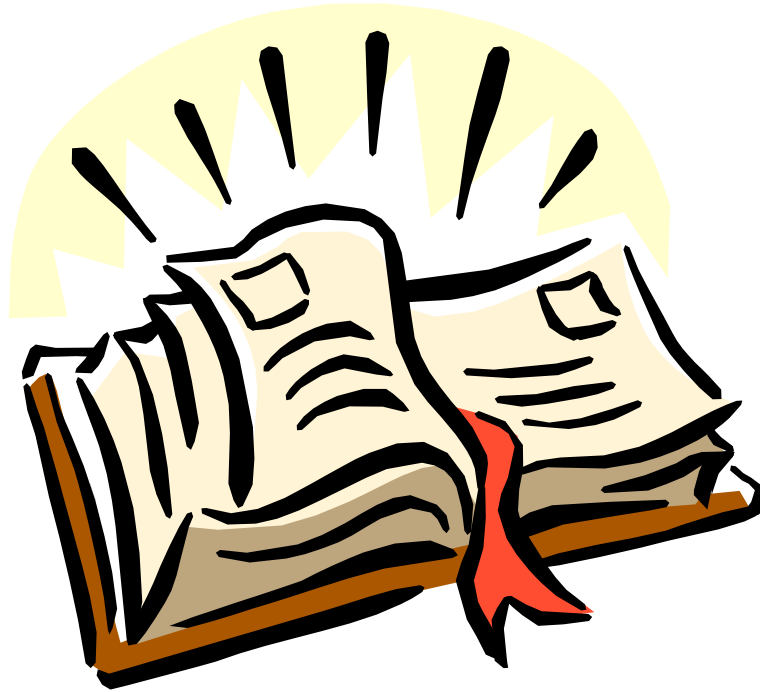


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:



LESSON TITLE: The Last Supper

THEME: Jesus is the Passover lamb.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:7-10

Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids. Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about **The Last Supper**. The theme was "**Jesus Is Our Passover Lamb**." The Lord first took communion with His disciples in the upper room just before His arrest and death on the cross. We can learn a lot from these final hours that Jesus spent with His followers. Communion is a special time of remembrance of everything that the Lord has provided for us in His sacrificial death on the cross.

The bread represents Jesus' body that was broken for us and the juice represents His blood that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. How important it is for our children to understand these symbols. We also see that the Passover in the Old Testament is a picture of communion and Jesus is our Passover Lamb. The Passover represents Jesus and the sacrifice that He would make for us. Praise the Lord for giving us so great a salvation.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Luke 22:7-20**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

Day One

God's Covering

Text: Genesis 3:21 - "Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."

Also read Genesis 3 and Isaiah 45:18-25

God has loved us forever. He has always wanted to be with us. From the day He created Adam He has loved us. But Adam sinned and turned away from God. God told Adam not to eat of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil, but Adam was disobedient and ate of the fruit anyway. God is **righteous** and perfect. After Adam and his wife Eve sinned, they could not be in His presence anymore. This was because of their sin.

Like Adam and Eve, we are all sinners too. We have disobeyed God. Our parents, grandparents and teachers are all sinners as well. The Bible says that everyone has sinned and has come short of God's glory. When Adam sinned, God covered Adam with the skin of an animal. God provided this covering to Adam and Eve because He still wanted to have a relationship with them. It took the death of something innocent (an animal) to provide a covering for man's sin. This is a picture of what Jesus did for us when He died on the cross. We are all Adam's children, and until we come to Christ, we are separated from God because of our sin. He knew you would be born and He loves you and wants to spend eternity with you. But as a sinner, you cannot stand before God in a sinful state, just like Adam.

You still need to be covered by God's grace. God made a plan to clothe you in perfect **righteousness**. He wants you to be a part of His eternal heavenly kingdom and He came to earth to provide a way. He came as a humble carpenter's son named Jesus. Jesus came to earth and suffered and died so we could be a part of God's kingdom in Heaven. Through His death our sins are not only covered, but they are removed. He then clothes us in **righteousness**. In Heaven, you will stand before God. If you have believed and accepted Jesus as your savior, then you will stand before Him perfect and forgiven in Jesus. Accepting Jesus means you are covered in **righteousness** through the blood He shed for your sins. What a blessing that now we can walk with the Lord because of His salvation!

- Did Adam obey God?
- What do we need to do to be clothed in **righteousness**?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Righteousness: A pure, sinless relationship with God

Day Two

Our Perfect Lamb

Text: John 1:29 - "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Also read John 1:29-42

Each year in the spring we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. What a great day it was when Jesus rose from the dead. The very worst day on earth must have been the day that Jesus died. He was betrayed and killed by his own people, the Israelites--the people He loved and came to save. Jesus knew that all of these things would happen though. He is God in human form. He knew before He came to earth that He would die that way. The Bible teaches that Jesus was the Lamb of God. Because Jesus was pure and holy He was the perfect sacrifice for all of our sins. This was a sacrifice God knew would take place when Adam sinned. Jesus willingly laid down His life for us.

The Bible tells us about Jesus' sacrifice for us. God is holy and perfect and the Bible teaches that many years ago, people used to sacrifice animals for their sins. These sacrifices were to be a covering for their sins. But they all pictured and pointed to the one who would come one day to take away the sin of the world. That was Jesus. People would bring their animals to sacrifice. They would bring the very best of what they had, such as their cattle or lambs, as offerings to God. They were to be perfect and without spot. God commanded this after He delivered them out of Egypt.

God planned for Jesus to be His final sacrifice for all of us. Jesus is the sacrifice that saves everyone in the world who would only believe in Him. It is true that Jesus' own people betrayed Him and did not believe in Him. But God also knew that would happen. He still wanted to reach out to the whole world and provide His son, His very best, so that we could know Him and walk with Him. He wanted us to know that He loves us so much that He was willing to give up His own son for us. Jesus was born into this world and laid down His life for every one of us. A pure and perfect sacrifice so we could have eternal life. And then, three days later, He rose from the dead. He showed that He is more powerful than sin and death. And now 2000 years later He wants us, His disciples to go and tell everyone this wonderful "good news" that Jesus died for us and has risen from the dead. We can be **SAVED!** Yeah!

- Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

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Sacrifice: Giving up something we desire greatly for God or giving the best of what we have - our time, talents or riches - for God.

Day Three

A Heart of Sacrifice

Text: Genesis 22:8 - "And Abraham said, 'My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.' So the two of them went together."

Also read Genesis 22:1-18

Have you ever been given something so precious, something so special that if it were to disappear, you would miss it forever? Maybe someone gave you a pet that you loved very much, one that you never had before. What if someone was to ask you to give up your pet, for the rest of your life? Would it be hard to give up? It would be a sacrifice for you to give up a pet you loved a lot, wouldn't it?

In today's reading, Abraham shows how much he loves and **trusts** in God. He loved God so much; he was willing to trust God with his promised son, Isaac. Abraham was very old when he and his wife, Sarah, had Isaac. God had promised Abraham that He would give him a son. He was about 100 years old when Isaac was born. God wanted Abraham to understand that the promise would only come true through His strength and power. Now God has asked Abraham to take his son to a mountain to give him as a sacrifice for God. God was testing Abraham's **faith** and **trust**. We have this story in the Bible so we can learn to have **faith** like Abraham did. After seeing Abraham's willingness to obey, God told him not to go through with it and He provided a ram for the burnt offering. God has also provided a perfect sacrifice for us - His only son, Jesus. We can't become saved by anything that we do. It is completely provided for us by God. He gave His only son for the whole world so that if we would only believe we could have everlasting life.

Jesus was the final sacrifice, provided for the sins of the world. By accepting Jesus as our savior, the sacrifice for our sins, we are telling God that we believe and **trust** Him to save us from our sins. When we believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we are accepted as one of God's children. He then gives us life everlasting in heaven with Him! What a blessing!

- Why did Abraham want to sacrifice his son Isaac?
- What would you be willing to sacrifice for God?
- Who is the Lamb of God?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Trust: To stand firm believing God knows what is best.

Faith: Belief and trust in God.

The Passover Lamb

Text: Exodus 12:13b - "...and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt."

Also read Exodus 12:1-13; 12:21-28 and Luke 22:7-20

In our devotions this week we have been learning that Jesus is called the Lamb of God in the Bible. He is the one who takes away the sins of the world. In today's reading we see that God's children were slaves in the land of Egypt. They had been slaves for about 400 years and were being treated very poorly. They cried out to God and God raised up a leader who had faith and trusted in Him. He raised up a man named Moses. Most of us know the story. When Pharaoh refused to let God's people go from Egypt and worship Him He brought plagues upon Egypt. God sent plague after plague. Finally, God sent one final plague, the plague of death upon the firstborn of all those who were not covered by the blood of the lamb. This is why this special day is called the Passover. God allowed the last plague to pass over the houses of those who had been obedient to covering the doorposts with the blood of the lamb. The blood of the Passover lamb **redeemed** them.

The Bible says that the Lord Jesus is our Passover Lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, given as a sacrifice for our sins. Passover is a picture of **communion**. Jesus invites us to partake of **communion** with Him. What does it mean for us to take the bread and juice during **communion**? If we are believers, **communion** is a time for remembering that our Lord and Savior Jesus shed His precious blood for the sins of the world, but more importantly, He died so that each and every one of us might live in heaven with Him. The children of Israel put the blood of the lamb on their doorposts so that they would be passed over by death. We are commanded by Jesus to partake of **communion** representing the blood and body of Christ. The blood that the children of Israel used on the doorposts was symbolic of the blood that Jesus would shed on the cross hundreds of years later for the world. In a spiritual sense we apply the blood that He shed on the cross to our hearts and we receive forgiveness of sin and eternal life. Death will pass over us. Jesus is our Passover Lamb. He has **redeemed** us.

- What was the final plague that freed the Children of Israel?
- What happened to the families who did not use the blood of the lamb?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Communion: Remembering the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus for our sins through partaking of the bread and the juice.

Redeemed: Deliverance from sin through the death of Jesus

Day Five

The Worthy Lamb

Text: Revelation 5:9-10: "And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

Also read Revelation 5; 17:14; 19:11-16; 22:1-7

Jesus is our Passover Lamb and He is also our Worthy Lamb. The last book of the Bible, Revelation, tells us that our Lamb will win the final war. Revelation often talks about the Lamb who was slain and rose again. He is the Lamb who will open the door to everlasting life for those who choose to follow Him. He has beaten death for us, and just as we learned a few weeks ago, when He returns to take us with Him, we must be ready. Part of being ready is knowing that the Lord Jesus was the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world. But God, through His Holy Spirit reveals in the Book of Revelation even more exciting news of our future. If we walk in faith with Him, we will overcome the world and be by His side forever. Jesus will claim the final victory.

In today's devotion we read about a different side of Jesus, our Lamb. He is Faithful and True. He is Righteous. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the Word of God. He will reign on the Throne of Heaven and all will worship Him. He is the Beginning and the End. He is the Light of the world and of Heaven. He is God and He reigns throughout all of creation.

Praise God that He has won. We can tell everyone that we know how the story ends for this world. Jesus wins! There is nothing that can keep Him from victory. He has already become victorious when He died on the cross and three days later rose again. If we have asked Him to come into our hearts we are promised that we will live with Him forever. He created a perfect plan, one that cost Him so very much—His Son, our Lamb of God. But with that sacrifice He also has won the victory over Satan, sin and death. That is who I want to follow. Don't you want to follow Jesus too?

- Who was Worthy?
- Without Jesus, are we worthy to serve God?

Kid's Prayer Time



Spend time in prayer thinking about the Lamb of God and what He did so we can be with Him forever. Consider the work of His hands. Remember that He died for you. He loves you and wants to be with you forever.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

“With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;”

Third Grade and Above

“With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Luke 22:15b-16