

## Suggested Activity and Gospel Discussion

God's Plan of Salvation through Jesus

- 1. Tape off a 9ft X 3ft rectangle space
- 2. Sprinkle some kind of powder (baby powder, flour, etc) over the rectangle space
- 3. Make a God sign and put it at the end of the rectangle
- 4. Make a cross out of any kind of paper that will reach from one end of the rectangle shape to the other (9ft long) don't show this to the kids yet

## **Talking Points**

#### 1. Hold up the God sign

- **Say:** God made the world and everything in it. He made you and He made me.
  - Read Genesis 1:1
- **Say:** In the beginning when He made the world, it was perfect.
- Say: But then sin came into the world
  - Ask, what is sin? Discuss ways that you all sin.
  - Read Romans 3:23
- Say: God can't be around sin because He is perfect and without sin. Because we all have sinned, we wouldn't be able to have a relationship with God. That is very sad.
  Tell the children that the powder in the rectangle represents sin.
- 2. Have each child start at the opposite end of the rectangle and try to get to the God sign without getting any powder on their feet. (keeping within the rectangle boundaries)
  - **Say:** But...because God loves us so much, He made a plan
    - Read John 3:16
  - Discuss that when you do something wrong (sin) there is a consequence, a punishment. So our sin has a punishment.
    - Romans 6:23
  - Say: God's sent His son Jesus to take our punishment so we can have a relationship with God forever.

#### 3. Lay the cross down on the powder and have each child walk across to the God sign.

- Discuss how they were able to walk to God without getting the powder on their feet.
  This is because Jesus died so we can have a relationship with God.
  - Acts 10:43
  - Romans 5:8

#### 4. Have everyone jump up and down

 Say: The Good News is that Jesus didn't stay dead!!!! He came back to life and is ALIVE!! That is what we celebrate at Easter. Jesus is ALIVE

# **Parent Points**

- Becoming a child of God involves repenting of one's sin and have faith in Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Repentance involves understanding what sin is and a desire to turn from sin.
- When a child seems to have a basic understanding of salvation (belief in Jesus' death and resurrection, admission of and repentance from sin, and a desire to follow Jesus, you can ask them to verbalize their understanding and desire to follow Jesus through prayer. There is no "no formula" prayer to be prayed, but encourage them to ask the Lord to forgive them and that they want to follow Jesus forever and help them to know that they will be a child of God.

### Resources

There are great resources to help you to lead your family to Jesus. Please check out a recommendation below. We also will be posting more helpful resources on our Bethel Kids Facebook Groups. We would love for you to join and be in community with other parents and Bethel Kids Servers.

Resource Links: Salvation-Conversation-Guide



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