



Unit 8, Lesson 29

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: THE TRIAL OF JESUS

MATTHEW 26:57—27:31;
MARK 14—15; LUKE 22;
JOHN 18

THE STORY HOME

Jesus is dragged to the high priest, where the teachers of the law and elders make up false charges. The group is mean—they mock, hit, and spit at Jesus, saying He's a fake. They send Jesus to the palace of Pilate for judgment. Pilate cannot find fault with Jesus and has no reason to punish Him. The high priests, teachers, and elders stir up the town's people and urge them to demand Jesus' death by crucifixion. Jesus is taking our charges, hatred, and punishment. He submits to God's will. But Pilate wants to please people, so he gives Jesus to the rowdy, angry mob.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- I wonder, do you think Jesus felt ganged up on by the priest, scribes, and elders?
- Sometimes people act fickle. That means they quickly, and often, change their minds. Do you think the town's people were fickle when it came to Jesus?
- Jesus didn't defend himself, argue, or try to explain. Why do you think He was quiet when everyone was screaming and wrongly accusing Him?
- It is difficult to keep quiet and not defend yourself when people lie about you. Can you think of a time someone made up a story against you and what you did? How did you react? How did you feel?

TOGETHER HOME

The point of this story is that Jesus knew He was a sin-offering for us. He willingly went to the Cross to die. This week talk to your children about different types of offerings—money, helping, giving compliments, etc. Make a list of offerings each family member can give daily to one another.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Our memory verse is from Romans 10:9, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Isn't that great news? With a black marker, print this verse on an old newspaper or some other paper, and then tape it to your door so everyone is reminded daily of the Good News.

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