

Creative discussion - Can you see the big picture?

The leaders of the people and the priests mock Jesus on the cross. They have no idea what's going on. They can only see one piece of the puzzle and are missing the big picture. By means of a special puzzle we discover whether we see the big picture.



Preparation:

Print out the puzzle beforehand and cut out it into individual puzzle pieces or in blocks of four puzzle pieces.

What do you need:

- Easter puzzle cut into pieces
- scissors
- felt-tip pens and/or coloured pencils

What do you do:

Do: Give each child one or more puzzle pieces or block or four pieces.

Let them colour the puzzle pieces in and cut the out if necessary.

Ask: What is the big picture of this puzzle?

Can you tell by the puzzle pieces you have got?

How do we discover the bigger picture?

Do: Let the children do the puzzle together.

Ask: What do we see on the puzzle?

Tell: We see a man thinking about the cross of Jesus and also thinking about a different picture, a picture of a snake on a stick.

Ask: Does anyone know which Bible story the snake on the stick is about?

What happened in that story of the serpent on the stick?

Tell: Moses was with the people in the desert. The Israelites had sinned against God and God sent poisonous snakes that bit people and killed them. When Moses went to pray, God told him to make a copper snake and put it on a stick. Everyone who looked at the snake lived.

Ask: What does this have to do with Jesus dying on the cross?

Tell: Actually, these stories are very similar. Explain this.

Ask: What does the story of the snake and Jesus dying on the cross have to do with the little boy who drew a life-size whale?

Tell: The teacher, the parents, the doctors and the nurses didn't get it. They didn't see the big picture. That's a bit like us with the puzzle pieces.

Actually it was exactly the same with the scribes, the leaders of the people and the priests. They accused Jesus of all kinds of things. He had said that he would demolish the temple and build it again in three days, that he was the son of God. Well, let him prove it.

These men had only heard very small parts of Jesus' story and seen very small parts of Jesus' life. They didn't really understand anything and had no idea what was happening.

We are lucky to be able to understand! The scribes saw a very small piece of the puzzle. We are allowed to see this whole puzzle.

Ask: What do we see when we see the whole puzzle of the life of Jesus?

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