

Children's Church
or
Sunday School
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BIBLE DOCTRINE
SALVATION

Objects to have: A completely drawn picture of the three crosses on a hill. The book "HEAVEN IS FOR EVERYONE." Your Bible. Sticks made out of paper, a whip made out of paper, bring a cloth to cover the face.

(Hold up the drawing of the three crosses) Crucified! What a horrible word! Do you know why people were crucified? People who have been very bad criminals were hung on a cross until they died. Instead of shooting people in execution, or putting them in the electric chair, criminals were crucified on the cross.

Jesus never did anything wrong. You and I have done wrong before. We have lied, hit, yelled at each other. We have all gotten in trouble with our parents before. When I was young, I was spanked all the time. Do you know why? Because I disobeyed. There have been times when you were spanked. Why? Because you were disobedient. To disobey is a sin. You and I have sinned. Because we have sinned we can not go to Heaven until our sin is paid for. Jesus said he would pay for our sins himself.

Our sin has a payment of death. Jesus said he would die in our place. So, many years ago Jesus was treated like a criminal or a bad sinner to pay for our sins.

(Act out the Crucifixion and the taunting that Jesus went through.) **Have one child play Pilate: Have two boys be soldiers: Have one boy or you play Jesus: Make sure that they understand Jesus did nothing wrong.** Have Jesus stand before Pilate and say, "I FIND NO FAULT IN THIS MAN, HE HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG." Tell the soldiers to act mad. "WE KNOW HE HAS DONE WRONG." Pilate; " I CAN FIND NO WRONG, BUT IF IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER GO AND BEAT JESUS THOUGH HE HAS DONE NO WRONG." Have the soldiers beat Jesus with a whip then have them cover his face and hit him with paper sticks. Bring Jesus back before Pilate. Pilate: "I STILL FIND THAT THIS MAN HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG. I WILL LET HIM GO BACK TO HIS HOME." The soldiers say, "NO CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM!" Have the children say, "CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM."

See children just because people got mad Pilate had no choice but to do what the people wanted. He knew that Jesus did not do anything wrong. Because we have sinned these people acted like they did. This was so Jesus would be killed on the cross. When he died, he died in our place. We are the ones that have done wrong. We are the ones that have sinned. We are the ones that have disobeyed. NOT JESUS!! But he took our place. He died for you and me. So you and I can Go to Heaven.

(Act this out) Have the soldiers march Jesus to Calvary, Pretend that the cross is very heavy. Act as if you are in great pain as you are being yelled at by the soldiers. Lay on the floor and have the boys pretend that they are nailing you to the cross. Act as if you are in great pain. Have them help you up. (Still act as if you are on the cross.) Look at the children as if you can hardly live, the pain is so bad.

Look as sad as you can and say; "I love you so much that I have let them do this to me so you would not go to hell but so you could go to heaven." Then bow your head and say "I Love You" Father into your hands I commend my spirit." Then pretend you die.

Pause for about 30 seconds. Let this sink down into the children's minds.

Now, children Jesus was buried for three days then was raised from the dead. The grave was open and out he came.

Through Jesus our sins have been paid for. You and I can go to heaven because Jesus has paid for our sins on the cross and has raised from the dead.

Take out the little book "HEAVEN IS FOR EVERYONE" Open to the first page (White with a black heart). See this heart? It is full of darkness because it is full of sin. Do you know what a sin is? Who can tell me what a sin is? A sin is when we do something bad or something wrong. Have you ever gotten a spanking? I have. I got a bunch of them when I was little because I disobeyed my parents. That is why you got them too. Disobedience is sin. (READ THE VERSE) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Everyone of us have sinned." All are hearts look like this, full of darkness because we have all sinned

Turn to the next page (orange color) and describe it.

See this man? He is in hell, his hair is on fire, his chest is on fire, his arms are on fire, his hands are on fire, his wrist is on fire, his legs are in the fire, and he is yelling NO!! Because he does not want to go there. I don't blame him. I don't want to go there either. The Bible says (READ THE VERSES) That means if we die with a heart full of sin, we have to go to hell. I don't want to go there, (Shake your head vigorously as you do say; "And you don't want to go there, and Jesus does not want you to go there either.")

Turn to the next page (red color) and describe it.

Jesus loves us so much that he died on the cross to pay for our sin. Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sin. (Run your finger over the cross and say again) Jesus died on the cross for your sin. Jesus died on the what? Right, on the cross for our what? For our sin. In fact for your (SAY YOUR PERSONAL NAME) sin. Now, say Jesus died for (SAY YOUR NAME) sins.

Then he was buried for our sins (cover the door of the grave with you finger.) Then on the third day he was raised from the dead (remove your finger) so we could go to Heaven. (READ THE VERSES)

Turn to the next page (WHITE PAGE - WITH JESUS IN THE HEART) and describe it.

OH!! Look at this heart. It is clean inside. It is clean because JESUS is in this heart. When we ask Jesus to come into our heart, he takes all our sin away. (READ THE VERSES) Jesus wants to save you. He wants you to go to Heaven when you die. If we ask him to come into our hearts then he will save us, forever. (TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE) Then when we die we will leave this old earth and go straight to the Kingdom of God.

(Turn to the red page) How many times did Jesus die on the cross? That is Right, ONE TIME. (Turn Back to the White Page with Jesus in the heart.) How many times do we have to ask Jesus to come into our hearts? Right, ONE TIME. If you have never asked Jesus to come into your heart and save you, then you need to, so you can go to heaven when you die. Lets ask Jesus to come into your heart right

now. Bow your head and pray like this. Remember if you have already asked Jesus into your heart then you don't need to again. Pray like this: Dear Jesus, please forgive me of my sin, come into my heart and save me right now. Thank you, Jesus, I love you. In Jesus name, Amen.

Would you raise your hand if you asked Jesus to save you just now. Good.

(Open the book back to the first page with the black heart) You did have this heart (Open to the page with Jesus in the heart). Now you have this heart. (Now, open to the yellow page) Listen to what the Bible says in Hebrews 13:5 "...for He has said, I will never leave thee; nor forsake thee." Jesus is in your heart now and he promises never to leave you. (Go back a page) Jesus will stay in your heart forever. How many know how long never is? Never means for-ever. Jesus said, I will stay in your heart forever. He will never leave. If never means forever, then will Jesus be in your heart tomorrow? Yes!! Will he still be in you next week? Yes! will he still be in you in 10 years? Yes! He will never leave you. Heaven will be your home forever now. If Jesus is never going to leave you, do you ever need to ask him to save you again? No, that is right. He is yours forever. We only ask Jesus to save us one time.

What if you sin again? And one day, maybe even today you will sin again. Will Jesus still be in you? Yes! Jesus will never leave you, even if you sin. (Turn back to the first page with the black heart) You can never have a heart like this again. Jesus lives in your heart right now and he will never leave you, even if you sin because he forgives you right a way. We still need to say we are sorry but he will not leave you. NO MATTER WHAT. You are saved!