

HomeWord
For Parents

The Bible tells us that many people were gathered together against Jesus to destroy Him—both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel (Acts 4:27). Why? What was the charge against Jesus?

Jesus made the statement, “I and My Father are one.” This is what angered the Jews. In fact, the Bible tells us this statement led them to take up stones to kill Him (John 10:30–31). These people who wanted to kill Him were the very people who had waited centuries for the Messiah to come and save them. But they would not believe that Jesus was the long-awaited Savior.

So when His hour came—according to the perfect plan of God—the Jews were ready to accuse Jesus and see Him crucified. Jesus was betrayed, falsely accused, subjected to torture, ridiculed, humiliated, and finally delivered over to be crucified (John 19:1–16).

What a horrible crime and sin against the Son of God! Yet even in these events, God was in control of all that was happening. Even this worst of all evils was under the sovereign hand of God the Father. Jesus knew this and made it clear to Pilate when He answered him and said, “You could have no power over me unless it had been given you from above” (John 19:11a).

The trial and death of Jesus Christ brings us to the remembrance of the gospel. For in spite of the Jews, the Gentiles, the Pharisees, the Romans, and all those directly responsible for Jesus’s death, it was ultimately for sin that He had to die. We are told in Scripture that He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree that we might live (1 Peter 2:24). This was God’s plan—the only way sinners could be redeemed. It is only through Jesus’s death and Resurrection that we can be reconciled to God and receive the hope of eternal life.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord For Family Discussion

What if your friend wondered why God would ever allow His own Son to be killed? **What would you say?**

It doesn't make a lot of sense, does it? But the people who wanted to kill Jesus hated Him. They wanted to kill Him because they would not turn from their sins and believe that Jesus is God! God could have stopped it! He controls everything. But He had a perfect plan. Only a perfect sacrifice could bring forgiveness of sins. Because Jesus was perfect—He never sinned—He could take the punishment for sin. He did that when He died on the Cross. And the Bible tells us that those who repent of their sins, turn away from their sins, turn to Jesus, and trust Him for forgiveness will have eternal life! They will be saved from the eternal punishment they deserve for their sin! God allowed Jesus to die so sinners who believe in Him could be saved!

inWord For Family Study

“You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word” (Psalm 119:114). Where does confidence in God’s protection and hope in His Word come from? Teach your children where real hope lies—read and memorize Scripture together.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



God's Plan Unfolds

KEY THEME

- God’s plan of redemption was in place before time.

KEY PASSAGES

- Luke 22:66–71
- John 10:30–31, 19:7–11

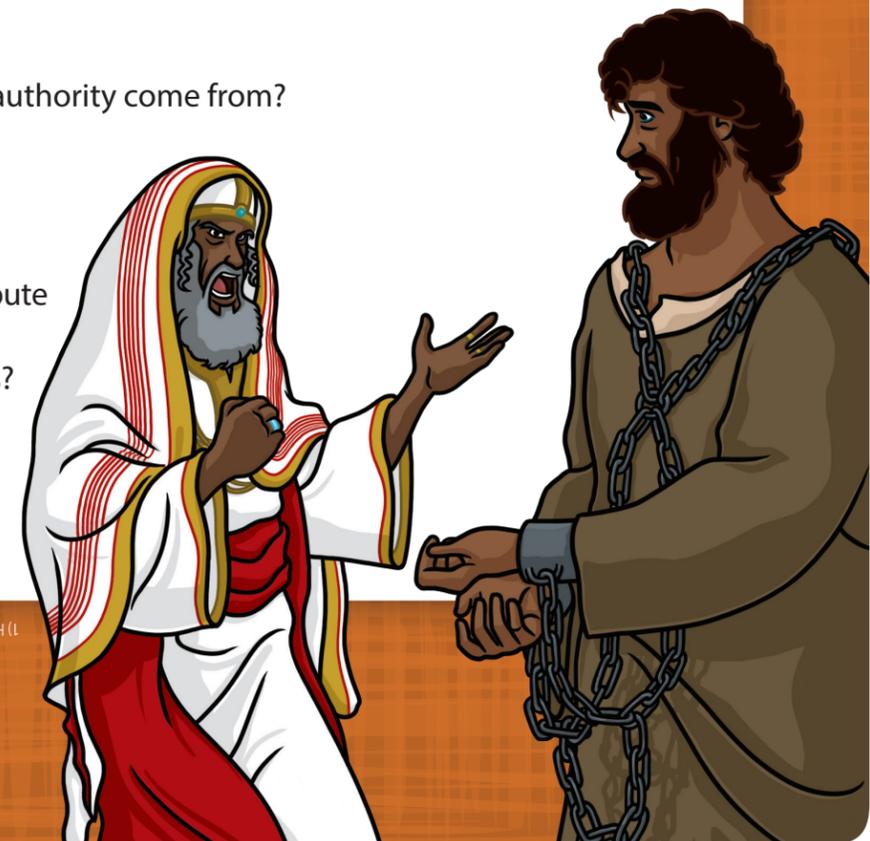


What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- The Jewish leaders condemned Jesus for claiming to be the Christ, the Son of God.
- God was in charge of all that was about to happen to Jesus. No person could change that, not even the Roman governor, Pilate.

Answer these questions from today’s lesson.

- 1 What was the charge against Jesus? Why did the Jewish leaders want Him killed?
- 2 Where did Pilate’s power and authority come from?
- 3 God was in control of all that happened to Jesus. What attribute describes God as being in complete control of ALL things?



(1) He claimed to be God. (2) God allowed him to have it. (3) Sovereign.

Read the Word

Monday {Acts 4:27}

Who gathered together to come against Jesus?

Tuesday {John 8:58-59}

How did Jesus describe Himself? How did the Jews react?

Wednesday {John 10:33}

Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?

Thursday {Luke 23:3}

Who did Jesus say He was?

Friday {Luke 23:4}

What did Pilate think of Jesus's crime?

Saturday {Mark 14:60-62}

Where would Jesus, the Son of Man, soon be sitting? Who is the "Power"?



Learn the Word

Write the letters of the numbers they have replaced on the clock to complete the verse.

Go therefore and make

_____ of
 10 2 12 5 2 8 3 11 12
 _____ nations, baptizing them in the name of
 4 3 3
 the _____ and of the Son and of the
 7 4 1 9 11 6
 Holy _____ . Matthew 28:19
 12 8 2 6 2 1

ANSWERS: Disciples, All, Father, Spirit.

DOWN: 1) Himself, 2) Priests, 3) Jesus, 4) Christ, 6) Power, 7) Elders, 9) Hand, ACROSS: 5) Scribes, 6) Pilate, 8) Rightly, 10) Son.

LIVE the Word

Suppose you hear someone say that Jesus was a good teacher, but He is not God. **What could you say?**

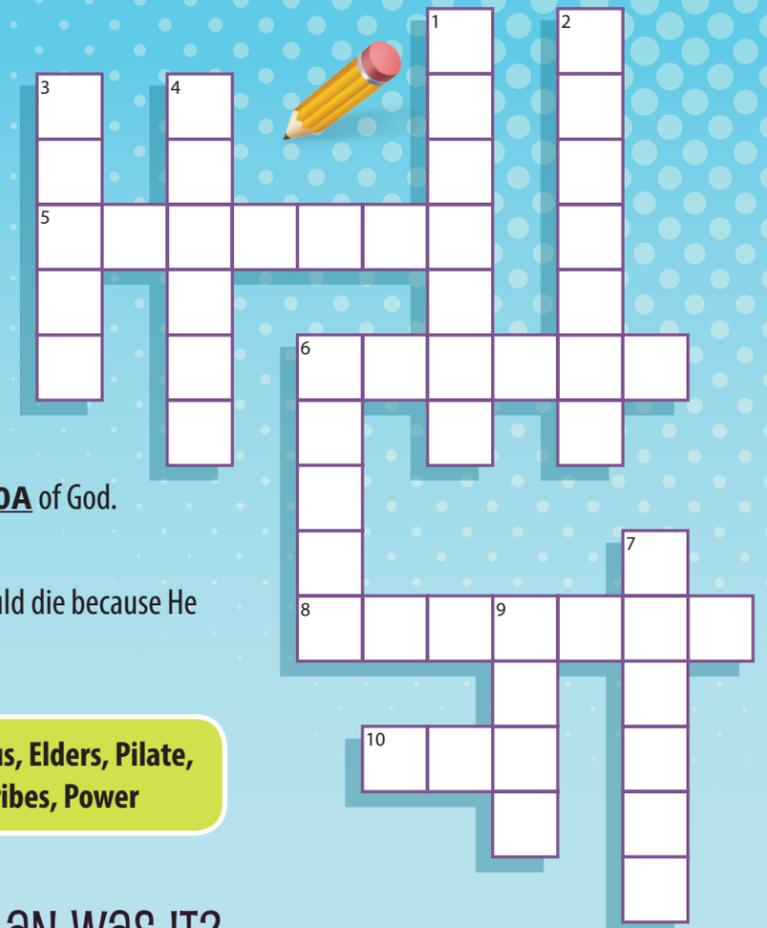
Jesus was more than a good teacher! But you have to believe that the Bible is the true Word of God before you will believe that! Jesus did so many things that only God could do. He healed the sick; He controlled nature; He raised the dead. And He forgave sin and offered eternal life to sinners through that forgiveness. Only God could do that. Jesus died a horrible death because He said He was God. If His claim was not true, He would have admitted it before He was made to suffer so much. But it was true. Jesus IS God! And God's plan to save sinners could only be accomplished by Jesus's death on the Cross. Jesus was obedient. He lived and died and rose from the grave so that sinners who repent of their sins and turn to Him can be saved for all eternity.



JESUS IS THE CHRIST

Answer the questions below to complete the crossword puzzle. Look up the Bible verses and/or use the word bank for help. (We used the New King James Version.)

- (Luke 22:66) The **7D**, chief **2D**, and **5A** brought charges against Jesus.
- (Luke 22:67) They asked Jesus if He was the **4D**.
- (Luke 22:69) Jesus said He would sit on the right **9D** of the **6D** of God.
- (Luke 22:70) This time they asked **3D** if He was the **10A** of God. So He said to them, "You **8A** say that I am."
- (John 19:7) They brought Him to **6A** and said He should die because He made **1D** the Son of God.



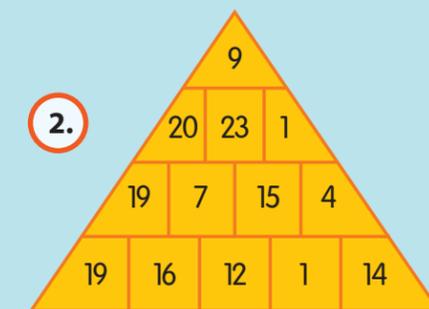
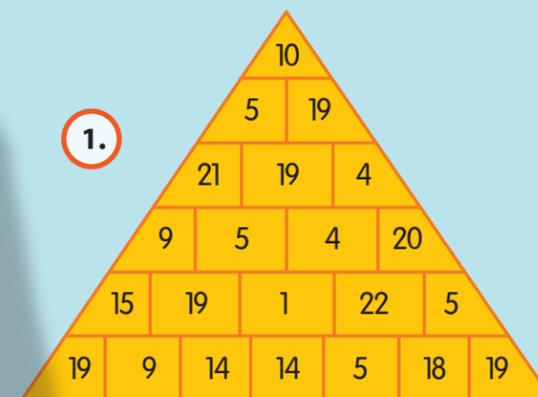
WORD BANK: Himself, Hand, Jesus, Elders, Pilate, Christ, Son, Priests, Rightly, Scribes, Power

WHAT WAS THE PLAN? WHOSE PLAN WAS IT?

To find out what God's plan for Jesus included, follow the steps below. Match the number in the triangle with the letter using the Number Code Box. Start at the top of the triangle and move down, reading the numbers from left to right. Put the right letters on the blanks provided to find your answer.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Number Code Box





ANSWERS: 1) Jesus died to save sinners, 2) It was God's plan.