

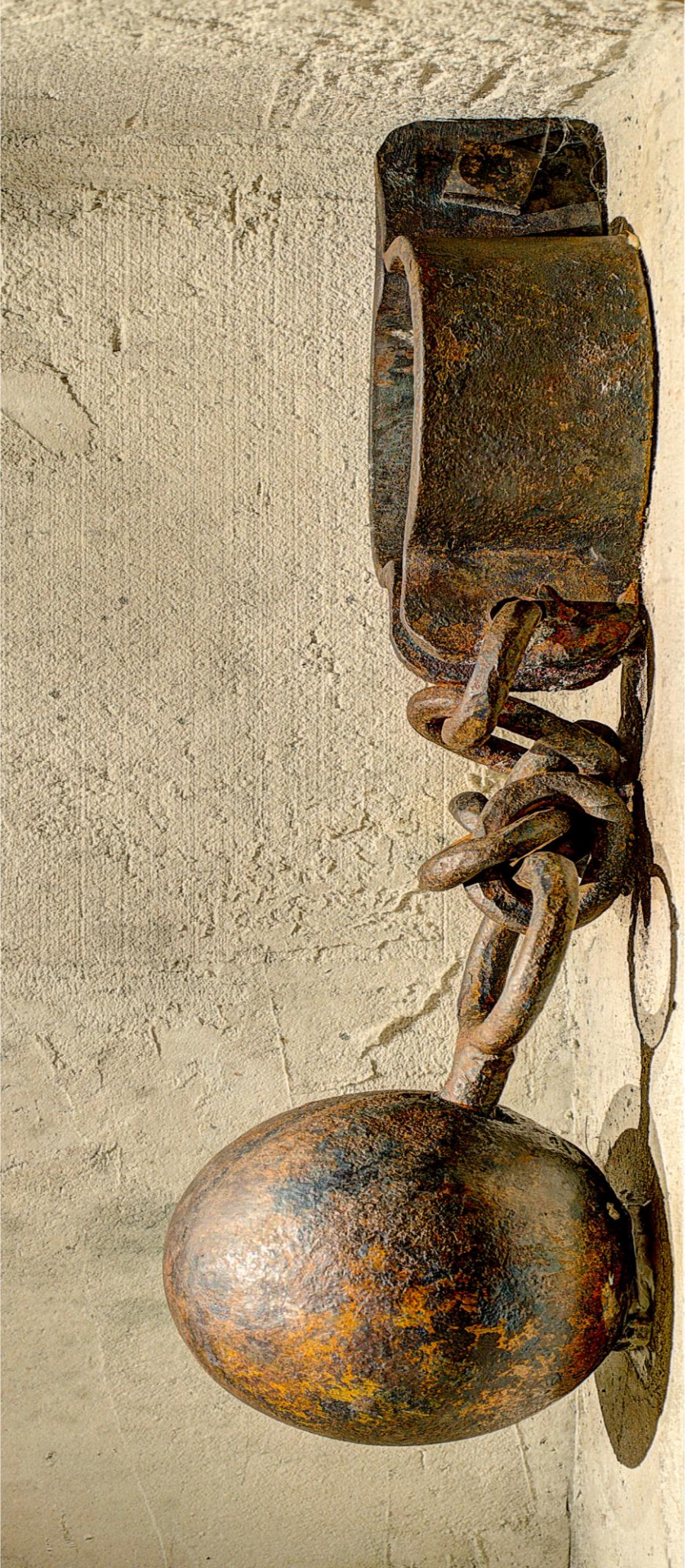
Skit for Whole Group

Crucifixion

Checklist

- ☐ Picture of ball & chain or ball attached to chain from craft store & painted black
- ☐ Heavy item (like bowling ball)
- ☐ 3 large clear bags
- ☐ Black balloons
- ☐ “Sin” labels

Story:	Crucifixion
Focus:	Jesus came to rescue us.
Object:	ball and chain (can be made from bouncy ball painted black with chain from craft store), or picture of ball and chain; Optional: a heavy object (if possible, a bowling ball is best)
Intro:	Has anyone seen this on a person's foot in a cartoon? A long, long time ago, jails didn't have very good fences. So to make sure prisoners didn't run away, they would chain this to their leg. This was a symbol for being trapped. Today we're going to learn about another way people can be trapped, and what Jesus did about it.
Skit (All Ages):	
Volunteers:	Jesus
Props:	heavy object, ball and chain with "sin," written on it ; 3 clear bags filled with black balloons; Past, Present, Future signs; "sin" signs for each balloon
	Bring out the ball and chain with "sin," written on it. (Optional: here is something the weighs about the same amount. Invite children to come up and try the heavy item. It is too heavy.) Imagine this was tied to your leg. How would you feel having that burden on you all the time? That is what our hearts are like before we let Jesus in.
	If one person's sin is so heavy, imagine all the sin of everyone who has ever lived in the world.
	Jesus holds clear bags filled with black balloons
bag labeled past	He took on the sins of Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, David and Jonah
bag labeled present	He took on the sins of His mom and step-dad, His brothers and sisters, His disciples like Peter and John, His friends and the Romans who wanted to hurt Him.
bag labeled future	He took on the sins of all the people born after Him, like you and me. Everyone in this room, everyone in big church, everyone in the entire world. Even your grandkids that will be born many years from now.
	The ironic thing is that Jesus never actually sinned Himself. That's actually the reason why He was able to take on the sins of other people. You and I could never take on someone else's sins, because we sin, too. But Jesus is perfect. That's why He could do it.
Love fruit	There's a very special verse in the Bible that describes why Jesus did this very difficult thing in order to forgive us of our sins:
	God loved the people of this world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life and never really die. ~ John 3:16 (CEV)



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Past

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Preschool

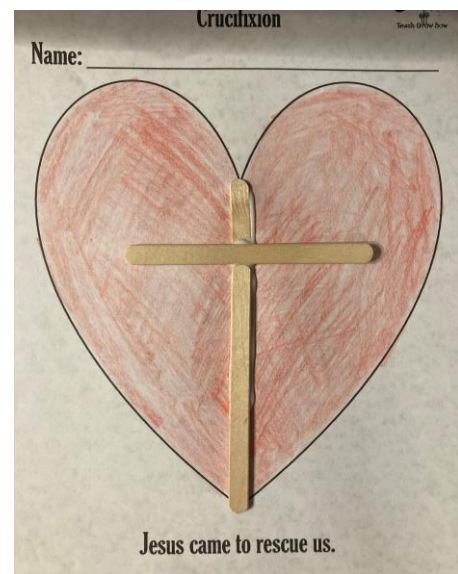
Crucifixion

Checklist

- ☐ Popsicle sticks
- ☐ Large blocks
- ☐ Modeling dough
- ☐ Heart cut-outs

Coloring Page:

Encourage children to color in the heart, then make a cross inside it with popsicle sticks. Talk about how much Jesus loves them.



Modeling Dough:

Encourage children to make many small hearts. Line them up to make the shape of a cross from the hearts.

Game:

Make a giant cross out of blocks on the floor. Use all remaining blocks to stack on top of it, making it as tall as possible.

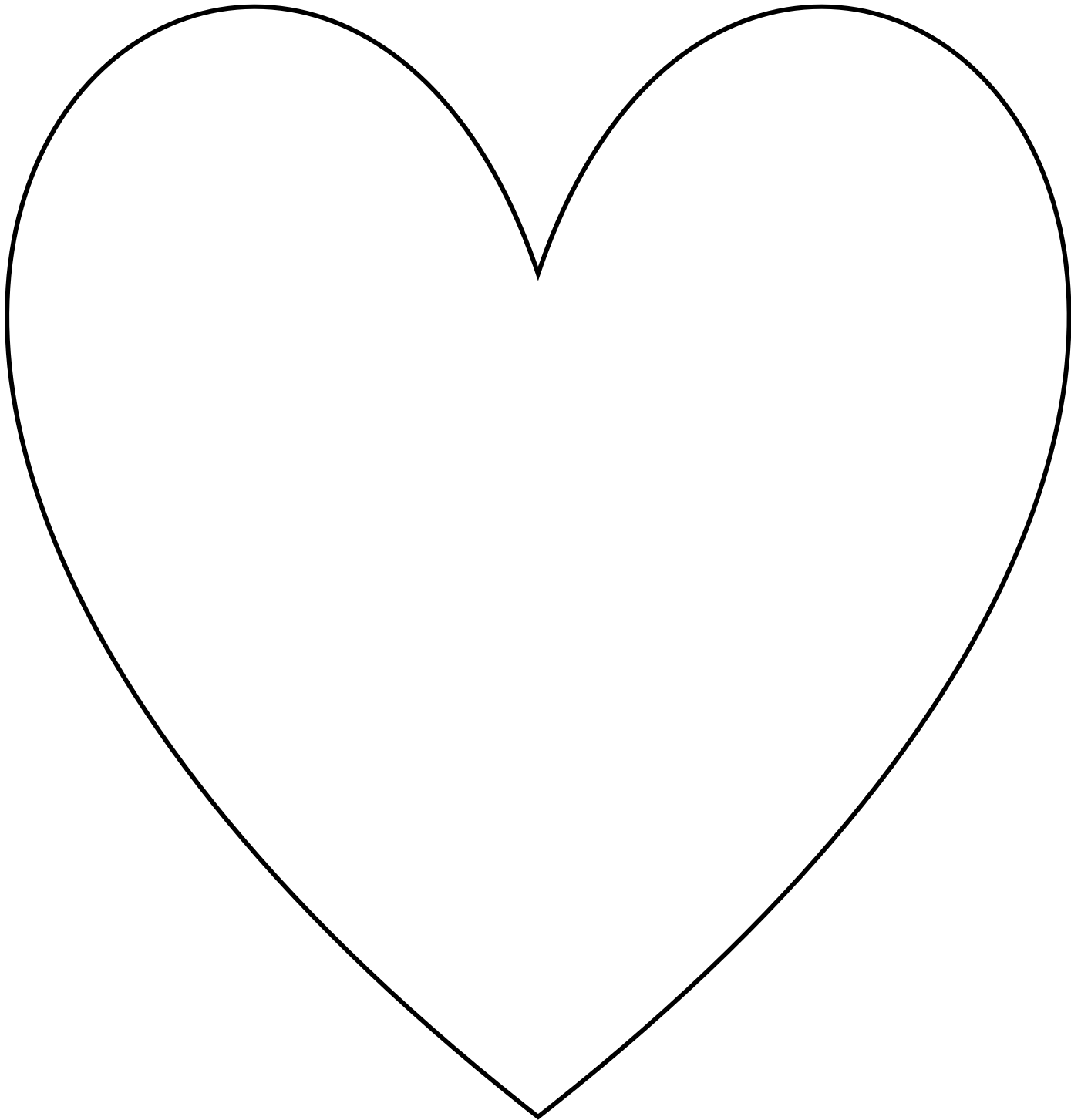
Song:

Jesus Paid it All

Crucifixion



Name: _____



Jesus came to rescue us.

Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Savior say,
“Your strength’s so very small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
I am your all in all.”

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a dark red stain,
He washed it pure as snow.

