

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
in Lent  
March 28 -  
April 3, 2022

**SCRIPTURE:** Philippians 3:7-9

**THEME:** God treasures you as his child

**SONG:** CW21 502/ CW93 449 Children of the Heavenly Father

**VISUAL:** Child's writing assignment

### OBJECT LESSON

A child's writing assignment written in pencil on notebook paper. The words should read: "I luv my mother very much. She teached me about Jesus from when I was a smal baby. My mother is the bestest mother in the world." The obvious mistakes should be circled in red.

As you show the marked up assignment, have the students realize while this may look like it is not a very good paper, the mother who reads the paper will think it is of great value, a treasure.

### BIBLE TRUTH

In preparation for the reading point out that Paul has just listed all that he could brag about. Instead of bragging, Paul calls these accomplishments "garbage." Listen to what Paul finds to be of worth. (Scripture reading)

Paul knows what determines his value is what God thinks of him. In God's eyes he is perfect because Jesus took every sin away by dying on the cross. (Make sure children understand the word "righteous" means their sins don't count against them because Jesus paid for them on the cross. Instead of seeing the wrong things they do, when God looks at them he sees only Christ's perfection.)

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Children may have been criticized over appearance, dress, even for being a Christian. No matter what others may think of them—they are treasured by God. When mom looked at the paper she saw a treasure. Likewise when God looks at each student he treasures him/her as his dear child whom he loves very much. At this time of year (Lent) we hear about Christ dying on the cross because of his great love for us. His death paid for all sins. Now each child is covered with Jesus' righteousness God thinks each of them as his very special child.

### PRAYER

We often end prayers, "in Jesus' name". Those words help us remember we are covered with Jesus' righteousness. Our sins don't stand in our way so we can talk to God anytime.

Dear Father in Heaven, we are really happy that we are a treasure to you. Help us remember how dearly you love us. In Jesus' name. Amen



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**Palm Sunday**  
April 4 -  
April 10, 2022

**SCRIPTURE:** Philippians 2:5-8

**THEME:** Jesus, our Savior King

**SONG:** CW21 412/ CW93 131 - All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**VISUAL:** Bowl/bucket of sand or dry beans

### OBJECT LESSON

Have you ever tried to dig hole in dry sand. It seems as soon you make a little hole the sand rushes in and you have to start over. Sometimes it seems like the harder you dig, the worse it gets. That's how it is with our sins! We tell ourselves, "Today I am really going to work hard not to sin." Before we know it we get angry with our sister or didn't listen to our teacher or didn't help Mom when we could have. We just can't dig our way out of our sins. Philippians tells us how Jesus took care of our problem of sin.

### BIBLE TRUTH

Read the Bible Lesson.

Jesus set aside the full use of his divine powers so that he could be a servant. Share examples of Jesus' humility and service. (Riding a donkey, washing disciples feet, living life as a human.)

Who did he serve? You! How did He serve you? He died for you! Why did He serve you? Because He loves you!

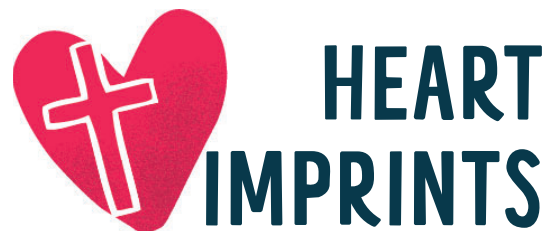
Jesus lived a life without sin so we could live with him in heaven. The perfect Jesus suffered on the cross so we wouldn't have to pay for our sins in hell.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

When we try to fix our sins by ourselves it is like digging a hole that keeps caving in. Today is called Palm Sunday. On this day crowds cheered Jesus as their king. But that would change! By Friday those same crowds would shout for Jesus to be killed on a cross. We call that day Good Friday because that is the day Jesus died to pay for our sins. Although He is God, Jesus chose to suffer and die. He took the punishment for all of our sins. We can be so thankful Jesus paid for every sin we do every day.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we are so thankful that you served us by dying on the cross for us. We are glad we don't have to fix our sins because You did it all for us! Amen.



**Easter**  
April 11 -  
April 17, 2022

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57

**THEME:** Jesus is stronger than death

**SONG:** CW21 445/ CW93 143 v. 4 - He's Risen, He's Risen

**VISUAL:** Fly swatter, picture of a wasp, and a butterfly

### OBJECT LESSON

Wave the fly swatter and announce that you see a wasp. Discuss the difference between how you react to a wasp compared to how you react to seeing a butterfly. If the wasp didn't sting, we probably wouldn't be uncomfortable around it. Our Bible reading today talks about another kind of sting. Read the Bible lesson.

### BIBLE TRUTH

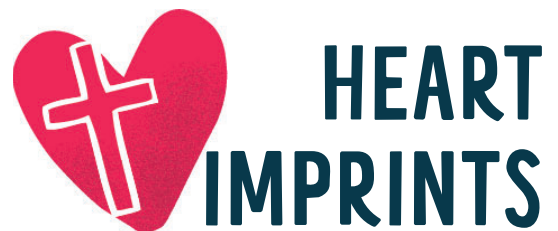
On Good Friday we hear how Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. On Easter we celebrate the fact that Jesus is stronger than death and rose from the dead. 1 Corinthians tells us that the sting or power is gone from death. It is saying that death gets its power from the law. Because we keep on breaking the law by sinning, we must die. But no...Jesus kept the law for us. Jesus took away the power of the law. That means death has no power over us either because Jesus is stronger than death! We have the gift of eternal life because of Jesus.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

Death is like a butterfly not a bee since Jesus took away its power to hurt us. Often a butterfly is used as a symbol of Easter. Just as a butterfly emerges from a cocoon to become a beautiful creature, so we, too, will wake up from the sleep of death to live with Jesus in heaven.

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, we are so thankful that you took away the power from death. Help us remember how strong you are. You are even stronger than death. In your name we pray, Amen.



**2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday  
of Easter  
April 18 -  
April 24, 2022

**SCRIPTURE:** John 20:19-20, 24-29

**THEME:** The Good News Spreads

**SONG:** CW21 456/ CW93 165 - O Sons and Daughters of the King v. 4, 7, 8

**VISUAL:** Garment with large stain or rip

### OBJECT LESSON

Explain to children that you were going to wear this clothing, but your family member showed you the stain (or rip). At first, it seemed like they were just playing a joke on you. But, look, what they said was true.

### BIBLE TRUTH

Last Sunday we celebrated Easter. We can still feel the joy of Jesus' disciples as they see that Jesus is alive. Our reading tells what happens as this good news spreads. (reading)

The disciples are overjoyed when Jesus appears to them. Thomas at first doubts this good news. When Jesus appears to Thomas, his doubt turns to joy also.

### DISCUSSION AND APPLICATIONS

At first you did not believe there was a stain on your clothes. When you looked at your clothes, and saw for yourself, you knew it was true.

After seeing Jesus alive the disciples were filled with joy. They had no doubts because they saw with their own eyes that their Savior was alive! Our risen Savior showed himself to the disciples and many others after he rose. The disciples recorded what they saw in the Bible for us so we too can share their joy. We know that Jesus is alive and we can tell others. Our living Savior is lives to bless us everyday!

### PRAYER

Dear Jesus, We are so happy that you came alive on Easter Sunday. Fill us with the joy of knowing we have a living, powerful Savior! In your name we pray, Amen.



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