

# GOOD FRIDAY

## Family Guide

**DATE:** 4/10/20

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 22-23 + John 13

**LESSON:** Jesus' Crucifixion



### INTRO

*Our goal for this guide is to help you lead your kids in thinking, praying, singing and talking about Jesus' death. This guide would be perfect Friday night around dinner time, or after dinner before bed.*

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - This is going to be a little different than our usual at-home Kidtown time because we are celebrating Good Friday. Do you know what happened on Good Friday? (If they don't know, give them the hint that it comes three days before Easter.) That's right! Good Friday is when we remember Jesus' death on the cross. It's pretty serious, so we're not going to be as silly and playful as normal. Before we start... let's get some energy out!

*Pick what will work for your kids. Run around in the backyard for 10 minutes. Jump around (on a trampoline or pogo stick if you have one). Quick dance party. Do what works best for your family!*



### THE DEATH JESUS DIDN'T DESERVE

*When you gather again, turn the lights down. Use lamps or candles if you have them to create a more focused environment.*

*Open a Bible to **Luke 23** and have someone read **v. 32-34**:*

**Luke 23:32-34** When they came to the place called The Skull, the soldiers nailed Jesus to His cross. They also nailed two criminals to their crosses, one beside Jesus on the right and the other on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

*Watch the Gospel Project Bible story video: [Jesus' Crucifixion](#).*

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Think about when you get in trouble. Sometimes you get consequences, right? And we deserve that. We need consequences to help us learn. But Jesus didn't deserve this at all. He never did anything wrong! Even so, He was killed with criminals. Peter says it like this, "Jesus was not guilty, but He died for those who are guilty." (**1 Peter 3:18**)

That's us. We're the guilty ones. And look at what Jesus prayed: "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing." Even as He's dying a death He didn't deserve, He was praying for forgiveness for the guilty. That's amazing!

**Discuss:** What do we need forgiveness for? *Parents go first, then kids.*

- What are bad things we do?
- What are good things we don't do?
- What are bad things we think/say?
- What do we love more than God?

**Sing:** How Deep The Father's Love For Us ([Lyric video](#))



## THE WASHING WE ALL NEED

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - The night before Jesus' death, He shared His last meal with His disciples - His closest friends on earth. During the meal, He did something that the disciples thought was really strange.

Watch the Gospel Project Bible story video: [The Last Supper](#)

Right before He washed Peter's feet, Jesus told them that they wouldn't understand what He was doing now, but they would understand it soon. The washing Jesus is talking about is not just physical. It's spiritual.

Sin stains our souls. Like when you've been playing outside and get grass and mud stains that won't come out of your clothes. We need to be washed clean. This is why Jesus tells Peter: "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." **(John 13:8)**

And to have our sin stains cleaned, we need something more powerful than water. Washing their feet was a picture of how the blood Jesus shed on the cross would wash us from all our sins, once and for all. What Jesus did at the Last Supper helps us understand what He did for us on Good Friday.

**Pray:** Jesus, I can't make myself clean.  
I needed Your death to wash my sins away!

**Sing:** Nothing But the Blood ([Lyric video](#))



## LEARNING TO SERVE LIKE JESUS

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - When Jesus washed His disciples' feet, it was a symbolic picture of the spiritual washing we need. AND it was a picture of how Jesus wants to train His people to serve others.

Have someone in your family read **John 13:14-15**.

**John 13:14** If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you.

Washing people's feet isn't a normal part of our lives. But it's still a beautiful picture of serving people. Jesus wants to give us a servant heart and train us to live a servant life.

So to close out our time tonight, we're going to wash each others' feet. While we do it, think about Jesus washing His disciples feet.

*Parents, organize this time how it makes the most sense for your family. If your kids are old enough, then everyone can wash the person's foot on their right. Or parents can wash all kids' feet and then each other's.*

**Pray:** Jesus thank You for dying in the cross. You didn't deserve it at all.  
Jesus thank You for serving us.  
Thank You for washing our sins away.  
Help us to repent and ask you to wash our sins everyday.  
Please give us your servant heart.  
Help us to serve others like you have served us everyday.