



God's Plan Unfolds ²

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

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Describe why the Jewish leaders condemned Jesus.
- Recognize that God was in charge of all that was about to happen to Jesus.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will practice the memory verse by completing the Memory Verse Review Sheet using the puzzle piece clues. If time allows, they will recite the verse to a partner or to the teacher.



Activity 1: God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes

Students will fill out the God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes as you study the lesson.



Studying God's Word

The events leading up to the Cross were unfolding according to God's plan. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead for blasphemy—for claiming to be the Messiah, the Son of God. They tried Him and brought Him to Pilate who also questioned Him. Jesus remained obedient and trusted the Father's will.



Activity 2: Truth Be Told Review Game

Students will review the lesson by playing the Truth Be Told Review Game.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- ☐ Print the Memory Verse Review Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- ☐ Memory Verse Poster
- ☐ Memory Verse Review Sheet for each student



GOD'S PLAN UNFOLDS CLASS NOTES

- ☐ Print one God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

- ☐ God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes
- ☐ God's Plan Unfolds Answer Key
- ☐ Pencils



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- ☐ Study the Prepare to Share section.
- ☐ Go Before the Throne.

- ☐ Student Take Home Sheets
- ☐ Lesson Theme Posters



TRUTH BE TOLD REVIEW GAME

- ☐ Assemble the Truth Be Told Game Board found in your curriculum kit.
- ☐ Print the Truth Be Told Game Components from the Resource DVD-ROM. Keep the Truth Be Told Question Answer Key for your use.
- ☐ Cut apart the Truth Be Told Number Cards. These will determine how many spaces to move.
- ☐ OR bring in dice or a game spinner to be used to move teams around the board.
- ☐ Cut apart the Truth Be Told Question Cards.
- ☐ Bring buttons or other small items to use as game pieces for each team and poster putty for adhering game pieces to the game board.

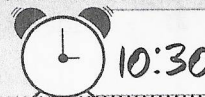
- ☐ Truth Be Told Game Board
- ☐ Truth Be Told Number Cards OR use dice or a game spinner
- ☐ Truth Be Told Question Cards
- ☐ Truth Be Told Question Answer Key
- ☐ Buttons or other small items as game pieces for each team
- ☐ Poster putty



Memory Verse

Matthew 28:19 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.

► **Pace your lesson!** Use the clocks to mark the time you want to finish each section. This will help you stay on track and finish on time. You may need to shorten or drop sections as necessary.





Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

The hour had come, and the Savior celebrated His last Passover in the upper room with His closest friends and Judas, the betrayer (Luke 22:14). Jesus knew He would soon be betrayed (Luke 22:21), arrested (John 18:12), and killed (John 19:16). He knew also that this was the cup which His Father had given Him to drink (John 18:11).

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). Ultimately, it was the Roman governor Pilate who gave the actual order to execute the Savior (John 19:16). But it was the Jewish high priest, the priests, the scribes, the Pharisees, and the Jewish people who relentlessly demanded that Jesus be killed (John 18:30, 19:15). The Jewish leaders had previously conspired with the high priest and plotted to take Jesus and kill Him (Matthew 26:3–4). These were the very people who had waited centuries for the Messiah to come and save them.

What had Jesus done that would incite the Jewish leaders to such hostility? We find the answer in Scripture, of course. Many of the Jews were furious with Jesus's claim to be God! They accused Him of blasphemy when Jesus forgave the sins of the paralytic—blasphemy because only God could forgive sins (Matthew 9:2–3). When Jesus admitted that He knew God, He was from God, and God had sent Him, the Jews sought to take Him. But it was not yet His hour (John 7:29–30).

When Jesus called Himself the great I AM, this led the Jews to take up stones to kill Him (John 8:58–59). And when Jesus made the statement, "I and My Father are one," the Jews again were provoked to stone Him (John 10:30–31). These Jews understood Jesus's claim that He was God! But they would not believe it. And this is why they demanded His death.

But there was another purpose in their hatred of Jesus—that Scripture might be fulfilled. Jesus told His disciples that one of the reasons the world hated both Him and His Father was, "that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause'" (John 15:25). This quote of Psalm 69:4 demonstrates that even in the Jews' unfounded hatred of Jesus, God was at work fulfilling His Word.

So when His hour had finally come—according to the perfect plan of God—they were all too ready to accuse Jesus and see Him crucified. Jesus was betrayed

and arrested in the garden (John 18:12). Then He was brought before the Jewish leader Annas (John 18:13), and then delivered to Caiaphas, the high priest (John 18:24). From there He went to Pilate, the governor (John 18:28–29). Pilate sent Him to Herod who had jurisdiction over Galilee (Luke 23:7). Herod sent Him back to Pilate (Luke 23:11). Here Jesus was subjected to more torture, ridicule, and humiliation and was finally delivered over to be crucified (John 19:1–16).

What a horrible crime and sin against the Son of God! And yet, the Scriptures tell us that this was all accomplished perfectly and according to God's determined purpose and foreknowledge (Acts 2:23). Jesus came to do the perfect will of God in perfect obedience, even to the point of death—death on a cross (Philippians 2:8).

Jesus knew what He must do. Even in the garden during the betrayal, while Peter wanted to defend Jesus with the sword, Jesus's response was that He must drink this cup that His Father had given to Him (John 18:11).

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 at all against Me unless it had been given you from above" (John 19:11a).

The trial and death of Jesus Christ should always bring 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, we are told in Scripture that while we were still sinners, Jesus died for us (Romans 5:8). That means it was our sins that caused His death; it was for our sins that Jesus was punished. As the writer of the song, "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" so movingly penned:

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

For He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree that we might live (1 Peter 2:24). It is only through Jesus's death and Resurrection that sinners could ever be reconciled to God and receive the hope of eternal life.

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

Few people realize it, but the trial of Jesus was not a single trial, but six different trials—three before the Jewish religious authorities and three before the Roman

secular authorities. All of these trials were illegal and unjust according to Jewish law and tradition.

Jesus was charged before the Jewish leaders for blasphemy, claiming to be the Son of God, the Messiah (Mark 14:60–64). The three Jewish trials included His appearance before Annas, the former high priest (John 18:12–13); Caiaphas, the current high priest; and the Sanhedrin—an assembly of religious leaders (John 18:19–24; Matthew 26:57).

After these trials, Jesus was taken before the Roman authorities where the charges brought against Him were quite different. Jesus was charged with “. . . perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King” (Luke 23:2). These trials took place before Pilate, the Roman governor (John 18:29), Herod (Luke 23:7), and then Pilate again (Luke 23:11).

The Bible reports that Pilate found no fault with Jesus (Luke 23:4). And yet the people insisted that Pilate do something. So Pilate delivered Him to Herod, who had jurisdiction over Galilee (Luke 23:7). Herod questioned Jesus. He, too, was influenced by the chief priests and scribes who stood and vehemently accused Jesus (Luke 23:10). But again, Jesus was found innocent of any crime worthy of crucifixion. Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate—and Pilate said again that he could find no fault in Jesus that was deserving of death (Luke 23:14–15). In fact, the Bible states that Pilate wished to release Jesus. But the people were still shouting that He be crucified! Again, Pilate repeated that Jesus had done no evil (Luke 23:20–22). In a final effort to have Jesus released, Pilate offered the prisoner Barabbas to be crucified. But the crowds called for Barabbas to be released and Jesus to be crucified. Pilate finally granted their demand and surrendered Jesus to their will (Luke 23:25).

The trials before the Jewish authorities and the Romans were remarkably unjust and illegal. The animosity of the Jewish leaders toward Jesus is clearly evident in the process they followed as they blatantly disregarded many of their own laws. Scholars and historians have noted a number of violations of Jewish law in these trials.

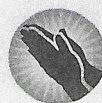
- Jesus was arrested illegally. He was arrested secretly, at night, on no formal charge of any crime, by those who were to be His judges. All of these points were against Jewish law.
- Jesus was tried illegally. He was tried at night, in secret, and on the eve of a Sabbath during feast time—all of which violated Jewish law.
- Jesus was indicted illegally. He was charged for a crime based on His own statements. The court indicted Jesus with no supporting evidence whatsoever, and the witnesses against Him were found to be false witnesses whose statements conflicted.

- Jesus was convicted illegally. He was convicted by the Sanhedrin as a group. But each member of the court was supposed to vote individually to convict or acquit. It was also illegal because the merits of Jesus’s defense were not considered.
- Jesus was sentenced illegally. He was sentenced to death in a place forbidden by law. A sentence of death could only be pronounced in a court, but Jesus was sentenced at the home of the high priest. It was also illegal because a sentence of death could not be carried out until the following day; only a few hours passed before Jesus was placed on the Cross.

Clearly, these trials of Jesus represent the ultimate mockery of justice. Jesus, the only innocent man ever to have lived, was found guilty and sentenced to death by crucifixion.

The irony of the situation is that those who misjudged Jesus will be judged rightly by Him some day. The tables will be turned. Jesus’s judges were nothing but criminals, and they will be justly condemned if they remained in their unbelief. Jesus told the Jewish leaders that God “has committed all judgment to the Son” (John 5:22). The Apostle Paul told the men of Athens that God “has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man [Jesus] whom He has ordained” (Acts 17:31). We can be assured that no matter the injustices we experience, one day all will be made right. Jesus will judge the world in righteousness, and all the scales will be balanced.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the long-awaited promised one of God. You performed miracles and revealed your identity as God. But many did not accept that truth. Blind and rebellious, they denied who you were and broke their own laws to have you killed. Not much has changed. Many still say they are looking for truth and meaning, but they refuse to recognize you as God. It breaks my heart to see lost and dying people everywhere who know about you, but who choose not to believe. Help me to persevere, to trust your plan, and to make disciples of those who do believe and desire to follow after you. Use this lesson to bring my students to a better understanding of who you are, what you did for sinners, and how glorious redemption through you can be.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will complete the Memory Verse Review Sheet. If time allows, have the students recite the verse together, to each other, or to you.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided an activity sheet on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. You may have other ideas and ways to encourage your students to memorize the verse.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes

MATERIALS

- ☐ God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes for each student
- ☐ God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes Answer Key
- ☐ Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Print the class notes for each student. Pass them out at the beginning of class. Have students fill in the blanks as you study the lesson.

We will be completing these class notes as we study the Bible passages. Do not work ahead. We'll do it together during the class.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

As we complete the class notes today, we will find out why the Jewish leaders condemned Jesus. And we will see that God was in control of all that was happening to Jesus—His purposes were being fulfilled.



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

Refer to Lesson 1 Lesson Theme Poster. Jesus was nearing the end of His journey. His mission was almost complete. He would soon die. He had celebrated His last Passover meal with His apostles who were His dear friends. He passed out the bread and wine. He said, "This is My body. This is My blood. Do this in remembrance of Me."



What does this remind you of? *Allow discussion. Communion, or the Lord's Supper.*

► Use the New Testament History Poster included with your teacher kit as you teach the lesson. Emphasize that Jesus ministered only 3 years, and lived only about 35 years. Yet His life changed the world forever and brought eternal life to all who believe.

Luke 22:66–71

It should remind us of taking Communion at church. Jesus commanded that we remember Him. And when we celebrate Communion, or the Lord's Supper, we are to remember Jesus Christ and the sacrifice He made so that sinners could be saved.

Jesus knew He would soon die. The time had come for Him to drink the cup the Father had given Him. It was Judas who would betray Jesus in the garden. Judas came with religious leaders and soldiers who arrested Jesus and took Him away.

? Whose plan was this all along? *Allow discussion.*

It was God's plan all along. This was the only way God could offer forgiveness for sinners. And Jesus knew that He would have to drink the cup—bear the punishment for sin, suffer, and die—just as the Father had commanded.

Jesus was arrested by soldiers carrying weapons! Judas had been paid to betray Jesus. But what had Jesus done? Why did His own people—the Jews—hate Him so much that they arrested Him and put Him on trial?

That is what we are going to read about now. Let's turn to Luke 22:66–71. See if you can tell me why the Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead. *Choose students to read the verses.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

OK. Now we can answer some questions about the charges against Jesus.

Observe the Text

? Who was Jesus with at this point? *Luke 22:66. The elders, chief priests, and scribes.*

Yes. The Jewish leaders had Him. They brought Him to their council where they would determine if He was guilty or innocent.

? And what did they want to know? *Luke 22:67. If you are the Christ, tell us.*

? Does anyone know what they meant by "the Christ"? *Luke 22:67. Allow discussion.*

"The Christ" meant the Messiah. They were asking Jesus if He was the promised Messiah, the Son of God, the one promised in the Scriptures who would redeem the people and offer forgiveness for sins.

? What was Jesus's first answer to them? Look in Luke 22:67—the end of the verse. What did Jesus say? *If I tell you, you won't believe.*

? He knew they would not believe Him. But He told them more. He told them something about Himself that would make them even more angry. What did Jesus say in Luke 22:69? Where would Jesus, the Son of Man, be sitting one day? *At the right hand of the power of God.*

? Oh! The Jewish leaders knew what Jesus was saying! But they asked one more time. Look at Luke 22:70. What was their more direct question? *Are you then the Son of God?*

? They asked a very straight question! And what did Jesus say? *Luke 22:70. You rightly say that I am.*

? What did Jesus's answer mean? *That He was the Son of God.*

Yes! They asked a straight question and Jesus gave them a straight answer. Jesus answered, "You rightly say that I am." He admitted who He is. He is the Son of God—the Messiah!

Let's stop here for a minute. I want to explain something to you. Something that is very difficult to grasp. Jesus said He is the Son of God. But what else do we know about Jesus? Who is Jesus? *Allow discussion.*

Jesus is God in the flesh! I mean, He was a human being, a person, just like one of us. And He is God! Jesus is fully God and fully man. And He is the Son of God, the Messiah. This is what Jesus said. This is what the Bible tells us. We know it to be true! Jesus is God, the Son of God, the Savior, the Messiah. But the Jewish leaders didn't want to believe it, even though Jesus said it Himself. Let's keep going.

? What did the religious leaders say once Jesus admitted He was the Messiah? Look at Luke 22:71. *Allow discussion.*

The leaders felt like this was all the information they needed to condemn Jesus. He claimed to be the Messiah, the Son of God. They considered that to be blasphemy! Blasphemy is a sin against God. If someone blasphemed God he was considered wicked and disrespectful. Blasphemy against God was against the Jewish laws. And someone accused of blasphemy would be killed! Jesus was accused of blasphemy against God because He said He was God! Of course, this is who Jesus really was! But the religious leaders did not believe Him. So they had Him arrested and wanted Him killed.

? Turn to your class notes. Let's review a little. Can someone read #1 for us? How will you answer that? *Assign a reader. Christ. Have students complete #1.*

? And what about #2? What did "the Christ" mean? Who was Jesus claiming to be? *Assign a reader. The Messiah. Have students complete #2.*

? Refer to the Attributes of God Poster if necessary. OK. Someone read #3. What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Omniscient. Have students complete #3.*

? And #4. Will someone read that? Which is the correct answer? *Assign a reader. D) You rightly say that I am. Have students complete #4.*

? And one more before we get back to the lesson. Will someone read #5? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Believe. Have students complete #5.*

Let's move on. Turn to the book of John. I'd like someone to read John 10:30–31. We are going to read about something that happened at a

➤ This would be a good time to review Quarter 2 lessons where Jesus showed power only God could have (Lessons 2, 3, 4) and claimed to be the Great I AM (Lesson 10)!

different time. It was before Jesus was arrested. But it helps to explain why the Jews were angry and wanted Jesus dead! Let's read John 10:30–31.

Assign a reader.

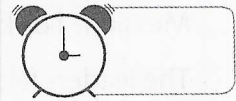
- ? What did Jesus say in John 10:30? *I and My Father are one.*
- ? And what did the Jews do when they heard Jesus say that? *John 10:31. They picked up stones to stone and kill Him.*

Discover the Truth

They picked up stones to kill Him! They were jealous of Jesus. He had shown by His miracles and His teaching who He was. He WAS the Messiah, the Promised One, the Redeemer, the Son of God. Yes, He was God! But they didn't want to believe it. Instead they wanted to find a way to destroy Him.

They were blind to the truth and would not believe. And so they accused Him of blasphemy against God. They accused Jesus of being irreverent toward God, lying about Him, and speaking with hatred about Him. He was arrested for saying that He is God! He would be killed for saying that! He would be killed for telling the truth about who He was.

- ? Turn back to the class notes. We are on #6. Will someone read that for us? How will you answer it? *Assign a reader. Jealous, dead. Have students complete #6.*
- ? And what about #7? Will someone read that? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Kill, truth. Have students complete #7.*



READ THE WORD

This seems terribly unfair, doesn't it? Jesus shouldn't be killed for saying He is the Son of God, because it's the truth! Why wouldn't someone do something to help Him? Well, we are going to read something else here. And this may help explain that. We are going to read a conversation between Jesus and Pilate.

Pilate was the Roman governor at the time. The Jews took Jesus to him to be put on trial. They wanted Pilate to take care of Jesus for them. But from the beginning, Pilate wasn't sure Jesus was really guilty. We are going to read John 19:7–11. This is what the Jews said to Pilate. Let's read it! *Choose students to read the verses.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

This conversation between Pilate and Jesus is intense. Let's try to answer some questions about what happened between them.

Observe the Text

- ? The Jews had a law that said Jesus should die! Why did the Jews think Jesus should die? *John 19:7. Because He made Himself the Son of God.*

These leaders wanted Jesus to be killed! They told Pilate He should die because He made Himself God.

- ? How did Pilate take this news? What was he feeling? Look in John 19:8. *He was afraid.*

Pilate was afraid. Pilate saw something in Jesus that the Jews did not. Pilate was not sure about who Jesus really was.

- ? What did Pilate ask Jesus in John 19:9? *Where are You from?*

- ? And how did Jesus answer? Look at the end of the verse. John 19:9. *He did not answer. He stayed silent.*

- ? Right. Pilate couldn't believe Jesus wouldn't answer him! Pilate was the Roman governor! Pilate had power! What power did Pilate think he had? Look in John 19:10. *Pilate said he had power to crucify Jesus and let Him go.*

- ? Pilate was very powerful. But Jesus knew something Pilate did not know. What did Jesus tell Pilate? Look at John 19:11. *You could have no power over Me unless it had been given you from above.*

Discover the Truth

Pilate thought he had the power to save Jesus's life or to put Him to death. But that was not the case! And Jesus told him so. The only power Pilate had was given to him from God the Father. And God could take that power away at any time if He wanted to. But, God's plan was for Jesus to die. God's plan was to make a way for sinners to be forgiven and get to heaven. God sent His one and only Son—Jesus—so that whoever would believe in Him would have eternal life. That's why everything was happening and no one was stopping it. This was God's plan. It all happened just the way God wanted it to.

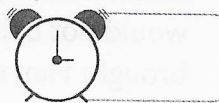
- ? Let's finish up the class notes. Will someone read #8? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Son of God. Have students complete #8.*

- ? And someone read #9. *Assign a reader. Pilate. Have students complete #9.*

- ? Where did Pilate get his power? Someone read #10? How would you complete that sentence? *Assign a reader. Power, given. Have students complete #10.*

- ? And the last one? Whose plan was this all along? Someone read #11. *Assign a reader. God's, die, life. Have students complete #11.*

Pilate thought he had the power to save Jesus or to kill Him, but he did not! Pilate was not in control—God was! God is the sovereign ruler of the universe—of all that happens. God's plan was unfolding for the redemption of sinners just like He had planned.



➤ If time allows, assign students to re-read the points on the class notes as a review and briefly discuss them.



Truth Be Told Review Game

MATERIALS

- ☐ Truth Be Told Game Board
- ☐ Truth Be Told Question Cards
- ☐ Truth Be Told Question Answer Key
- ☐ Truth Be Told Number Cards (or game spinner or dice)
- ☐ Buttons or other small items as game pieces for each team
- ☐ Poster putty

INSTRUCTIONS

Divide your class into teams. Teams will take turns drawing a Truth Be Told Question Card. Team members will take turns answering the questions. They will quickly determine an answer and give it. If they are correct, they will draw a Truth Be Told Number Card and move that number of spaces on the game board. As play proceeds, follow the directions on the game board. Alternate between teams as long as time permits.

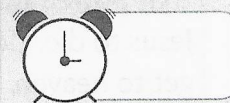
We are going to review now by playing "Truth Be Told." I'll put you into teams. Teams will take turns picking a question card and answering the question. If the

answer is correct, you will draw a number card and move your game piece that many spaces. All directions on the board must be followed. Place used cards underneath the stacks. *Answers to the questions are provided on the Truth Be Told Question Answer Key on the Resource DVD-ROM.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

This game was a fun way to review.
Congratulate the winning team.

The Jewish leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy against God. They hated Jesus so much that they couldn't see the truth. He really was the Messiah! The Roman governor thought he had power over Jesus's life! But Jesus set him straight! Jesus told Pilate that the power and authority he thought he had was not his own. That power came from God! This was God's plan—God was in control.



Applying God's Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

Today we read about the charges that were brought against Jesus. The Jewish leaders explained that according to their law, Jesus should die for calling Himself the Son of God. They called that blasphemy—claiming to be God.

Their charges were valid. Jesus did claim to be the Son of God. Only it isn't bad to say you are the Son of God if you really are! The Jewish leaders would not believe Jesus, so they arrested Him, questioned Him, and brought Him to the Roman governor, Pilate.

Pilate thought he had the power of life and death over Jesus. But Jesus told Pilate that the only power he had was the power God gave him. Jesus knew that God, not Pilate, was in control. God could have stopped everything! But God's plan was to redeem sinners. And Jesus had to die so God's plan could be accomplished.

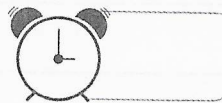
GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Let's think about that for a minute. Jesus knew that God was in control even when His disciple Judas betrayed Him. He knew when He was arrested that God was in control. He trusted God when He knew His time had come and the hour of His suffering was near. And He knew God, not Pilate, was the one who had the power over life and death.

? All these events were going exactly according to God's plan. And we know that Jesus went along willingly. But why? Why did God plan for this to happen, and why is it important to remember what Jesus went through—the betrayal, the trial, the suffering before He was hung on the Cross? *Allow discussion.*

First Peter 2:24 tells us. It's on the bottom of your class notes. Let's read it out loud together. *Read 1 Peter 2:24 together. [Jesus] Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness... (1 Peter 2:24).*

Do you see? Jesus bore the sins and suffered the punishment for sinners. If it wasn't for sin, Jesus wouldn't have had to die! All sinners deserve eternal punishment because of their sins. But we can have forgiveness through Jesus Christ! Sinners who repent of their sins and turn to Jesus in faith and trust will live forever with Jesus. This was always God's plan. He wanted to show His love and mercy to sinners.



➤ Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind students to practice the memory verse this week.



MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:19 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.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

- Praise God for the love and mercy He shows through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to help us see the sin in our own lives, so we can understand that we need the Savior.

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