



## Family Battle Plan

A discipleship pathway to assist parents in engaging their children on their journey of faith

### **Week 10: Salvation**

#### Older Preschool

##### **Theme Verse**

"God loved the world and gave His Son" (John 3:16).

##### **Objective**

God sent His only Son, Jesus, because He cares about us.

##### **Teach**

What does the word "care" mean? How do you know that someone cares about you? What would you do to show someone that you care about them? Throughout the Bible, God told His people that He loved them and was going to send a Messiah because He cared for them. The Messiah was Jesus. He sent Jesus as a baby that grew to become a man. He shared God's love by healing people and telling them about His Father. He even raised people from the dead. That was a lot of love shown to those people. Can you do any of those things? No, I cannot do them either. Only God could do those things.

One day, Jesus rode into the town of Jerusalem on a donkey. This was the way a king would ride into town. The people were excited. They waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" Some of the people knew Jesus was God's Son, and He was the true Messiah. Others were just caught up in the moment. They thought Jesus would lead an attack against the Romans who were controlling the country of Israel. That was not God's plan.

God planned to send Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus had never sinned. Therefore, He could take our place. He was and is the perfect, sinless Son of God. Jesus did die on the

cross, but the best news ever is that He rose from the dead. He is alive in Heaven with His Father. One day, He will return to Earth to take us all to be with Him. Are you ready?

In our Bible verse, “*God loved the world and gave His Son,*” the word “world” means you and me (John 3:16). We can even put our name in the place of the word “world.” Say the verse but replace “world” with your name. Say the verse with each person’s name in the place of the word “world.” Jesus showed that He cares and loves you by giving His life for you. Most importantly, He cared enough to come back to life and live for us.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What did God tell the people He would do because He cared for them? (Send the Messiah.)
2. Who is the Messiah, the Promised One? (Jesus)
3. How did Jesus show that He cares for you? (He died on the cross and rose again.)

### **Play**

Love, Bible, Cross

This game is played like Rock, Paper, Scissors.

Love: Use hands to form a heart.

Bible: Use hands to form an open book.

Cross: Use arms to form a cross.

Have the family members pair together. Count, “1, 2, 3 Go!” Each person will choose one of the signs. Bible trumps love, cross trumps Bible, and love trumps cross. Continue playing until someone wins.

Discuss that God shared His love with us through Jesus. He told us this in the Bible. He showed His love that He promised in the Bible when Jesus died on the cross and rose again after three days.

Repeat the game.

### **Sing**

[“Sin Messed Everything Up”](#)

### **Live it Out**

God loves us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. The best part is that Jesus did not stay dead, but he came back to life and now lives in Heaven. Let’s thank Him!

### **Closing Prayer**

Dear God, thank You for sending us Your Son, Jesus, to be our Messiah. Thank You that Jesus was willing to die for us. Most of all, we thank You that Jesus is alive and now lives in Heaven. Help us to always love and thank You. In Jesus' name, amen!