

Objectives:

Big Idea: Jesus Defeated Sin

Heart: Take communion together and thank Jesus for dying for us.

Hands: Create a cross-shaped mirror as a reminder that Jesus' sacrifice was for me.

Supplies:

- Walking tour flag pole [like this](#) (Or you could use a dowel stick) with [this week's flag](#) attached to it.
- Walking tour guide costume e.g. a bucket hat and backpack.
- A sign to the cross
- Wooden cross
- Spotlight
- Communion elements
- [10x10 cm adhesive mirrors](#)
- pencils
- scissors

Media:

- [Lesson Title Slide](#)
- Worship song (if using a video think carefully if the visual adds or distracts from the Holy Moment)

Whole Group Time

Praise & Worship

15 minutes

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Gospel Steps Prayer

5 minutes

At the start of each week, we will pray this prayer together to ready our hearts and to be in unity over what we are trusting God to do. Have the children stand up, read together, and take a step forward with each step.



Intro

5 minutes

A leader comes in dressed as a walking tour guide, holding a flag up, displaying the first gospel step.

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Primary

“Good morning tourists. Welcome to The Great Gospel Steps Walking Tour. We will be journeying through the gospel steps, and by the end of our tour, you will have visited each step, and be able to thoroughly explain the gospel to anyone who asks, because there are sooooo many people out there who haven’t heard the good news.

Remember, our Tour will happen in 3 parts. In the first part, we went to two places that show us who God is, and why we want to know him. Last week, we looked at the problem of Sin, and today, we’ll see what can be done about it. (Don’t worry, we have good news about that). After that, we’ll travel to two streets that show us God’s plan for restoration (restoration means bringing something back to how it was before it was broken, lost, or taken away.)

Let’s recap guidelines for our tour. Please stay with the guide. Stay hydrated, and follow the flag at all times. Are we ready tourists? (Allow response) Great stuff. Let’s think about where we have been. We travelled to the Dusty street and learned that God is love. Then we had a birds eye view of Palm Street, and we saw that God is King. We then took a sober walk down Dead End Street realizing our sinfulness and the consequences of this to our world. But there was the glimpse of hope found in where we are heading today, the Way of Sorrow.

Bible Teaching (Read & Examine)

15 minutes

Text: Matthew 27:27-64

A simple set: at one side the sign to the cross and at the other side a simple wooden cross lit up by a spotlight (if venue allows)

Walk the kids and seat them at the cross, looking up at it.

Read the Text (refer to the other scriptures, but don’t read all of them)

What happened as Jesus died on the cross?

- He died in our place so took the punishment that should have been ours. 1 John 2:2
- He defeated Satan and the demonic powers. Colossians 2:15
- He defeated sin and its power over us. 1 Corinthians 15:57
- He defeated death which was the consequence of sin. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

Why did it have to be Jesus?

- Jesus was the only sinless human. 1 Peter 1:19
- Only innocent blood could atone for sin 1 Peter 1:19

Why a cross and at that point in history?

- Throughout the Old Testament God had promised that a saviour would come and it was God’s chosen timing that it was then, and that it would be through crucifixion. (Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53)

Life Application & Ministry Moment (Apply & Pray)

10 minutes

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This morning we are going to receive communion, the bread and grape juice being symbols of Jesus's body and blood, but first let's just kneel and worship Him. (Choose an appropriate song, for example: *Worthy is the lamb; Here I am to worship; Our Jesus*)

Now before we receive the bread and the juice do any of you need to call on Jesus to save you? To forgive you? Are you ready to repent and give your heart to Jesus today? If so please pray with me. *Lead them in prayer.*

Thank God for his death on the cross and hand out the communion whilst maintaining a quiet atmosphere of worship, repeating the song, or another one.

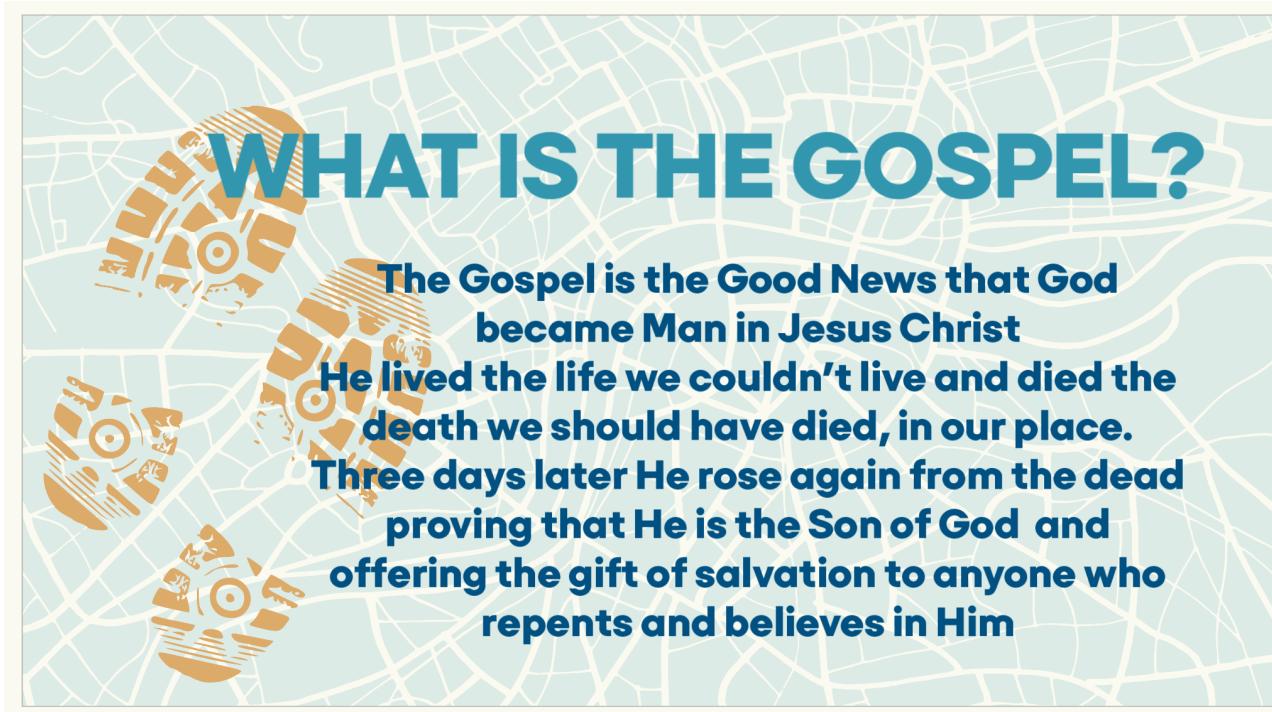
Memory Verse:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Recap the memory verse, and talk about how the cross was such a gift to us.

(if the kids know this well already, you can teach them the gospel creed - see below - [here](#) is a video with actions to help to learn it)



Small Group Time

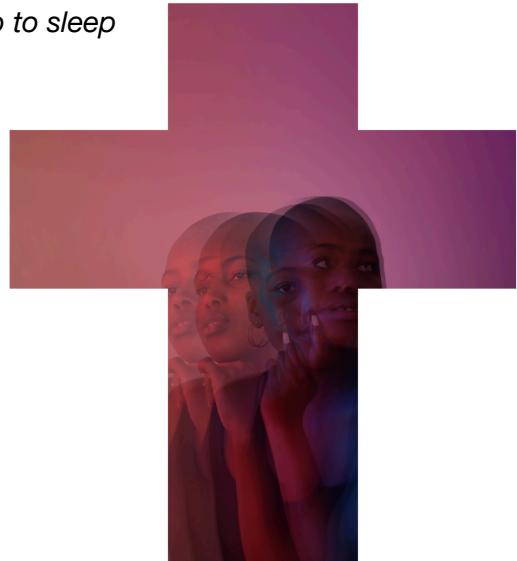
Discussion

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1. How do you think you would have reacted if you had been an eye witness at the cross?
2. How can you remember what Jesus did for you during the week, and not just on Sundays?
3. Who could you share this story with, who might not have really thought about it?

Activity:

- Give each child an adhesive mirror and have them cut it into a cross shape. Encourage them to put it next to their bed and to look in it each night before they go to sleep and to thank Him for saving them.
- In pairs take turns to show people themselves in the mirror and tell them what Jesus did for them.



Pray:

Pray together for each other.