



FACT SHEET **WHIP**

John 19:1

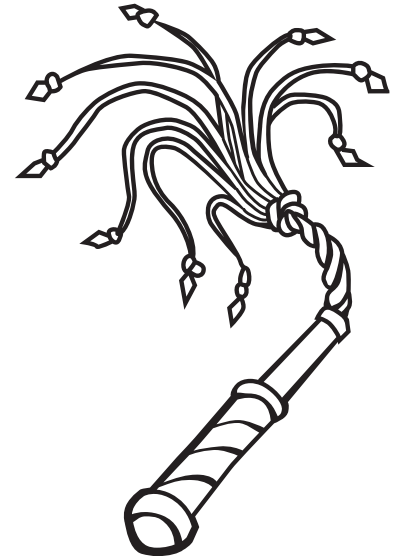
Read It:
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Talk It:

Have you ever been punished for something you did not deserve to be punished for?

Know it:

When the angry crowd insisted that Pilate kill Jesus, Pilate tried to please the crowd and save Jesus by having Him scourged. Being scourged means they took a whip that had nine leather straps coming from it with bones and glass embedded in the leather. A death sentence was 40 lashings, so he had Jesus whipped 39 times. He thought this would be enough to satisfy the angry crowd. But it wasn't. Even after this brutal punishment, they still cried, "Crucify Him!" So Jesus was whipped and had a crown of thorns shoved on His head. Then the soldiers punched Jesus in the face and spit at Him. Jesus was scourged before He was sent to the cross. All of this punishment, he took for us.



Isaiah 53:5 says it so well, "But he was pierced for our transgressions (sins), he was crushed for our iniquities (unfair behavior); the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed." When we cringe at all that Jesus went through, we must realize that we are the ones who deserved to go through it. He saved us from having to experience that judgment. Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for a friend (John 15:13), and Jesus calls us His friends! (John 15:15)

Go Do It:

Never doubt Jesus' love for you. He endured humiliation. He endured being scourged. Jesus put up with the cross to give you a way back to God. Jesus loves you. Show your love by living for Him.