

Unit 7 Lesson 1 Jesus Came to Save Us from Our Sins

Heartprint: **Jesus Came to Save Us from Our Sins**

Memory Verse: **Romans 10:13**

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Link to video large group: <https://youtu.be/jQ9OYSYOFY0>

Song: "I Like to..." - 1st Look

<https://youtu.be/LOSOW-zET68>

Activity: *Fast Forward Flashlight Race*

Items Needed:

- Painters tape
- Flashlight

Instructions:

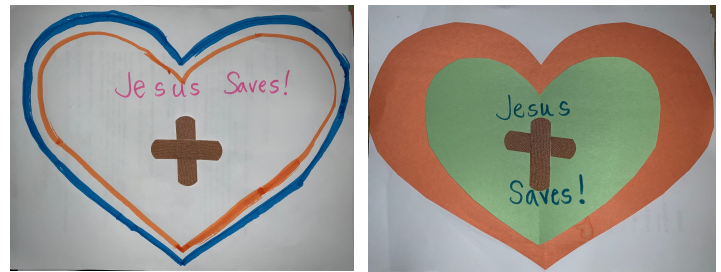
Before the game begins, place the tape on the floor to serve as the finish line for the *Fast Forward Flashlight Race*. Instruct the children to line up along the opposite wall of the finish line. Explain they have to walk in slow motion (demonstrate this for them) toward the finish line. When the teacher holds the flashlight over you, you get to skip forward (not in slow motion). When the teacher moves the light off of you, you have to go back to slow motion (demonstrate a skip). Once everyone has reached the finish line, repeat the game as time allows.

Connection Point: Jesus is the light of the world. Those who love Jesus live in the light. Sometimes we try to hide in the dark if we do something wrong, but Jesus came to save us from our sins. We can live in the light of Jesus!

Craft: *Jesus Saves hearts/band-aids*

Items Needed:

- Construction paper (precut two hearts -one large, one small per child) or you may draw two hearts - one inside the other on a piece of paper.
- Crayons
- Glue
- Band-aids (at least 2 per child)



Instructions:

Have the children write or copy "Jesus Saves" on the smaller heart. Guide the kids in creating a cross on the heart with their band-aids. Next have children mount the smaller heart onto the larger heart. You can encourage children to jot down or draw pictures of things Jesus was punished for that we have done wrong.

Connection Point: Jesus was accused and punished for what He did not do. He took the punishment for what WE DID! The punishment was not just being in trouble, but dying on a cross! This picture can remind us to thank Jesus for taking the punishment of our sins and to tell others what He did for all of us!

Bible Lesson: *Jesus came to save us from our sins*

Memory Verse: "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

<https://youtu.be/1bWkrG74UYQ>

This week's story is taken from Luke 23:32-43:

Have you ever been in trouble for doing something wrong? Raise your hand if you have ever been in trouble for doing something wrong. All of us have! I raise my hand too!

Raise your hand if you have ever been in trouble when you did NOT do something wrong. I can raise my hand because there have been a couple of times that someone thought I did something wrong... and I didn't. That stinks!

What if they not only said you did something bad you didn't do, but surrounded you with a bunch of kids who laughed at you and stole all of your stuff. That would be terrible wouldn't it? Has that ever happened to you? No, me either!

But there was one it happened to. Jesus was accused and punished for what He did not do. He took the punishment for what WE DID! The punishment was not just being in trouble, but dying on a cross! And to make it worse, a bunch of bad people all around Jesus laughed at him while he was dying (act out pointing and mocking, laughing). They laughed and pointed and mocked and stole his clothes! It is hard to suffer, but it is so much worse when others around you are happy that you are suffering.

But one man, who was an actual criminal and was also being punished, said that he feared God and asked Jesus if he would remember him when he made it home to his kingdom. This man was also suffering, but he believed that Jesus was the Son of God and was going to heaven to live in a kingdom. He was guilty, but thought that Jesus might have the power to help him.

Do you think Jesus had the power to help this man? Jesus did! Jesus said, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

If we ask Jesus to help us, He will. He will help us as we live here and He will help us when we go to heaven.

Let's pray:

God, thank you for your Son who came so that we might live. We believe Jesus can help us, we don't mock or laugh at what He did for us. We thank Him for taking the punishment for our sins. Help us tell others about Jesus so He can help them too. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Questions:

1. Who was punished for our sins? (Jesus)
2. What did all the people do when Jesus was on the cross? (Laugh, mock, take clothes)
3. What did the one criminal ask Jesus to do when he got to his kingdom? (remember him)
4. Can Jesus help us too? (Yes!)
5. What do we have to do to get Jesus help? (Believe that he is the Son of God)