# CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

## UNIT OVERVIEW

This unit represents the most important aspects of our lives as disciples. By examining the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the goal is to move the students' hearts to a new understanding of their own sinfulness and of God's incredible plan for our salvation. Our prayer is that the students will develop a deep conviction about Jesus' sacrifice for them personally, and that this conviction will cause them to desire to grow closer to him every day.

## UNIT GOALS

- The students will explain that Jesus' life, death and resurrection were all part of God's eternal plan for the salvation of his people.
- The students will understand that, though Jesus suffered spiritual, emotional and physical pain as part of his crucifixion, he continued to resolutely follow God's will, and not his own.
- The students will respond to the message of the resurrection in a manner that is appropriate for their age and faith.

## UNIT CONTENTS


### LESSON 1 – FULFILLED PROPHECIES

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — LUKE 24:44

The Old Testament contains 61 major prophecies about Jesus' life and death, each of which is fulfilled in the New Testament. By examining some of these prophecies and the odds against all of them occurring, the students will come to understand that all of Jesus' life, including his death and resurrection, was part of God's great eternal plan for his people.

### LESSON 2 – GETHSEMANE AND TRIAL

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — MATTHEW 26:39

As humans, it is our nature to defend ourselves and seek our own best interests in life. By looking at Jesus in Gethsemane and on trial, the students will come to realize that this was never Jesus' nature. He knew his purpose, and though he struggled with it, never gave in to his own will, but followed God's will exactly as it was planned.

### LESSON 3 – THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — ROMANS 5:6

The message of the crucifixion is at the center of our faith as disciples. Through humiliation, torture and even separation from God, Jesus never wavered in completing his mission. He gave us a new chance at a relationship with God. The lesson will move the hearts of the students in a great way as they realize that everything Jesus suffered was a testimony to God's great love and to his desire to have a relationship with them personally.

### LESSON 4 – THE RESURRECTION

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE — ACTS 2:36

The resurrection is about hope and a chance for a new beginning with God. Jesus' tragic death doesn't end in despair, but in the revealing of God's glory and love for us. In this lesson, the students will understand that the grace that comes through Jesus' resurrection is for everyone who responds to the message of the cross. Prayerfully, each student will be motivated to move closer to God on a daily basis, and to eventually make the decision to respond out of his or her own gratitude.




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# Preteens

Dear Parent,

On the reverse side of this page you will find an outline and description of the lessons which comprise this unit. The weekly Scripture Memory Verse is listed with each lesson synopsis.

As part of the class experience, students are given a weekly challenge. Below is a list of the challenges given with the lessons:

### LESSON 1 FULFILLED PROPHECIES

Weekly Challenge: Share the evidence you have learned in this class with two friends. Explain how your faith and convictions have grown from what you have heard, and invite these friends to come to next week's class with you.

### LESSON 2 GETHSEMANE AND TRIAL

Weekly Challenge:
- Share your faith with an "intimidating" person and invite that person to church.
- Go out of your way to do an act of service for someone at home or in the community.

### LESSON 3 THE CROSS

Weekly Challenge: As you have your quiet time each day, reflect on what Jesus' sacrifice means for you personally. At the end of the week, write a letter to Jesus, expressing your thoughts and feelings about his sacrifice for you. Bring this letter to class next week (Core).

### LESSON 4 THE RESURRECTION

Weekly Challenge: This week, share the evidence you learned about Jesus being raised from the dead. You may share with your family, friends or with a disciple.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways for you to reinforce these lessons at home:

- The Weekly Challenge from Lesson 2 calls for your child to share his or her faith with an "intimidating" person and invite that person to church. Take on this challenge yourself and share with your child the results.
- Share with your child what the sacrifice of Jesus personally means to you.
- Review the memory verse before bedtime, at dinner or while riding in the car.
- While eating dinner, talk about something that your child really enjoyed about Bible class this week.
- Ask your child to share with you how he or she is doing with the weekly challenge. Give encouragement or direction as needed.
- Have a family devotional using the memory verse (or parallel verses) this week.
- Don't forget to encourage your child as he or she uses the Preteen Quiet Time Book that gives daily support for the lesson of the week.
- Allow your child to share with younger siblings what he or she is learning in class.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

We look forward to being partners with you as we help *Generation Next* to be zealous and effective as they move forward the kingdom of our God.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

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