

GOOD FRIDAY

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MAIN POINT

Good Friday is good because of what Jesus did for us.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

But Jesus quickly spoke to them, "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

AIDS

Possible demonstration – using a clear tub of water with items that float and sink.

ADDRESS

Why are we at church today when it's Friday?

Today is the day when Christians all over the world remember when Jesus died on the cross, three days before Easter Sunday.

Have you noticed that the church looks bare up by the altar? In the service last night (on Maundy Thursday) all the decorations were taken out to show that Jesus was stripped of his power and glory as he went to his death. Our mood is sad and thoughtful as we think about these things.

Why do we call this day Good Friday? It should be called Bad Friday.

What happened to Jesus certainly wasn't good – it was bad. But the results for us are good - very, very good! We know the end of the cross story, that Jesus didn't stay dead but came alive again a few days later. Jesus died and rose for us, so that things are put right between us and God and one day we will live with him forever in heaven.

On Good Friday it is good for us to think about Jesus dying on the cross. Many Christians spend the day quietly and slowly, perhaps eating very little, and listening to special music or enjoying silence. You might like to make and decorate a cross to hang in your home. This helps us to remember what Jesus has done for us.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving us so much that you were willing to die for us. Thank you for dying on the cross so we can live with you forever in heaven. Help us to remember all the wonderful things you have done for us. Amen.

You may wish to hand out *Growing Faith at Home* or another resource before the children return to their seats.



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