



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

The King of Sacrifice

Take Home Point:

Jesus traded places with us to win us eternal life.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: When you played the trading game today, did it seem unfair when someone got a rock in exchange for their candy? Does it seem fair that Jesus traded places with us and took the punishment for our sin?

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Begin with two plastic grocery bags and small sections of scrap paper. Ask everyone to write on the pieces of paper some acts of kindness they would do for a friend. Then pick a few to read. Put all of the papers with acts of kindness written on them into a grocery bag and label it "Acts of Kindness." Then label the next bag, "People Who Have Hurt Us." Ask the family to write some mean things that have been done to them on sheets of scrap paper. Then write what would be a good punishment for those things. Place these in that bag and ask if anyone wants to talk about what he wrote.

Then say, "Did Jesus ever get even with us because of what we have done against him? No. Even on the cross he said, 'Father forgive them.' He traded his 'get even' with an act of kindness for us. He took our punishment on himself. Can we trade our 'get evens' with acts of kindness?" Empty the bag labeled "People Who Have Hurt Us" of all the "get evens." Put them into the trash. Then pour the other bag's acts of kindness into it. Ask again, "Can we trade our 'get evens' for acts of kindness?"

READ THE BIBLE: Matthew 27:11-50

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:21: *"God had Christ, who was sinless, take our sin so that we might receive God's approval through him."*

TALK ABOUT IT: Why did Jesus say nothing in reply to Pilate? (*Matthew 27:14.*) Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty. How did the people respond in verse 25 and what are the implications? What kinds of things were done to Jesus in verse 27-44? Why did Jesus refuse the drink offered to him on the cross? (*Matthew 27:34. The drink consisted of diluted wine and a drug that would lessen his pain. Jesus chose to suffer all of the pain for our sins.*)

To sacrifice means to offer the life of something to God to gain forgiveness. How is Jesus the ultimate sacrifice for our sins? (*Jesus our priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time....By that one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy*" Hebrews 10:12,14). How did Jesus prove his love for us? (*He traded his life for the punishment we deserve for sin.*) Jesus traded places with us to win for us eternal life.

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PRAYER POWER: Think about how much suffering Jesus went through for us, and spend time thanking him that we do not have to experience that kind of suffering, especially separation from God. Pray for those who don't know Jesus as their savior and how you might witness to them.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

On this week before Easter think of creative ways to invite friends to your church's Easter service. You might want to make personalized cards. Or make special Easter cookies to be delivered with an invitation. (*White macaroons can be a reminder of the stone that has been rolled away.*)