

19th Sunday
After Pentecost
September 27-
Oct. 3, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 51:10,11

THEME: Sin is Serious

SONG: CW93 593 v.2, Jesus, Savior Wash Away

VISUAL: A picture of a heart that can be drawn on and then the writing erased. Consider using a white board. Or you could use a two sided heart--one side clean and the other full of scribbles and smudges.

OBJECT LESSON

Show the children a picture of a plain heart. Share with the children that the heart is very clean and perfect. Use the picture as you share the Bible truth below.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

- Talk about how nice the heart looks as is.
- Share with the children the word sin, that it means the naughty things we do or ways that we disobey our parents or teacher. Sometimes it's ways that we are unkind to someone else. Ask them to share examples of sins that they may have done.
- As they share those examples, use a marker to make lines on the clean heart. Keep adding lines as the children share examples. (Or show the heart with the scribbles and smudges.)
- Ask them to share what they think about the heart now. It's a mess and not perfect and clean anymore.
- Read today's Bible verses.
- Talk about how our sin is not just against each other, but against God. Because he loves us so much, he sent Jesus to take away our sins so that we are perfect in God's eyes.
- Today's Bible verse talks about a pure heart. Jesus forgives all our sins and it's as if the sins were washed away. (Either wipe all the lines off the heart or show a clean heart again.)
- When our sins are forgiven, we have joy. Because of Jesus' love for us, that joy can help us want to obey God, our parents, and to be kind to others. We can pray to God to ask for that forgiveness and to ask him to help us to be kind, loving, and to obey.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Remind the children that no one is perfect all the time everyday. Everyone sins every day. That's why God sent Jesus. They can focus on obeying because of Jesus' love and because they love their parents and family and friends. They don't have to worry about heaven. Jesus took care of that. They can pray for forgiveness and be joyful about all Jesus has done for them.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank you for forgiving all our sins. Help us to show our love for you by obeying our parents and teachers and being kind to others. Thank you for being our Savior! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

20th
Sunday
After Pentecost
October 4-
Oct. 10, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:13-16

THEME: Together with Jesus

SONG: CW93 593 v. 2 or 3, Jesus, Savior Wash Away

VISUAL: Picture of a family member or friend who lives far away

OBJECT LESSON

Share your picture of a family member or friend who lives far away. Some people live far away from their family. Ask the children to raise their hand if family members live far away. Make the point that it's hard to be far from the ones we love and that we love to be with those we love.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

- It's hard to be far away from those we love. We want to spend time with those we love. Think of a time when you were with someone you haven't seen in a long time. How did that feel? What did you do when you first saw them?
- Jesus lived on the earth for a while and he spent time going from place to place telling people about God. He had helpers called disciples.
- One day some people, probably parents, brought their small children to see Jesus. We don't know why, but the disciples tried to send them away.
- Jesus was very unhappy with the disciples and told the people to bring the children to him. Read today's verses: Mark 10:13-16.
- Imagine what it was like to be able to talk to Jesus in person and maybe even get a hug from him or sit on his lap.
- What a blessing that their families brought them to this preschool (ECM) where they can learn about Jesus. What a blessing when families bring their children to Jesus by taking them to church to worship together and when they bring their children to Jesus to be baptized.
- Jesus wanted to be with the children

because he loved them so much just like he loves you! Jesus even told grownups how precious the faith of a child is and that it's something for them to have as well.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

You and I don't get to see Jesus in person. He is always with us, even if we can't see him or touch him. He wants us to be with him. Just like our loved ones want to hear from us and love talking to us, Jesus loves to hear us pray, to sing to him, and to listen to him when we read the Bible or hear Bible stories. We get to do that together with our families when we go to church together, pray together at home, read Bible stories and devotions together as a family.

Just like the people in today's Bible lesson, you and I can tell people to come hear about Jesus too! We can tell people that Jesus loves them, forgives them when they do wrong, and wants all of us to be in heaven with him.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for being our Friend and our Savior. Thank you for loving us so much that you came to be with us and to take away our sins so we can be with you in heaven one day. Help us to tell others about you so they can be with you too. In your name we pray. Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

21st Sunday
After Pentecost
October 11-
Oct. 17, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:17-27

THEME: Focus on Jesus - The Way to Heaven

SONG: CW93 593 v. 2-3, Jesus, Savior Wash Away

VISUAL: A large road map (which many may not have seen before) and a GPS app on your phone.

OBJECT LESSON

If you or your family want to go on a trip, how do you know how to get there? You use a map or you use your Google Maps or other apps. You put in the address and it tells you step by step where to go. Today we're going to talk about someone who had a question about how to get to heaven. Maybe you have the same question.

BIBLE TRUTH

- When Jesus was on the earth, one of the things he did was teach people about God and about heaven. Today's reading tells how Jesus taught one man about heaven.
- Read selected verses that tell the basics of the story of the man.
- This man thought if he followed all the rules, he could go to heaven. Jesus explained to him that he wasn't good like God, he wasn't perfect, he hadn't done everything he needed to do to get to heaven on his own.
- How do you think the man felt when Jesus shared all this with him? The verses say that he went away sad.
- Jesus didn't want him to be sad but he wanted the man to know that to get to heaven, he couldn't do it by himself. Notice that the verses say that "Jesus looked at him and loved him." Jesus wanted the man to know that the only way to get to heaven would be to have faith in Jesus.
- Jesus shared that getting to heaven all by ourselves is harder than trying to make a camel go through the tiny hole in a needle! That's impossible just like it's impossible for us to get to heaven by ourselves.

- We can focus on Jesus and on learning more about him. He shows us that he is the way to heaven.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

God says to get to heaven we have to be perfect every day all day long. I can't do that. You can't do that. No one can do that. But Jesus did! He was perfect for us.

What did Jesus do to take away our sins? After Jesus died, he rose from the dead. After that, where did he go? He went to heaven for us and has a place all ready for us.

There is no map, no app that can show us how to get to heaven. We find out how to get to heaven in the Bible and the Bible tells us it's by having faith in Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us that faith! We know the way!

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, please forgive us when we sin. Thank you for showing us the way to heaven through Jesus! In his name we pray, Amen.



**HEART
IMPRINTS**

22nd Sunday
After Pentecost
October 18-
Oct. 24, 2021

Pre-K
Message

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 4:9-11

THEME: Rest in Jesus

SONG: CW93 593 v. 2-3, Jesus, Savior Wash Away

VISUAL: Pillow, comfort object, or a mat/cot used at naptime

OBJECT LESSON

Share a story about a particular student's or your own experience with nap time at home or at school. Ask the students why they think adults want them to take a nap. Talk about how sleep helps them to grow, to have energy for all the things they want to do. Share that today we're going to talk about different kinds of rest but especially the best one that God has given us.

BIBLE TRUTH - KEY POINTS

- Ask the children how they feel after they take a nap. Also ask them how they feel if they don't take a nap. Emphasize the ways that naps help them.
- Naps are a way of resting. You can relax and when you wake up, you usually feel better and ready to go on with the rest of your day.
- God gives us rest too. He gives us two other kinds of rest.
- Read today's verses from Hebrews 4:9-11.
- When we sin, when we do unkind things or disobey, we usually feel badly. When we apologize to the person we hurt or disobeyed and they forgive us, we usually feel better. Our sins bother us. Knowing that Jesus forgives all our sins can give us a feeling of rest. We feel better knowing that Jesus loves and forgives us.
- The rest that the Bible talks about is one that will never end! It's talking about heaven. In heaven we will rest forever! We won't sleep forever but we will have rest from all of the hard things in our world like hurt, sadness, loneliness, worry. We'll be with God forever!
- We can grow in faith and know more about all of God's promises by listening to his Word

in chapel, in church, during Bible story time. All these times remind us that God loves and forgives us and wants us to be in heaven with him forever.

DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Since eternal rest, heaven is ours, we want to make every effort to enter that rest. Satan, the sinful world, and our sinful selves will try to take us away from that rest and from listening to God's Word. How can you and I fight against Satan and all the things that try to keep us away from God? How can we help and encourage each other?

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for heaven! Thank you for making me your child so that one day I can be in heaven with you. In your name we pray, Amen.



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