

Family Worship

It Is Finished!

4.4.2021

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

THE SERVANT KING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrQiLEO4D5s>



Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 40

Q: What should we pray?

A: The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

(Matthew 6:9-13) 'This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen."



This is a model prayer that Jesus taught us.

Notice how the prayer begins with thoughts about God, then moves on to our own needs?

That's the way prayer should be. When we first focus on God, we then know how to pray for our own needs.

Do you know 2nd April 2021 is Good Friday this year?

What is Good Friday?

On this day, Christians all over the world remember Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

A Crucified King

John 19:16-30



Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to a place called The Place of the Skull. (In the Jewish language this place is called Golgotha.)

There they nailed Jesus to the cross. They also put two other men on crosses, one on each side of Jesus with Jesus in the middle.

Pilate wrote a sign and put it on the cross. It read:
"JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS."
The sign was written in the Jewish language, in Latin,
and in Greek.



Many of the Jews read the sign, because this place where Jesus was killed was near the city. The leading Jewish priests said to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews.' But write, 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews.'"

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written!"

After the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross, they took his clothes. They divided them into four parts. Each soldier got one part.



They also took his long shirt. It was all one piece of cloth, woven from top to bottom. So the soldiers said to each other, "We should not tear this into parts. We should throw lots to see who will get it." This happened to give full meaning to the Scripture:

"They divided my clothes among them. And they threw lots for my clothing."

So the soldiers did this.

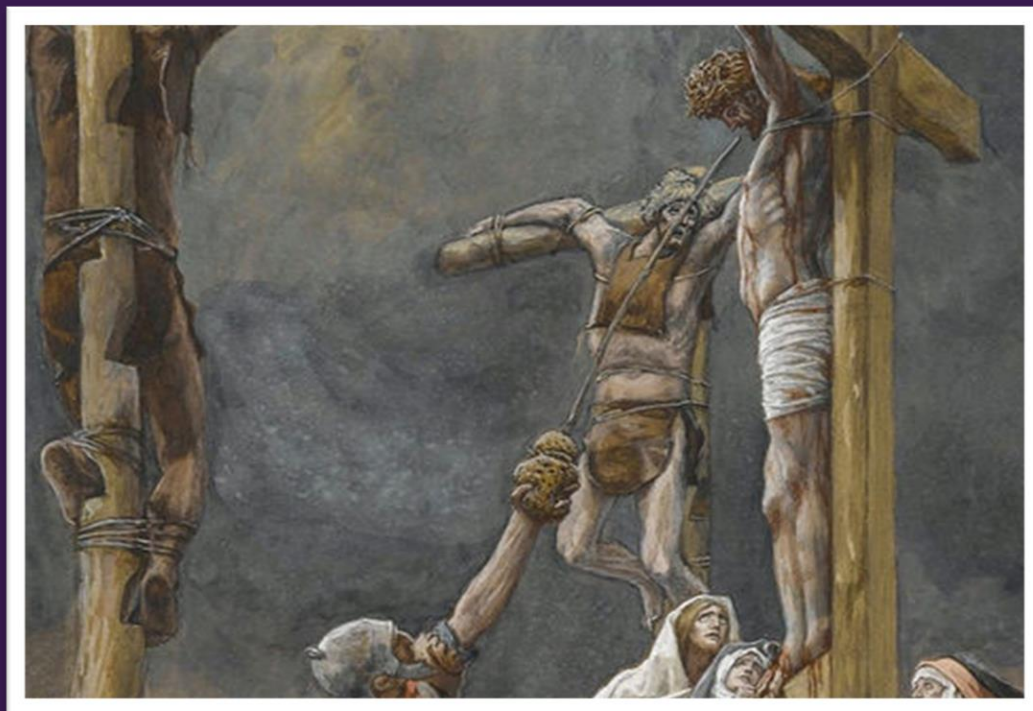
Jesus' mother stood near his cross.
His mother's sister was also standing
there, with Mary the wife of Clopas,
and Mary Magdalene.

Jesus saw his mother. He also saw
the follower he loved standing there.

He said to his mother, "Dear woman,
here is your son." Then he said to
the follower, "Here is your mother."

From that time on, this follower took
her to live in his home.





After this, Jesus knew that everything had been done. To make the Scripture come true, he said, "I am thirsty." There was a jar full of vinegar there, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it. Then they put the sponge on a branch of a hyssop plant and lifted it to Jesus' mouth.



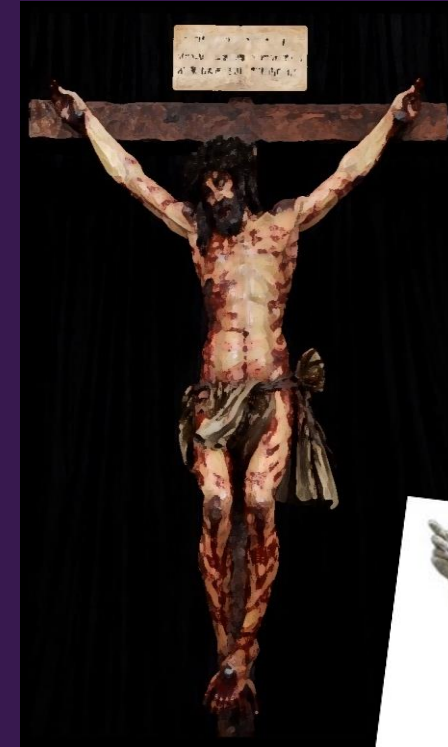
Jesus tasted the vinegar.
Then he said,

"It is finished !"

He bowed his head and died.

Do you know...

1. Many things that happened to Jesus' crucifixion had already been written down **hundreds of years** before Jesus was born (these are called "prophecies").
2. Which do you think is correct:
 - Jesus fulfilled all these prophecies by chance
 - God had planned Jesus' death all along
3. First let's look at some of the prophecies...



Some Prophecies of Jesus' Death

Old Testament

written hundreds of years before Jesus

He willingly gave his life and was treated like a criminal (Isaiah 53:12)

He carried away the sins of many, and asked forgiveness for those who sinned (Isaiah 53:12)

A pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet. (Ps 22:16)

They gave me vinegar for my thirst. (Psa 69:21)

They divided my clothes among them, and threw lots for my clothing. (Psalm 22:18)

They will look on me, the one they have pierced (Zechariah 12:10)

He protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. (Psalm 34:20)

New Testament

Jesus' death recorded in the Gospels

Jesus was crucified between two criminals (John 19:18)

Jesus prayed "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing (Luke 23:34)

Jesus hands and feet were nailed to the cross

A soldier gave Jesus vinegar (John 19:28)


They divided them into four parts. Each soldier got one part. They threw lots for his clothing (John 19:24)

They will look at the one they have stabbed (John 19:37)

Instead of breaking Jesus' legs, a soldier pierced Jesus' side to make sure he was dead (John 19:34)



So...it seems that all along, God had planned for Jesus to die on the cross



But how far back did God's plan go?



It actually goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden!



The story of two Trees

Two Trees

The Tree in Eden

Adam and Eve **disobeyed** God

They took **fruit** from **the tree** of the knowledge of good and evil

Eating from this tree led to **eternal death**

Humanity is spiritually **separated** from God



BUT

Jesus **obeyed** God, even to death

BUT

Jesus, the **bread of life**, was hung on **a tree** (wooden cross)

BUT

Believing in Jesus leads to **eternal life**

BUT

Believers' relationship with God is **restored**.



Jesus' Last Words



1. What were Jesus last words?
2. Do you think "It is finished" was a sigh of despair or a cry of triumph? Why?
3. Jesus' death seems like something really bad happened to a really good person. But God uses bad things for good.
 - Do you agree?
 - What good was achieved by Jesus' death on the cross?

Summary

1. All humans have sinned by disobeying God.
2. The penalty of sin is death. This isn't just physical death but separation from God forever.
3. But God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, to die in our place. This is a precious gift from God.
4. By believing in Jesus, we become God's children. Our relationship with God is restored. We live forever with God.

This is time to think about Jesus' death and what it means to you and me.

Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins? Do you want to accept Jesus as your Saviour and Lord?

This will bring you into a real relationship with Jesus.

If so...

You can say this prayer to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and that I need You to forgive me.

Thank you for dying a painful death so that my sins could be washed clean.

I invite You to be the Lord of my life.

I will trust and follow You.

Everything I have is Yours now.

In Your name I pray,

Amen.

Family Prayer Time

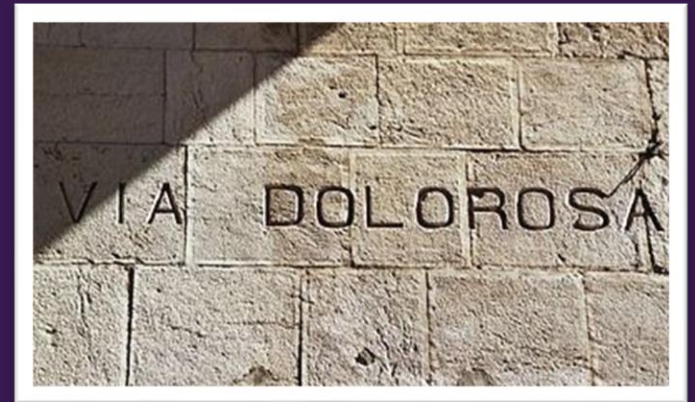
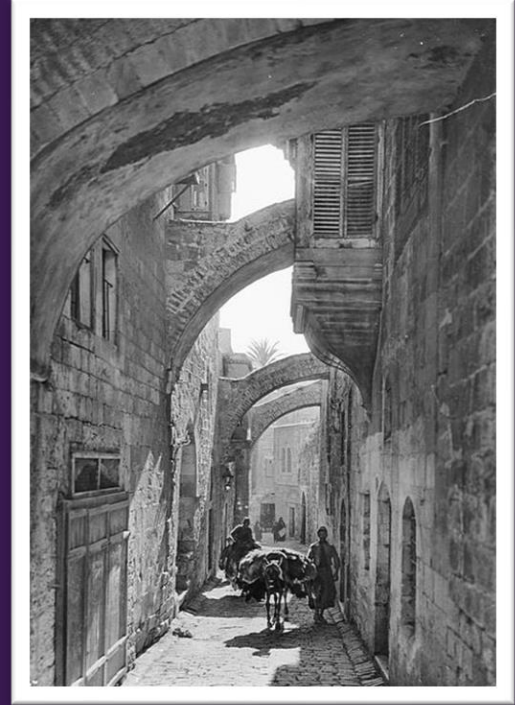
1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

The final song is called Via Dolorosa.

Via Dolorosa is Latin for "Sorrowful Way". It is a road in Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion.

You can sing along, or sit quietly, follow the words and think of how much Jesus has done for you.

Part of the song is sung in Spanish.



Via Dolorosa

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7asEdmZsSPo>

**Down the Via Dolorosa
in Jerusalem that day
The soldiers tried to clear
that narrow street**