



This week's memory verse is

"The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."



Luke 24:7.



**Are you a little Christian?**

Have you been born again?

Has Jesus ever entered within your heart to reign?

Are you a little Christian, with sins all washed a-way?

Jesus your loving Saviour, has died your debt to pay.



Okay, my  
marvellous,  
musical mates!  
Now it's ....



## SONG TIME!

## The Crucifixion

### Read the story in John 18-20

You will remember how the story of the sacrifice of Isaac was a picture of another amazing and awesome sacrifice - the sacrifice of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is some of the background to the story of the Crucifixion.

After the trial Pilate turned Jesus over to the Roman soldiers. The robe they placed on him was a purple one, which they used to mock Him with. The crown was made from thorns. "Hail, king of the Jews" was an imitation of "Hail Caesar."

The cross beam that Jesus carried was probably 30-40 pounds and would have caused terrible pain to the torn flesh of recently flogged back. The soldiers must have thought Jesus too slow because they ordered someone in the crowd, a man named Simon from Cyrene (northern Africa), to carry the cross. It would have been customary for the sign stating His crime to be carried before Him and then later nailed above Him on the cross.

We usually think of the cross in one particular shape but a Roman cross could also be shaped like a T, X, Y, or I. Crucifixion was a Roman means of execution in which the victim was nailed to a cross. Although famous paintings often depict the nail scars in the palms of Jesus' hands, in actual fact the heavy, wrought iron nails would have been driven through the wrist and the heel bones. The person crucified would not be able to breathe in a sagging position so they would have to lift themselves by pushing their feet against the nails. If the person lingered, then the soldiers would break the legs so that they could not lift and breathe. This brought death on more quickly. Jesus was already dead when the soldiers came to do this. They pierced His side to make sure. Only slaves and the basest of criminals and offenders who were not Roman citizens were executed in this manner. It was a true injustice that Jesus was crucified as He had done absolutely nothing wrong: He could not sin.

The place of execution was called "The Place of the Skull". Some say it is so named because of a hill shaped like a skull. Others believe it is referred to by this name because of its association with death. The Latin (official language of Rome) word for skull is "Calvaria" from which we get the word "Calvary". The gospels do not mention a hill although we often hear "Hill of Calvary". "Golgotha" is the Jewish Aramaic word for "skull".

Tradition says that women of Jerusalem offered a pain-killing narcotic mixture to the sufferers. This might have been the mixture referred to in [Matthew 27:34](#). His refusal was probably because he wanted to be conscious and alert. The fact that He still had the energy of a loud voice before He gave up his life shows that Jesus maintained some strength to the end ([Mark 15:37](#)). Jesus gave His life instead of having it taken away.

Jesus was crucified on a cross like a common criminal. While He was on the cross the earth became dark. The huge curtain in the temple in Jerusalem suddenly ripped in half at the exact moment Jesus died outside the city. The temple curtain between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies tore spontaneously at the moment Jesus died. Under the Law of Moses only the High Priest could go into the Holy of Holies where God dwelled. Jesus broke down the barrier between God and man. The blood of Christ allows Christians to go directly into God's presence ([Hebrews 9:1-14; 10:11-14, 19-22](#)). There was also an earthquake. The day of the crucifixion was a terrible day.

Consider this

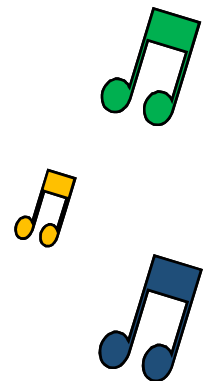
- He gave His life so that we might save ours.
- He suffered so that we don't need to suffer in Hell.
- He died for us so that we might live for ever.

Could you trust someone who had done all this for you? The Bible says that those who believe in Him are called Christians. Are you a Christian? Do you believe and trust in Christ?



The tune for our new song, is the same as a very old hymn: "Stand up, stand up for Jesus". You can find the tune here, if an adult can access the internet for you.

[http://www.hymnswithoutwords.com/hymns/Stand\\_up\\_stand\\_up\\_for\\_Jesus](http://www.hymnswithoutwords.com/hymns/Stand_up_stand_up_for_Jesus)



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Once you have learned your memory verse really well, recite to your Mum or Dad, and ask them to give you points (out of 5) Send your e-lesson in every week, if you can. **Add your name to your e-lesson below!** Add your address if you are posting your e-lesson. Complete 40 lessons within one year to earn a small prize.

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