

Easter Week 2

BIG IDEA: Jesus is God's new way! Jesus is the perfect High Priest who sacrifices himself and offers his own blood to wash His people's sins away forever ... the way into the Most Holy Place is now open!

SUNDAYS @ HOME YOUTUBE STORY:

The Garden, the Curtain and the Cross

("For 100s of years (recap) ... Babies became grown ups - curtain tearing")

Discussion questions

All children

Today, we want to think about what we learn about Jesus from our story ...

Who is Jesus?

He is God's son

Did he have the same problem as us because of sin?

No. He always did what God said - he never sinned.

What did Jesus say was the reason he had come?

Jesus was God's new way! He was sent by God to open the way again back to God's wonderful place.

He always had planned to come and die on the cross! It was God's perfect plan!

Why did people kill Jesus?

They still didn't want God to be in charge

What happened to sin when Jesus died on the cross?

On the cross, Jesus took our sin ...

All the bad things we do, and all the sad things they cause ...

Jesus took them all from us.

Reflection about our own sin:

What things do we sometimes do that show we don't want God to be in charge?

What things show we sometimes don't want to listen to what God says?

***** (Another way for little children to understand this question might be to ask -***

What things do we sometimes do that would make God sad?)

Reflection about other's sin:

What things do other people do that sometimes make you sad or mad?

What things happen that sometimes make you sad or mad?

(might be a chance to talk about Corona virus! ... week 1 we talked about sin spoiling things. Kids might want to talk about being stuck away from their friends, or fear about people getting sick and dying)

NB Parents / guardians being honest about sin helps kids see what sin is like. Share age appropriately and honestly.*

eg. "This week when I yelled at you kids because the dishwasher wasn't unloaded on time showed my anger. My anger makes God sad - it's sin and I've said sorry to God. But I'm sorry that you were also effected by my anger."

Extension questions for Older children

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

READ TOGETHER

Hebrews 9:11-12 (ICB)

¹¹ But Christ has come as the high priest of the good things we now have.^[b] The tent he entered is greater and more perfect. It is not made by men. It does not belong to this world. ¹² Christ entered the Most Holy Place only once—and for all time. He did not take with him the blood of goats and calves. His sacrifice was his own blood. He entered the Most Holy Place and set us free from sin forever.

It says Jesus entered the tent ... also called tabernacle ... the word which get our word temple from.

What do we learn about the 'tent' Jesus entered?

Greater and more perfect

Not made by human hands

Doesn't belong to this world

What do think it means?

The place where God dwells

The real Most Holy Place!

Heaven

We learnt last week that only the high priest used to enter the Most Holy place, and only once a year. And still the sacrifices of animals they offered couldn't make people's hearts clean.

What's different about Jesus' sacrifice?

Not the blood of goats and calves. His sacrifice was his own blood

Only needs to go in once for all time!

Sets us free from sin forever!!

Conclusion:

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Jesus tells us:

"God says it's wonderful to live with Him ...

Because of your sin, you can't come in.

BUT I died on the cross to take your sin ...

So all my friends CAN now come in!"

Prayer:

Thanks God for sending Jesus and making the way open to live with you again!

Thanks that Jesus' blood can wash away people's sins forever. Thanks that it washes away my sin forever! Amen.

Children's Construction Idea

Things you'll need:

- Printed base sheet for week 2
- Things to decorate cross
- Extra blank bit of paper
- Scissors
- Runny glue to stick bigger items (eg. leaves / bark) onto paper.

Instructions:

Today we'll be making a picture of the cross Jesus died on.

Then we'll stick onto it words and pictures that remind us of the sin that keeps us out from living with God in his amazing place.

Step 1:

Print base sheet and decorate the cross.

Make it look rough like wood if you can!

Maybe collect from leaves and bark from outside and glue this on.

Leave it to dry in a warm dry spot.

Step 2:

Think back to the question about what things we do that might make God sad.

Write words down or draw pictures to show what some of these things are.

Step 3:

Cut out these words / pictures.

Stick them around the cross onto the base sheet.

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