

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 believe, repent of their sins, confess Jesus as Lord, and are baptized 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 is in control.

 **Key Passages**
• John 10:30–33, 19:10–11

 **What You HEARD in the Word**

- Pilate thought he had the power to crucify or release Jesus. But his power came from God. It was God’s plan that Jesus would die for sinners; God is in control.

Ask your child these questions from today’s lesson.

- 1 Why did the Jews want to kill Jesus?
- 2 Where did Pilate’s power come from?
- 3 Is Jesus God?

I and the Father are One.



1) Because Jesus said He was God. 2) God. 3) Yes

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

Monday (Luke 23:3)
Who did Jesus say He was?

Tuesday (John 8:59)
Jesus said He was God! What did the Jews do when they heard this?

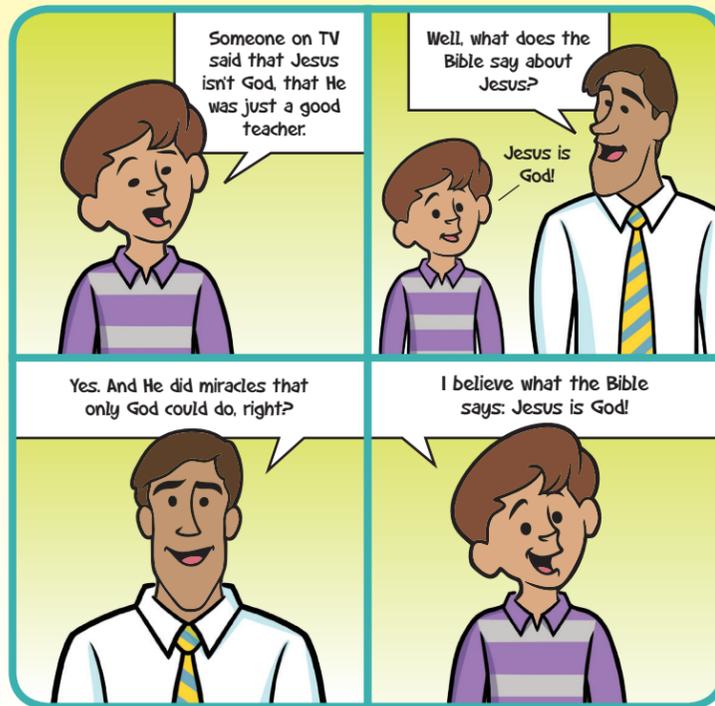
Wednesday (John 10:33)
Why did the Jews want to stone Jesus?

Thursday (John 19:12)
What did Pilate want to do after talking to Jesus?

Friday (Luke 23:4)
Did Pilate think Jesus did something wrong?

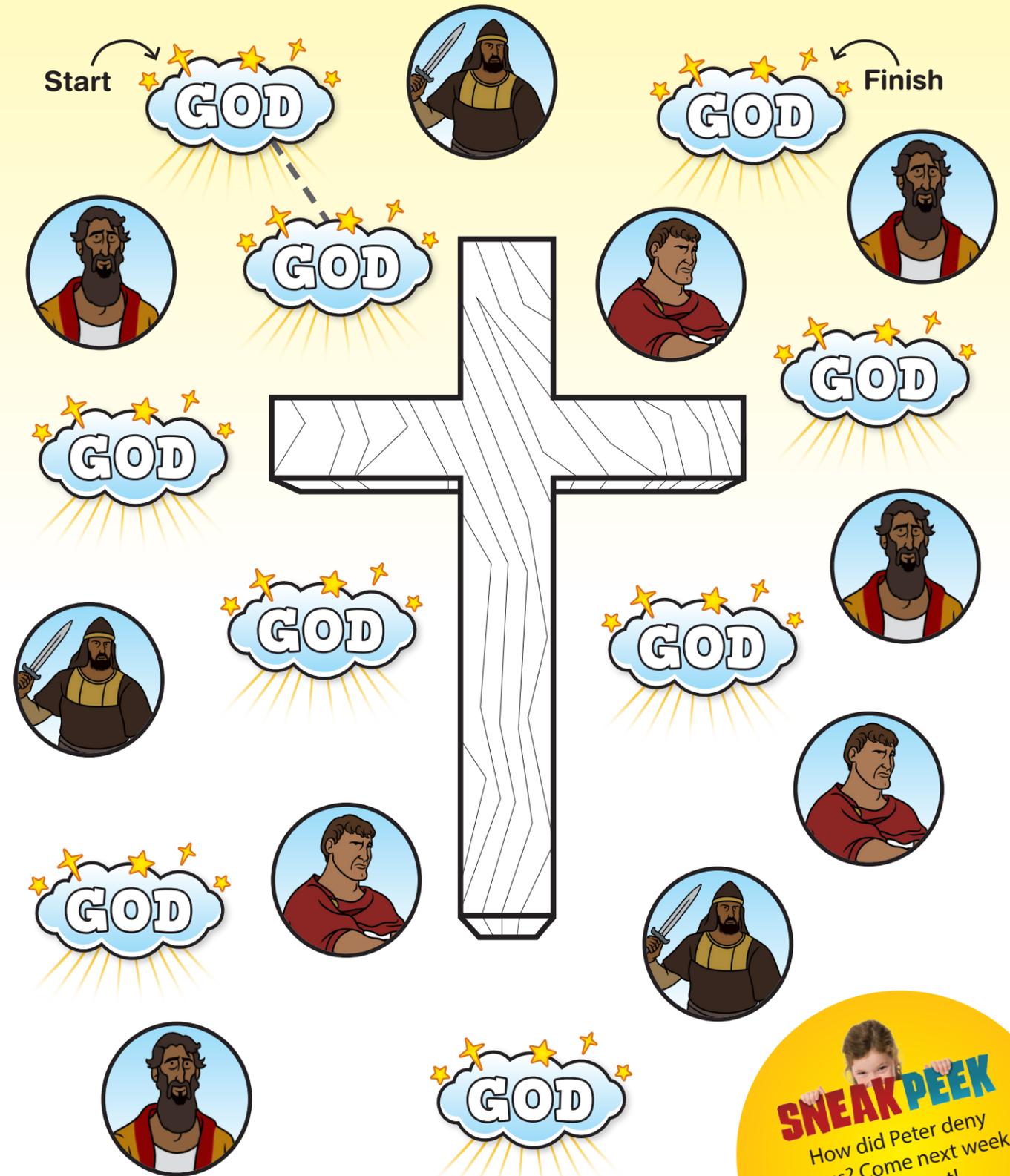
Saturday (Matthew 28:19)
Can you say the memory verse for your family?

LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad



God Is in Control!

It was God's plan for Jesus to die on the Cross to save sinners—God is in control. But other people thought they had control! Draw a line connecting all the pictures that show us WHO was in control! It was God!



Song Time!

Here's a song to sing with your family!

God Is Sovereign

(To the Tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

God is sovereign, this is true
(Jesus loves me this I know,)

He takes good care of me and you.
(For the Bible tells me so.)

He watches over everything
(Little ones to Him belong;)

And is King above all kings.
(They are weak but He is strong.)

Yes, God is sovereign.
(Yes, Jesus loves me!)

Yes, God is sovereign.
(Yes, Jesus loves me!)

Yes, God is sovereign.
(Yes, Jesus loves me!)

He reigns above all things.
(The Bible tells me so.)

Learn the Word!

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

