



# FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

**Week of April 3, 2022: John 19:1-16a**

## Memory Verse

**John 19:11:** *Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above..."*

## A Time to Pray:

### A Prayer for the Day:

Dear God, sometimes things are confusing and scary. Help me to rest in your love, and help others rest in your love too. Amen.

### A Bedtime Blessing:

As the sun sinks down  
And the moon rises high  
May God's love abound  
As you rest your weary eyes

### A Dinner Prayer:

A table full of food.  
A home full of love.  
A world full of life.  
And life from above.  
Thank you, God, for all of it  
Be with those who in need  
And may we do our part  
To do good in word and deed



## The Story: Who Shouts the Loudest

*Disclaimer: This Bible passage and the retelling below contains descriptions of violence and physical abuse. Use parental discretion depending on your children, their age and understanding. The main idea of this lesson is that Jesus has an unjust trial, is beaten and mocked, and led away to be crucified.*

### Part two of a story from a young girl's viewpoint:

Remember, I told you my story last week about sneaking into Pilate's court where the religious leaders wanted Pilate to sentence Jesus to death, even though he had committed no crime? Remember that I told you that Pilate thought Jesus was completely innocent and offered to set him free, but the crowds demanded that he release the man called Barabbas who was known to be a very violent man!



Well, I don't know if Pilate was afraid of the crowds who shouted out "Free Barabbas", but what I saw next I never want to see again. Pilate told his soldiers to flog Jesus. They took a whip and they lashed Jesus across his back thirty times. His back was all cut and torn when they

## Activities:

### Hats Off (all ages)

You will need: a selection of hats or pictures of (straw hat, baseball cap, cowboy hat, rain hat, top hat, panama hat, firefighter hat, and so on).

Jesus was made to wear a crown made of thorns. Hats tell us about who people are or what they do. Talk about who wears various hats and who wears a crown. Find hats around your house and have the kids try them on.

### Judgement Seat (ages 6-12)

Hold a family trial. Accuse a family member of something they did not really do. Choose someone to be the judge, lawyer, witness, and the 'guilty' one. Have the judge rule that the accused is guilty. How is your court like the court in the scripture passage? How is it different? Pray for people who are wrongly accused.



finished, and I could see the pain in Jesus eyes, and I saw the tears flowing down his cheeks. I wanted to go and hug him, but I was so afraid because there were lots of angry people just milling around and shouting out that they should crucify Jesus. This is a horrible punishment carried out by the Romans where they nail a person to a cross and hang him up there until he dies.

Those soldiers then made fun of Jesus by placing a crown made out of thorns on his head, and a purple robe around his shoulders, and bowed down before him calling him 'the King of the Jews!' They were laughing at him all the time, and it made me so angry and upset that I began to cry.

Just then Pilate appeared before the crowds, calmed them all down and said, "I find no reason to condemn this man, he has done nothing wrong." But as soon as the religious leaders saw Jesus they shouted out, "Crucify him!"

Pilate for the third time said that as far as he was concerned Jesus was an innocent man.

Then the religious leaders said that they had found a law that said Jesus must die, because he claimed to be God's son.

Well, if you had seen the look on Pilate's face. He seemed to be very afraid, and he went back inside to speak to Jesus. Pilate wanted to know where Jesus came from, but Jesus decided not to answer his questions, and Pilate was even more afraid, and kept saying Jesus was an innocent man.

Yet the crowds outside shouted louder and louder, and were getting angrier and angrier, because they wanted Jesus dead. Pilate then came back out and handed Jesus over to them, and they led Jesus away to be crucified.

How unfair, that an innocent man should die, because people shouted louder than I could!