



Family Worship Guide

The Hallows Church Kids Ministry

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A Note To Parents: The following content is a continuation of the material taught on Sundays during our Kids Ministry gathering. Below you will see three elements: *singing* the gospel, *speaking* the gospel, and *seeing* the gospel. This threefold movement is the normal dynamic we adhere to in our classrooms. Its purpose is to provide a well-rounded lesson of learning that speaks to many different learning styles and ages.

For the first section, there are links to songs to sing together. The second is a fun activity your family can do together that naturally moves into the Bible story. We want each and every passage to explicitly teach us deeper truths of the gospel. For that reason, I have written in a “gospel connection.” This is for you to read aloud after the Bible story so your kids can end on the gospel. The memory verse and catechism are normally slightly separate in content in the Bible story. This is because we have incorporated catechisms and continued memory verses into our services to serve the kids in teaching doctrine and scripture memorization. Therefore, this material is operating on its own sequence. For consistency sake, we would appreciate trying out this order.

However, many families already have a routine for family worship and if that is you, then by all means, continue in your normal routine! I am praying you will enjoy this time with your family as you worship Jesus together!

Bible Passage: John 18-19

Gospel Project Lesson: Unit 32, Session 4

New City Catechism Question: 24 (Review)

Main Point: Good Friday remembers Jesus' death on the cross. God's plan for redemption is fulfilled through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

SING the Gospel

- ▶ *God is so Good* - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9aiYdRBg5g&list=PLyenl-LhZIWQ_wPeC3nXksRdD3PjXv4TS

SPEAK the Gospel

- ▶ **Fun Family Game:** Spell it out or act it out
 - **Supplies:** Large piece of paper, marker
 - **Instructions:** Form two groups or allow everyone to work together. Write one of the following key words on a large piece of paper where everyone can see it. Give kids 1 to 2 minutes to spell that word using their bodies or classroom objects, or kids may act out the word. (key words: *nail, pray, king, sleep, angel, Jesus*)
 - **Make the Connection:** Each of these words has something to do with our Bible story today. It's about something Jesus did for us. It's good news that changes everything! Are you ready to hear it?

- ▶ **Bible Story: John 18-19** (Read aloud to kids):

Jesus came with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane (geth SEM uh nih). He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Jesus became very sad and troubled. Jesus went a little farther. He fell facedown and prayed to God, "Father! If it is possible, take this suffering away from Me. But only if it is part of Your plan." Jesus came back and found His disciples sleeping. He said to them, "Are you still asleep? Get up, for it is almost time. Someone is going to betray Me." Suddenly Judas arrived. A large crowd carrying swords and clubs was with him. Judas kissed Jesus so the crowd would know who Jesus was. The men grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.

Jesus' followers ran away, but Peter stayed nearby. A slave girl saw him and asked, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?" "No, I'm not!" Peter said. Twice more as Peter waited to see what was happening to Jesus, someone asked him if he was a follower of Jesus. Peter said no.

The priests and high council were trying to find a reason to kill Jesus, but they could not. The

high priest asked, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of God?”

Jesus replied, “Yes, that’s right.” The high priest said, “Ah ha! He has spoken against God.” Caiaphas and the council did not want to believe Jesus was God’s Son. They said Jesus was lying, but Jesus cannot lie! The crowd said, “He deserves to die!” They spit in Jesus’ face and beat Him. The next morning, the chief priests and elders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. “Are you the King of the Jews?” Pilate asked. “Yes, that’s right,” Jesus replied.

“What should I do with Jesus the Messiah?” Pilate asked the crowd. They all answered, “Crucify Him!” Pilate did not think Jesus had done anything wrong, but he handed Jesus over to them and said, “Do whatever you want.” The governor’s soldiers took off Jesus’ clothes and put a scarlet robe on Him. They made a crown out of thorns and put it on His head. Then they mocked Him, “Here is the King of the Jews!” Then they beat Him and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They put a sign above His head that said: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS. From noon until three in the afternoon, darkness covered the land. Then Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” Jesus shouted again with a loud voice and then He died.

Suddenly, the curtain in the temple sanctuary split in two, from top to bottom, and there was an earthquake. One of the men guarding Jesus’ body said, “This man really was God’s Son!” Jesus was buried in a rich man’s tomb cut into a rock. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb so that no one could steal Jesus’ body.

Gospel Connection: The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. We are forgiven only through Jesus (Acts 4:12).

▶ **Scripture Memory Verse (review)**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
– Colossians 1:19-20

▶ **Catechism Question 24 (review)**

Q: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

SEE the Gospel

▶ Discussion Questions

1. What did Jesus' disciples do while He prayed? (*They fell asleep; Matthew 26:40,43*)
2. Which disciple helped the crowd arrest Jesus? (*Judas, Matthew 26:47-49*)
3. Which disciple pretended like he did not know Jesus? (*Peter; John 18:17,25-27*)
4. What did the soldiers put on Jesus? (a scarlet robe and a crown of thorns, Matthew 27:28-29)
5. Where was Jesus buried? (in a new tomb, Matthew 27:59-60)