



God's Plan Unfolds ²

Key Theme

- God's plan of redemption was in place before time.

Key Passages

- Luke 22:66–71; John 19:7–11

Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Describe why the Jewish leaders condemned Jesus.
- Recognize that God was in charge of all that was about to happen to Jesus.



Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will practice the memory verse by completing the Memory Verse Review Sheet. If time allows, they will recite the verse to a partner or to the teacher.



Activity 1: God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes

Students will fill out the God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes as you study the lesson.



Studying God's Word

The events leading up to the Cross were unfolding according to God's plan. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead for blasphemy—for claiming to be the Messiah, the Son of God. They tried Him and brought Him to Pilate who also questioned Him. Jesus remained obedient and trusted the Father's will.



Activity 2: Truth Be Told Review Game

Students will review the lesson by playing the Truth Be Told Review Game.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



COME ON IN

- Print the Memory Verse Review Sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.

- Memory Verse Poster
- Memory Verse Review Sheet for each student
- Pencils



GOD'S PLAN UNFOLDS CLASS NOTES

- Print one God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

- God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes
- God's Plan Unfolds Answer Key
- Pencils



STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Year 3, Quarter 2, Lesson Theme Posters



TRUTH BE TOLD REVIEW GAME

- Assemble the Truth Be Told Game Board Posters found in your curriculum kit.
- Print the Truth Be Told Game Components from the Resource DVD-ROM. Keep the Truth Be Told Question Answer Key for your use.
- Cut apart the Truth Be Told Number Cards. These will determine how many spaces to move. OR bring in dice or a game spinner to be used to move teams around the board.
- Cut apart the Truth Be Told Question Cards.
- Bring buttons or other small items to use as game pieces for each team and poster putty for adhering game pieces to the game board.

- Truth Be Told Game Board
- Truth Be Told Number Cards OR use dice or a game spinner
- Truth Be Told Question Cards
- Truth Be Told Question Answer Key
- Buttons or other small items as game pieces for each team
- Poster putty



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW GAME (OPTIONAL)

- This is an optional activity to use in some or all of the lessons to review the memory verse if time allows.

- Memory Verse Poster



Memory Verse

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

The hour had come, and the Savior celebrated His last Passover in the upper room with His closest friends and Judas, the betrayer (Luke 22:14). Jesus knew He would soon be betrayed (Luke 22:21), arrested (John 18:12), and killed (John 19:16). He knew also that this was the cup which His Father had given Him to drink (John 18:11).

The Bible tells us that many people were gathered together against Jesus to destroy Him—both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel (Acts 4:27). Ultimately, it was the Roman governor Pilate who gave the actual order to execute the Savior (John 19:16). But it was the Jewish high priest, the priests, the scribes, the Pharisees, and the Jewish people who relentlessly demanded that Jesus be killed (John 18:30, 19:15). The Jewish leaders had previously conspired with the high priest and plotted to take Jesus and kill Him (Matthew 26:3–4). These were the very people who had waited centuries for the Messiah to come and save them.

What had Jesus done that would incite the Jewish leaders to such hostility? We find the answer in Scripture, of course. Many of the Jews were furious with Jesus's claim to be God! They accused Him of blasphemy when Jesus forgave the sins of the paralytic—blasphemy because only God could forgive sins (Matthew 9:2–3). When Jesus admitted that He knew God, He was from God, and God had sent Him, the Jews sought to take Him. But it was not yet His hour (John 7:29–30).

When Jesus called Himself the great I AM, this led the Jews to take up stones to kill Him (John 8:58–59). And when Jesus made the statement, “I and My Father are one,” the Jews again were provoked to stone Him (John 10:30–31). These Jews understood Jesus's claim that He was God! But they would not believe it. And this is why they demanded His death.

But there was another purpose in their hatred of Jesus—that Scripture might be fulfilled. Jesus told His disciples that one of the reasons the world hated both Him and His Father was, “that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause’” (John 15:25). This quote of Psalm 69:4 demonstrates that even in the Jews' unfounded hatred of Jesus, God was at work fulfilling His Word.

So when His hour had finally come—according to the perfect plan of God—they were all too ready to accuse Jesus and see Him crucified. Jesus was betrayed

and arrested in the garden (John 18:12). Then He was brought before the Jewish leader Annas (John 18:13), and then delivered to Caiaphas, the high priest (John 18:24). From there He went to Pilate, the governor (John 18:28–29). Pilate sent Him to Herod who had jurisdiction over Galilee (Luke 23:7). Herod sent Him back to Pilate (Luke 23:11). Here Jesus was subjected to more torture, ridicule, and humiliation and was finally delivered over to be crucified (John 19:1–16).

What a horrible crime and sin against the Son of God! And yet, the Scriptures tell us that this was all accomplished perfectly and according to God's determined purpose and foreknowledge (Acts 2:23). Jesus came to do the perfect will of God in perfect obedience, even to the point of death—death on a cross (Philippians 2:8).

Jesus knew what He must do. Even in the garden during the betrayal, while Peter wanted to defend Jesus with the sword, Jesus's response was that He must drink this cup that His Father had given to Him (John 18:11).

God was in control of all that was happening. Even this worst of all evils was under the sovereign hand of God the Father. Jesus knew this and made it clear to Pilate when He answered him and said, “You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above” (John 19:11a).

The trial and death of Jesus Christ should always bring us to the remembrance of the gospel. For in spite of the Jews, the Gentiles, the Pharisees, the Romans, and all those directly responsible for Jesus's death, we are told in Scripture that while we were still sinners, Jesus died for us (Romans 5:8). That means it was our sins that caused His death; it was for our sins that Jesus was punished. As the writer of the song, “How Deep the Father's Love for Us” so movingly penned:

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—
I know that it is finished.

For He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree that we might live (1 Peter 2:24). It is only through Jesus's death and Resurrection that sinners could ever be reconciled to God and receive the hope of eternal life.

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

Few people realize it, but the trial of Jesus was not a single trial, but six different trials—three before the Jewish religious authorities and three before the Roman

secular authorities. All of these trials were illegal and unjust according to Jewish law and tradition.

Jesus was charged before the Jewish leaders for blasphemy, claiming to be the Son of God, the Messiah (Mark 14:60–64). The three Jewish trials included His appearance before Annas, the former high priest (John 18:12–13); Caiaphas, the current high priest; and the Sanhedrin—an assembly of religious leaders (John 18:19–24; Matthew 26:57).

After these trials, Jesus was taken before the Roman authorities where the charges brought against Him were quite different. Jesus was charged with “. . . perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King” (Luke 23:2). These trials took place before Pilate, the Roman governor (John 18:29), Herod (Luke 23:7), and then Pilate again (Luke 23:11).

The Bible reports that Pilate found no fault with Jesus (Luke 23:4). And yet the people insisted that Pilate do something. So Pilate delivered Him to Herod, who had jurisdiction over Galilee (Luke 23:7). Herod questioned Jesus. He, too, was influenced by the chief priests and scribes who stood and vehemently accused Jesus (Luke 23:10). But again, Jesus was found innocent of any crime worthy of crucifixion. Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate—and Pilate said again that he could find no fault in Jesus that was deserving of death (Luke 23:14–15). In fact, the Bible states that Pilate wished to release Jesus. But the people were still shouting that He be crucified! Again, Pilate repeated that Jesus had done no evil (Luke 23:20–22). In a final effort to have Jesus released, Pilate offered the prisoner Barabbas to be crucified. But the crowds called for Barabbas to be released and Jesus to be crucified. Pilate finally granted their demand and surrendered Jesus to their will (Luke 23:25).

The trials before the Jewish authorities and the Romans were remarkably unjust and illegal. The animosity of the Jewish leaders toward Jesus is clearly evident in the process they followed as they blatantly disregarded many of their own laws. Scholars and historians have noted a number of violations of Jewish law in these trials.

- Jesus was arrested illegally. He was arrested secretly, at night, on no formal charge of any crime, by those who were to be His judges. All of these points were against Jewish law.
- Jesus was tried illegally. He was tried at night, in secret, and on the eve of a Sabbath during feast time—all of which violated Jewish law.
- Jesus was indicted illegally. He was charged for a crime based on His own statements. The court indicted Jesus with no supporting evidence whatsoever, and the witnesses against Him were found to be false witnesses whose statements conflicted.

- Jesus was convicted illegally. He was convicted by the Sanhedrin as a group. But each member of the court was supposed to vote individually to convict or acquit. It was also illegal because the merits of Jesus’s defense were not considered.
- Jesus was sentenced illegally. He was sentenced to death in a place forbidden by law. A sentence of death could only be pronounced in a court, but Jesus was sentenced at the home of the high priest. It was also illegal because a sentence of death could not be carried out until the following day; only a few hours passed before Jesus was placed on the Cross.

Clearly, these trials of Jesus represent the ultimate mockery of justice. Jesus, the only innocent man ever to have lived, was found guilty and sentenced to death by crucifixion.

The irony of the situation is that those who misjudged Jesus will be judged rightly by Him some day. The tables will be turned. Jesus’s judges were nothing but criminals, and they will be justly condemned if they remained in their unbelief. Jesus told the Jewish leaders that God “has committed all judgment to the Son” (John 5:22). The Apostle Paul told the men of Athens that God “has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man [Jesus] whom He has ordained” (Acts 17:31). We can be assured that no matter the injustices we experience, one day all will be made right. Jesus will judge the world in righteousness, and all the scales will be balanced.

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the long-awaited promised one of God. You performed miracles and revealed your identity as God. But many did not accept that truth. Blind and rebellious, they denied who you were and broke their own laws to have you killed. Not much has changed. Many still say they are looking for truth and meaning, but they refuse to recognize you as God. It breaks my heart to see lost and dying people everywhere who know about you, but who choose not to believe. Help me to persevere, to trust your plan, and to make disciples of those who do believe and desire to follow after you. Use this lesson to bring my students to a better understanding of who you are, what you did for sinners, and how glorious redemption through you can be.



COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- They will complete the Memory Verse Review Sheet. If time allows, have the students recite the verse together, to each other, or to you.

This time at the beginning of class should be used to review the memory verse. We have provided an activity sheet on the Resource DVD-ROM for you to use. You may have other ideas and ways to encourage your students to memorize the verse.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes

MATERIALS

- God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes for each student
- God's Plan Unfolds Class Notes Answer Key
- Pencils

INSTRUCTIONS

Print the class notes for each student. Pass them out at the beginning of class. Have students fill in the crossword puzzle as you study the lesson.

The class notes are designed and written simply. Please encourage and help your students to read them as the class progresses. They are an excellent means to review important lesson principles.

We will write in the answers on our class notes onto a crossword puzzle today! Do not work ahead. We will do them together.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

As we finish the class notes today, we will find out why the Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus. And we will see that God was in control of everything that happened to Jesus. It was all in God's plan.



Studying God's Word

READ THE WORD

Refer to Quarter 2 Lesson 1 Theme Poster. Jesus came to earth for a reason. He had a mission to fulfill.

- ? What was His mission? Do you remember the two things Jesus came to do? *To glorify God. To bring eternal life to sinners.*

► Use the New Testament History Poster included with your teacher kit as you teach the lesson. Emphasize that Jesus ministered only 3 years, and He lived only about 35 years. Yet His life changed the world forever and brought eternal life to all who believe.

Luke 22:66–67

► Because of the age and ability of 1st and 2nd graders to read and comprehend, we have written these lessons for you to read the Scriptures to the students. However, please encourage your students to bring Bibles to class. And if you have strong readers, by all means have them participate by reading God's Word.

Refer to the Lesson 1 Lesson Theme Poster. That's right. Jesus came to glorify God and to bring eternal life for those who believe. Now Jesus was almost done with His mission, and He would soon die. Last week we learned how Jesus ate His last Passover meal with His friends, the apostles. Jesus passed out the bread and wine and said, "This is My body. This is My blood. Do this in remembrance of Me."

? Does this remind you of something Christians do in church? *Allow discussion.*

It should remind us of taking Communion at church. Jesus said to remember Him. And when we celebrate Communion, or the Lord's Supper, we are to remember Jesus. We remember how He died on the Cross so that sinners could be saved.

Jesus knew He would die very soon. Judas betrayed Jesus in the garden. He led some soldiers to Jesus so they could arrest Jesus and take Him away.

? This all seems so terrible. But whose plan was this all along? *Allow discussion.*

It was God's plan all along, wasn't it? This was the only way God could offer forgiveness to sinners. Jesus knew that He would have to take the punishment for sin. And He did it because He loves us so much.

The religious leaders paid Judas to betray Jesus. And Jesus was arrested by soldiers carrying weapons! But did Jesus do anything wrong? Why did these Jewish leaders—His own people—hate Him so much that they arrested Him and wanted to kill Him?

That is what we are going to read about now. See if you can tell me why the Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead. We're going to start with Luke 22:66–67. *Read Luke 22:66–67.*

EXAMINE THE WORD

Observe the Text

The Jewish leaders had arrested Jesus. They brought Him to their court room where they would decide if Jesus was guilty or innocent.

? And what did they want to know? What did they say to Him? *Re-read Luke 22:67. If you are the Christ, tell us.*

"The Christ" means the Messiah. They were asking Jesus if He was the Son of God. They wanted to know if He was the Messiah who was promised in the Old Testament. They knew the Old Testament prophets said that a Messiah, or deliverer, would come.

? What was Jesus's first answer to them? I'll read it again. *Re-read Luke 22:67. What did Jesus say? If I tell you, you won't believe.*

Jesus knew they would not believe Him. But He told them more. He said something about Himself that made them really angry. Here's what He said. Listen to this. It is in Luke 22:68–69. *Read Luke 22:68–69.*

- ? Where would Jesus, the Son of Man, be sitting one day? *Luke 22:69. At God's right hand. The right hand of the power of God.*
- ? Oh! The Jewish leaders knew that Jesus was saying He was God! But they asked one more time. What was their question this time? Listen as I read Luke 22:70–71. *Read Luke 22:70. Are you then the Son of God?*
- ? They asked a very straight question! And what did Jesus say? *Luke 22:70. You rightly say that I am.*

Yes! They asked a straight question, and Jesus gave them a straight answer. He said, "You're right! I am the Son of God."

Jesus told them the truth. He is the Son of God—the Messiah!

Let's stop here for a minute. I want to explain something to you. Something that is very difficult to understand. Jesus said He is the Son of God.

But what else do we know about Jesus? Jesus was also a man, right? He was a human being, a person, just like one of us, AND He is God! Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah. This is what Jesus said. This is what the Bible tells us. We know it is true! But the Jewish leaders didn't want to believe it, even though Jesus said it Himself.

The Jews said that was blasphemy! Blasphemy is a sin against God. If someone blasphemed they were being wicked and disrespectful to God, and they would be killed! Jesus was accused of blasphemy because He said He was God!

- ? Was Jesus lying? *No!*
No! Of course not. That's who Jesus really was! But the Jewish leaders did not believe Him. So they wanted Him to be killed.
- ? Turn to your class notes. We're going to write our answers in a crossword puzzle today. Can someone read #1 for us? How will you answer that?
Assign a reader. Messiah. Now find the square with the 1 in it and write the answer by putting one letter in each box. *Have students complete #1.*
- ? And what about #2? What else did Jesus say about Himself? *Assign a reader. Son.* *Have students complete #2.*



READ THE WORD

This seems so unfair, doesn't it? Jesus shouldn't be killed for telling the truth! He is the Son of God! Why wouldn't someone do something to help Him?

- ? Do you remember whose plan this was? *God's plan.*

➤ Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text.

➤ This would be a good time to review Quarter 2 Lessons where Jesus showed power only God could have (Lessons 2, 3, 4) and claimed to be the Great I AM (Lesson 10)!

It was all God's plan, wasn't it? Let's read some more from the Gospel of John where Jesus said something that may help us understand this better.

A man named Pilate was the Roman governor at this time. So the Jews took Jesus to Pilate to be put on trial. They wanted Pilate to kill Jesus for them. But Pilate didn't think Jesus was really guilty. I'll read John 19:7. This is what the Jews said to Pilate. *Read the verse.*

John 19:7

EXAMINE THE WORD

Hmmm. So the Jews brought Jesus to Pilate and told him to crucify Jesus.

Observe the Text

? Why did the Jews think Jesus should die? Who did He say He was? *Re-read John 19:7. The Son of God.*

Right. These leaders wanted Jesus to be killed! They told Pilate that Jesus should die because He said He was God. Pilate didn't like that idea. Listen to this. *Read John 19:8.*

? How did Pilate feel about that? *Read John 19:8. He was afraid.*

Yes. Pilate was afraid. Pilate was not sure about who Jesus really was. So, he asked Jesus himself. Listen to this. *Read John 19:9.*

? What did Pilate ask Jesus? *Where are You from?*

? And what did Jesus say? *Re-read John 19:9. He did not answer. He stayed silent.*

Right. Pilate couldn't believe that Jesus would not answer him! Pilate was the Roman governor! Pilate had power! Listen to what he said to Jesus. *Read John 19:10.*

? What power did Pilate think he had? What did he say he could do? *John 19:10. Power to crucify Jesus or let Him go.*

Pilate was very powerful. But Jesus knew something Pilate did not know. Listen to this next verse. *Read John 19:11a.*

? How much power did Pilate have over Jesus? *Re-read John 19:11a. No power.*

? Who gave Pilate his power? Where did it come from? *Re-read John 19:11a. From above. From God.*

Discover the Truth

Pilate thought he was in charge. He thought he had the power to put Jesus to death or to let Him go. But that was not true! And Jesus told him so. The only power Pilate had was given to him from God the Father. And God could take that power away at any time if He wanted to. But God's plan was for Jesus to die. God's plan was to make a way for sinners to be forgiven and go to heaven. God sent His one and only Son—Jesus—so that whoever would believe in Him would have eternal life. That's why all

John 19:8

John 19:9

John 19:10

John 19:11a

these things were happening, and no one was stopping it. This was God's plan. It all happened just the way God wanted it to.

? Let's finish up the class notes. Will someone read #3? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Pilate. Have students complete #3.*

? And someone read #4. How would you complete that sentence? *Assign a reader. Power. Have students complete #4.*

? Someone read #5. Whose plan was this all along? *Assign a reader. Father. Have students complete #5.*

? And what about #6? What is the answer? *Assign a reader. Control. Have students complete #6.*

Pilate thought he had the power to kill Jesus or let Him go. But he was not in control—God was! God is sovereign—He is in control of everything. All that happened to Jesus was in God's plan so sinners could be forgiven of their sins and have eternal life.

? Look at #7 on the class notes. Why did Jesus die? *Assign a reader. Eternal. Have students complete #7.*



Truth Be Told Review Game

MATERIALS

- Truth Be Told Game Board
- Truth Be Told Question Cards
- Truth Be Told Question Answer Key
- Truth Be Told Number Cards (or other means to determine spaces to be moved for correct answers)
- Buttons or other small items as game pieces for each team
- Poster putty

INSTRUCTIONS

Divide your class into teams. Teams will take turns drawing a Truth Be Told Question Card. Team members will take turns answering the questions. They will quickly determine an answer and give it. If they are correct, they will draw a Truth Be Told Number Card and move that number of spaces on the game board. As play proceeds, follow the directions on the game board. Alternate between teams as long as time permits.

We are going to review now by playing "Truth Be Told." I'll put you into teams.

Teams will take turns picking a question card and answering the question. If the answer is correct, you will draw a number card and move your game piece that many spaces. All directions on the board must be followed. Place used cards underneath the stacks.

Answers to the questions are provided on the Truth Be Told Question Answer Key on the Resource DVD-ROM.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

The Jewish leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy against God. They hated Jesus so much that they couldn't see the truth. He really was the Messiah, God's Son! The Roman governor thought he had power over Jesus! But Jesus told Pilate that all of his power actually came from God! This was God's plan—God was in control.





Memory Verse Review Game (Optional)

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

If you find you have extra time, please consider reviewing the memory verse with your class.

MATERIALS

- Memory Verse Poster

INSTRUCTIONS

Using the Memory Verse Poster, point to each word as you say it and have the students repeat.

After the review, divide the entire class into two groups. You can do boys and girls to start and then mix it up by age, by hair color, oldest or youngest in the family, etc. You will say a word or phrase of the memory verse while doing some sort of action— sit down, stand up, spin in a circle, touch your toes, etc. The groups will “echo” what you say and do as you continue through the verse. Repeat several times. You can whisper, shout, squeak, etc. Change it up. This will help them learn.

We’re going to practice our memory verse. I’m going to point to the words on the poster, and you repeat after me. After reviewing from the poster move on to the echoing game.

Now, we’re going to play our echoing game. Let’s divide the class into two groups. I want Group 1 to repeat what I say and do, then Group 2 will echo until we are all the way through our verse. Follow my actions and repeat my words as we go! Stand up and get ready now.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

? Who was Jesus talking to in our memory verse? *His disciples.*

Yes. Jesus promised He would come back someday, but in the meantime, He gave His disciples these instructions.

? Who is a disciple of Jesus? *Someone who believes in Him and follows Him.*

Right. Those who believe in Jesus as their Savior and follow Him are disciples. So the instructions Jesus gave in this verse are for all His disciples, or followers—even those who know Him today!

? Let’s say it together one more time. *Repeat verse together.*



Applying God’s Word

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

Today we read about how Jesus was accused of doing wrong. The Jewish leaders said that Jesus should die for calling Himself the Son of God. They called that blasphemy.

Jesus did say He was the Son of God. Only it isn’t bad to say you are the Son of God if you really are! But the Jewish leaders would not believe Jesus, so they arrested Him, asked Him questions, and brought Him to Pilate, the Roman governor.

Pilate thought he had power over Jesus. But Jesus told Pilate that the only power he had was the power God gave him. Jesus knew that God, not Pilate, was in control. God could have stopped everything! But God's plan was to make a way for sinners to be forgiven. And Jesus had to die—it was all in God's plan.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Let's think about that for a minute. Jesus knew that God was in control even when His disciple Judas betrayed Him.

- ? But who was in control when He was arrested? *God.*
- ? Who did Jesus trust when all these things happened to Him? *God.*
- ? And who was in control? Was it Pilate? *No. God.*
- ? That's right! All of these things happened exactly how God planned it. *Refer to the Attributes of God Poster. Sovereign. God is sovereign. That means He is in control of all things. Say that with me, "God is sovereign. He is in control of all things."*
- ? The Bible tells us that Jesus wanted to obey God. But why? Why did God plan for this to happen? *Allow discussion. To make a way for sinners. So sinners could have eternal life.*

Jesus had to die to make a way for sinners to be forgiven of their sins. Sinners who turn away from their sins and turn to Jesus in faith and trust will live forever with Jesus! This was always God's plan. He wanted to show His love to sinners, and that includes each of you and me.



SOVEREIGN
(Refer to Attributes Poster)

- Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



GROUP PRAYER TIME

- Praise God for the love He shows through His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to help us see the sin in our own lives, so we can understand that we each need Jesus to be our Savior.

