

ONE CONVERSATION

Parents: Read Matthew 27:41-54. Reflect on the cross and Christ's sacrifice for us. Pray for your student to have a greater understanding of the ultimate sacrifice Jesus paid for our sins this week as he or she studies and reflects on the crucifixion.

Because the cross is all around us, it is easy to assume we know exactly what the cross is all about or worse, let our culture dictate how we think about the cross and what Jesus accomplished through His death. Today as we study Jesus' crucifixion in Matthew, we will be reminded of what the cross is—the world's most brutal instrument of execution. In so doing, we will uncover what Jesus accomplished by dying on the cross. Jesus is our sacrifice—He willingly gave His life to bear the wrath of God in our place.

CENTRAL TRUTH

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PERSONAL CHALLENGE

- › **Dwell:** God's Son gave His life for our sin, and His sacrifice was in submission to the Father's will. Why do you think Jesus willingly bore the wrath of God? What does this mean for us?
- › **Memorize:** Matthew 27:54
- › **Pray:** Give thanks to Jesus for coming to earth as the God-man and for willingly giving His life up on the cross for our sins. Thank Him for the ultimate sacrifice He made to atone for our sin which allows us to have a relationship with the Father. We no longer have to make sacrifices for sin like those in the Old Testament did, but we have direct access to the Father through Jesus.