

Younger Children Good Friday devotional.

This is A day we call Good Friday.

It is the day we remember Jesus death and how he suffered for us.

Many people were involved in bringing people to death on the cross.

But God had a plan.

We say John 3:16 in Kids Zone.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world,^[a] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Do remember who Jesus was with when he said this?

With your Parents help, turn to John 3.

Read the story or have them read it for you. When you get to verse 16 pause and then say it together with your family. Good job!

Who was Jesus talking to in this chapter?

What was his question?

How did Jesus answer?

It's a hard answer: What do you think it means?

Jesus wants us to be born into his family. Say John 3:16 again.

When we believe in Jesus and that he died for our sins and forgives us we are born into God's family!!

Do you like scavenger hunts? Let's explore the treasure of God's word. Turn to John 19:38-42.

This story mentions Nicodemus!

Who was his friend?

What did Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathia do?

They must have been so sad. And even though they had been scared to follow Jesus before, now they were brave and went to Pilate and ask if they could take care of his body. They turned out to be good friends.

Saturday

Isn't it hard to wait for something you really want or look forward to?

Like your birthday, or Christmas?

Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea and all the other believers didn't understand everything. They were waiting to know what to do next. They didn't all understand that Jesus would rise from the dead.

As you try some of the crafts I sent to you, think about waiting. It is hard. And so hard when you are sad because your friend and teacher has died.

Sunday!

He is Risen? Do you remember how to answer? He is Risen indeed!!

If you read in John 20:11-18. (Parents, at your discretion, read the whole passage or part if it including vs. 18. Your child's attention span and understanding may only). Another Friend of Jesus, Mary Magdalene saw Jesus! He had risen from the dead!!!

How should we celebrate ?

(Elicit responses such as worship, praise, singing, dancing, thanking Jesus for saving us from sin and death)

Say John 3:16 together again.

Do you believe? Do you want to ask Jesus to forgive your sins?

End with prayer.