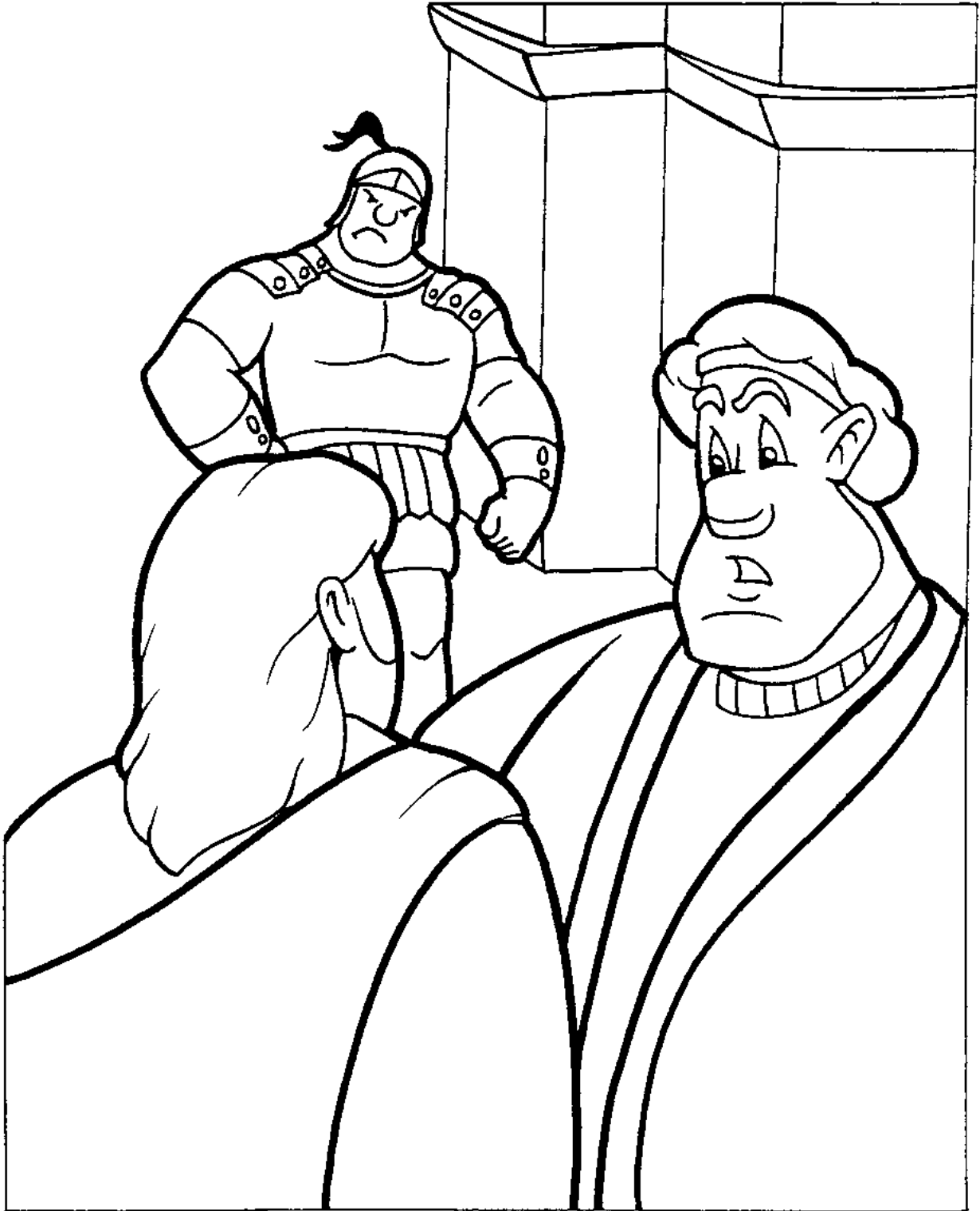


**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 236: THE SANHEDRIN, HEROD & PILATE**  
**LUKE 22:66-23:25**

The next morning, the older leaders of the people, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law came together. They led Jesus away to their high council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, then tell us that you are." Jesus said to them, "If I tell you I am the Messiah, you will not believe me. And if I ask you, you will not answer. But beginning now, the Son of Man will sit at the right side of the power of God." They all said, "Then are you the Son of God?" Jesus said to them, "You are right in saying that I am." They said, "Why do we need witnesses now? We all heard what he said!" Then the whole group stood up and led Jesus away to Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus and said to Pilate, "We caught this man trying to change the thinking of our people. He says we should not pay taxes to Caesar. He calls himself the Messiah, a king." Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Yes, what you say is true." Pilate said to the leading priests and the people, "I find nothing wrong with this man." But they kept on saying, "His teaching is causing trouble all over Judea. He began in Galilee, and now he is here!" Pilate heard this and asked if Jesus was from Galilee. He learned that Jesus was under Herod's authority. Herod was in Jerusalem at that time, so Pilate sent Jesus to him. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very happy. He had heard all about him and had wanted to meet him for a long time. Herod wanted to see a miracle, so he was hoping that Jesus would do one. He asked him many questions, but Jesus said nothing. The leading priests and teachers of the law were standing there shouting things against Jesus. Then Herod and his soldiers laughed at him. They made fun of him by dressing him in clothes like kings wear. Then Herod sent him back to Pilate. In the past Pilate and Herod had always been enemies. But on that day they became friends. Pilate called all the people together with the leading priests and the Jewish leaders. He said to them, "You brought this man to me. You said he was trying to change the people. But I judged him before you all and have not found him guilty of the things you say he has done. Herod didn't find him guilty either. He sent him back to us. Look, he has done nothing bad enough for the death penalty. So, after I punish him a little, I will let him go free." But they all shouted, "Kill him! Let Barabbas go free!" (Barabbas was a man who was in jail for starting a riot in the city and for murder.) Pilate wanted to let Jesus go free. So again Pilate told them that he would let him go. But they shouted

again, "Kill him! Kill him on a cross!" A third time Pilate said to the people, "Why? What wrong has he done? He is not guilty. I can find no reason to kill him. So I will let him go free after I punish him a little." But the people continued to shout. They demanded that Jesus be crucified, which means to be killed on a cross. Their shouting got so loud that Pilate decided to give them what they wanted. They wanted Barabbas to go free--the one who was in jail for starting a riot and for murder. Pilate let Barabbas go free. And he handed Jesus over to be killed. This is what the people wanted.

## 236. THE SANHEDRIN, HEROD & PILATE (LUKE 22:66-23:25)



"And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.  
And they began to accuse him."  
Luke 23:1-2

## 236. THE SANHEDRIN, HEROD & PILATE

### LUKE 22:66-23:25

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God."*     **LUKE 2:69**

#### **Review Questions**

##### **True or False**

1. The next morning, the older leaders of the people, the leading priests and the teachers of the law came together and led Jesus into their high council.
2. They told Jesus, 'If you are the Messiah, then don't tell us that you are.'
3. Jesus answered, "If I told you I was the Messiah, you wouldn't believe me."
4. They all said, "Then are you Elijah?"
5. They all said, "Then are you the Son of God?"

##### **Questions**

1. What did Jesus say when they asked Him if He was the Son of God?
2. When they took Jesus to Pilate, did Pilate think Jesus deserved to die?
3. Who did Pilate send Jesus to after he heard He was from Galilee?
4. Was Herod happy that Jesus was coming to see him?
5. Did Jesus say anything to Herod?
6. What did Herod and his soldiers do to Jesus?
7. When they brought Jesus back to Pilate, what did the people want Pilate to do to Him?
8. Who did the people want Pilate to let go free?
9. What did Pilate do? Who did he let go free, and who did he send to be crucified?

## **Lesson 236 Activity & Craft**

### **The Great Invitation**

#### **An Invitation**

Have your children make an invitation from Jesus for someone they know to become a part of His family by receiving His forgiveness through the work of the cross. You can print the template below, and fold in half long-ways, then fold in half again to make the invitation. Encourage the children to draw or write on the inside of the invitation to personalize it.

Encourage your students to give the invitations to the intended person, or keep them as a reminder to pray daily for that friend or relation.

#### **PRAYER**

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving that Jesus willingly went to the cross for our sins. If there are any children who have never asked Jesus to come into their heart, give them the opportunity to do so.



**You Are Invited**



You are invited

by Jesus to accept  
Him into your heart!