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# **Lesson Overview**

In today's lesson, we're going to learn what happened after Jesus was arrested. In a previous lesson, we learned that the Jewish people hated Jesus, so they had him arrested, and brought before the Roman governor named Pilate. Even though Pilate didn't think Jesus deserved to die, he gave into the crowds who were demanding it. So, Jesus was put up on a cross like a horrible criminal and left to die. But, here's the cool part of the story. Jesus knew all of this would happen because he knew that the only way to save us was to die for us. That's why Jesus really is the first superhero. He came to battle evil, which the Bible calls sin. And, Jesus has all the power in the world because he is God so nothing can ever defeat him, not even death. There is no bad guy that can stop him from completing his mission. Jesus came to rescue us. His death on the cross paid for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God. Jesus gave his life to save us!

# Big Idea

Because Jesus died, we are rescued!

# **Key Question**

Why did we need to be rescued?

# **Memory Verse**

Galatians 1:4 "Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live."

### Classroom Agenda

- 1. (5 min) PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
- 2. (5 min) WARM UP: Who's your favorite superhero and why? If you could have any superpower, what would you choose? (Tip: Superheroes are cool because they use cool powers to save people from danger. Jesus is the ultimate superhero.)
- 3. (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- 4. (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
- 5. (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
- 6. (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question. (Answer: Because we have a sin problem that keeps us from God. (The Bible says that sin is going our own way instead of God's way. Sin makes us want to do naughty things that we know are wrong. And, sin has broken our relationship with God. So, Jesus came on a rescue mission. He came to pay for our sins. And, he gives us his Spirit to live in our hearts to help us to do what honors God.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** What is sin? How did Jesus rescue us? **4-5th**: Why does sin get in the way of having a relationship with God?
- 7. (5 min) EXPLORE: Read Hebrews 1:3. Who is Jesus and what has he done for us? Why does he have a seat of honor in heaven? (Answer: Jesus is God. He is powerful and mighty. The Bible says that he created all things and holds everything together. So, when we get to heaven, we will have the chance to worship Jesus. That means we can tell him how thankful we are for all he has done and give him the honor and respect he deserves. If Jesus hadn't come on a rescue mission, we wouldn't have the hope of heaven at all.)
- 8. (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 9. (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

# OPTION 1: LIFE SAVER TRIVIA GAME

### Instructions:

- Before class, tape two lines at one end of the room next to each other. Place the 3 Life Saver rings on the floor at a distance
- Divide the class into two teams and have them line up behind the lines.
- Ask a question from below. The first team to raise their hand gets a chance to answer. If correct, the first kid in line gets to throw the beanbag trying to land it on one of the circles. Whichever circle the bag ends up closest to is the amount of points that team earns for the correct answer. Once a kid

throws a bag, they go to the end of the line. Team with the most points at the end of the game, wins.

### **Questions:**

- 1. What's the Big Idea today? (see board)
- 2. What's the name of the Roman governor? (Pilate)
- 3. Who was the first superhero? (Jesus)
- 4. T or F: Jesus came to rescue us. (T)
- 5. What's the book full of God's truth? (Bible)
- 6. Where did Jesus die for us? (Cross)
- 7. From what book is our memory verse found?
- 8. T or F: The cross was the way criminals died. (T)
- 9. From what did Jesus rescue us? (sin)
- 10. Where can we live with Jesus some day? (heaven)

**Supplies needed:** 2 Bean Bags, Life Saver template (pg. 5, make one for each point value), Tape

# OPTION 2: JESUS IS A SUPERHERO BADGE

### Instructions:

- Give each kid a Badge template (page 6).
- Have kids color their badge. Then, have them cut out and glue the words in the following order.
  - Jesus- in the middle
  - Rescues-Top spot
  - Us- Right side
  - From- Bottom
  - Sin-Left side
- As they work, remind the kids that Jesus came to rescue us from sin and death. He is the ultimate superhero.

Supplies needed: Badge template (pg. 6, 1 set per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Glue

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Jesus came to earth on a rescue mission from heaven. And to beat the enemy, he had to die. Key Points:

٠	Because Jesus died, we	are ! Galatians 1:4
•	Jesus had to	to complete his rescue mission. John 19:29-30
•	Jesus was a man on a	John 19:28
•	Jesus was the original _	·

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# Talk About It

- What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?
- 2. Who's your favorite superhero and why? If you could have any super power, what would you choose?
- 3. Why is Jesus better than any superhero we watch in the movies?
- 4. What was Jesus' mission?
- 5. Read Hebrews 1:3. Who is Jesus and what has he done for us? Why does he have a seat of honor in heaven?
- 6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

**Instructions:** Color the picture.

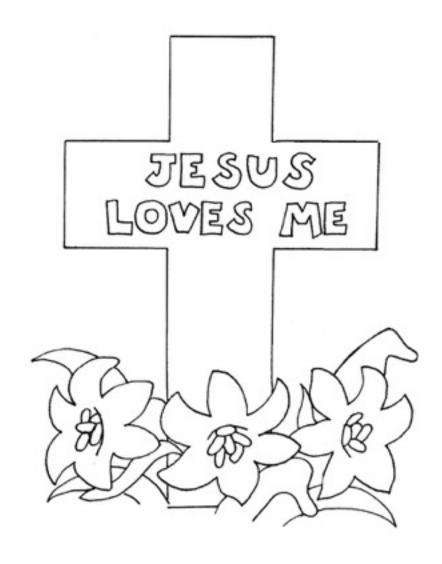
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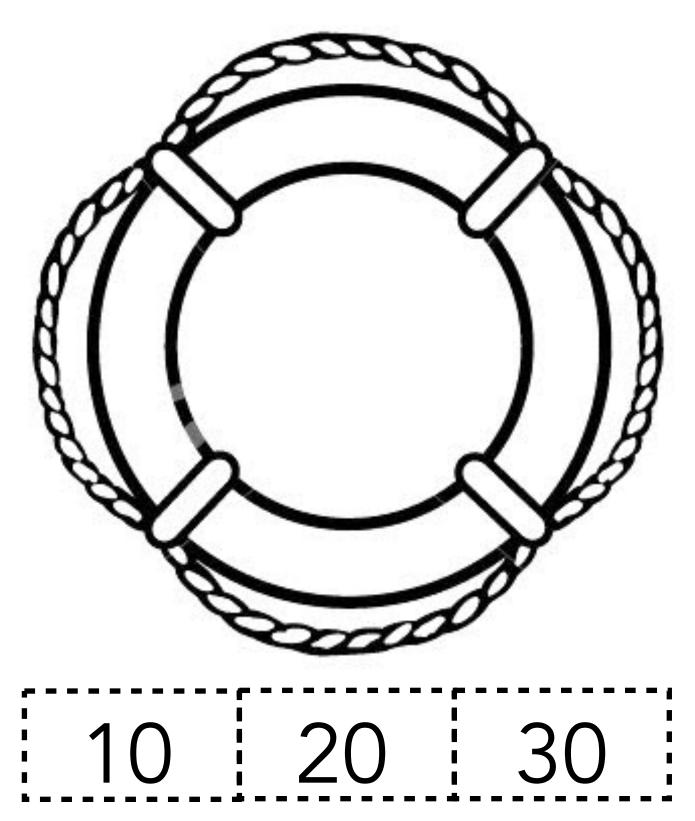
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