

Stations of the Cross for Kids

Set up stations before you start:

-You need your Bible at each station.

-Station 1: Have this take place by a sink.

-Station 2: This can be next to the sink, you need a toothpick.

-Station 3: Have this in an area where you and the kids can run!

-Station 4: Have a cross made out of paper, cardboard, or wood. Have paper, pencils, and tape or thumbtacks ready near the cross.

-Station 5: Hang a curtain across a doorway. Anything that you and the kids can walk through symbolically!

Station 1

1. Read Matthew 27:24.

2. Discuss: Have you ever been blamed for something you didn't do?

That's what happened to Jesus! Jesus was innocent, but he was condemned to death anyway.

3. Wash your hands the sink just like Pilate washed his hands of Jesus. He did not want to be responsible because Jesus was innocent!

Station 2

1. Read Matthew 27:27-31.

2. Discuss: Have you ever been made fun of? Mocked or hurt by somebody?

That's what they did to Jesus. They made fun of him and hurt him by making him wear a crown of thorns.

3. Pick up the toothpick and feel the pointy end. Jesus had hundreds of these poking into his head! Carry the toothpick to the next station.

Station 3

1. Read Matthew 27:32. Jesus had to carry his cross, and he fell a couple times.

2. Play a game!

One person runs from one end of the room to the other with two people holding onto their legs! Everyone takes a turn being the runner.

3. Discuss: Is it easy to run with weight on you?

Sins are like weights that drag us away from God. As Jesus is heading to the cross He is being dragged by the weight of all our sins.

Station 4

1. Read Matthew 27:50.

2. Jesus was nailed to the cross with the weight of our sins on Him. He takes on all of our sins as He dies.

3. Write down things that you feel guilty about on a piece of paper. Write down things that you did that were bad or you wish you didn't do.

4. Tape or pin those things to the cross to show your sins weighing on Jesus.

5. Pray

Pray for God's forgiveness of your sins and thank Him for sending His son to die to save you from your sins.

Station 5

Walk through the curtain.

As you walk through the curtain remember that you are leaving your sins behind. Jesus will take care of them for you and you can look forward to what will happen on Sunday!