

Children's Sermon for November 24 (based on Luke 23:33-43)

Items needed: doll or teddy bear; a wooden board.

After kids come up, ask them to give your doll/teddy bear a name. Then, show kids the board and tell them it belongs to (name of doll.) What could he/she do with this board? One thing he/she could do is use this board as something called a "club." A club is when you hold a board in your hands (put board in arms of doll/teddy) and say to others, "You have to do what I say, or else I will hit you." That's one thing she/he could do with her/his board. But there's also another thing she/he could do---let it go, lay it down (put board on floor by doll) If she did that with her board, the board could become a bridge, a walkway, that could help her get to others, and help others get to her. In today's Bible reading, some people are wondering if Jesus is a king. But they think a king is someone who has the biggest club (put board back in arms of doll) so they can tell everybody else what to do. But Jesus is not that kind of king. Instead, Jesus is the king of love. Jesus, the King of Love, treats His life like this piece of wood---Jesus chooses to lay down His life (Lay wood on floor), so that His life is a bridge that helps us get to God and others.

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