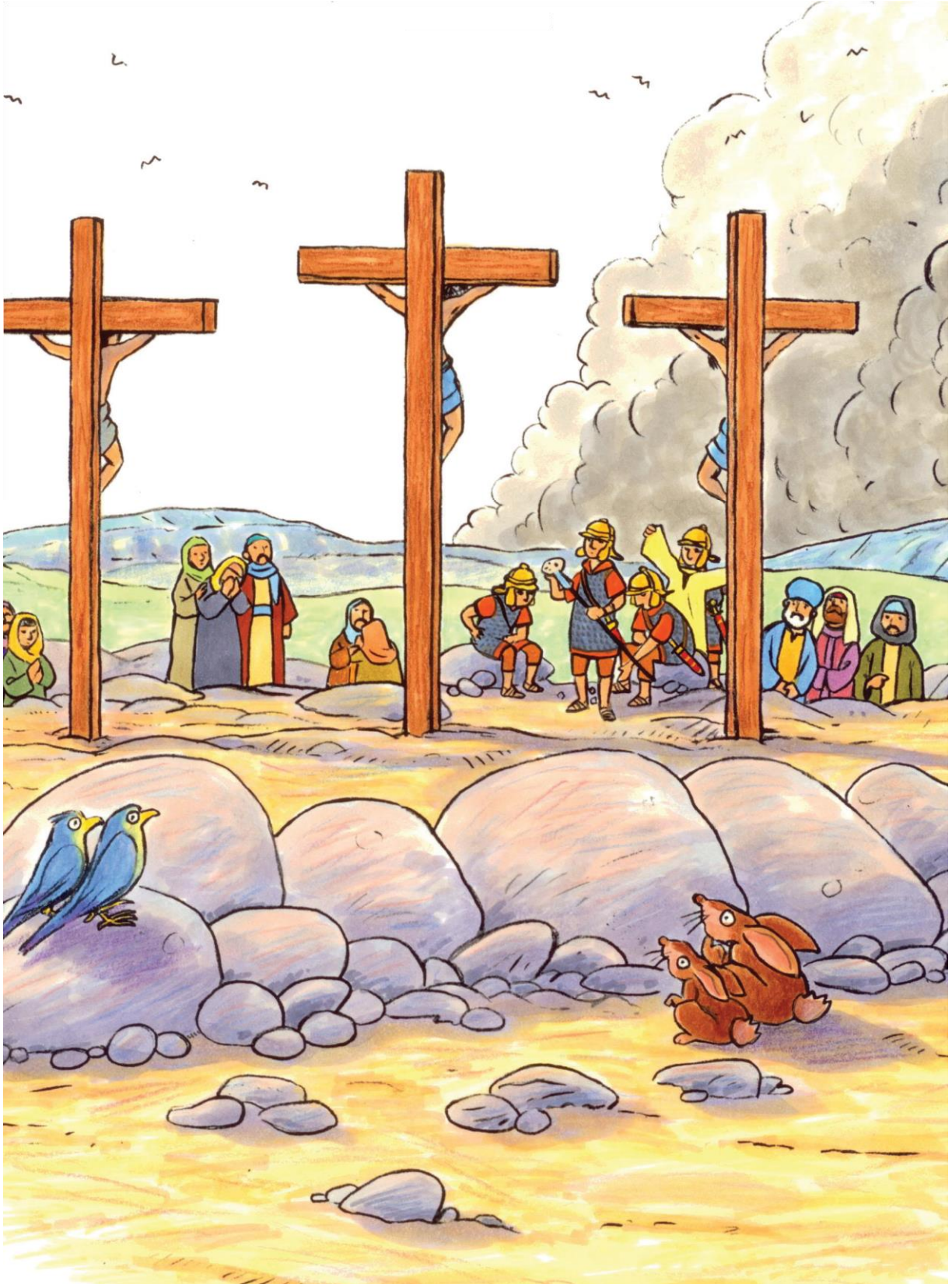


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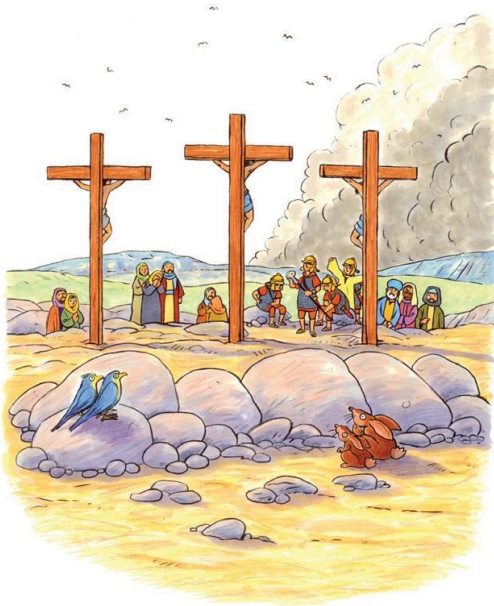
Luke 23:32-49



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Message	Jesus gave His life and through His sacrifice our sins can be forgiven.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Jesus forgave the people for what they did to Him.■ Jesus died so our sins could be forgiven.
Bible Text	Luke 23:32–49

Good Friday



Jesus was taken to Golgotha to be crucified. He was hung on the cross. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

At the foot of the cross, soldiers drew lots for His clothing. People stood around watching.

The high priests and the scribes mocked Him. They said, “He saved others. Let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.”

The soldiers also mocked Jesus and offered Him sour wine. On Jesus’ cross it was written, This is the King of the Jews.

They said, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.”

At the same time, two criminals were also crucified on crosses on the right and left side of Jesus. One of the criminals taunted Jesus and said, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us!” The criminal on the other cross corrected him.

“Do you not even fear God, since you have been condemned to death? We have been justly condemned. We have received a just sentence for our deeds. This man, though, has done nothing wrong.”

He then said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.”

Jesus told him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”

It was twelve noon and suddenly it became dark for three hours. The sun no longer shone and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

Then Jesus cried out, “Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit.” After Jesus said this, He died.

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...
Let some of the children play the conversation at the cross in a role-play. Instruct them before.
Provide disguise, three crosses....

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- How does Jesus feel when the soldiers treat him so badly?
- What does he say? ("Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.")
- How does he react when the criminal asks him to remember him in His kingdom?
(“I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise.”)
- What happens when Jesus dies on the cross at midday?
(Darkness falls over the land, the earth shakes and the curtain of the temple tears in two.)

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus forgave the people for what they did to Him.
- Jesus died so our sins can be forgiven.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Ask the children to give you examples of sins they may commit.
(Lying, stealing, or not honouring their parents)
- Through Jesus' suffering and God's grace we can have our sins forgiven.

Repeat the Message
Jesus gave His life and through His sacrifice our sins
can be forgiven.