

Life of Christ

Judas betrays

John 13:2-5; 21-30; 18:2-9

Younger Verse

Accept one another. Romans 15:7

Older Verse

Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you to bring praise to God. Romans 15:7

Lesson Goals

See how Jesus acted when His friend hurt Him
Describe how we should act when others hurt us
Explain how we can treat others as Jesus would

Welcome Time

Have you ever had someone be mean to you? It makes us feel so sad and rejected. No one likes feeling this way. Let's see what Jesus did when someone was mean to Him.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

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One day, Judas quietly left the group and went to see the leaders of the town. He had a sneaky, evil idea. He asked the men how much money they would give him for helping them capture Jesus.

They were delighted and told him that they would give him 30 silver coins for his help. After that time, Judas looked for a chance to betray Jesus. That means that he looked for a time to turn Jesus over to His enemies.

Soon afterwards, Jesus and His friends prepared to eat a special dinner together. It was a special celebration and all 12 of His friends were present including Judas. Jesus shared some sad news that soon something would happen to Him. He gave thanks to God for the bread and juice and helped His friends see that He would die. Jesus knew that Judas would be the one to help capture Him. Believe it or not, Jesus loved him and had no bitter or mean feelings towards him.

Jesus also took a towel and washed His friends' dirty feet. This was an embarrassing thing for most people to do. Only a low servant was supposed to do this. Jesus' friends could not believe that He was doing such a stinky job. Jesus used this time to help His friends see that they should be helpers and servants to others. He wanted them to see

that it is more important to love and serve others than be proud and uncaring. Jesus washed all His friends' feet. That includes Judas! Yes, even though Jesus knew that Judas was going to do an evil thing, He cared for him and washed his feet too.

Shortly after that, Jesus told Judas to do quickly what he was going to do! None of the others at the table understood what Jesus meant.

Later, Jesus went to a special place to pray. He visited this spot often and Judas knew exactly where it was.

When Judas left, he went to the leaders who had a group of soldiers waiting. The soldiers followed Judas to the special prayer place. They came to the place armed with weapons and torches. They arrested Jesus and took Him away. Jesus' friends all ran scared into the night.

They charged Jesus with a crime and nailed Him to a cross. We know that Jesus did not do anything wrong. In fact, He willingly died on the cross. He did this for a special reason—for us! Jesus knew that there was no way for us to go to Heaven because of the wrong things we have done. So, Jesus took our punishment for our wrongs when He died on the cross. When He rose from the grave three days later, He made a way for us to go to Heaven. If we believe in Him and ask Him to clean all our wrongs, He will forgive us and make us clean on the inside. Jesus will come into our hearts and stay with us forever. He promises to take us to Heaven one day. If you want to know how to trust in Jesus, talk to us about it.

Jesus had mean, horrible things happen to Him. Instead of fighting back or hurting with mean words, Jesus chose love and kindness. Instead of retaliating, Jesus was caring. When we have a hard time or someone is mean to us, try Jesus' way. Be nice to them and see what happens!

Learning Activities

Help the kids see the importance of caring for others, even when they may be mean to them.

Memory Verse Activities

Make two relay lines. Have the kids race to a table and write one word of the verse on a piece of paper. When the whole verse is complete, a group has won!

Prayer Time

When Jesus was about to face very hard times, He prayed. We can also pray for help and strength to face hard times. Ask for requests and pray for them.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Enjoy snacks and talk more about how to love like Jesus did.

Planning for September 22nd
What kind of friend should I be?
Four friends help
Luke 5:17-26

Preschool Lesson

For

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Just like Jesus was kind to people who were mean, we must try to be nice and kind to people, even if they are mean to us.

Sing several of the songs in the packet using familiar tunes.

Hands-on Ideas For Judas

Jesus washed His friends' feet—even Judas' feet who He knew would betray Him. Talk about how hard it is to do something nice for someone who has hurt you. Read Proverbs 25:21-22 and see how being nice can change enemies into friends.

Can you believe that Jesus ate with Judas! Jesus knew what was about to happen but continued loving Judas. How do we act around people who are mean to us?

Bring 30 “silver” coins to show as you tell the story. (You may use nickels instead of truly “silver” coins.) For smaller children, help them count to 30 using the coins.

Talk about what the word “betray” means. See if they can think of some modern day examples of someone who betrays another.

Bring cookies and break each cookie into two pieces. Give a broken cookie to each person. Each child helps another mend his/her cookie with the icing of kind words. The child must say something kind to the person before fixing the person's cookie with icing. Eat and enjoy!

Press a tongue depressor in your mouth and remember to watch what you say to others. Remind them to say and do nice things for others.

Squeeze out some toothpaste and ask the group to put it back into the tube. Obviously this is impossible. Share that words are the same way—once you've said something, you cannot take it back. Encourage each child to say good words to others.

Bring dominoes. Give the children free time to play with the pieces. Demonstrate how dominoes fall, creating a chain reaction. Let the children experiment with lining the dominoes up and knocking them down. Tie this activity into a discussion of how wrong or bad actions/choices can create bad chain reactions. Challenge the students to do good things this week.