

1st
Sunday
End Time
September 25-
Oct. 31, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 18:1-6,11b

THEME: God Shapes Us

SONG: CW 93 200 (201) St. 1 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

VISUAL: Playdough or Model Magic

OBJECT LESSON

Show the children the ball of dough. As you begin, ask them what the lump of dough looks like before you begin. (Just a lump or ball? It doesn't look like anything?) Then ask them what they like to make out of Playdough or Model Magic. As they share their ideas, form the ball into an identifiable shape. As you do, comment on how you are able to make that ball of dough into many different shapes. You can keep working with it until you have what you want. You can even start over. Explain that someone who works with dough is called a potter and that a potter uses dough to make dishes or bowls or vases or all kinds of things.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

Introduce the Bible reading by asking the students about the work of a potter. Draw the connection between a potter's work and you when you shaped an object out of playdough. Ask the children to listen to who is the Potter in Jeremiah's story and who is the clay. (Read the verses.)

Key points:

- God is our potter. He doesn't reshape our bodies but he uses his Word in the Bible to reshape our hearts.
- Our hearts are full of sin (show a ball of Playdough that is misshapen and lumpy).
- Because of Jesus, our sins are taken away and in God's eyes, we look perfect.
- Hearing from God's Word and learning about Jesus helps us grow in faith. It helps us to repent or say we are sorry for the bad things we do. It reminds us that God

always forgives us.

- Our hearts are then full of love from God that we can share with others.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Ask the children what it means to sin. (When we do things that are against what God tells us to do, when we disobey, when we are unkind...)

Ask the children what it means to repent or to say "I'm sorry". (I wish I hadn't done it and am going to try to not do it again.)

Ask the children who it is that takes away our sin and how he did so.

God loves each of us so much that he sent Jesus so we can be forgiven and so that we can be God's children. Just like that ball of dough, God shapes us into his child by taking our sin away.

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, please forgive each of us when we sin. Thank you for forgiving us. Help us to show your love to each other. Thank you for Jesus and for making us your children. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen



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2nd Sunday
End Time
November 1-
Nov. 7, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 5:24

THEME: Jesus is our Judge

SONG: CW 93 200 (201) St. 1 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

VISUAL: A picture of a judge and a picture of Jesus

OBJECT LESSON

Show the picture of the judge. Ask the children if they know what a judge does. Explain that the judge is someone who makes decisions. A judge decides who won a contest. Another judge can decide who did the best at something. Some judges decide if someone disobeyed the law. In our Bible reading today, Jesus reminds us that he is the judge and shares how he decides who goes to heaven.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

When there is a contest, usually rules are provided so everyone knows what to do. If it's an art contest, they might say you can only use one kind of paint and only one size of picture. They might say that all the pictures need to be of a similar thing like trees or animals or people. Knowing the rules can help those who want to be in the contest. (Read the Bible verse.)

- Jesus is the one who is the Judge who decides who can go to heaven.
- God the Father sent Jesus to be our Savior and also to be the Judge.
- The Bible shares what people need to go to heaven--they hear God's Word and believe it.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

If you wanted to enter a picture into a contest and win and the contest said the pictures all need to be of trees, could you enter a picture of a chair or your favorite toy? (No--that's not what the rules say.)

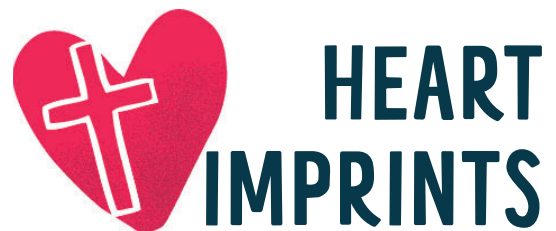
What does our Bible reading say we need in order to go to heaven?

Who decides if we go to heaven?

Jesus loves each of us dearly and wants everyone to be in heaven one day. Because he loves us so, he gave us the Bible so we can learn about him and grow in our faith and believe that he is our Savior. When we believe in him, we know for sure that we can go to heaven. We can also tell others about him so that they too, can learn about him and believe in Jesus their Savior.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we thank you for being our Savior and our Judge. Help us to always believe in you and know that you are always with us. Thank you for heaven where someday we will be able to be with you forever. In your name we pray, Amen.



3rd Sunday
End Time
November 8-
Nov. 14, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 4:14,17b

THEME: Heaven is Ours Because of Jesus

SONG: CW 93 200 (201) St. 1 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

VISUAL: A trophy or a medal

OBJECT LESSON

Tell the story about how you won the object you brought. Ask the children if they have ever won a trophy, medal, or ribbon. Another way of saying that you won is that you are triumphant. You won a victory. Share with them that on Sunday we celebrate the victory we have in Christ AND the victory won by those who died believing in Jesus.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

Remind the students that last week we talked about Jesus, our Judge, giving us heaven because we heard his word and believed that he was our Savior. Today we will hear another part of the victory we have in Christ: the resurrection of the dead! Read today's verses.

Point out that the victory we celebrate is the victory over death. The Bible teaches us that because we are sinners our bodies will die. (The wages of sin is death.) But we know that because of Jesus, we will go to heaven when we die. In heaven we will live with him forever. There will be no sickness or sadness, only joy all the time. And the joy is mostly because we will be with Jesus all the time forever!

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Winning a medal or a ribbon is very exciting. What did Jesus win for us? Because he beat Satan and beat our sins, what do we get to do when we die? We win heaven because Jesus won! We get to celebrate that victory even today because of the faith that Jesus gives us. And we can tell others about Jesus and all he has done for us so that others can know about him, learn about him, and be with him in heaven someday too! We don't have to wait to get to heaven to celebrate Jesus' victory. We can celebrate each and every day!

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the victory we have in Christ Jesus. Help us to live as your children who are alive in faith and who have the hope of eternal life in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



4th Sunday
End Time
November 15-
Nov. 21, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: John 18:37

THEME: Jesus is our King

SONG: CW 93 200 (201) St. 1 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

VISUAL: A crown or a couple of crowns

OBJECT LESSON

Show the crown(s) to the children. Ask them who usually wears a crown. (A princess or prince, a queen or king.) Tell them that today we're going to talk about a king. Ask them what they know about a king and what a king can do. (He rules his people. He has power. He usually cares for his people. He is very important.)

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

- Jesus is standing before Pilate who is deciding what will happen to him. He asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus didn't look like a king that day. He had a crown, but it was made of thorns to make fun of him.
- Jesus answers that he is not a king like those on earth. He is not here to rule over a city or group of people like an earthly king. He does have a kingdom-heaven. He does have people--those who have faith in him.
- Pilate didn't understand and let the people decide to put Jesus on the cross. He didn't know that when Jesus would die on the cross, it was to win heaven for those who believe in him.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Jesus is our King but he's not like a king here on earth. He has a throne, but it's in heaven. He has people in his kingdom--all those who believe in him and have faith in him. Even more than an earthly king, Jesus did everything so that we can be with him in his kingdom, in heaven. We can be excited and thankful for our king, Jesus and look forward when Jesus comes to take us all to live with him, our King, in heaven!

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, you are our heavenly King. Thank you for being our King. Thank you for taking care of us but most importantly, thank you for our faith in you and for eternal life with you in heaven. In your name we pray, Amen.



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