

Dayton Women in the Word  
Summer Study Children's Lessons  
**MARK WEEK 8**  
**5-12 YEAR OLDS**

**MAIN QUESTION: Who is Jesus?**

**MAIN TRUTH: Jesus is the Passover Lamb; he came to lay down his life for us.**

**LESSON CONTENT PART 1**

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*Open with a skit between the teacher and a classroom helper (playing Lazarus). You will need a stuffed lamb hidden (but visible) in the room and possibly a head scarf or simple costume prop.*

Teacher: [speaking to everyone in the class] Kids, we are on the lookout for a spotless lamb. Why don't you follow me and let me know when you see one.

*Teacher walks very slowly and deliberately around the room with kids following behind. When the kids spot it, invite them to sit down to hear the story behind it.*

Lazarus: I don't see what's the big deal about this lamb! We are just going to eat it anyway.

T: Lazarus, God told us exactly how to choose this lamb. When we follow God's detailed directions for the Passover it helps us remember how he heard the cries of our ancestors and rescued them. **He came for his people just like he promised!**

L: How did he rescue them?

T: Why don't you and the rest of the kids take a seat? I will tell you all about it.

T: A very long time ago our ancestors, called the Israelites, were slaves in Egypt. They were ruled by a heartless Pharaoh who had killed many of their sons. Exodus 2 says Yahweh (our special name for God) heard their groaning and answered by sending Moses to confront Pharaoh. When Pharaoh refused to let them go, God sent ten plagues. The water turned to blood, there were swarms of flies - each plague was terrible...but the last plague was the very worst: the firstborn son in each family would die.

L: That does sound terrible. And so sad.

T: Yes it was. But Yahweh (God) made a way for his people to be safe from every single plague, including this one. He told them to find a perfect lamb, kill it, and spread its blood on the top and sides of their doors before they ate the meat. When the Angel of the Lord came to kill

the firstborn son in each family, he passed over the houses that had the blood covered door. **Because of the blood of the Passover lamb, God's people were safe.** God delivered them out of Egypt, met them face to face, and led them to a beautiful land.

L: So that's why it's important for us to find a spotless lamb.

T: Yes, Lazarus! Yahweh (God) instructed us to do this every single year. We eat special bread and see the lamb's blood when we sacrifice it. This helps us remember how God provided a way for the children to live. He saved his people.

## ACTIVITY

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### Doorway and cross

- Model how to use velcro stickers to form a rectangle with 2 whole popsicle sticks and 2 half popsicle sticks. Show the rectangle sitting up vertically to resemble a doorway.
- Put an extra velcro sticker on top of the top left corner of the rectangle and its matching sticker on the bottom of the bottom right corner.
- Have the kids use a red marker or crayon to color the top and sides of the doorway. Have them write their name on the back of each popsicle stick.

**Pass out the Bio Books** and let the kids know they get to take them home today!

- Kids can take notes in their books while you finish the lesson.

## LESSON CONTENT PART 2

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Did you know that Jesus celebrated Passover? Every year when he was growing up he would've eaten this important meal with his family. The night before Jesus died, he shared a very special Passover meal with twelve of his disciples. Mark 14:12 says "On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread" (that's Passover) "when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb..." but the disciples didn't sacrifice a lamb. Why don't you think they had to sacrifice a lamb that night for the Passover meal? **God had provided a different kind of lamb: Jesus!**

Later that night Jesus and 11 of his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Another disciple, Judas, led soldiers to the garden so they could arrest Jesus. They didn't have any good reason to arrest him but Jesus went willingly and the disciples ran away because they were scared. Jesus was taken before the religious leaders who lied about him and asked him if he was the Messiah. But Jesus didn't argue, he just answered "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:62) He was speaking in the secret code again! (Remind them of Son of Man lesson)

This made them even angrier and they sent him to Pilate, the governor, who had Jesus beaten. The Jewish crowd wanted him killed. The soldiers mocked him, which means they made fun of him by giving him a crown made of thorns and purple robes to wear. By the time he had to carry his cross up to Golgotha, the hill of the skull, he was so weak he had to have help.

When Jesus was nailed to the cross he said “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34). He had the burden of every single sin that everyone had ever done, said, or thought and God could not look at him because he is holy and cannot be near sin. When Jesus said these words the sky was dark and the curtain in the temple ripped in half.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says “**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**” Even the most spotless baby lamb is not perfect. The lamb dies and stays dead. Jesus did not stay dead! He rose again three days later, defeating sin forever!

The Passover meal is usually about God saving the Israelites in Egypt. But that night, for Jesus and his friends, it was about a bigger rescue. Awhile ago we read Matthew 1:21 and found out that the name “Jesus” means “Yahweh saves.” Jesus was the Passover Lamb: God’s way of saving humans.

*Take the popsicle stick doorway you made and move it as you teach.*

- *Hold opposite corners of the doorway with your thumbs and forefingers. Pull them away from each other so you are holding an L shape and an upside-down L shape.*
- *Move one L shape on top of the other so they form a cross. Secure the velcro.*

**Like the lamb’s blood on the door told the angel to pass over the houses in Egypt, Jesus’s blood on the cross tells death to pass over us.** When we decide to follow him and accept his sacrifice we have life with him! We can be with Yahweh (God) again and don’t have to be separated because of our sin.

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## PRAYER

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Invite someone to pray or pray over the kids:

*Father, thank you for providing Jesus our Passover Lamb. You rescued the Israelites in Egypt and you did the same thing for us through the blood of the most perfect Lamb. Jesus, thank you for laying down your own life so we could have life and freedom from our sins. Amen.*

## MARK MEMORY VERSE

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Practice Mark 10:45 together or read it over them:

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

## PARENT RESOURCES

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1. Sing the memory verse song together.
2. Practice the main truth with motions together.
3. Listen to the song "[You Came](#)" by Bethel Music.
4. Go through your child's Jesus Biography with them. Ask about verse references, Bible stories, pictures they drew. Help them add pages to it and use it during family devotionals or Sunday sermons as they discover more about who Jesus is.