

The Sun Stops Shining

April 5, 2020

Connect as a family:

Stand in a circle as a family. One at a time, have one person come to the front of the circle. Lead the family member in the following chant: "Hello my friends, how do you do? My name is _____, watch what I do!" (the person can do a motion/dance/movement). Have everyone chant back, "Hello _____, we'll do it too!" and copy the motion he or she did. Continue until every one has had an opportunity to be at the front.

Bible Time:

From the Jesus Storybook Bible: The Sun Stops Shining page 303-
Also available as a video

Let's talk about it:

The soldiers gave Jesus a robe and a crown. But they did it to mock him. Mocking is a mean kind of teasing. What was the crown made of? (thorns)

How do you think that felt on his head? (bad, it hurt)

What were some of the other mean things they did to Jesus? (whipped, spat)

How do you think that made Jesus feel? (sad, bad, mad)

Why do you think they did that to Jesus, the King of heaven and earth? (they didn't understand who he was and why he came)

Why did he come? (to rescue them and us)

Jesus had to carry that big, heavy cross up a hill. Then the soldiers nailed him to it. What did Jesus ask his Father to do to those men? (to forgive them)

Could Jesus have come down from the cross if he wanted to rescue himself? (yes)

Why do you suppose he didn't do that? (He wanted to rescue us instead)

What happened to the sky after Jesus died? (it got dark)

Jesus' friends carried him to a tomb carved out of rock. What did the soldiers put in front of the tomb? (a big stone)

They thought that was the end of Jesus. What do you think?

Memorize Together:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son." John 3:16

Available on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJwAHqhjV8k>

- Watch "John 3:16" music video and encourage the kids to sing and follow the motions. Play the music video several times as the kids start to learn the song and motions.

Play Together:

Remember Verse egg hunt.

Materials: 12 plastic easter eggs, filled with the remember verse words. Hide 12 eggs around the room and let the children find them. Each egg contains a word for our remember verse. Have the children work together to place the words to the remember verse in the correct order and say the finished verse aloud.

Act Out Together:

Pray Together: Prayer Glasses

Give each of the kids a pair of glasses. Open up the prayer and then allow each of the kids to pray for/ thank God for all the things they see- including Jesus! We see Jesus in everything around us!

