

they have broken the law, and must suffer. But Jesus paid all the debt we owe. Jesus suffered for us, so that we might go free. "Let me be punished instead of little brother," said a big brother once, and when the older brother took the punishment the little one did not have to bear it. It was love that made Jesus take our place and bear our sins. Let us say it over slowly, thinking of every word, "He-loved-me-and-gave-himself-for-me."

Three crosses—Jesus between two thieves, dying for me. What shall I give him? He asks our hearts—ourselves. Write on building stone, "I will give myself."

Study and Occupation for the Sub-primary Department.

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CHRIST CRUCIFIED. John 19. 17-30.

MEMORY GEM: "Christ died for our sins."

1 Cor. 15. 3.

Preparatory. Give the lesson just as it is in the Bible. No exposition can simplify this narrative.

For the sand map, a rocky surface, scant vegetation, tents (card bent in the center), a hill with three crosses, strips of cardboard in one corner for the walls of Jerusalem.

Lesson story. God sent Jesus to earth to be the King of the Jews; that is, the one to tell them what they should do. Some of the Jews did not want Jesus for their King, and when he said that he was their King and their God they wanted him to be put out of the way. In this land when a person did what was wrong he was put on a cross to die. The Jews said that Jesus must be put on a cross because he had said that he was God. They even made sport of him. Kings wear purple, so they put a purple garment on Jesus [show a bit of purple]. Kings wear crowns, so they put on Jesus a crown of thorns, the meanest one they could find.

God made a rule that people must not sin; that is, they must not do anything wrong. God said that: those who sin must be punished by being kept out of heaven. Everyone has sinned at some time, so if God kept to his rule, everyone would be kept out of heaven. But God wanted everyone to go to this beautiful heaven. So in his great love and pity he made a way by which he could save the sinner. John says in his gospel, 1. 14, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." By the Word he means Jesus, God's Son. People did not know what God was like. They did not understand his love, and so he sent it to them in a human form, to live among them, and to show what he was like. Was not

this a beautiful way to win hearts? Jesus the God became Jesus the God-man and came to this world and lived like other men. Jesus never did a single wrong thing, yet he bore the punishment of all the sins people ever did or ever will do. Hundreds give all the money they can get to doctors to try to keep them from dying. Yet Jesus loved people so much that he was glad to die for them.

I will tell you why God let Jesus die upon the cross. Frankie's mother made a rule. It was that he should not go outdoors. Frankie went outdoors; so he broke the rule. If his mother had said, "No matter if you did break my rule," and had done nothing to him, the next time she told him not to go outdoors he would have said, "Well, if I do go, I won't be punished," and it would have made it easy for him to break her rule again. So when she made the rule she said, "If you go outdoors, I shall lock you in the dark closet." When mother found that Frankie had broken the rule and gone outdoors she opened the closet door and told him to go in there. Then Willie said: "Mother, let me go in the closet and Frankie stay out. I love Frankie and I will be punished instead of him." "But you did not break my rule," said the mother. "But I will go in the closet just the same," said Willie. So his mother let him go in and Frankie, the bad boy, stayed out. The next time mother told Frankie not to go outdoors he minded. "I will not break her rule again," he said, "for every time it is broken somebody has to be punished."

It was hard for Jesus to suffer for others, but God's rule must not be broken. Since it was broken some one must suffer, so that it will be hard for people to break it again, and so the holy Jesus suffered instead of the bad people.

Now, a person says: "I have sinned. I have broken God's rule. I ought to be kept out of heaven, but Jesus died for my sins. If I believe this, stop doing wrong and take his name—that is, be a Christian—I can go to heaven." Everyone in the world, no-matter what he has done, can go to heaven if he will do the same. But no one can go to heaven who does not love the good and right, and try to do it.

LESSON XI. (June 11.)

CHRIST RISEN. John 20. 11-20.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Now is Christ risen from the dead." 1 Cor. 15. 20.

Primary Notes.

[Sing lesson hymn verse and call attention to last line, "His glorious rising again." Review with tender reverence in voice and manner the

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