

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

God
hears our
cries.

BIBLE

Jesus Dies on the Cross:
Luke 23:32–49; Psalm 31:9–
16

QUESTIONS

Who cried out to Jesus things like, "Save yourself if you're really the king?" *Soldiers, rulers, people watching*
Who cried out to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom?" *One of the criminals beside*
Jesus

Who cried out to God, "Into your hands I commit my spirit?" *Jesus*

Psalm 31:14–16. How can you tell the writer of this psalm knew God hears our cries? *The verse says things*
like "I

trust in you," "my times are in your hands," and "save me in your unfailing love."

When are times that you feel sad, worried, or any other big emotion?

What are some words you can use to cry out to God when you are feeling these things?

How do you think crying out to God can help when things are tough?

A CTIVITY

Hand out stones made for painting, and have tables set up so kids can paint the stones with glow-in-the-dark paint or markers. Have kids paint the Big Idea on the rocks and any pictures or words that remind them of Jesus and his love for us.

Did you know before Jesus was captured, he entered the city of Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowd greeted him happily? Some of the religious leaders did not like this and told Jesus to tell his disciples to be quiet. But Jesus said that if they were quiet, then the rocks would cry out instead! The rocks — like the ones you are holding — would cry out!

So we never need to be quiet when it comes to talking to God . . . we can cry out at any time. Our Big Idea today

MEMORY VERSE: "The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?"
— Psalm 27:1a (NIV)

Scan the code for a memory verse sign language tutorial video you can share with your families and volunteers!

