

Challenge: Endurance test

Test your endurance in holding these positions: Sitting against the wall - as if on an invisible chair//Standing on one leg//Kneeling on one knee//Plank position//Press up position//Lying on the floor with legs lifted to a 45 degree angle. We also need endurance and perseverance to stick to things that we think or believe. Jesus showed amazing endurance through his trial.

Activity: Punishment

Match the punishment to the right crime. Drop litter//Pay a fine//Break something//Buy a new one//Hit family member//Naughty step//Swear//Carry a gun//No TV//Prison//Murder//Life in prison//Make a mess//Clean it up//Misbehave at school//Miss class trip
Do you think that a good punishment for doing nothing wrong would be to be sentenced to death? In the story today, we're going to see that that was exactly what happened to Jesus.

Watch: The trial https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6h6J_BOtqQA

Read: The trial (Matthew 26:57-27:31)

Think for a minute about a time when something happened to you that was unfair. It might be a silly thing or something more serious. We're now going to look at Jesus who had something happen to him that was really, really unfair. Read Matthew 26:57-27:31 and answer the questions below.

- Where did the soldiers take Jesus after they arrested him?
- What was Jesus accused of?
- What did Jesus say in his defence?
- What did they say Jesus deserved?
- How did they treat Jesus?
- Where was Jesus taken the next morning?
- What did Pilate ask Jesus?
- What did Jesus say to Pilate - did he say a lot?
- What did the crowds demand over and over again?
- What did Pilate order should happen to Jesus?
- What did the soldiers do to Jesus after he had been sentenced?

Create: Timeline cartoon

You will need to write this timeline out along the bottom of a piece of paper:

- Jesus arrested.
- Questioned by Annas (John 18:12-14)
- Questioned by Caiaphas (John 18:24)
- Questioned by the Sanhedrin (Mark 14:53-65)
- Taken to Pilate and questioned (Luke 23:1-5)
- Taken to Herod (Luke 23:7-10)
- Jesus mocked (Luke 23:11)
- Questioned a second time by Pilate (Matthew 27:15-25)
- Jesus flogged (Matthew 27:26)

Read the Bible references, make a note of what happened in that reference and draw a cartoon showing the events you have read. It can be a single picture cartoon, or a short strip - especially if you are doing the Sanhedrin or Pilate. You could add in speech bubbles for any dialogue.

When the cartoons are complete, stick them all onto the timeline so that you have a complete picture of the events of the trial of Jesus across the four gospels.

Read the cartoon through from beginning to end to your family.

Pray: Please help me to have endurance and perseverance to stick to things that we think or believe. Amen.