Day 4 Elementary Bible Story

The Passion and the Resurrection

Introduction for the Station Leader:

 Hello again! Welcome back! We are already on Day 4 of VBS. Today’s theme is God forgives us. This is shown through today’s Bible stories. The children will be covering two stories today. The Bible stories are the Passion and the Resurrection. Jesus dies on the cross to forgive our sins, and on the third day, he rises from the dead. These stories demonstrate that God forgives us.

 When people rode out West, they usually rode out in a group. Also, when the people finally settled, they lived in small towns. In both these situations, the people only had who was around them to rely on. Also, many times there would be disagreements which is what happens with any group of people. The settlers had to learn to forgive each other so they could work together to survive. Forgiveness helped them start a new life.

Activity:

* Read Bible story from the packet
* Perform Heart and Cross activity

Supplies:

* Cross
* Paper hearts
* Pencils
* Bucket
* Garbage Can

Preparation:

* Put the bucket in front of the cross

Bible Story from the Bible:

Luke 23:26-27, 32-34, 44-46, 50-56

 As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him.

 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals - one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. ‘And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

 Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to PIlate, he asked for Jesus’ body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spiced and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Luke 24:1-12

 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the LORD Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has rise! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: “The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Instructions for when the group arrives:

1. Welcome the group to another day of VBS
2. Ask them what the theme is for the day (God forgives us)
	1. They might not know or remember the theme yet so if they don’t get it, please remind them
3. Introduce the story they will be learning about and ask if any of them have heard it
4. Tell them how Jesus had the Last Supper with his disciples and then was arrested
	1. This is the background to the story so they don’t have to read it all
5. Read the story from the packet
6. Hand out pencils and hearts
7. Say that the hearts represent our sin
8. Ask what some sins are
9. Have them write their names on the hearts
10. Have them put the hearts in the buckets
11. Ask why Jesus died on the cross
	1. The answer is so God would forgive our sins
12. Take the bucket and dump the hearts into a garbage can
13. Say that God forgives our sins and they are gone (like the hearts in the trash can)

Cleanup:

* At the end of the day please:
	+ Put away all supplies you don’t need for the rest of the week