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JESUS

LOVE

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Lesson 23

Jesus is Crucified

Today's Story:

The greatest story ever told is the story of God's love for us when Jesus died on the cross. Jesus was the only person without sin. He was perfect and innocent because he was God the Son. Therefore, Jesus was the only one who could take the penalty for our sin. Jesus **chose** to suffer and die as the perfect sacrifice for ALL people for ALL times. Even though it was painful, Jesus chose to die on the cross. He would fulfill his Father's plan because he knew that it was the only way to overcome the power of sin and death in the world.

To clearly show the importance of Jesus dying on the cross, God tore the temple curtain in two from the top to the bottom. The tearing of the curtain showed that through Jesus' death, our sins would be forgiven, and we could now enter the presence of God. The curtain, which separated us from God, was destroyed! We now had full access to God the Father, through Jesus. Jesus laid his life down so that our sins would be forgiven, and we could live with him, now, and forever. Jesus knew that new life, new hearts and a new kingdom would begin from his sacrifice.

Now we can thank Jesus for his forgiveness of our sins and ask him to live in our hearts. Jesus can reign in our lives as King. Let's thank him for this wonderful love! Stretch out your arms as wide as you can to help you remember that God's love is wider than the ocean and higher than the heavens above.

Bible Memory Verse:

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." 1 John 3:16a NIV

My Art Response:

