Hello,

As you all know, tomorrow is Good Friday. I pray that we take this time with our families to reflect on what has been done for us. Please take 20-30 min. to complete this at-home lesson with your children.

  **Prayer:**

         Prayer requests: What are they struggling with? Is someone they know struggling with something that we can pray for? Is the world struggling with something that we can pray for?

         Praises: What has God done in their lives that they are thankful for?

  **Bible Reading: Read Luke 23: 32-43 NLT**

         *32 Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. 33 When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.*

*34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.*

*35 The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”*

*36 The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine.*

*37 They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”*

*38 A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”*

*39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!”*

*40 But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die?*

*41 We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.”*

*42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”*

*43 And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

         Emphasize Jesus’ words to the criminal next to Him who put his faith in Jesus before his last breath: *“I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (*[*Luke 23:43*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2023:43&version=NIV&src=tools)*)* While there is great sadness to be felt on Good Friday, Jesus also gives a glimpse of what is to come – of heaven and eternal life with Him

   **Good Friday Conversation Starters:**

         Ask your children to tell you in their own words what happened to Jesus on Good Friday. This will help you understand what you may need to explain better.

         Let them know it is okay to focus on the feelings of sadness, gratitude, and repentance that come along with Good Friday and help them process these feelings. Let them know it is fine to have strong feelings and let them know you are there to listen.

         Talk to your children openly about how Good Friday makes you feel (immensely sad, but also immeasurably grateful etc.).

  **Video:**

         [Jesus Dies on The Cross](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_M3mBduIMY&t=18s)

  **Memory Verse:**

         Encourage children to remember the below verse that is related to the lesson:

         **For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16**

  **Craft:**

         Use tape to make a cross on the page, color or paint full page, write memory verse (John 3:16) on page.

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  **Share:**

         Share your lesson and craft with friends, family, and me (Ms.Whitney @ 775-622-6272)!

I miss them terribly and hope you all are enjoying this time together. Please give them a **big** hug and kiss for me!

Blessings,

Ms. Whitney