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Title: The Helmet of Salvation

Theme: Jesus took the punishment for our sins so we don’t have to.

Object: Hardhat

Text: Isa 53:5 (NKJV) But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

This verse tells us that Jesus suffered for our sins.

Jesus was the only person that never did anything wrong.

He never disobeyed even one of God’s commandments.

He was always kind and loving and good.

And before they hung Him on the cross, the soldiers beat Him with a whip until the blood poured out of His back.

God allowed Jesus to take the punishment for our sins so we could go free.

Now I have in my bag today a very unusual type of hat. It’s called a hardhat.

A hardhat is used to protect your head. If something hits you in the head really hard, it can kill you.

Let’s say you are working on building a house. What if one of the men working on the roof accidentally dropped his hammer, and it came down and hit you on the head? You could be dead!!

That’s why everybody that works in construction has to wear a hardhat.

Now I can take this hammer and whack myself on the head.

As long as I’m wearing this hardhat, the hammer doesn’t kill me.

[Strike several blows to the hardhat.]

What do you think my head would look like right now if I wasn’t wearing the hardhat? (Bloody mess)

That’s why this hardhat reminds me of Jesus.

He took the punishment for our sins.

The Bible says He was wounded and bruised and beaten and crucified for our sins.

He took the punishment that we deserved so that God could forgive us and save us from our sins.

Just like this hardhat took the beating from the hammer and saved my head from injury, Jesus took the beating for us.

That’s how much He loves us: He took our beating and died in our place so that we can be forgiven and have eternal life with Him.

I love Him for that! Do you love Him too?