

SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKE HOME PAGE

To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned in Sunday school today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What we learned:



Jesus was not alone when He was crucified – there were also criminals who faced the same death sentence. But one of the criminals understood his deserved punishment and even spoke up with a changed heart. The criminal was helpful because he stood up for Jesus, and he even became a believer shortly before his death. This Bible story teaches us that Jesus died for everyone - even “bad” people - and we should stand up for Jesus whenever we have the chance! (Scriptures used: Luke 23:26-43)

Memory Verse:

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 NIV



Read the verse out loud with your child at least two times. Then write a few words at a time on index cards. Split the index cards between the two of you and take turns reading the cards in the appropriate order until the verse is complete. Then trade a few cards and recite the verse again as you work to memorize it together. Afterward, keep the index cards and repeat this activity later in the week to see if you both still have the verse memorized.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Ask your child to help you make a list of words that have to do with salvation (such as faith, forgiveness, love, heaven, and joy). Then inflate a balloon and write the words on the balloon with a permanent marker. Throughout the week, try to come up with more words and write them on the balloon as well. Tell your child that all the words on the balloon fill our hearts when we believe in Jesus (just like air fills the balloon). And, even though being a Christian is challenging, God is always there to help us. If your child is not already a believer show him or her what the Bible says about receiving salvation.



Daily Prayer:

Thank You, God, for teaching us that we can speak the truth about Jesus even when it's hard. Show us how to stand up for our faith and others. Thank You for loving us and sending Jesus to die for our sins. Amen.