Bible passage:

This week we will be looking at the story of **The Cross**

You can find it in your Bible in Luke 23 v.13-49

Big idea: Jesus is the only one who can make our hearts clean and free from sin. Jesus died on the cross and if we repent we can be fully forgiven

A prayer to say together:

God,

Thank you for sending Jesus to rescue us from the punishment our sin deserves. I am sorry for my sin. Thank you that Jesus can make my heart clean and free from sin. Amen

Verses to remember:

In Junior Church we have been learning Bible verses. Why don't you try to learn this verse together?

'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again' – Luke 24 v.7

Activities:

The activities this week focus on how Jesus rescues us from the punishment our sin deserves.

Activity One: Worksheet - Read through Matthew Luke 23 v.13-49 with your child. Spend time thinking through the questions on the worksheet. Remind your child that Jesus died on the cross so that our sinful hearts can be made clean and free from sin

Activity Two: To reinforce the big idea, spend time thinking about how Jesus is the only one who can make our sinful hearts clean and free from sin. Use the t-shirt craft to emphasise why we need Jesus to rescue us

Activity Three: Follow the instructions to make a wall hanging. Reinforce that Jesus died on the cross so that we can be rescued from the punishment our sin deserves. Think carefully about how we should respond to what Jesus has done – we need to repent. When we do, we can be fully forgiven and we will one day be with God forever in heaven

Points To Emphasise:

- Sin is the wrong things that we do, say, think and feel
- Sin makes our hearts dirty and unclean
- We cannot make our hearts free from sin – only Jesus can do this
- Jesus died on the cross so that our hearts can be made clean and free from sin
- If we want to be forgiven and rescued by Jesus, we need to repent
- Jesus hadn't done anything wrong but he died on the cross so that we can be rescued from our sin (v.14-15, v.22)
- Even though Pilate and Herod knew Jesus hadn't done anything wrong, they did what the crowd asked and handed Jesus over to be killed (v.24-25)
- Jesus was hung on a cross (v.33)
- Jesus was killed beside two men who had sinned (v.32-33)
- One of the thieves realised that Jesus hadn't sinned and didn't deserve to die (v.40-41)
- As the thief hung on the cross beside Jesus, he repented and asked to be forgiven (v.42)
- Jesus forgave the thief who repented and made a special promise – the thief would be with Jesus in heaven (v.43)
- We may not have stolen things but like the thieves but we have all sinned – we all do wrong things and say, think and feel wrong things
- Just like the thief on the cross, we also need to be rescued from our sin
- Jesus died to take the punishment for our sin. If we repent we can be fully forgiven and we can be friends with God
- Like the thief, if we repent, we can also be sure that one day we will go to heaven to be with Jesus forever