



# Jesus our Savior

## Prayer

John 18:1 – 19:37

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for dying on the cross to take the punishment for our sins. Please forgive us for disobeying You and for the bad things we did today. Thank You that our sinful hearts can be made clean again when You forgive us. In Your name, Amen.

## Family devotions

### SUNDAY

Isaiah 53:3-7

### MONDAY

Mark 10:32-34, 45

### TUESDAY

Matthew 26:26-29

### WEDNESDAY

John 19:17-18, 40-42

### THURSDAY

John 3:14-17

### FRIDAY

I John 5:12-13

### SATURDAY

John 20:1-8, 19-21

## Family activity

- \* Gather sticks and shape into a cross, wiring the crossbars together. Put the cross in your child's room as a reminder of Jesus' love.
- \* Display an Easter tree. Cut a unique branch and "plant" it in a pot. The branch represents the cross on which Jesus died. Gather by the Easter tree during devotions as you read and sing about Jesus.
- \* Have each person in your family write down or draw a picture of a sin he has committed. Then tear the papers into tiny pieces and throw them away. When Jesus forgives our sins, they are gone, "as far as the east is from the west" (Psalm 103:12).

## Did you know?

- \* During the night of His arrest, Jesus went through SIX trials to determine His fate – three religious Jewish trials and three Roman civil trials.
- \* Under Jewish law, a person could be condemned to death but only by stoning. Under Roman law, the guilty person could be crucified.
- \* Pilate sent Jesus to be scourged. This means He was flogged by a leather whip that had pieces of bone or metal embedded in it.

## What's it all about?

Jesus' death on the cross was voluntary – He willingly gave up His life for you and me. He was not forced to die, nor did the soldiers actually "take" His life. He "gave up His spirit" (John 19:30) indicates that He deliberately chose to die.

Think of what Jesus endured to become our Savior. Not only did He suffer repeated beatings and have nails pounded into His hands and feet, but He also was rejected and despised by the very people He came to help. Yet the most significant suffering Jesus experienced was the heavy weight of the world's sin being placed upon Him (II Corinthians 5:21).

The amazing truth is that Jesus chose to suffer and die simply because He loved us. Bring your guilt and sin to Jesus, and He will forgive you and make your heart "as white as snow" (Psalm 51:7). Then offer Him thanks for what He has done by serving Him day by day.

## Songs to sing

"Jesus Loves Me"  
 "God Loves Me Dearly"  
 "Do You Know Who Died for Me"  
 "For God So Loved the World"

## Memory verse

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." *John 3:16*