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Joseph & Mary: At the Cross



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Introduction

We believe we all want to see that hand of God in everything. We want to experience His mercy and favour in our families and communities. All this requires an unwavering faith and confidence in the goodness of our God as we surrender our plans to Him. Mary had the privilege of spending time at the foot of the cross of Jesus. Today we are learning about the power of staying close to the foot of the cross of Jesus.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- Teach the children to never forget the cross.
- Teach the children the blessing Jesus won for us on the cross.

Lesson Context:

- The story takes place at the moment of Jesus' crucifixion
- The cross is the place where Jesus carried our sicknesses, sins and needs, so that we could receive the complete blessing.
- Mary was one of the few people at the foot of the cross when Jesus died.

Read in advance:

- John 19

Memorize the Word:

As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:14a

This week's Declaration:

Every day, I will be found at the cross of Jesus.

Words of the week:

Cross



Opening Activity:

Get a pack of coloured sweets and let the kids select a few. Each child must answer a question according to the colour sweet they may have selected.

Red: What is your favourite food?

Blue: What is your least favourite colour?

Yellow: What book have you last read?

Green: What would you like to be when you grow up?

Brown: What do you enjoy about Lockdown at home?

Purple: Do you prefer summer or winter and why?

Say: In Today's lesson we will see how Mary was brave when she witnessed her son Jesus on the cross. We will learn the importance of staying at the cross just like Mary did.

Opening Prayer:

(Let the children repeat after you)

"Father God, thank You for a new day. I am ready to learn about the power of the cross of Jesus. I love you Lord. In Jesus name. Amen."

Read the following scriptures



John 19:25-27

Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

Discussion points:

We can learn some important things from these verses:

- **A hero is never far from the cross:** Jesus' crucifixion was a very difficult time and the majority of the disciples fled because they were afraid. Mary was a great heroine because her bravery kept her at the foot of the cross until the end.
A hero is always near the cross.
- **Everything we need is at the cross:** Mary needed a miracle because she felt great pain at the loss of her son. At the foot of the cross, Jesus restored her heart and her family.
A hero knows that everything they need is at the cross.

Application:

Help the children in making a commitment to remember the cross everyday. Lead the kids into applying the blood of Jesus over themselves:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy. The devil has no power over me.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins have been forgiven.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been cleansed from my sins.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been justified. God sees me as if I had never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I have been sanctified and set apart for God. I will do great things for God on this earth.

Pray: (let the children pray after you)

Father, thank You that You sent Jesus to die on the cross for my sin. I have everything I need at the foot of the cross. In the name of Jesus, amen.

Declare together:

Every day, I will be found at the cross of Jesus.