

JOURNEY TO GOLGOTHA

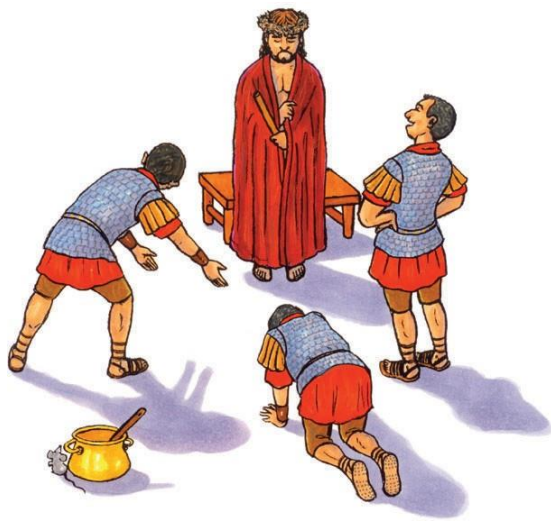
Mark 15:16-23



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Message	Without sin, Jesus sacrificed His life for the forgiveness of our sins.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ How Jesus humbly accepted to be belittled and beaten even though as the King of kings He had great power.■ Simon helped Jesus carry His cross to Golgotha.■ How Jesus suffered for the forgiveness of our sins.
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Pilate's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium. There they took off Jesus' clothes and dressed Him in a red robe.

They made a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus' head.

They also made Jesus hold a stick in His right hand.

The soldiers mocked Jesus and said, "Hail, king of the Jews!"

They spat on Him and hit Him with the stick He held in His hand.

When they were done mocking Jesus, they put His own clothes back on Him. The soldiers led Jesus to where He was to be crucified.

On the way to Golgotha, the soldiers forced a man from Cyrene, named Simon, to carry Jesus' cross.

When they got to Golgotha, the soldiers gave Jesus wine mixed with myrrh to drink. He did not drink it.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play. Instruct them before.

Provide disguise / fancy dress, a crown, a stick, a cross...

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children.

- What happens when Pilate hands over Jesus to the soldiers?
(They laugh at Him, mock Him and beat Him.)
- Why do the soldiers do this? (They want to humiliate him in front of everyone.)
- What do the soldiers do afterwards? (They place a heavy wooden cross on His shoulders.)
- What do they do when they see that Jesus cannot carry the cross?
(They select Simon randomly out of the crowd to help Jesus.)

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus accepted to be belittled even though He had great power.
- Simon helped Jesus carry His cross to Golgotha.
- Jesus suffered for the forgiveness of our sins.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Were you ever mocked or made fun of at school? How did you feel, react?
- Jesus suffered for us. Through His innocent death, He redeemed mankind.

Repeat the Message

Without sin, Jesus sacrificed His life for the forgiveness of our sins.