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The Cross Of *Christ*

Cross in the Old Testament



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To reveal what the Old Testament says about Jesus and the Cross.
- To explain the concept of ‘Shadows’ and ‘Types.’
- To motivate children to crush Satan’s head on a daily basis.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Genesis 3:15; Luke 24:27; Acts 1:2-3; Matthew 6:10 (Shadow of the Cross)



MEMORY VERSE

Romans 16:20: “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.”



INTRODUCTION

Many people think that Jesus accidentally died on the Cross when things got out of control, and the religious leaders had Him killed. But this is wrong thinking!

God planned to sacrifice Jesus (so that he could save us); and He prepared this plan even before the world was created!

The first time God mentioned this salvation plan of His, was in the Garden of Eden. So we will take a closer look at the Creation Story of Adam and Eve, and discover for ourselves how Jesus was already mentioned even in the Garden of Eden!

SHADOWS

Match the Shadows to the right Objects. Which Shadow belongs to which Object?

List of Objects

Fire Extinguisher

Piggy Bank



Egyptian Mummy






Flag

Pushpin

Man

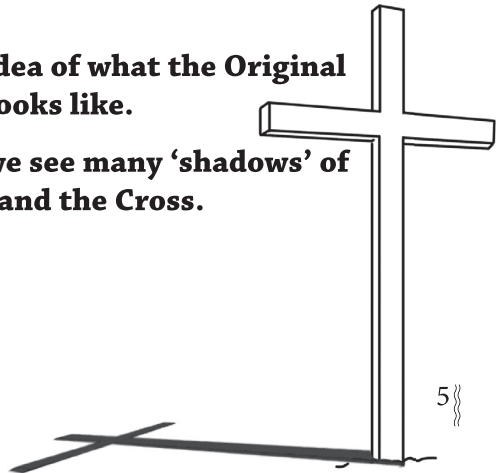
Tree

Shadows of Objects	Guess the Objects
	
	

A Shadow gives us an idea of what the Original Object looks like.

In the Old Testament we see many 'shadows' of Jesus Christ and the Cross.



SHADOW of the CROSS in the Garden of Eden

The pictures given below describe the Story of Adam and Eve. But the pictures are not in the correct order. Can you number them in the right sequence?

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God made a man.
God named him Adam.



God said, "Don't touch the
special tree."

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God made a beautiful
home for Adam - the
garden of Eden.



God made a woman.
God named her Eve.

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God made the animals.
God let Adam give them
names.



The snake tempted
Adam and Eve to eat the
fruit.

God put a curse upon Satan because he led Adam and Eve into sin.

Genesis 3:15: The Lord said, “You and this woman will hate each other; your descendants and hers will always be enemies. One of hers will strike you on the head, and you will strike him on the heel.”

God’s words to Satan in the Garden of Eden, were a ‘shadow.’ They were a shadow of what Jesus would do on the Cross 4000 years later.

The Old Testament is filled with many such ‘shadows.’ There are many people, objects and events mentioned in the Old Testament, which act as ‘shadows,’ pointing towards Jesus and the Cross.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If the Old Testament included many ‘shadows,’ about Jesus and the Cross, why were the disciples so heart-broken when Jesus was crucified? Why didn’t they realise that Jesus would successfully defeat sin and death?

Luke 24:27: “Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets.”

Acts 1:3: “After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.”

In the Garden, God told Satan that Jesus would one day crush his head. If God’s words are true, then why is Satan so powerful today? Why are so many people still under his influence? Do you think his head was really crushed?

Matthew 6:10 (NIV): “... your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Ephesians 1:22 (NIV): “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.”

Romans 16:20: “... God, who gives peace, will soon crush Satan under your feet.”

Hebrews 4:16: “So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.”

Can you think of some practical things we can do, to crush Satan’s head on a daily basis?

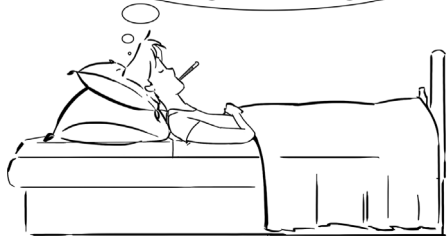
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2. _____

3. _____

I will not accept this sickness that is affecting me again and again



1 John 3:8: "... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work."



APPLICATION

Some practical things I will do to crush Satan this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

TEMPTATION

NO!!



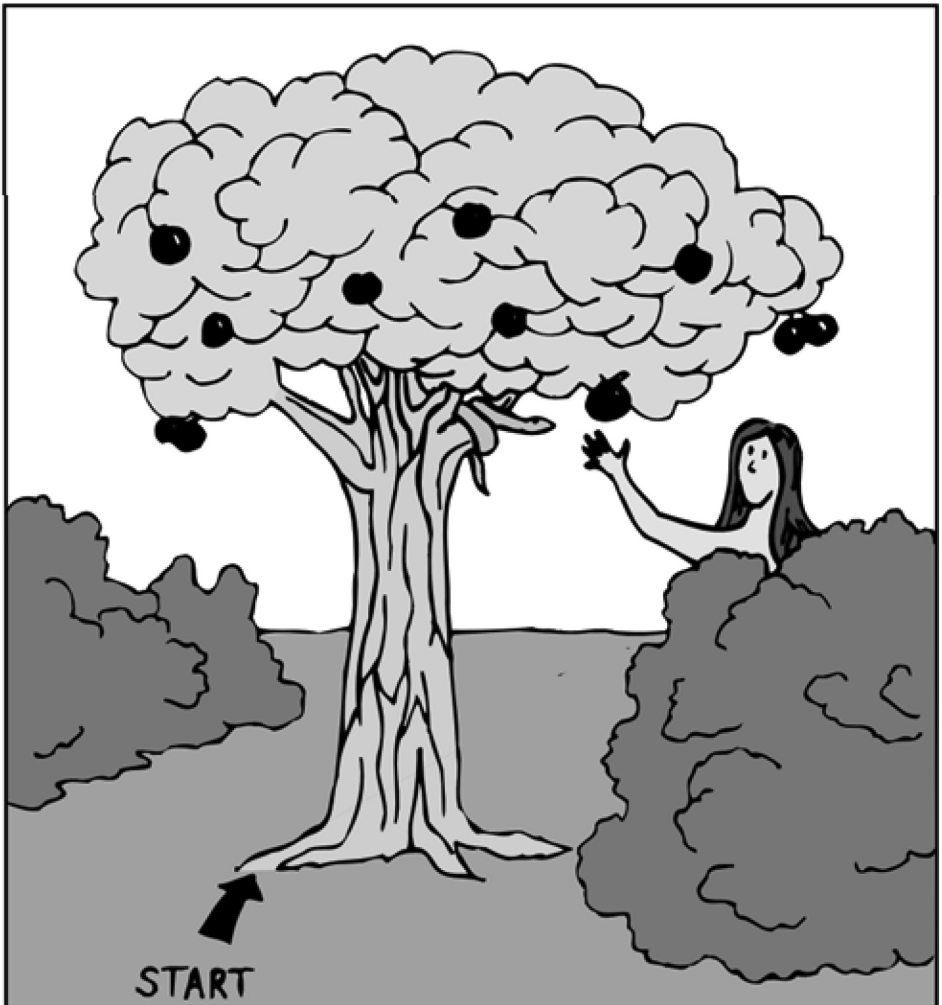


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Solve the Maze: Satan Tempts Eve

(Taken from "Amazing Mazes for Kids" by Steve and Becky Miller)

Can you start at the tree root and find your way to the fruit Eve is about to pick?





FOLLOW UP

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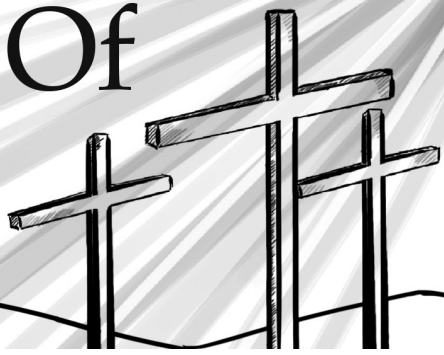
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The Cross Of *Christ*



Jesus Talked About the Cross



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that Jesus compared His crucifixion to the dying of a Wheat kernel.
- To motivate children not to be “Pretend Christians.”



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

John 12:24-26; Romans 12:1; Matthew 10:38-39 (Death of a Wheat Kernel)



MEMORY VERSE

John 12:24: “I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

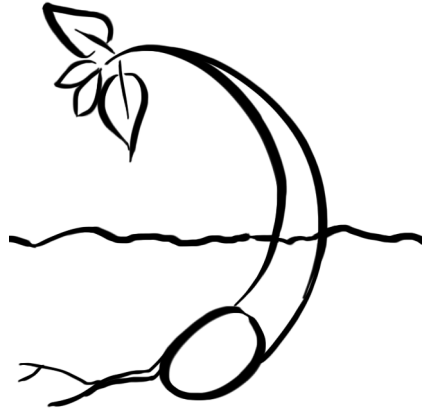


INTRODUCTION

What Jesus Said About the Cross

Jesus compared His death on the cross to the dying of a wheat kernel under the ground.

- The life hidden inside the wheat kernel is released outside and grows into a plant only when the kernel dies.
- In the same way, Jesus wanted to show that the divine life hidden inside Him would be released and imparted to all of us only if He was willing to die.



John 12:24-26: “I tell you for certain that a grain of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat. If you love your life, you will lose it. If you give it up in this world, you will be given eternal life. If you serve me, you must go with me. My servants will be with me wherever I am. If you serve me, my Father will honor you.”



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In the lesson that we studied today, what did Jesus compare His death to?

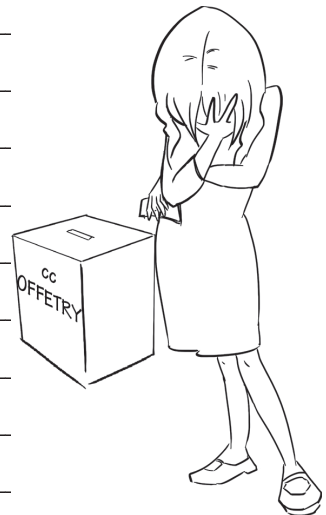
What do you think is the similarity between a wheat kernel dying in the ground, and Jesus dying on the cross? What do the two have in common?



Jesus said, “... unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” Is Jesus saying that all of us should kill ourselves and die?

***Romans 12:1:** “Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That’s the most sensible way to serve God.”*

What are some of the things that God wants us to kill in our lives?





APPLICATION

Matthew 10:38-39 says, “And unless you are willing to take up your cross and come with me, **you are not fit to be my disciples.** If you try to save your life, you will lose it. But if you give it up for me, you will surely find it.”

- Some people DONT pray the salvation prayer because they have decided to follow Jesus. They pray it simply to get a ‘ticket’ to heaven; they have no real intention of obeying Jesus daily.
- Such people are NOT Children of God, though they may imagine that they are.

Are you a Pretend Christian or a Real One? Make a commitment to be a true follower of Jesus, today onwards.

Some Sinful Things that God wants me to kill in my life:

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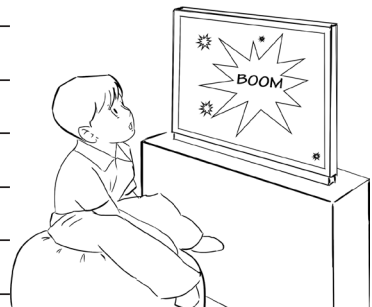
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Some specific sacrifices that God wants me to make:

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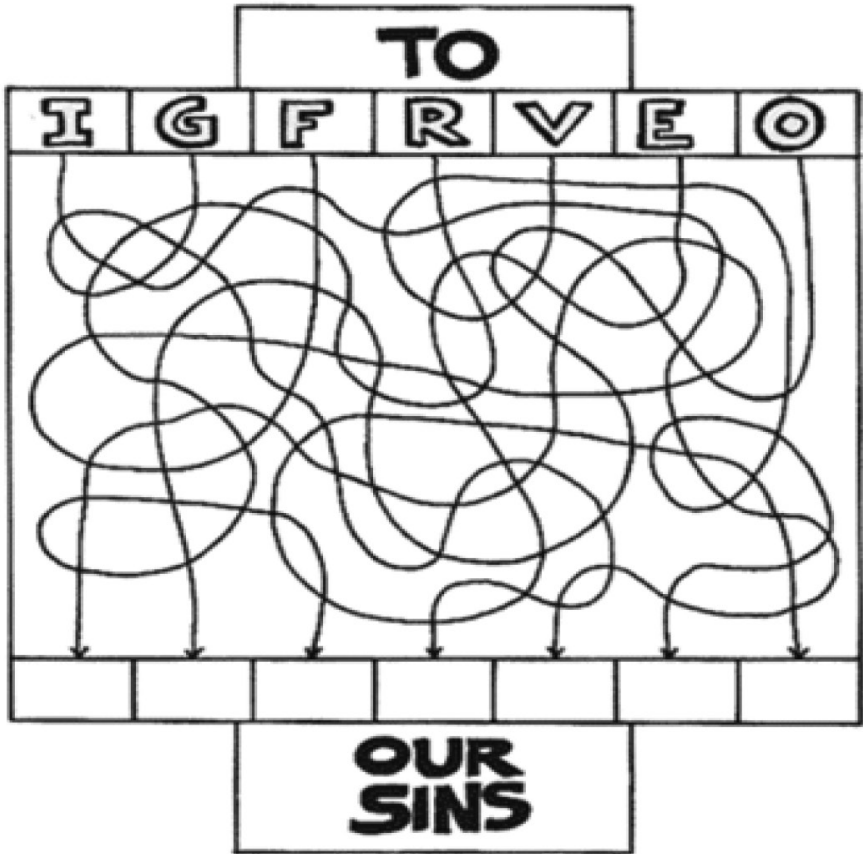


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Jesus died like a Wheat Kernel

Jesus Died for You

Why did Jesus die on the cross? To find the answer, follow the lines to put each letter in a blank square.





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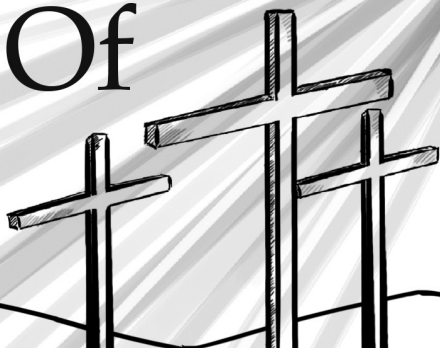
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The Cross Of *Christ*



Wisdom of the Cross—Redemption



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the concept of ‘Atonement.’
- To teach the principle of forgiving and forgetting the wrongs done to us.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Leviticus 16:1-34; Exodus 25:17-22; Matthew 6:14-15
(What is Atonement?)



MEMORY VERSE

Leviticus 17:11: “For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.”



INTRODUCTION

God loved the Israelites very much and wanted to live among them. But they were a sinful people who sinned again and again.

Because God is holy and hates sin, He knew that He could not just ignore their sins. If He went to live among them, He knew He would have to kill and destroy them for their many sins.

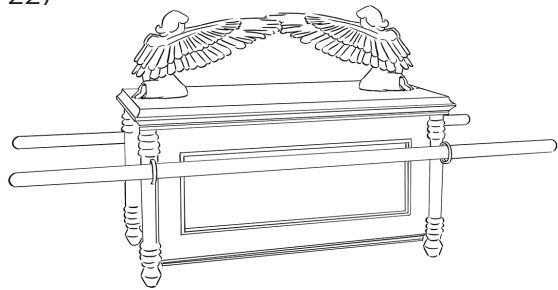
So the Lord came up with a very wise plan to deal with their sins, which would make it possible for Him to forgive them and live among them. We will find out more about this in today's session.

Atonement Cover and Day of Atonement

(Leviticus 16:1-34; Exodus 25:17-22)

Inside the Most Holy Place, was the Ark of the Covenant.

- The lid of the Ark was called the “K _ _ _ _ R” in the Hebrew language.
- This word literally meant “to _____ over.”



Nobody could see the stone tablets in the Ark because it was “covered over” by the Kippur.

Yom Kippur—Day of Atonement

God ordered that on the tenth day of the seventh month all Israelites must celebrate the Festival of Yom Kippur. In Hebrew, *Yom* means *day*, and *Kippur* means *covering over*. In other words, they were asked to celebrate the “Day of Covering Over.”

- This was the one and only day when the High Priest was allowed to enter the “_____ of _____”

Fasting and Sacrifices

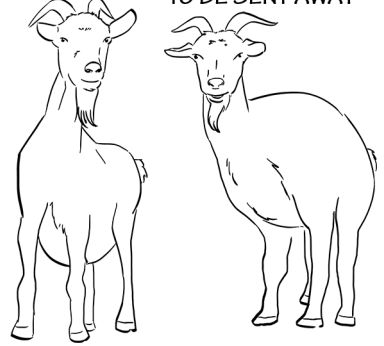
Early in the morning, the high-priest offered a ‘sin-offering’ on the altar before the Tabernacle.

- He took some of the blood of the sacrifice, and sprinkled it on the Kippur (lid of the Ark).
- He did this to show that he was a sinner, and he asked God to show mercy and forgiveness to him and his family.

Then the priest came again to the great altar before the Tabernacle. Here two goats were brought to him:

FOR THE LORD TO BE SENT AWAY

- On the forehead of one goat was written “For the Lord,”
- And on the other, words that meant “To be sent away.”



These TWO GOATS were looked upon as bearing the sins of the people;

One was killed, and burned on the altar. The priest sprinkled some of its blood on the lid of the Ark. By doing this, he asked God to forgive the sins of the people.



- Then the high-priest laid his hands on the head of the living goat (the one whose forehead was marked “To be sent away”), to place upon it the sin of all the people.
- Then this goat, which was called the “Scapegoat,” was led away into the wilderness, never to return back. This was to show, the sins of the people as taken away, never to come back to them.



“Covering Over” of Sins

When the Israelites performed these rituals with a sincere repentant

heart, God “covered over” their sins. In other words, He “forgave and forgot” all the evil things they had done.

In the same way the lid of the Ark “covered over” the box (so that no one could see the contents inside), the blood of the sacrificed animals also “covered over” the sins of the people, so that God could no longer see or remember their sins.

Atonement

Today we use a big English word to describe this “covering over and forgiveness of sins.” It’s called ‘Atonement.’

Atonement simply means that Jesus’ blood has “covered over” our sins.

In **Leviticus 17:11** God said, “For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.”

When we humbly confess our sins to the Lord, and promise Him that we won’t repeat them, He “covers over” our sins. He forgives and forgets that we ever committed those sins.

In this way, God gives us an opportunity to start over with a clean record.

He treats us as if we never, ever committed any sins! This is the beauty of Atonement!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does ‘Atonement’ mean?

Can you guess why the lid of the Ark was called the ‘Kippur’ (or Atonement Cover)?

Reason 1:

Reason 2:

Today if we want God to “cover over” our sins, should we sacrifice oxen and goats? Why or Why Not?

The Israelites used two goats for their ritual on the Day of Atonement. In what way can we compare these two goats to Jesus?

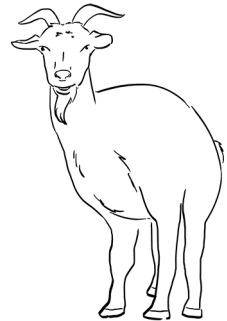
Goat labeled “For the Lord”

FOR THE LORD



Goat labeled “To be sent away”

TO BE SENT AWAY



APPLICATION

When something is “covered over” it can no longer be seen.

- So when God “covers over” our sins He no longer sees them.
- He forgives us and treats us as if we have never ever betrayed Him.

Because God has forgiven us in this generous way, He expects us to forgive others in the same way:

- We must forgive people who hurt us by “covering over” what they have done.
- In other words, we must stop reminding ourselves of the hurtful things they did.
- And every time we meet, them, we must treat them as if they never, ever hurt us. We must ‘forget’ what they did.

Matthew 6:14-15: “If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. But if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Some Wrongs done to me that I must forgive and forget:

(Mention specific incidents that God brings to your mind.)

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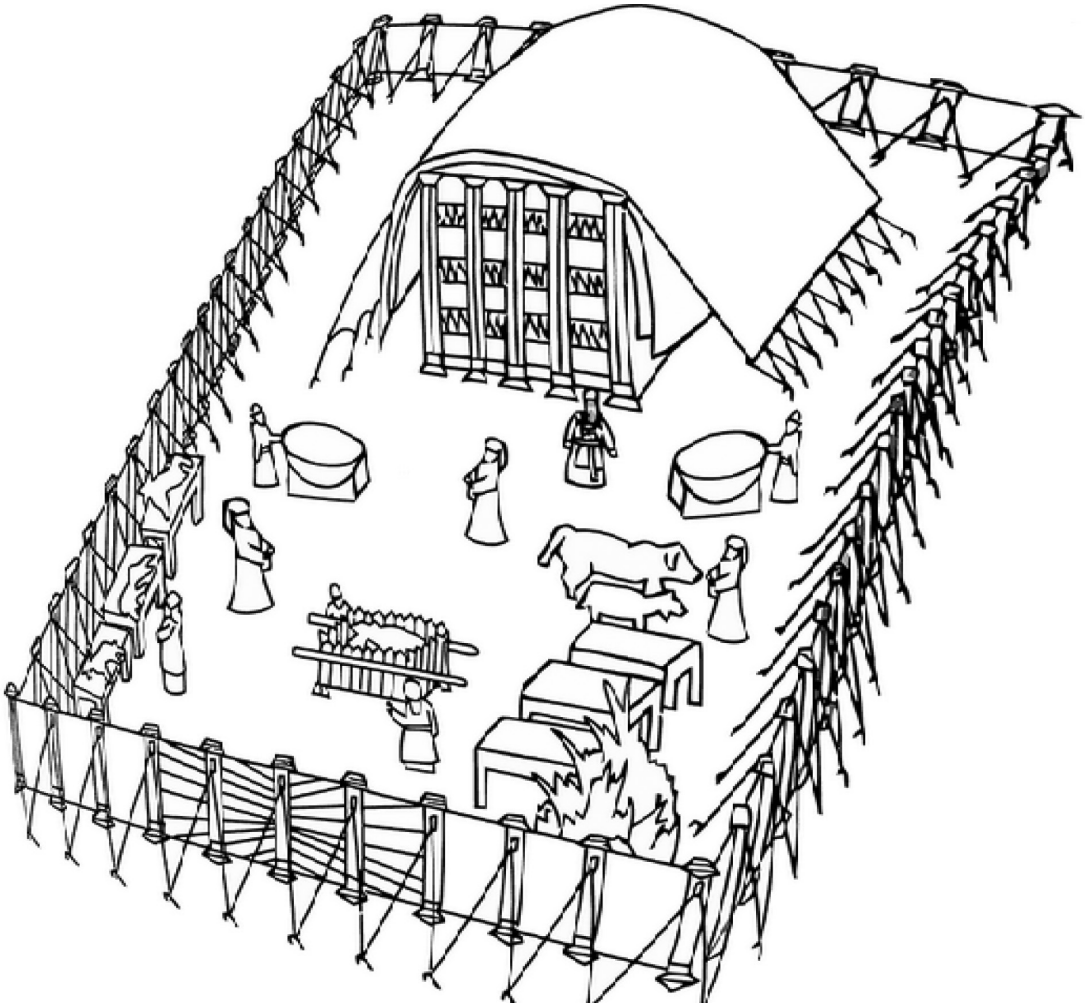
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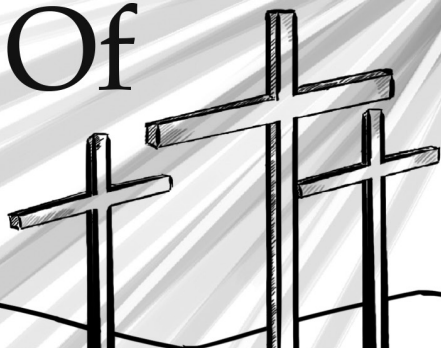


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

The Tabernacle - Coloring Sheet



The Cross Of *Christ*



Power of the Cross



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that Jesus ‘identified’ with us, so that we can ‘identify with Him.’
- To show that when we identify with Jesus, His power is released into our lives and situations.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Philippians 2:6-8; Hebrews 4:15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:19-20 (Jesus ‘Identified’ with us)



MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 5:21: “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

WHO IS HE?



Picture A



Picture B

Jesus Identified with Us

Jesus came to the earth to identify with us.

Philippians 2:6-8: “Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God. Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us. Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross.”

In heaven, Jesus had not experienced any lack.

- But here on earth, He chose to be born into a poor family, so that He could experience first-hand the sufferings of the poor and down-trodden.

When Jesus came down to the earth, He personally ‘experienced’ hunger first-hand.

- In heaven, He had never felt hungry; but here His stomach rumbled when there wasn’t enough food at home. He identified with us in our hunger and thirst.

In heaven, Jesus had never 'experienced' tiredness.

But here on earth, He walked from town to town preaching the Kingdom of God. He was so tired once that He slept right through a storm!

In heaven, there is no weeping.

- But here on earth, He wept to see the pain involved when a loved one dies. !



Jesus identified with us in our daily struggles and suffering.

Jesus experienced ALL that we as humans experience.

He 'identified' with us FULLY!

Hebrews 4:15-16: "Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because He was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help."

Why Jesus Identified with Us

He Identified with Us—to Warn Us

Jesus came to WARN US that our sins were putting us in great danger. He warned that if we did not repent of our sins, then we could not be part of God's kingdom.

Matthew 4:17: “Then Jesus started preaching, ‘Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here.’”

He Identified with Us—to Show Us How to Escape

Jesus offered to EXCHANGE PLACES with imperfect people:

Jesus, the perfect person, took the place of imperfect people and suffered the severe punishment for all their imperfect, sinful actions.

1 Peter 3:18: “Christ died once for our sins. An innocent person died for those who are guilty. Christ did this to bring you to God, when his body was put to death and his spirit was made alive.”

In exchange, imperfect people like us can now take the place of the Perfect Jesus and enjoy all the blessings that belong to a perfectly holy person.

2 Corinthians 5:21: “Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so that Christ could make us acceptable to God.”

The Results of Identification

Jesus “identified” with us” (by sharing our suffering) ... so that one day, we could “identify with Him” (by sharing His holiness and blessings).

- Jesus **became like us** and suffered our punishment.
- Now we must **become like Him** and enjoy the rewards of holiness.

When we make a conscious effort each day to ‘identify’ with Jesus—to think like Him, talk like Him and behave like Him—His great

resurrection power is released into our lives. And we discover that we are able to really live like Him!

Ephesians 1:19-20: “I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven.”

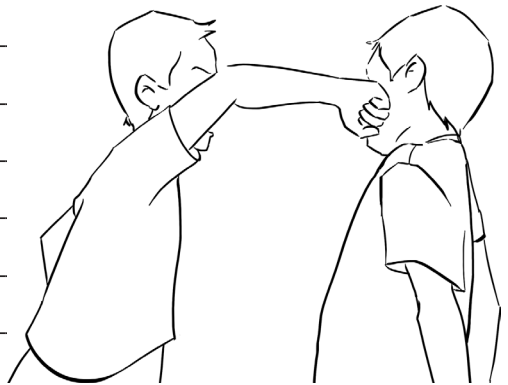
So no Christian has an excuse to continue living in sin. Because God’s power is available to us, we must “identify fully” with Jesus and start behaving just like Him.

1 Peter 2:24 says, “Christ carried the burden of our sins. He was nailed to the cross, so that we would stop sinning and start living right. By his cuts and bruises you are healed.”



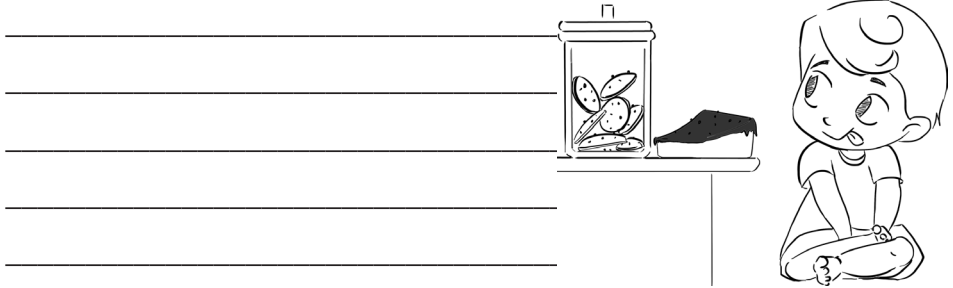
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How Can We “Identify With Jesus” In practical everyday situations? How do I “identify with Jesus” when a classmate punches me, and I feel like punching him back?



Ephesians 6:10-11: "Finally, let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong. Put on all the armor that God gives, so you can defend yourself against the devil's tricks."

How do I "identify with Jesus" when I feel like stealing a cookie from the kitchen?



1 Corinthians 10:13: "You are tempted in the same way that everyone else is tempted. But God can be trusted not to let you be tempted too much, and he will show you how to escape from your temptations."

How do I "identify with Jesus" when the exams are nearing, and I feel terrified?



Philippians 4:6-7: "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts, offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel."

How do I "identify with Jesus" when I'm terrified of facing the bully at school the next day?

I don't want to face the bully at school tomorrow



Hebrews 13:5-6: "... The Lord has promised that he will not leave us or desert us. That should make you feel like saying, 'The Lord helps me! Why should I be afraid of what people can do to me?'"



APPLICATION

We must BELIEVE that we exchanged places with Jesus on the cross:

- So that now we can be as holy as Him.
- We can be as strong as Him in resisting temptation.

Power of the Cross

- We can be as fearless as Him in even the worst situations because He will always take care of us and protect us.
- We can be as successful as Him because He will pour His blessings upon us.



Jesus took our place and suffered
for our sins ...

... so that we can take His place
and enjoy holiness, power,
blessings and rewards.

What I will do when temptations come this week:

What I will do if fear hits me this week:



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Ants and Us

(Taken from the DPI Queensland Website)

To “Fully Identify” with an ant, you have to live in its cramped little hole.

Only then will you really know how it feels.

Jesus came into our “little hole”—‘Earth’—to “Fully Identify” with us in a similar way





FOLLOW UP

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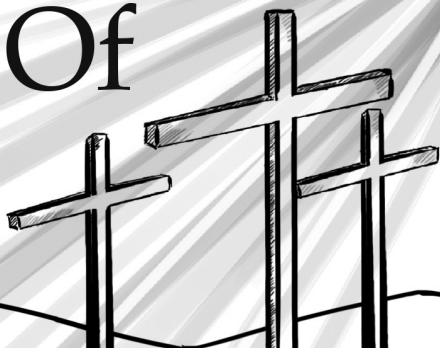
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The Cross Of *Christ*



From the Cross to the Throne



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that Jesus is our Advocate and Defender.
- To explain the role of Repentance in gaining God's forgiveness.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 1:9; 2:1-2, Revelation 12:10 (Jesus Our Advocate)



MEMORY VERSE

Words scrabble on Page 34 contains the Memory Verse.

Guess Their Profession

Pick the right profession:

Advocate, Artist, Doctor, Musician, Pastor, Teacher



Who is the man in the middle?



Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross for us, so that He could become our ‘Advocate.’

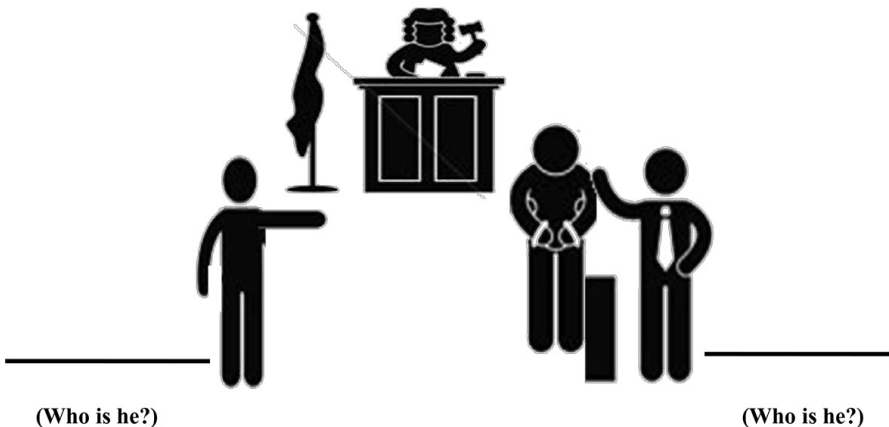
1 John 2:1 (NIV): “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”

Who is an ‘Advocate?’

‘Advocate’ is generally a term used in the courtroom. When a criminal is brought to the court to be judged and punished, two persons play a very important role.

- The first is the Prosecutor. He accuses the criminal, explaining to the judge what crimes the criminal has committed. And he formally requests the judge to severely punish the criminal.
- However, there is also an Advocate present at that time. Sometimes, he is called the Defendant because he defends the criminal. He speaks on behalf of the accused person, seeking for mercy and kindness.

In the picture given below, can you guess who is the Accuser (the prosecutor), and who is the Defendant (Advocate)?



Jesus Our Advocate

The Bible uses similar Courtroom Terminology to describe our position in Christ.

Can you guess who serves as the Chief Judge (in heaven)?


Who do you think is the Criminal?

- **What is their crime?**
 - **What is the punishment for their crime?**
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Who do you think is the Accuser (the Prosecutor)?

Revelation 12:10: "... Satan accused our people in the presence of God day and night ..."

Who do you think is the Defendant (Advocate)?



1 John 2:1-2 (NIV): "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."

When we repent of our sins, Jesus becomes our Advocate and Defendant. He speaks to God the Father on our behalf, saying something like this:

“What Satan says is true. This person has committed the sin that Satan is accusing him of. But I have finished paying the punishment for this sin. Therefore I ask you to forgive this person completely.”

1 Timothy 2:5 (NIV): “There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why is it important to immediately repent whenever we sin against God?

1 John 1:9: “But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.”

What if I commit a very horrible sin? What if I steal a gold bracelet from someone? Will Jesus speak to the Father for me, even in this case?



Please Note: True Repentance will involve confessing your sin to the concerned person and returning the stolen bracelet.

What exactly is repentance? How does a person ‘repent’?



APPLICATION

True Repentance involves two definite steps:

- I must openly admit that what I have done is a ‘sinful’ thing.
- Second, I must promise God not to repeat my sin.

Sins that I need to truly repent of:

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2. _____

3. _____



FOLLOW UP

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How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

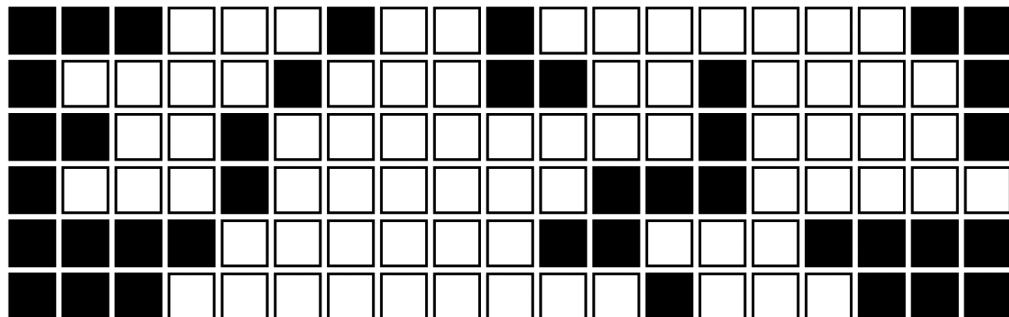
Memory Verse

(Created online at GospelHall.org)

The following puzzle is a “Dropped Verse.” All of the letters in the white squares have fallen to the ground. Raise them back up into their places to see what the Memory Verse says.

Directions—Put the letters in the empty squares directly above them.

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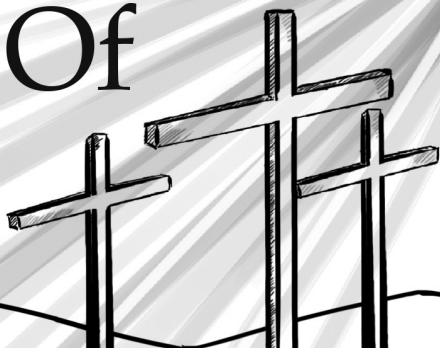
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1 John 2:1: _____

DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!



The Cross Of *Christ*



Blessings of the Cross



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that Abrahamic Blessings became ours through the Cross.
- To explain the role of faith in acquiring these blessings.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Ephesians 2:13-14; Romans 4:16-17; Galatians 3:7-9, 13-14
(Abrahamic Blessings for us)



MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 3:14: "He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus ..."



INTRODUCTION

The four Gospels of the New Testament describe various benefits that are ours because of Christ's sacrificial death. Each Gospel highlights some blessing that the atonement brings, and together they give us a complete picture of what Christ accomplished for us. Today we will look at one of these blessings in greater detail.



ATTENTION GETTER

Activity: Spot 10 Differences



Blessings of Abraham

God made a special promise to Abraham

Genesis 17:7 (NIV): “I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”



Ruth said to Naomi, “... I will go where you go, I will live where you live; your people will be my people, your God will be my God” (Ruth 1:16).

When Ruth agreed to become an Israelite and worship only Jehovah, she came under the blessings of Abraham including righteousness by faith, friendship with God, financial and material prosperity, healing etc.



Are the Blessings of Abraham for Gentiles too?

In Old Testament times

In the Old Testament God explained that Gentiles too could become Israelites. If they fulfilled the rituals that God had laid down in His law, God began to consider them as Israelites (Exodus 12:48-49).

So in Old Testament times, a person had to become an Israelite if they wanted to enjoy the Abrahamic blessings.

In New Testament times

However, after Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself on the cross for both Jews and Gentiles, the wall dividing them was broken.

Ephesians 2:13-14: “And you were far from God. But Christ offered his life’s blood as a sacrifice and brought you near God. Christ has made peace between Jews and Gentiles, and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us. Christ gave his own body.”

Now Abraham is considered the father of all those who display faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 4:16-17: “Everything depends on having faith in God, so that God’s promise is assured by his great kindness. This promise isn’t only for Abraham’s descendants who have the Law. It is for all who are Abraham’s descendants because they have faith, just as he did. Abraham is the ancestor of us all. The Scriptures say that Abraham would become the ancestor of many nations. This promise was made to Abraham because he had faith in God, who raises the dead to life and creates new things.”

Galatians 3:7-9: “And so, you should understand that everyone who has faith is a child of Abraham. Long ago the Scriptures said that God would accept the Gentiles because of their faith. That’s why God told Abraham the good news that all nations would be blessed because of him. This means that everyone who has faith will share in the blessings that were given to Abraham because of his faith.”

Galatians 3:13-14: “But Christ rescued us from the Law’s curse, when he became a curse in our place. This is because the Scriptures say that anyone who is nailed to a tree is under a curse. And because of what Jesus Christ has done, the blessing that was promised to Abraham was taken to the Gentiles. This happened so that by faith we would be given the promised Holy Spirit.”

Because Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself on the Cross for us, the blessing that was promised to Abraham was taken to the Gentiles. So now everybody who accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour enjoys the same blessings that Abraham and the Israelites enjoyed!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Let's assume for a moment that Jesus has not yet come into the world to sacrifice Himself on the cross for us. If this were the situation, what blessings would we in India enjoy? Why?

Does this mean that before Jesus sacrificed Himself on the Cross, all non-Israelites had to go to hell? Why or Why not?

Non-Israelites who were part of God's Kingdom: Matthew 8:10-11, 12:42; Luke 4:25-27, 11:32; 2 Kings 5:17

Through Jesus, what are some of the Abrahamic blessings that we enjoy today?

Genesis 15:6:

Romans 4:16:

Blessings of the Cross

We receive financial and material prosperity (Genesis 17:8)

Genesis 17:8:



Luke 13:16:

We receive healing and wholeness (Luke 13:16)

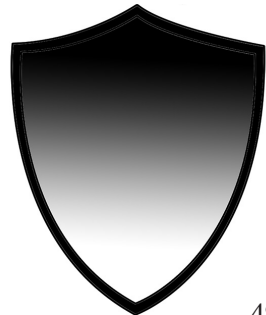


Genesis 12:2:

Genesis 15:1:

He will be our shield (Genesis 15:1)

Genesis 22:17:





APPLICATION

Through His death on the Cross, Christ won for us the Abrahamic blessings—so that we too could be a part of Abraham’s family **by faith**.

However, many of these blessings will not become ours unless we claim them **by faith**, and work towards them.

(Mention specific blessings.)

- For example, don’t just write ‘Healing’.
- Instead write “Healing for my allergy” etc.)

Some Abrahamic Blessings I want to claim for myself By Faith:

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

God makes a Promise to Abram (Genesis 15:1-17:19; 18:1-16)

(Taken from Gospel Hall)

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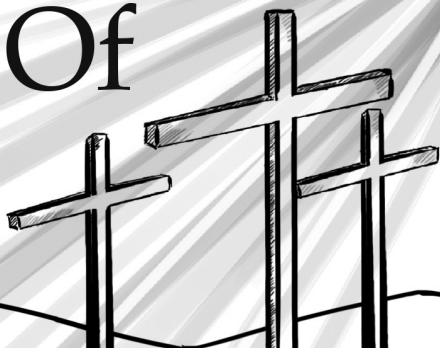
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The Cross Of *Christ*



The Way of the Cross



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To explain the responsibility each of us has to bear because of the Cross.
- To stress the importance of being dead to the world.
- To warn the children not to crucify Christ all over again.



SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

Galatians 6:14; Hebrews 6:4-6 (Separation from the World)



MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 6:14: “May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”



INTRODUCTION






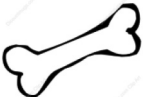
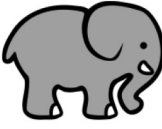
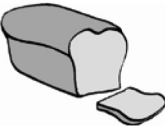
Over the last few weeks we have been studying the Cross of Christ in great detail.







- On the Cross, Jesus exchanged places with us, so that we can enjoy His blessings.
- Because of the Cross, the Lord has not only forgiven our sins but even forgotten them; He does not hold them against us anymore.
- Because of the Cross, we can now crush Satan's head.

These are some of the benefits we enjoy because of the Cross.

Today, we will look at what our response and responsibility should be towards this Cross. When the Lord has done so much for us, what can we do for Him in return?

WHAT am I ATTRACTED to?

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Be Dead to the World

Jesus sacrificed His life on the cross to save us from the punishment of sin. Now He expects us to separate ourselves from the world and no longer do the sinful things that the world does.

Galatians 6:14: “... Because of his cross, **the world is dead** as far as I am concerned, and **I am dead** as far as the world is concerned.”

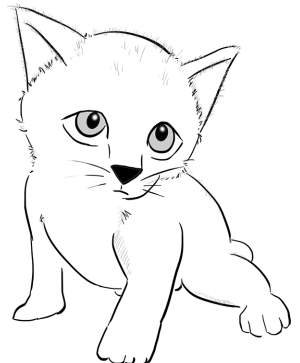
Be Crucified to the World

According to this verse, I must be dead to the world.

Let’s take the example of a cat to understand this better. Cats love milk! If you leave your kitchen window open, chances are that a cat will slip inside and finish your milk for you.

Now let’s take the example of a dead cat.

Is a dead cat attracted to milk?



Even if you place a bucket of milk next to this cat, it will show no interest.

In the same way, Can you tempt a dead man with stolen money?

Even if you offer him thousands of rupees, he will show no interest.

Similarly, we too must be, that dead to sinful things!

The Lord wants us to separate ourselves from the evil things of this world to that extent!

- We should be so dead to this world that we do not find sinful things even remotely attractive anymore!

The World is Crucified to Us

The world doesn't like Christians because they live differently.

- People of the world get upset when a Christian refuses to let them copy from his/her Answer Sheet in the Exam.

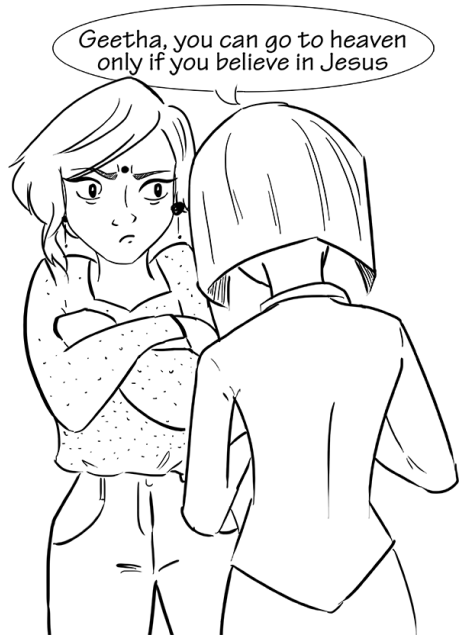


- People of the world don't like it when we refuse to join them in doing sinful things.
- People of the world don't like it when we tell them that the only way to heaven is through faith in Jesus.

So the world is 'dead' to Christians—in the sense that worldly people do not like us and are unfriendly towards us.

The Temptation to Crucify Christ

When we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, the Father declares us to be part of His family. So we are given all the benefits and privileges of being family members.



After enjoying all of this, if we turn back to sin, the Bible says this is equal to crucifying Christ once again!

Hebrews 6:4-6: "But what about people who turn away after they have already seen the light ... What they are doing is the **same as nailing the Son of God to a cross and insulting him in public!**"

If I turn my back on God after experiencing His love, it's like declaring to the world:

"I went to the Lord and I have experienced His love and kindness.

AND I THINK HIS LOVE IS NOT WORTH IT.

So I am returning to the world."

We have no right to **publicly insult the Lord** in this way!



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Galatians 6:14 says that we should be crucified to the world. What does this mean?

If we go back into sin after committing our lives to Jesus, why is it similar to crucifying Jesus a second time?

What are some practical ways in which you and I can separate ourselves from the world?

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APPLICATION

Some things in my life that are not pleasing to the Lord:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Make a commitment to repent of these things and turn back to God.

Do not publicly humiliate the Lord Jesus by living in sin!



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class.)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during the week:

1. _____

2. _____

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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Created by Crossword Puzzle Maker at www.GospelHall.org)

Memory Verse

Find the **underlined words** in the puzzle given below:

Galatians 6:14: May I never **boast** except in the **cross** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, through which the world has been **crucified** to me, and I to the **world**.

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DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!



