn't have the authority to kill Jesus; the Romans had to do the killing. They took him to Pilate, who was the Roman governor. Pilate asked Jesus some questions. Pilate told the Jewish leaders that he didn't see any reason why Jesus should be put to death. But they wouldn't listen to him

By this time, a whole crowd of people had gathered in the courtyard outside of Pilate's palace. Then the religious leaders began to shout: Crucify him! Crucify him! This crowd began to join them in demanding that Jesus should die. Finally, Pilate gave in and granted permission for the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus.

Before the soldiers led Jesus out to be crucified, they took off his clothes. They put an old robe on him. They put a crown of thorns on his head, and they blindfolded him. Then they spat in his face and laughed at him. They hit him and asked him to tell who had hit him.

Prayer: O Heavenly Father, how hard it must have been to watch your son be treated so cruelly. People screamed for his death. Soldiers hit him, whipped him, and mocked him. I pray for those people around the world who are hit, whipped, and mocked. People hurt other people. Help me bring mercy and love to others who are in need. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Read all about the way to the cross in [Matthew 26:36-46](#) and [Matthew 27](#). Want to dig deeper and learn more? Read the rest of the story about Jesus' resurrection in [Matthew 28](#).

Challenge

Draw a picture of one of the scenes of Jesus on the way to the cross. Decide what the picture will tell people about how Jesus suffered.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: How did Judas greet Jesus?

Answer: He greeted him with a kiss.

Question 2: Which disciple cut off a servant's ear only for Jesus to heal the servant?

Answer: Peter cut off the ear.

Question 3: Which disciple denied that he knew Jesus?

Answer: Peter

Question 4: How many times did Peter deny Jesus?

Answer: Three times.

Question 5: Who was the Roman official who allowed the leaders to crucify Jesus?

Answer: Pontius Pilate.
