

Easter Week 1

BIG IDEA: The tabernacle shows us that the way into the Most Holy place was closed.

“It is wonderful to live with me ... but because of your sin you can’t come in”

Sacrifices were required again and again and could never make a person perfect ... until God’s new way was revealed.

SUNDAYS @ HOME YOUTUBE STORY:

The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross (Garden and curtain section)

Discussion questions

All children

What was life like in the garden before people chose to ignore that God was in charge?

Everything was good, nothing bad ever, no-one was sad ever, God was there.

God made it all, he was in charge of it all and he loved it all.

People could see God and speak with God.

What do we learn about what sin is?

People decided they didn’t want to do what God said.

They wanted a world without God in charge.

This is what the bible calls sin.

What changed because of sin?

Sin spoils things.

Sin has no place in God’s wonderful garden.

God said you can’t live with me in my garden anymore - he sent them out.

Angels guarded the entrance to the garden - people couldn’t get back in.

Now things were sometimes bad, sometimes sad.

God said “Because of your sin, you can’t come in.”

God said: “It is wonderful to live with me ... but because of your sin you can’t come in”.

So what did God do to help the people remember this?

He told the people to build a special building ... a temple ... and right in the middle was the place where God would be . A wonderful place where nothing was ever bad or sad.

But God told the people to put a big curtain up that blocked the way.

What do you think Adam and Eve might have felt when everything changed?

What do you feel when you hear that the curtain blocks the way from people being in God’s wonderful place?

Extension questions for Older children

(Read the passage together even if you don’t try the extension questions)

READ TOGETHER

Hebrews 9:1-3, 7-10 (ICB)

9 The first agreement^[a] had rules for worship. And it had a place on earth for worship. ² The Holy Tent was set up for this. The first area in the Tent was called the Holy Place. In it were the lamp and the table with the bread that was made holy for God. ³ Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place ...
⁷ But only the high priest could go into the second room, and he did that only once a year. He could never enter the inner room without taking blood with him. He offered that blood to God for himself and for the people's sins. These were sins people did without knowing that they were sinning. ⁸ The Holy Spirit uses this to show that the way into the Most Holy Place was not open. This was while the system of the old Holy Tent was still being used. ⁹ This is an example for the present time. It shows that the gifts and sacrifices offered cannot make the worshiper perfect in his heart. ¹⁰ These gifts and sacrifices were only about food and drink and special washings. They were rules for the body, to be followed until the time of God's new way.

Who could go into the most holy place?

Only the high priest

What did they have to do to go in?

Couldn't go in without blood (of animal), for his own sin and that of the people.
Only once a year.

Read Hebrews 9:9-10

What do we learn about the sacrifices the priest made?

They couldn't make people's heart perfect.

They were rules for the body only ...

But God had planned a new way to enter to be with him!

Conclusion:

- The temple shows us that the way into God's wonderful place / the Most Holy place was closed.
- ***Like the people in the story, God wants us to remember that "It is wonderful to live with Him ... but because of our sin, we can't come in"***
- Sacrifices were required again and again and could never make a person perfect
- People needed to wait for God's new way to be revealed.

Prayer:

Thanks that you made everything good and are in charge of everything.

Thanks that you want people to remember that

"It is wonderful to live with you ... but because of sin we can't come in"

Sorry that, like Adam and Eve, our sin stops us being with you.

But thanks that you had a new way planned for everyone to be able to live with you forever.

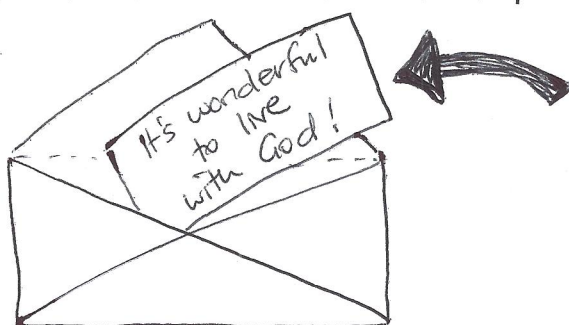
Children's Construction Idea

Things you'll need:

- Print stencil base sheet and 'cut out's'
- An envelope (which will be our 'temple curtain') ... if you don't have one - help kids make their own!! (Google it!)
- Things to decorate the temple curtain eg. pencils, scrap colour paper, sparkles for warrior angels, gold ribbon etc! (whatever you have!)
- Glue stick
- Scissors

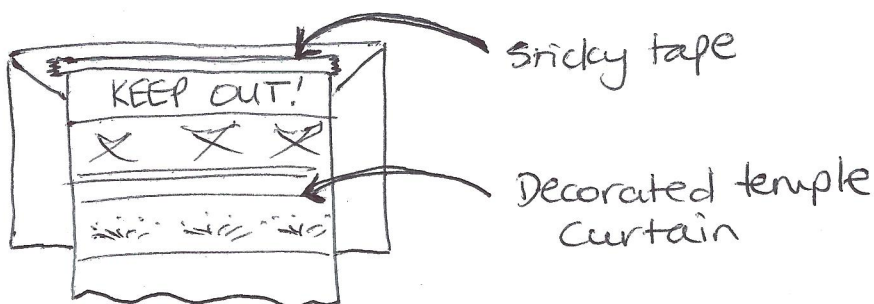
Instructions: Today we'll be constructing our temple curtain!
(NB. This craft will be used over the next 3 Easter lessons)

Decorate and place the printed out reminder God wanted people know inside the envelope.



Colour in / decorate the temple curtain.

Cut it out and stick it onto the envelope flap (so it hangs down covering the inside of the envelope).



The envelope flap, which is now the curtain will be the "Keep out" sign.

Kids are to stick the curtain down (seal the envelope)! Talk about the story as you do this, reminding kids of the big idea:

"It is wonderful to live with me ... but because of your sin you can't come in"

**Get kids to put their temple in a safe place and
next week we'll add the next bits!!**

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