

Lesson Twenty-Eight Preparation: Matthew 27:50-54 Redemption and the Cross of Jesus

Lesson Supplies

Catholic Children's Bible with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

Objectives

- Understand the mystery of redemption
- Jesus offered His life for on the cross the first Good Friday in Jerusalem
- Jesus offered His life out of unconditional love for us sinners
- The results of the sacrifice of Jesus.

Read

From the Bible: Matthew 27:50-54

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

It is love "to the end" that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction. He knew and loved us all when he offered his life. Now "the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died." No man, not even the holiest, was ever able to take on himself the sins of all men and offer himself as a sacrifice for all. the existence in Christ of the divine person of the Son, who at once surpasses and embraces all human persons, and constitutes himself as the Head of all mankind, makes possible his redemptive sacrifice for all. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 616)

From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions [Q111-125](#) this will take 7 minutes

Watch

[How did Jesus save us on the cross](#) 3:17 [On the Passion and Cross](#) Mark Hart 6:30

[Meaning of the cross](#) Bishop Sheen 3:22 [falling plates](#) 4:07

Reflect

We are so familiar with the account of Jesus' death on the cross, that we can become numb to it. It's worth pausing to reflect on just two aspects of this great act of love: its personal application to me and its application to my family life.

Jesus Christ was crucified for me. Before I knew him, before I loved him, before I ever chose to turn my back on him (and in full knowledge of the intimate details of how I would turn my back on him), before I ever repented of any of my sins, my God chose to die for me. I don't know of anyone else who has willingly died for me, let alone before I ever have them a reason to even consider it.

As parents and as spouses, every day we choose to die little deaths to self for the sake our children, our spouses, our families. We regularly deal with ungrateful family members or family members who seem not to notice our little deaths. We live out little crucifixions every day. "Father, forgive them. They know not what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). We need to ask Jesus to help us face our crucifixions the way he faced his, to unite ours to his. We need to recognize that all the sacrifices we make for our families Jesus makes for us, and so much more.

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Redemption and the Cross of Jesus

Lesson Summary

- Jesus' death on the cross redeemed us from our sins and opened heaven and the life of Grace to us
- Jesus freely offered His life for us out of unconditional love for us
- The effects of redemption are
 - Sin is atoned for and can be forgiven
 - Union with God
 - Heaven is open
 - We can be sons and daughters of God

Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Our Father, Hail Mary, Creed (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

Read

Jesus Gives His Life For Us Matthew 27:50-54

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the suggested journal prompts if you need help.

Reflect

In Jesus' passion, suffering, and death. Jesus freely pays the price of man's sin and disobedience. As we read through the accounts we can see all that he went through during that horrible first Good Friday. After looking at all he suffered, one must ask why Jesus did all of that. The answer is that He suffered and died for you because of his unconditional love and desire for you. He did it all to save you from sin, open heaven, heal your relationship with God, Enable the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, have you participate in the very life of God through grace, and make you a beloved son or daughter of God.

Watch

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[Meaning of the cross](#) Bishop Sheen 3:22

Discuss

What does selfless love mean? Can you give an example?

What cross are you carrying right now? What are you struggling with? How can you ask Jesus to help you?

Jesus wants us to be with him in heaven. What do you think heaven looks like? Share what your heaven looks like.

Live

Pray one decade (one Our Father, ten Hail Mary's, one Glory Be) of the rosary every day for one week. Reflect on the sorrowful mysteries. Do one mystery each day. You will walk through Jesus' passion and death. Offer each prayer for someone in your life that needs God's love. Think of that person as you touch the beads on your rosary. Name the person out loud for your family to hear. [This guide](#) will help.

- The Agony in the garden: Think of people who are waiting for results, struggling with a decision, or agonizing over the next step in their lives.
- The Scouring at the pillar: Think of people that are having pains in their bodies, suffering an illness, or struggling with their body in any way.
- The crowning with thorns: Think of people who are victims of bullying, made fun of, or not socially accepted.
- The carrying of the cross: Think of people who are carrying big crosses in their lives right now.

OT Hero

Sometime this week, read **God Rescues Three Men from the Furnace (Daniel 3:8-30)**, pages 22-23 in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

The story of three men willing to die for God and how an angel saved them for their devotion.

Lesson Twenty-Eight Supplemental Materials

Redemption and the Cross of Jesus

Lesson Summary Statements

- At the end of His public ministry Jesus goes to Jerusalem to suffer his passion and death and rise from the dead for the remission of our sins.
- The Pascal Mystery is the name of the passion (suffering), death, resurrection, and glorification of Jesus for our redemption.
- Redemption is Jesus offering his suffering and death for the sins of men. Redemption frees us from sin, opens heaven, and makes us sons and daughters of God.
- Salvation is saving the soul from sin and its punishment. Jesus saves us from sin.
- Jesus saves us by the shedding of his blood
- Jesus says yes to the will of the Father in the garden of olives making up for the no that Adam and Eve said in the Garden of Eden.
- Palm Sunday is the celebration of Jesus coming into Jerusalem
- The last Supper begins the pascal mystery. During the last supper Jesus offers and institutes the first mass. He truly offers himself in an unbloody manner for the salvation of man. He does this by saying this is my body over bread and saying this is my blood over wine. This is the institution of the Eucharist
- During the Last Supper he makes the apostles priests and institutes the sacrament of Holy Orders.
- In the Agony in the Garden. Jesus sweat blood as he struggled and ultimately said yes to what the Father was asking, offering his life for our sins.
- The other mysteries of the Passion and death of Jesus are the scourging at the pillar, crowning with thorns, way of the cross, and the crucifixion.
- Who is responsible for the death of Jesus? Everyone is responsible for the death of Jesus. Our sins are the cause of the passion and death of Jesus
- Why did Jesus suffer his passion and death? Jesus suffered his passion and death because he loves each of us and wanted us to be with Him forever in Heaven
- What are the effects of the Pasion and Death of Jesus
 - We are saved from our sins
 - Heaven is open to us
 - We are reconciled with the Father, and we become his beloved sons and daughters. We have communion with God
 - We receive the gift of sanctifying grace. The Trinity within us, and our participation in the very life of the Trinity
 - When we suffer we can pray and talk to a god who suffered and suffers.
- How are the effects of the passion and death applied to us? The church and the sacraments.
- Jesus truly died and was buried
- While Jesus' Body was in the grave, His soul descended to the underworld and announced the good news to all the people who where waiting to get into heaven.

More Resources to Answer Your Questions

Videos

- [Was the Passion of Jesus necessary](#) 1:07
- [What was Christ mission 6:47](#)
- [What did Jesus suffer on the cross](#) 1:17
- [Effects of the Passion and Cross](#) 4:16

Websites

- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)

Name: _____

Connecting to Jesus

Connect dots 1–13 to find a sign of our faith. Then find the answers to the questions by connecting the other dots.

1, 13 ●

Who died for us?

love

● 2

What word describes the feeling God has for us?

11 ●

12 ●

● 3

● 4

faith Jesus saved

10 ●

9 ●

● 6

● 5

What word means "to believe"?

new

What word is missing? Jesus ___ us from sin and death.

life

8 ●

What does Jesus' death bring us?

● 7



Seek and Find: Look at pages 1516 and 1517 of your Bible. Find the picture of the torn Temple curtain. What color is it in the drawing?

Three Men in the Furnace

(Daniel 3)

The king made a huge golden statue and told all his people that they must worship it. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not bow down to the statue. Evil men told the king who said to the three men, "If you don't worship my statue, you will be thrown in a fiery furnace." Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied, "Even if you throw us in the furnace, we will worship only God." The king had the three men thrown into the furnace. When he looked in he saw them walking around, along with a fourth man who looked like the Son of God. The king had the three men brought out of the furnace. They did not even smell like smoke. "From now on," the king said, "we will worship God."

Find and circle a Bible, a crown, a sword and a ring hidden in the picture.

