

THE EASTER STORY

#YouAreThePastorThisYear



BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus died on the cross for our sins and won our victory

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that because Jesus died and rose again, we can have a good relationship with God.

MEMORY VERSE:

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8 (NIV)

“But here is how God has shown His love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” -Romans 5:8 (NIV)

SUMMARY:

The story of Easter begins in the book of Genesis, when God created a perfect world. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and their sin messed up their relationship with him. Since that time, there has been a distance between God and humans. Then God sent Jesus, who was perfect, to bridge the distance. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, taking the punishment for us. Because Jesus died and rose again, we can have a good relationship with God again.

OBJECT LESSON:

Smooth plate, clear drinking glass, penny, votive candle, and colored water

Set the plate down.

For some of us, it might be hard to really understand what happened when Jesus died on the cross. What does that mean for you? Let's look at it this way: Imagine this is you.

Bring out the penny. Set it on the plate.

No matter how hard we try to be good, all of us have done bad things. We call this sin.

*Pour the colored water into the plate.**

Sin covers us up. We're drowning in it. There's no way out for us on our own. But then God sent his son, Jesus.

Place the lit candle onto the plate. The candle needs to be sitting in the water but not covering the penny.

Jesus came to be a light. He lived a perfect life. And then he died on the cross.

Place the drinking glass over the candle. (After a few seconds, the light will go out and then the water will soak up inside the glass.)

That amazing act of love takes our sin away. If we accept Jesus and ask for his forgiveness, he will forgive us of our sins. They are gone forever.

That's what Easter is all about.

READ Genesis 3:2-6

MAIN POINT

Sin separates us from God. It creates this great distance between us – a gulf, a chasm. For thousands of years, people have tried to cross that distance. But we can't do it. That's the bad news.

But here's the good news. We may not be able to cross the distance, but God can. And He did. God loves us so much. He wants to have a good relationship with us, like He had at the beginning with Adam and Eve. He doesn't want our sin to keep us away from Him.

So the Father sent His son, Jesus, to earth. Jesus left heaven. He came to earth so that He could make a way for us to have that good relationship with God again. But how could he do that?

Remember back in the garden? God had told Adam and Eve that eating of the tree would cause them to die. Sin brings death and separation from God.

Jesus came to take our death for us. The word for that is sacrifice. Jesus died on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins.

Jesus is alive! He conquered death. He destroyed sin.

Jesus is alive! If we put our trust in Jesus, He will give us new life with Him. He will take away our sin. He will give us back that good relationship with God.

PARENTS, PARENTS – PLEASE..... ASK THESE QUESTIONS TO YOUR KIDS...

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY JESUS CAME, DIED AND ROSE?

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HE DIED FOR YOU AND ROSE FROM THE DEAD?

HAVE YOU EVER ACCEPTED JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOR? IF YES, WHEN? IF NO, WOULD YOU LIKE TO?

If you answered “yes” then remember that Easter is a time to celebrate what Jesus did for us. Every time we come to church; we can celebrate that. In fact, you can celebrate that all the time, wherever you are. This news is too good not to celebrate all the time. And to share with others.

If you haven't met Jesus yet, but you want to know Him, today is your day. Pray to Him. Ask Him to come into your heart. Ask Him to take away your sin. Ask Him to give you a good relationship with God.

God loves us. He wants to have a good relationship with us. He sent Jesus to die for us and take away our sin. Jesus rose from the dead. This is happiness. This is good news. This is Easter.

PRAY THIS PRAYER WITH ME

Father, in Jesus name... I want to stop trusting in myself and start trusting in You ... and what you have already done... when You died for me on the cross and rose from the dead... I know that I am a sinner... and I repent of my sins. I ask You to forgive me... and invite You to come live inside of me ... I give you my life... I want You to be my savior ... and Lord... I want to turn away from everything the bible calls sin...and I want to obey You every day, for the rest of my life. Thank you, Jesus, for my salvation. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Parents: If your child accepted Jesus as their savior, please send us a text. We will want to know and celebrate as well.

CRAFT IDEA:

Have kids color:

He is
Risen



We've also included an Easter video below that Zondervan has posted on Youtube. This is a great video for sharing the Easter story with younger children.

[EASTER STORY VIDEO](#)