



# Helping Kids Understand What Jesus Did on Good Friday

## Supplies:

- Several sheets of black construction paper
  - White crayons or colored pencils
  - Scissors
  - Masking tape
  - A large fleece jacket or robe
  - A Bible
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**Step 1:** Read the crucifixion story from [John 19](#) then discuss:

- Why did men put Jesus to death on the cross? (*He claimed to be God*)
- Why did God let Jesus die on the cross? (*To put a final end to sin and death*)
- What is sin? (*Anything contrary to the will of God*)
- Are some sins “bigger” than others? (*No*)
- How serious is sin to God? (*Very serious. It requires death to be ‘paid for’.*)
- Is it possible for us to not sin? (*No*)
- Can a perfect God fill His heaven with imperfect, sinful people? (*No*) Why or why not? (*Because light and darkness can never exist together. Light always extinguishes darkness. God is light. Sin is darkness.*)
- What are some of your sins?

**Step 2:** Cut irregular shapes from construction paper. Write sins in white crayon on the paper. (Remember Romans 3:23).

**Step 3:** Put on the fleece jacket. Have each child take a piece of tape, roll it up and stick it to the back of their “sin cards” and place them on the robe, one at a time. As your children place each one, say to them: “Jesus took that sin.” “Jesus paid for that one too.”

**Step 4:** When all the sins have been attached, take off the jacket, turn it inside out. Then discuss:

- Why does Jesus take our sins from us? (*He loves us*)
- How do we give our sins to Jesus? (*We confess them and ask Him for forgiveness*)
- What does He do with our sins? (*He takes them away forever – as far as the east is from the west. They have already been paid for.*)
- Will Jesus take sins we are not ready to confess? (*No*)
- Is there any sin too big for Him to handle? (*No*)
- How do you feel about what Jesus has done for you?