

Unit 5 Lesson 4

Heartprint: **I find who I am in Jesus**

Memory Verse: **John 3:16**

January 24, 2021

Link to our Large Group Video: <https://youtu.be/gyTjPFbIWLY>

Song: John 3:16 Song (video of song and lyrics): <https://youtu.be/z2c4XkbPtEE>
John 3:16 Song (our video with motions): <https://youtu.be/nKfHG8jggVI>

Activity: Tell Me Something Good (Needs to follow the lesson this week)

Items Needed:

- Talking stick (optional)

Instructions:

Let the kids come up one at a time and talk to you in front of the class. Teacher asks: “Tell me something great about someone in your family. (1) Who are you telling me about? (2) What is great about them?” They might need ideas.

Examples:

- Mom cooks for me.
- Mom helps me do my chores.
- Dad plays with me.
- Dad takes me to the park.
- Brother throws the football with me.
- Sister is always kind to me.

Connection Point: Jesus taught us about God. Jesus knew about God because he lived with God in heaven. Jesus “glorified” God by showing us how good God is. When we tell others the truth about how good God is, we glorify God too! Just like you told me about your family, Jesus told us about His family, His Father. Jesus said He belongs to God, God belongs to Him and because of the cross, now we belong to God.

Craft: I Belong to God

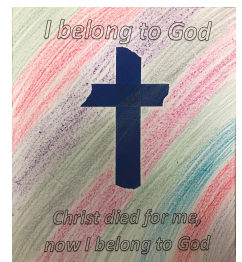
Items Needed:

- *I Belong to God* template
- Painters tape/Masking tape
- Crayons or Markers

Instructions:

Gather children around the craft table. For each child, cut two pieces of masking tape to form a cross and place on the *I Belong to God* template paper. Have the children color the entire sheet for the best results. When they have finished coloring, gently remove the tape to reveal a beautiful white cross.

Connection Point:



In our story today, Jesus wanted the men to know God like He knows God, but Jesus had to do a very hard thing first. Jesus was willing to go to the cross so we will have life. The cross is our reminder that *I find who I am in Jesus.*

Bible Lesson: Jesus Gives Us Life

Memory Verse: God so loved the world he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him will never die but have eternal life. John 3:16

This week's story is taken from John 17:1-20 and crucifixion:

Who do you belong to? Do you know who is in your family? (Each teacher tells about their family. *Example:* I have a mom and a dad. I have an older brother and a younger brother. I have a husband, three kids and one grandbaby.)

All of these people belong to me and I belong to them because we are a family. I can tell you all the good things about the people in my family. After our story I want you to tell me about your family. Can you think of some good things to tell me about them?

In our story today, Jesus is going to talk about who He belongs to and what they are like.

Let's open our Bibles to John 17:

Jesus was in the garden praying. Jesus was praying for himself and praying for believers.

Jesus knew a very hard thing was about to happen. Jesus had to die on the cross (point to the picture of the cross) so that all believers could be saved for eternity. Before Jesus did this very hard thing He prayed to His father.

Who is Jesus' father? God is Jesus' father!

While Jesus was on earth he taught the people about God. Jesus lived with God before He was sent to earth. Jesus is God' son. Jesus loves and knows God and does exactly what His Father asks Him to do.

Jesus prayed. Jesus knew His time had come. Jesus asked for His father to glorify Him just as He had glorified His Father while he had been on earth.

Jesus had power on earth. Remember how Jesus healed the people who were sick. Jesus was given this power by His Father so that the men who believed would be given eternal life. But now Jesus' work on earth was done. Jesus brought glory to God on earth. Now Jesus was returning to heaven and He looked forward to receiving the glory he had with His Father before.

Jesus is just like God. He showed us what God is like. God is good, merciful, gracious, faithful, kind, all powerful, wise, accessible, loving and glorious. Jesus knew all of this because Jesus is just like God.

Jesus had followers who listened, obeyed and learned all about God. Jesus wanted the men to know God like He knew God, but Jesus had to do a very hard thing first. The men would receive eternal life because Jesus was willing to go to the cross. (Point to the picture of the cross.) The men believed that Jesus came from God and was going back to God.

Jesus was not JUST praying for the men who were with him in the garden. Jesus was talking about and praying for you and me. Because Jesus was willing to go to the cross for our sins, all who believe Jesus is the Son of God will belong to God and will have eternal life one day.

Everything that belonged to Jesus also belonged to God. Everything that God had belonged to Jesus. But now Jesus said let all my glory show through these men who belong to you.

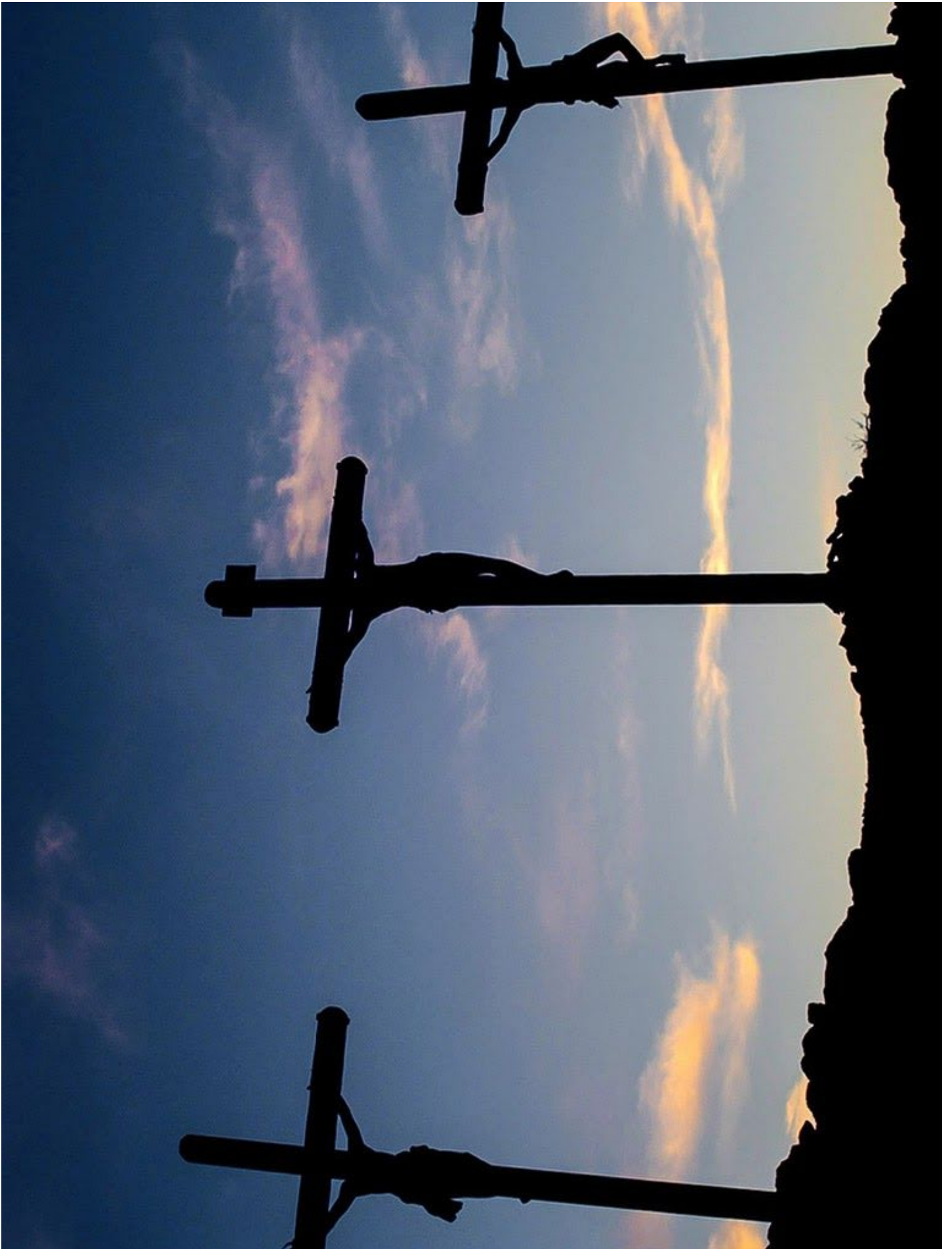
Now we belong to God. Now Jesus' glory shines through us. Now we can live forever with God because Jesus gives us eternal life. Now we can know God just like Jesus does.

Let's pray:

God you are good. Thank you for sending your Son, who died on the cross so that we can live with you forever. Help us shine the glory of Jesus so that others see that we belong to You and can come to know You and also have eternal life.

Questions:

1. Who is Jesus' Father? God
2. Who did Jesus pray to? God
3. What was the very hard thing Jesus had to do? Die on the cross
4. Who is just like God? Jesus
5. When we believe in Jesus, who do we belong to? God!
6. What does Jesus give us when we believe in Him? Life!



I belong to God

*Christ died for me,
now I belong to God*