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SERIES: JESUS AND THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

The Trial of Jesus

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Props: Put up a big paper cross and place the phrase, "Jesus and the journey to the cross" above it.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're starting a new series today called "Jesus And The Journey to The Cross." Who knows the name of the holiday that celebrates the day Jesus rose from the dead to bring us new life? Right, Easter! But before Easter, some major events happened in Jesus' life. We're going to focus on two events and provide you with the top 5 facts you need to know for each one.

Today we're going to talk about when Jesus had to go to court. Court is the place people have to go to when they get in trouble and a judge decides their punishment. Did you know that people made up stories about Jesus and tried to get him in trouble? It's true.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

Song

Jesus Loves Me

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Jesus was mistreated before he went to the cross. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Jesus was on _____ even though he _____ do anything wrong. (trial, didn't)

- Who stayed outside even though he was Jesus' best friend? (Peter)
- True or False: Jesus didn't save himself because he wasn't strong enough. (F)

Great job! Isn't that a crazy story? Jesus didn't do anything wrong. He never should've had to go to court. All Jesus ever did was help people. Yet, mean people didn't like him and wanted him to be punished. And, here's an even crazier thing, the court decided that Jesus was guilty and that he should be punished!

Now, think about this for a second. If Jesus is God, and he can do whatever he wants, why didn't he stop the trial and tell the people to knock it off? Here's why Jesus let it all happen. He knew that going on trial, and being found guilty, was all part of God's plan. He understood that this event had to happen. Jesus put up with this mistreatment because of his love for us. He knew that his punishment would be to go to the cross which is where he knew he had to go to save us.

Let's look at our memory verse. Let's all stand and read it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"He was oppressed (dramatic flinch) and treated harshly (slap hands), yet he never (shake head no and put hands over mouth) said a word." Isaiah 53:7 (Repeat)

Wow. Jesus was hated and mistreated and he never stood up for himself. Even though he was God and could squash them all like bugs, he let them get away with it. Jesus understood that even though it wasn't fair, it was part of the plan.

So, the next time life doesn't seem fair to you, remember that what happened to Jesus wasn't fair either. But in the end, God wins. Jesus fulfilled God's plan of dying on the cross for each and every one of us so that we could have relationship with him. Now let's stand together and sing one last song to God.

Song

Another Day

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Jesus was mistreated before he went to the cross. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.