

THE CRUCIFIXION

Bible Text: Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19

Lesson Focus: In his dying, Jesus fulfills God's intent.

Big Question: How can death be about life?

Key Words: CRUCIFIXION, RELIANCE, SALVATION

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Crucifixion was a form of capital punishment.
-] All of the Gospels recount the story of Jesus' crucifixion.
-] Jesus suffered and died as a human being.
-] While dying, Jesus asked God to forgive those who were killing him (Luke 23:34).
-] No one stopped Jesus' crucifixion.
-] As he died, Jesus' care and concern for others continued.
-] Jesus promised to bring the repentant criminal to heaven (Luke 23:42).
-] In his dying, Jesus fulfilled God's intent to save humankind.
-] Jesus' followers were horrified by his crucifixion.

CARTOON CONNECTION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">] If you were at Jesus' crucifixion, would you agree with the man in the cartoon? Why or why not? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">] If you had to come up with a different name for Good Friday, what would you call it?] Do you think Jesus' death on the cross was the only way for our sins to be forgiven? |
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STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 113: The Passion and the Crucifixion

-] Do many people know the history of the cross as a means of torture?
-] How does knowing more about the specifics of crucifixion in Jesus' time help us as Christians?
-] How does the narrative of Jesus' suffering and death help us to find meaning in the confusion of suffering?

Here We Stand Student Book page 240: How to Become a Theologian of the Cross (and Avoid Being a Theologian of Glory)

-] What is an "up" in your life? What is a "down" in your life?
-] How do you experience God with you in both places?

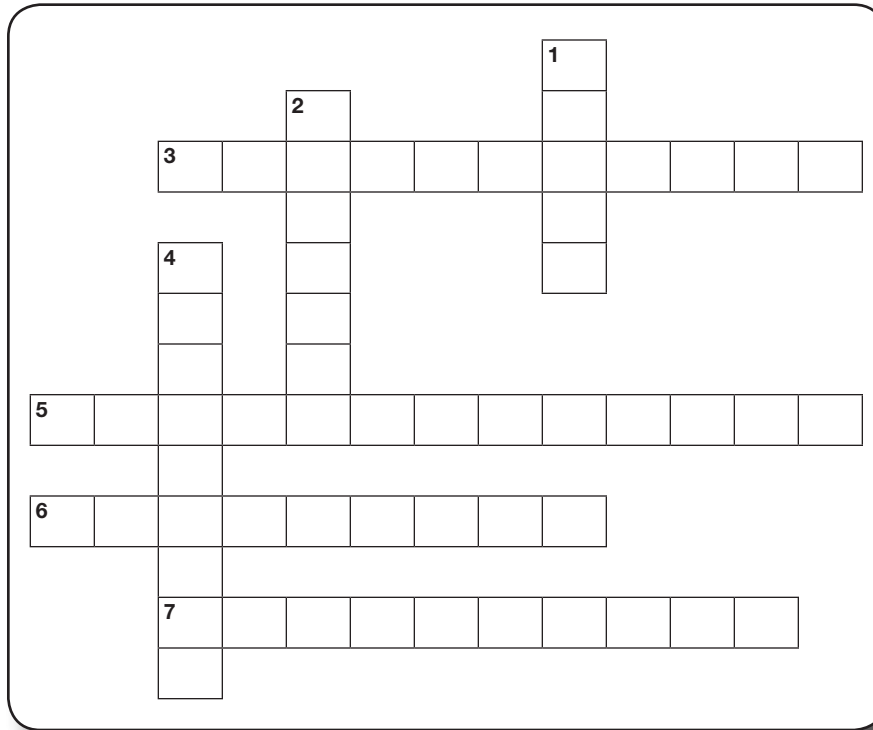
LIFE CONNECTION

Take a look around for death. That's right, do an "it looks like death" scavenger hunt in your home. What looks dead or lifeless? The garden? The garage? Someone's room? Take some pictures, draw some sketches, or make some notes. Astound everyone at home by calling a meeting to share your findings. Make a plan to create some "new life" around the house.

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Crossword

Write the correct answers for each clue in the crossword puzzle below.



ACROSS

3. Death by hanging on a cross.
5. Man who carried Jesus' cross to the crucifixion (no spaces).
6. Horizontal bar of a cross.
7. Occurred as Jesus died.

DOWN

1. Used to attach Jesus to the cross.
2. Was ripped in two in the temple when Jesus died.
4. Hometown of the man who carried Jesus' body to his own tomb.

Answers: Across 3. crucifixion 5. Simon of Cyrene 6. patibulum 7. earthquake Down 1. nails 2. curtain 4. Arimathea