

DRAW NEAR

And Be Forgiven!
Luke 23:33-49; John 19:16-18

Message: November 22, 2020

Key thought: God will forgive people when they ask Him.

Parent Helps:

- Tell your testimony. Talk to your child about the day that you chose to trust Jesus as your Savior. Who was there? What did you do? How has your decision impacted your life?
- Explain that God loves people and sent His Son, Jesus, to be the Savior. Ask: “Why do people need a Savior?” Comment that people need a Savior to save them from sin. Emphasize that all people sin and deserve God’s punishment.
- Explain that sin is “any word, thought, action, or attitude that disobeys God.” God loves people, and He sent Jesus. Jesus never sinned, but He CHOSE to die on the cross. Jesus loves you so much that He took your punishment for sin. Because of Jesus, Christians can have their sins forgiven.
- Read Luke 23:33-43. Talk about how Jesus forgave the criminal on the cross.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids Questions:

1. What does it mean to forgive?
2. Is it easy or hard to forgive? Why?
3. Why did God send Jesus?

Additional Older Kids Questions:

1. What is a Christian?
2. How does a person become a Christian?
3. Are you a Christian? If so, tell about when you chose to trust Jesus. If not, what questions do you have about what it means to be a Christian?

Apply:

- Admit you are a sinner and turn away from your sin. (Romans 3:10; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23)
- Believe that Jesus is God’s only Son, the Savior. (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)
- Confess your faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. (Romans 10:9-10; Romans 10:13)

Activity:

Cut a heart shape from colored paper. Slide the paper heart inside a clear sandwich bag. Invite your child to draw on the sandwich bag using a dry erase marker. Use a paper towel to erase the drawing. Remind your child that Jesus can wipe away (forgive) sin.

Pray Together:

- Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus.
- Thank God for His gift of salvation and forgiveness.
- Ask God to help your child know when it is time for him/her to trust Jesus as her Savior.

