

230 Parent Guide Curriculum Update

Pontius Pilate

Week 2, Day 2

Pontius Pilate | Chapters 1–2

Parental Advisory

Note to Mom or Dad: The lewd dance of Salome, leading to the beheading of John the Baptist, is described on pp. 150–151. If you feel it necessary, please simply tape the pages together. Also, on p. 172, there is a historically factual, but unpleasant story. Feel free to cover with paper or cross out with ink.

Week 4, Day 1

Pontius Pilate | Chapters 19–20

To Discuss After You Read

3. Pilate says, “Sometimes a little evil is necessary to bring about a greater good” (256). Do you think he’s correct? ➔ *the closest example I can come up with is something like sweatshops or electronics facilities in Asia: horrible working conditions, but better than what the people would otherwise have, and the cheap labor provides Americans with cheap clothes and cheap computers; however, I don’t think that it would ever be appropriate to say, “I had to sin just a little to have this better outcome”: it seems that believers should avoid sin*

Week 4, Day 3

Pontius Pilate | Chapters 23–24

To Discuss After You Read

9. As shocking as Pilate’s unjust conviction is, what makes Agrippa’s question, “Haven’t you ever condemned an innocent man?” (307) so powerful? ➔ *the contrast between Pilate, who was unfairly convicted, and Jesus, who was entirely innocent; it gives a hint at how painful it must have been for Jesus to not have true justice*

Week 4, Day 4

Pontius Pilate | Chapter 25–End

To Discuss After You Read

14. “Everyone must live with a few goals, a little hope, some objective for existence” (33). Do you have some goals and hope right now?