



LESSON NO.8

JESUS WHO DIED FOR US

Objective (Learning Outcomes)

Students will appreciate the gift of Jesus' selfless sacrifice and empathize in His pain. They will learn about the events that led up to Jesus' death and resurrection and help them to benefit from the fruits of the divine mysteries.

Starter

Introduction (Starter - 5 minutes):

Start the lesson with making the children share personal experiences of physical violence they have had with a friend or elder, either as victim or as the assailant. Ask them to describe the feelings and emotions that they had felt at the moment.

Relate this to the lesson by explaining to them about Jesus' moments of suffering.

- Ask students if they know about the events celebrated during the Holy week and discuss them.
- Explain that in today's lesson, they will learn about Jesus' final moments, right from His agony in the garden to His crucifixion.

Presentation of the Topic (15 minutes):

- Explain why it was important for Jesus to go through His suffering.
- Discuss the role of each of the persons involved during the passion of Jesus and ask the children what they would have done in that situation.
- Explain the importance of the events during the passion of Christ.
- Discuss the importance of Good Friday. Discuss the ceremonies that are conducted throughout the entire service.

Read and discuss key **Bible verses from chapters Luke 22 and 23** to reinforce the concepts.

Practical Application (10 minutes):

Offer up small difficulties (homework, chores, disappointments) with the words:

“Jesus, I offer this for love of You.”

Give up one comfort each week (like a favourite snack or video game time) as a small Lenten-style act of love

Bible Verse (5 minutes):

Introduce **Luke 22:42** as the memory verse for the lesson:

“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will be but yours be done”

Encourage students to memorize and reflect on this verse throughout the week.

Activity (10 minutes):

- Ask the students to read the passion narratives in the four Gospels and find out the seven sentences uttered by Jesus while he was on the cross.
- Provide each student with a paper and tell them to write these down and decorate or paint as they would like to.
- Display their creations in the classroom as a visual reminder of the Lord's sacrifice.

Closure (5 minutes):

- Summarize the main points of the lesson and reiterate the importance of Jesus' suffering and death that were important for us to receive divine life.
- Encourage students to apply what they've learned and to appreciate the eternal sacrifice.
- Encourage them to participate in the events of Holy week with full devotion and humility.
- End with a short prayer, thanking Jesus his sacrifice for our salvation and asking His help so that we may benefit of His divine mysteries whenever we have commemorated His passion, death and resurrection.

Homework (optional):

- Encourage students to continue memorizing Luke 22:42 throughout the week.
- Encourage them to watch films related to the passion of Jesus