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Dear Juniors,

Welcome to our new *Junior Bible Class**! We hope it helps you get excited about learning and applying God's Word!

Here are some of the new features:

- The **Big Idea** highlights the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are interjected within the lesson to help you interact with the topic.
- The main ideas are **bold** in the lesson to help you see them at a glance.
- The **Big Question** addresses some doubts, fears, or concerns you may have about God, His Word, or life in general.
- Next Steps give you ways to be doing what the lesson is teaching throughout the week.
- · Christ Focus shows how every lesson points to Jesus.
- Talk About It gives you ideas on things to discuss with trusted adult Christians in your life.

TAKING OUR PUNISHMENT

Lesson Text: Matthew 27:38-54

"The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14).

ुंः BIG IDEA: Jesus suffered and died for our sins so that we can be forgiven by trusting Him as Savior.

Body builders flex their muscles, showing off how strong they are. Jesus wasn't a body builder, but He is all-powerful. He is the Son of God and holds all creation ougsther with His might (Colossians 1:17).

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You might think that when people near the rose were making fun of Jesus,
He abould have put His power on diglays for all to see, Actually, He did, But
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What are some things that you think are powerful and some oth hings that you think are weak?

ower to punish people and ON THE CADON, JEANS CHIMO HAVE USED 1115 POWER TO PURISH PEOPLE AND PROVE THE HAVE A PLANT THE PROPERTY OF T At the cross, Jesus could have used His p now people were saying that He couldn't even help or save Himself. Some now peopre were saying mat He couldn't even help or save Himself. Some standing nearby told Jesus that coming down from the cross would prove that He is the Son of God. However,

Jesus already knew exactly who He is. He didn't need to do something just because others were saying that He couldn't do it. Instead of saving Himself, Jesus stayed on the cross so that He could die for our sins and save us.



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Jesus was crucified between two criminals who made fun of Him. It's easy to go along with a group that's doing something bad. You can show true courto go along with a group that's doing something tod. You can show true courage by taking a stand to do what pleases God. The Lord is with you to help
you when you make choices that honor Him. Never forger that Jesus knows you when you make enokes that honor film, ivever torget that Jesus knows exactly how it feels to do what pleases God and to be made fun of for doing it.

For the last three hours of Jesus' crucifixion, darkness covered the land. Then Jesus' suffering reached its worst point. He cried out, asking why God then jesus suffering reached its worst point. He cried out, asking why God had left Him to suffer this way. The answer is that Jesus was taking the punhas tert frint to suffer tills way. The abover is that Jesus was making the ishment for all our sins. He went through the suffering of being left alo God so that He could save us and always be with us

When His suffering was complete, Jesus offered His life to God the Father When His suffering was complete, Jesus offered His life to God the Father and died. A few very strange things then happened. There was a powerful earthquake, and the veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom. The veil was a thick curtain that represented separation between God and shifful mende. Recause of what feure did, we can be recommend into a lowing people. Because of what Jesus did, we can be reconnected into

nationship with God. Later when Jesus rose from the dead, more miraculous things happened. Later when Jesus rose from the dead, more miraculous things hap Others who had faith in the Lord were also raised and went to Jerusale Others who had faith in the Loru were also falsed and went to Jerusalem. All who have trusted Jesus as Savior will one day rise to be with Him and will never have to face suffering or death again.

WHY CAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE REALLY BAD THINGS STILL

Throughout human history, some awful crimes have been committed. Inroughout human history, some awful crimes have been committed. And even when watching movies and reading books, we usually like to see the bad guys getting punished for their evil deeds. It just doesn't seem fair for them to get away with what they've done. But there is something that is much more unfair It's crimaly not fair reber beau would not a world offer. As 6. Gut tor mem to get away with what they we done, but there is sometoning that is much more unfair. It's simply not fair that Jesus would suffer the full is much more muan, as sumply not rair that jesus would suffer the run punishment for all your sins. And yet, that's what He was willing to do for pennouncer on an *Jour sits*. And yet, that s what rie was willing to do for us. His death for our sins and resurrection to life was enough to save even to. It is usual to tout sitts and resurrection to the was enough to save even the worst of sinners. The apostle Paul considered himself to be just that the worst of sinners. Ine apostie raut considered numseur to be just triat (1 Timothy 1:15). The worst of sinners can be forgiven by Good and have (1.11mony 1:12). The worst or sunners can be forgiven by God and it their lives transformed by trusting Jesus because He died and overcame and death for them (verse 16).

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NEXT STEPS

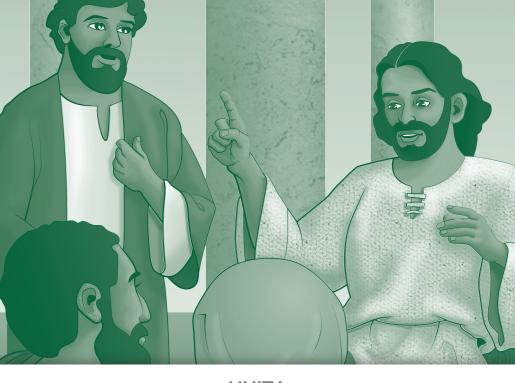
If someone does something to upset you this week, remember that If someone does something to upset you this week, remember that lowed you enough to give His life for you. He lowes that person just as lowed you enough to give His life for you. He lowes that person just as You can follow in Jesus ways by being forgiving to others.





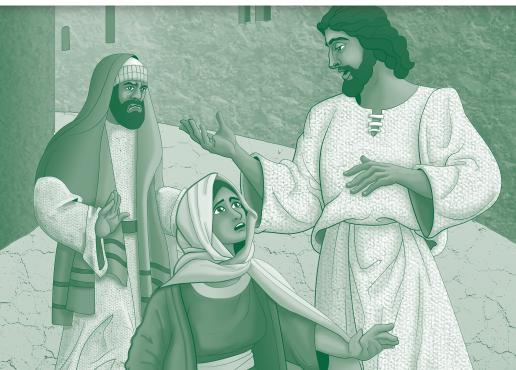
TALK ABOUT IT

We could never repay the Lord for saving us. we could herei repay the Lora for saving as. Talk to someone who sets a good example of following Jesus about ways you can show your thankfulness to the Lord.



UNIT I:

Confirmed by Power over Death



JESUS SAYS HE IS GOD

Lesson Text: John 8:31-38, 48-56, 58-59

"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).



- BIG IDEA: Jesus is God, and His truth can set us free from sin.

BIBLE LESSON

It is hard to stand on one leg for a long time. However, some things are important to continue doing. For example, it is very important to continue reading the Bible. The words of the Bible are true.

Jesus taught about Himself and about God the Father to the people who followed Him around. He told those who believed in Him to continue in His Word. How do we continue in Jesus' Word? We do that when we continue to obey what we learn in the Bible. When we study what Jesus taught in the Bible, we will know the truth about sin and salvation.



What do you think is true about sin, and what do you know about salvation?

When we believe in Jesus as Savior, He forgives our sins. We are freed from being completely controlled by sin. For example, people who tell lies all the time find out they can't stop lying. That sin controls them. One lie leads to another and causes big problems. That is why Jesus said that we become like servants to sin. But when we become Christians, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to be free and to fight off sinful desires.

Jesus was speaking the truth about sin, but some of the people did not understand what He meant. The people told Him that they had never been servants to anyone. They became angry and wanted to kill Jesus. They started calling Him names. They said a demon was making Him say those things. But Jesus said His words honored God.