

**BIBLE STORY:**

Matthew
26:58-68;
27:11-28:10

NEED TO KNOW:

I'm blessed
because Jesus
suffered.

HAPPENING NOW!

Current series:
Crowned!
As children of the King, God has blessings in His kingdom for us as we have the attitudes Jesus tells us to have in Matthew 5.

Let parents know the take-home page each week is a family resource that goes along with the message they heard this morning in their worship service.

WELCOME kids to class! Ask them how they're doing and listen to what they share!

SCHEDULE:K – 2nd

9:00
8:45-9:30 Small Group
9:30 Travel to Room 111
9:35-9:55 Worship
9:58-10:05 Prayer & Wrap-Up

10:30
10:15-11:00 Small Group
11:00 Travel to Room 111
11:05-11:25 Worship
11:28-11:35 Prayer & Wrap-Up

3rd & Surge

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GET STARTED**SUPPLIES:**

- Paper, writing and coloring utensils, bag with a cross inside

WHAT TO DO:

- As kids arrive, give them a piece of paper and have them draw their favorite superhero, or they can create their own superhero. Have them include the symbol for their superhero (Thor – his hammer, Captain America – his shield, etc.)
- Invite kids to share their drawings with the group.
- **To begin class**, have kids put supplies away and **DISCUSS: Let's pass this bag around and see if you can guess what is inside. When it comes to you tell us your name and what you think is inside the bag.**
- Once all kids have shared: **How is the cross a symbol of Jesus?** (allow responses) **Jesus, the ultimate superhero, fought the battle of all time! He defeated sin and death for us! This cross reminds us of when King Jesus suffered and took the punishment for all the wrong things we do. He did this so that the people of His Kingdom could be blessed, or happy, and live forever in Heaven one day. That's what we need to know today:**

I'm blessed (thumbs to chest)
because Jesus suffered. (make cross with arms)



MEMORY VERSE:

Great blessings belong to those who know they are spiritually in need. God's kingdom belongs to them.

Matthew 5:3

BIBLE STORY

Before you teach the Bible story, pray out loud with the kids and ask God to show them what He wants them to learn about Him in the story.

SUPPLIES:

- Bible Story Cards

WHAT TO DO:

- “I’m blessed” banners are on the walls in the classrooms with the past weeks’ Need to Know statements and corresponding Bible story. Review these with the kids before beginning this week’s Bible story.
- **Where in the Bible will the story about how Jesus suffered for us be? Right! In the New Testament.**
- If time allows, show kids how to find the book of Matthew in the Bible.
- After reading the Bible Story Cards, ask the questions below.

DISCUSS:

- **Why did Jesus suffer?** (to take the punishment for the wrong things we do) **We are blessed because we don’t have to suffer the punishment for all the wrong things we do. Jesus already suffered for us on the cross.**
- **Why did Jesus suffer for us?** (because He loves us and because it was God’s plan so that we could be with Him) **Jesus loves us. He knew suffering for us by dying on the cross made a way for us to have a relationship with God.**
- **Does it seem strange to talk about receiving blessings from Jesus’ suffering?** (allow responses) **Jesus saved us by taking our place and accepting punishment even though he had not sinned. Saving us and giving glory to God came through his suffering on the cross. And because Jesus suffered on the cross, He understands when we suffer through hard things. Being able to talk to God all the time is a huge blessing!**
- **Let’s add today’s Need to Know to the wall.** (For 9am classes, add it to the wall; 10:30 classes will read it from the wall.)

PRAY

Dear God, we want to thank you for sending your Son to suffer so that we can have a relationship with you and receive your blessings. Sometimes we may suffer too. Help us to remember that even when we suffer, we are blessed. Amen.

LET’S PRACTICE

SUPPLIES:

- Bingo Card, Bingo counters, Bingo pieces in a bag

WHAT TO DO:

- Have kids play Bingo in pairs. Give each pair of kids a Bingo card and a pile of Bingo markers.
- Draw a Bingo Piece out of the bag. Read the back of the Bingo Piece while kids place a counter on the corresponding picture on their Bingo cards.
- The first pair to get five in a row wins.
- Continue playing until others get a Bingo, too.



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MEMORY VERSE

SUPPLIES:

- Memory Verse poster

WHAT TO DO:

- Read the Memory Verse out loud with the kids several times. Talk about what it means and ask for volunteers to say it from memory.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

WHAT TO DO:

- Invite kids to share a prayer request or a praise – something they are thankful to God for. You can write prayer requests on the chalkboard or bulletin board (K) along with praises.
- As kids are picked up, give them a “This week I will pray for..” paper of another child’s name to pray for during the week.

EXTRA TIME?

- Play Hangman with words from the Bible story.
- Play Pictionary and have kids draw things you might find in a castle for the others to guess

PRAYER PALS

As kids arrive, write each child’s name on a Prayer Pals slip to give to children as they are dismissed.

HARBOR BUCKS

The Harbor Bank is open every Sunday for kids to redeem their Harbor Bucks.

Leaders - you may give out Harbor Bucks to kids who

1. Bring their Bible
2. Bring a friend or for first-time friends
3. Say the memory verse
4. Show helpfulness