

Day 3 - Jesus Was Betrayed and Rejected



Welcome to Day 3 of VBX 2021! We are so glad you have joined us this week as we unearth the truth about Jesus. Today is BLUE day! Make sure to wear something Blue today. Today we are seeking truth by learning that Jesus knew God's plan all along. Don't forget to kick off your day by visiting our website (lawrencevillevbv.org) for a morning message from one of our VBX Directors! We can't wait to see how much fun you have today, so make sure to take pictures today and post them on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag #lawrencevillevbv. Have an awesome day!

Theme Verse: You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart. *Jeremiah 29:13*

Point: Jesus knew God's plan and still followed Him

Bible Story: Jesus Experienced Betrayal and Rejection Psalm 41:9; Isaiah 53:3,7; John 13, 18:1-19:16

BIBLE STUDY

- **Bible Story** Say: ***"Our Bible story today is about when Jesus was betrayed and rejected. Let's find out more!"*** (Read the Story below)
- **Connect Points** Say: ***"Everyone since the beginning of time has sinned, except for Jesus. That sin separates people from God. So God sent Jesus to be the Savior, the One who rescues people from the punishment they deserve. Jesus knew what would happen when He was arrested, but He loves people so much that He still followed God's plan."***
- **Activity Books** Turn to the Day 3 pages in the activity book(s), review the Bible story & complete pages.
- **Review Scripture** Using the Jeremiah 29:13 poster, have the children recite the verse while pretending to be on an archaeological site: digging with a shovel, sweeping with a hand broom, or whatever they create!
- **Wrap Up** Say ***"So far you have learned that God made the promise to send a Savior, Jesus, and that Jesus has all the power God promised. Today, the truth we unearthed is Jesus knew God's plan all the time. He knew He would have to suffer and die. Jesus still chose to follow God's plan even though it was very, very hard. Why? Because He loves you."***

Bible Story

Jesus Experienced Betrayal and Rejection Psalm 41:9; Isaiah 53:3,7; John 13, 18:1-19:16

Jesus spent three years teaching people about God and doing miracles that proved who He was. Finally, the time came when Jesus knew He was about to take the punishment for all of our sins. He shared one last special supper with His disciples. During the meal, Jesus taught His disciples about serving others. Jesus also explained that one of the men who was sharing His bread would betray Him. The disciples looked at each other and wondered who He was talking about. Jesus knew that His betrayal and death would fulfill the plans God had told prophets long ago.

After they had eaten, Judas left. He was the one who would betray Jesus by telling the authorities where Jesus was. Jesus had done nothing wrong. The chief priests and Pharisees didn't like the things Jesus was telling people about God because they thought they were the spiritual authorities.

After supper, Jesus left with the disciples who remained and walked to the garden in Gethsemane. While they were there, Judas brought the soldiers and the chief priests to the garden. The soldiers arrested Jesus, took Him to the former high priest, Annas, and the long night of trials began. Annas listened to the charges, then sent Jesus and His accusers to the current high priest, Caiaphas. After Caiaphas heard the charges, he sent Jesus to the Roman governor. By this time, it was very early in the morning. Pilate, the governor, came out to listen to the charges. Pilate tried to get the Jewish leaders to punish Jesus. But the Jewish leaders wanted Jesus killed. Only the Romans could carry out such a drastic form of punishment. Pilate tried to find a way to release Jesus. He even had Jesus beaten and then brought to the crowd to see if that was enough. But the people shouted, "Crucify Him!" At one point, Pilate asked Jesus a question. Jesus remained silent just like the prophecy said He would.

Finally, Pilate gave in to the people's demands and Jesus was given to the soldiers to be crucified.

Today's Artifact: Steps to Caiaphas' House

A path of stone steps at one time descended from Mount Zion to the Kidron Valley. Jesus and His disciples would have most likely followed this path to Gethsemane and, later, back up to Caiaphas' house.



Think About It: Have you ever pondered the long night of trials and struggle Jesus experienced? Does this impact your feelings about Jesus' sacrificial death for our sins?

GAMES

Who Has The Artifact?

Prep: Pick a small object to be the artifact.

Play: Have players sit in a circle. Ask one player to be the archaeologist and send them outside of the group or have them close their eyes. While they are not looking, give one player in the circle the artifact and tell all players not to give away who has the artifact. Allow the archaeologist to come back to the circle and stand in the center. Give the archaeologist three guesses to determine which player is holding the artifact. Play more rounds by choosing new archaeologists and players to hold the artifact.

Gather the Artifacts

Prep: For each team, gather many random items (tennis balls, bandanas, beanbags, etc.). Have one item for each team member. Place each set of items in a hula hoop or other designated area. The amount and size of items should be even among the teams. Create a start line.

Play: Tell the players that the items in the hula hoops are "artifacts" that the teams need to gather. Have teams line up at the start line. The first player of each team should run to their team's hula hoop and pick up an item. Then run back to the start line and hand the item off to the next player. That player should then run to the hula hoop and pick up another item while still carrying the first item. Continue on with this pattern until the last item is picked up. The last player will have all of the items in their arms. If an item is dropped, the player stops where they are, pick it up, then continue playing. The first team to gather all of the items wins!

CRAFT

It's Paint Day! If you want to paint your shirt, we recommend doing it today, so it will be dry for Friday. Steps for Painting if you are using the Cross made from contact paper:

Remove sticky part of contact paper and place your cross on the back of your shirt.

Put a paper bag, newspaper, thick construction paper, etc. between the front and back of your shirt to keep the paint from bleeding through.

You will have a small sponge in your bag that you can use as a paint brush.

Paint the back of your shirt as you wish. Remember the more paint, the longer it takes to dry.

We recommend hanging your shirt outside if weather permits, the sun will help dry it quickly.

Music & Bible Story

Be Sure to check out Wednesday's page on our website (lawrencevillevb.org) to watch the music video to learn the song and hand motions then sing and dance along to today's songs, led by our music leaders! After that, listen to a short lesson from a special guest speaker!

For additional activities, discussion prompts, videos, & more, visit Wednesday's Page on lawrencevillevb.org.

WANT TO GO DEEPER?

Snack Suggestion: Use pizza dough, pizza sauce, pepperonis, and cheese to make pizza twists. When stacked, this snack can look like steps. These steps can remind us of the today's artifact, Caiaphas' Steps, where Jesus walked the night He was betrayed and put on trial.

Discussion Prompt: We know that our worth comes from the incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us. But the world often tells us our worth comes from worldly things. What are some of the false things the world tells us about our worth & where it's found? What can you do to keep yourself grounded in your true worth that comes from Jesus?