

The Crucifixion

Week 10

Theme: The ultimate sacrifice

Prayer: Take in a cross and spend a few minutes being quiet. Closing eyes and silently thinking of those things that make us feel guilty. Ask God to forgive us.

Games:

Four corners:

Must have a room with four corners. Someone is "it" & stands in the middle of the room with a blindfold on. Everyone else, while the "it" person is counting to 10, runs to one of the 4 corners. At 10, the "it" person picks a corner. 1,2,3 or 4. Whoever is in the corner picked is out, & must sit in the designated "jail" area for one round then they can rejoin the game.

People to People: Get the children in pairs. A leader calls parts of the body i.e. hand to hand. The pairs have to put hands on each other's head. Knee to knee, back to back, left foot to right wrist etc; people to people means change partners.

Memory verse: "*Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God*" Romans 12 v 1B (GNB)
Have the verse written out on small post it notes. Give them out to the children and ask them if they would like to stick them on to the cross as a symbol of thanks for what Jesus has done. (This does not have to be compulsory)

Introduction: Imagine you have committed a crime. You are up in court, standing in front of a judge. The sentence is given out, a fine of £5000 or 5 years in prison. You do not have any money to pay the fine. Just as you are thinking that this is the end and you will have to go to prison, in walks an old friend. He goes up to the judge and whispers in his ear. Suddenly everything changes. Your friend has given the judge a cheque for £5000 and you can go free!

Story: Mark chapter 15 verses 21-32. You could show this from the "Miracle Maker"

Application: Jesus is like the friend who paid the fine. He died on the cross so that all who accept him can be forgiven for all the things they do wrong! He took all the sin of the world on his shoulders. Yours and mine! God hates sin but because he loved us so much, He sacrificed his Son so that we can go free. Sin separates us from God but the cross makes a bridge for us to have our friendship with God back. The bible says we only have to believe and we will have eternal life! We can choose to follow Jesus and give our lives to God as the memory verse says.

Prayer: Back to the cross and we can celebrate the gift of love and forgiveness we can each receive from Jesus.

Resources: Craft

Song: "Jesus Jesus here I am" (Spring Harvest Kids praise 1988) This can be sung a few times with actions, then just the actions.

Instructions

Photocopy on to thin card & colour all the pictures.

Cut along the straight lines to make separate pages. Keep them in order.

Flick through the pages and watch the angel roll the stone away on the first Easter morning.



