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SERIES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Jesus

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Lesson Overview

Today, we're finishing our series about famous last words. We're ending with the most important person in the whole Bible-Jesus! Jesus' last words were all about his reason for coming to live among us. Jesus came to do a very important job and the whole point was to help us. See, Jesus came to die to fix our sin problem. Sin is going our own way instead of God's way. Our sin keeps us from having a relationship with God which means we can't live with him in heaven. So, Jesus came to pay the price for our sins so we didn't have to ourselves. That's why when Jesus was about to die on the cross, his last words were, "Tetelestai". That's a Greek word that means, "It is finished". When Jesus died on the cross, he finished the job of paying for our sins. Now we can have a relationship with God, and when we put our trust in Jesus, we'll get to live in heaven with him some day.

Big Idea

Jesus finished the job he came to do.

Key Question

What did Jesus come to do?

Memory Verse

John 19:30 | "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY:** Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
2. (5 min) **WARM UP:** Describe an art project, lego creation or homework assignment you've worked really hard to finish. How did it feel when you were done? (Tip: It's fulfilling to work hard to complete a project and even like the end result. Jesus came to finish an important job for us.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
6. (3 min) **KQ:** Answer the Key Question. (Answer: **He came to die to pay for our sins.** (Jesus came to walk among us in order to die to save us. Jesus' job was about sacrificing his own life for ours. And, because of his actions, we are able to have a relationship with God and live with the hope of heaven.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What was Jesus' job? What does "tetelestai" mean? **4-5th:** Why is our sin a problem?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE:** Read [Hebrews 9:28](#). Why did Jesus die for us? What will happen when he returns again? (Answer: As we've learned in our lesson today, Jesus came to complete a job. His job was die to pay for our sins. And, when we put our trust in Jesus, we'll get to live in heaven with him some day. In fact, the Bible says that Jesus will return some day and he will take all of the people who have believed in him to heaven. And, heaven is the coolest place we could ever live!)
8. (10 min) **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
9. (5 min) **CLOSE:** Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: LAST WORDS FACE OFF REVIEW GAME

Instructions:

- Choose two kids to come up for a face off. Ask a question from below, first person to ring in gets a chance to answer. If correct, that person gets to stay. Other person has to go sit down. Choose another kid to come up for a face off.
- Continue until all the questions have been asked.

Questions:

1. Who chose to be positive? (Moses)
2. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)
3. Why was Stephen killed? (follower of Jesus)

4. T or F: Moses had a hard life. (T)
5. Who talked about fighting for the faith? (Paul)
6. What were Stephen's last words? (Forgive)
7. What did Jesus come to do for us? (die for sins)
8. T or F: We don't need people to help us. (F)
9. What does "tetelestai" mean? (it is finished)
10. When we put our trust in Jesus, where do we get to live some day? (heaven)

Supplies needed:

Bells or ringers

Bonus Activity: "Bible Hangman"

Words or phrases: "It is finished", Jesus, Bible

OPTION 2: "IT IS FINISHED!" CROSS CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a half sheet of white paper and two strips of blue painter's tape
- Using the tape, have kids make a cross on the paper. Then have kids color their paper in creative ways.
- Then have kids carefully remove the tape which will leave a cross shape on their paper.
- As the kids work, remind them that Jesus came to do a job. His job was to die on the cross to pay for our sins.

Supplies needed:

Half sheets of white paper (1 per kid), Painter's tape, Crayons

Bonus Activity: "Find the book"

Have the class divide into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

Books: 1 Timothy, Proverbs, Mark

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Hey kids, today we are going to look at some more famous last words from another important person in the Bible. Actually, the most important person- Jesus! Did you realize that Jesus came to the earth to do a job? No... we're not talking about being a carpenter and making tables. (Although he did that, too.) His real job was to die on the cross for our sins and then to rise again to set us free. Right before Jesus died on the cross he said something very important. Memory Verse!

John 19:30 When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Jesus's Last Word Was Actually One Big Word: " _____ "

It's a funny sounding word, huh! It's funny sounding because it's a Greek word that means two very important things:

Tetelestai Means the Work Is _____

In New Testament times, when a worker completed a day's work or finished a project, he would tell his boss "tetelestai." This was the word used to say, "My job is done. It's complete. Try it next time you go to school and turn in your homework. Say to your teacher, "Tetelestai!" Just kidding. Don't do that. But you get the drift. When Jesus came to this world, he told us the job he had to do. He was going to have to die to save the world.

Tetelestai Means He _____ All the Debts

One of the most common ways people used this word in Jesus' day was when people were paying of their debt. A debt just means you owe money to someone. So, when a person paid back the money they owed, they got a receipt that had the word "tetelestai" stamped on it. It meant that person had given back all the money they owed and they were free. The Bible says that we all have a problem with sin that hurts our relationship with God. But when Jesus died on the cross for us, he paid off our sin debt and we are now free!

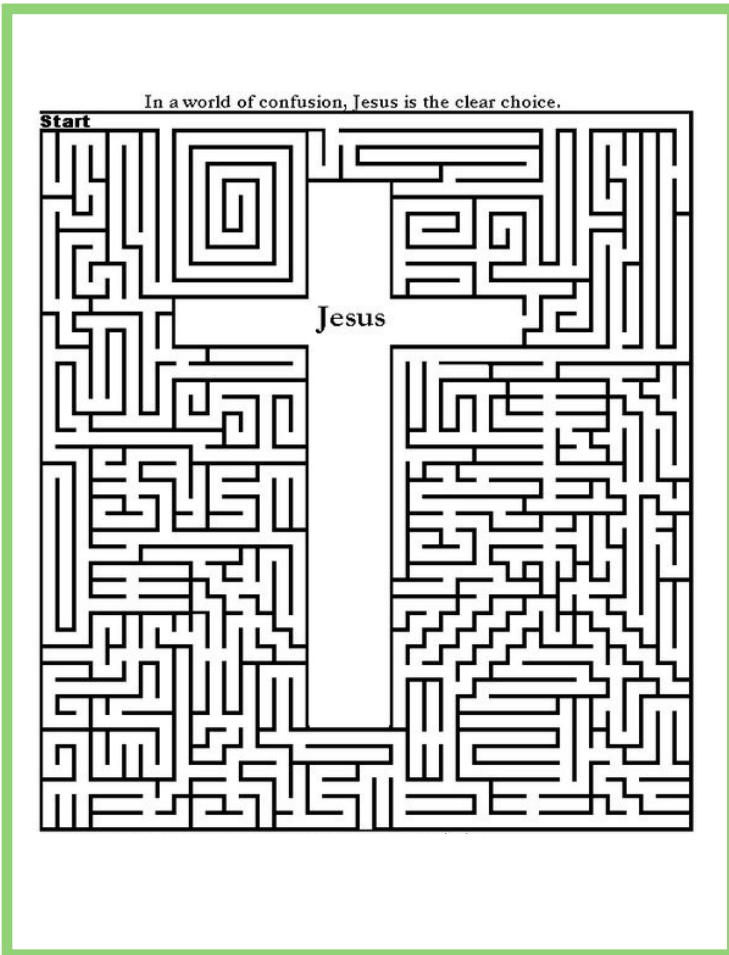
Answers: Tetelestai, Done, Paid Off

Parent Signature: _____

Questions:

1. What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?
2. Describe an art project, lego creation or homework assignment you've worked really hard to finish. How did it feel when you were done?
3. What does "tetelestai" mean?
4. What debt did we owe that Jesus paid for in full?
5. Read [Hebrews 9:28](#). Why did Jesus die for us? What will happen when he returns again?
6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Solve the puzzles.



Big Idea

Key Question

Memory Verse

John 19: _____ | "It is _____! Then he bowed his _____ and gave up his _____."

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