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SERIES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

The Famous Last Words of Jesus

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Props: Create a banner saying "FAMOUS LAST WORDS" and hang it in the room. Cut out large talk bubbles with the words "Blessed," "Forgiven," "Fight," and "It is finished" and place them around the banner.

Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

We're finishing our series called Famous Last Words! We've talked about some awesome people from the Bible and the last things they said before they went to Heaven. First we talked about Moses. What kind of life did Moses have? (allow kids to answer) Right, a rollercoaster life, which means he had some good AND bad stuff happen to him. But Moses showed us we can choose to be positive, even when it's hard. Then we talked about Stephen. What happened to Stephen? (allow kids to answer) Right, he was killed for preaching about Jesus. But Stephen forgave his attackers and taught us that we can choose to forgive, even when it hurts. Last week we talked about Paul. What did Paul encourage us to do? (allow kids to answer) Right, to fight the good fight of faith! He taught us that God is worth fighting for and he will help us to stand up for him.

Today we're going to talk about one more awesome person. In fact, it's who the Bible is all about. Can anyone guess? (allow kids to answer) Right, it's Jesus! And the Bible tells us that Jesus came to do a very important job that affects each and every one of us.

We'll talk about that more in a few minutes. But first, let's stand and sing.

Song

Live It Out

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together:

Jesus finished the job he came to do. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Jesus' last word was _____ (tetelestai).
- Tetelestai means that the work is _____. (done)
- True or False: Tetelestai means that Jesus paid off all our debts. (T)

Great job! You see, Jesus wasn't just saying, "Alrighty, I'm done! I'll see you in heaven!" He was declaring that he finished the job he came to do. Jesus paid the price for our sins. Does anyone know how much sin costs? (allow kids to answer) The Bible says that the cost of sin is death, which is why Jesus came and died. He did it for you!

That's why that word is so important. He was telling us that he finished the job. Our sin debt was paid in full.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"It is finished!" Then he bowed his head (bow head) and gave up his spirit (hands from chest to sky)." John 19:30 (Repeat)

Right before Jesus died, he tasted some wine the soldiers put on some cloth for him. Right after he tasted it, he said that very important word: tetelestai. He knew he had finished what he came to do so he willingly died. Isn't that an incredible sacrifice? Let's not ever forget the sacrifice of Jesus. And, let's show him our thanks by living our lives to honor him everyday!

Now let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

He Is the Light

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Jesus finished the job he came to do. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and dismiss.