

Dear Parents:

Our Memory Verse this week:

"Even while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us." Romans 5:8

Today we discovered:

- God is Holy.
- Our sin separated us from experiencing God the Father.
- The Father's love reached through our "sin" when Jesus died for us.
- We can be righteous children of God by receiving Jesus into our hearts.
- We are no longer separated from God.
- We have received an inheritance.
- We can share this good news with others.

Scripture Study: Luke 5:12-16.

We relate this story where Jesus heals the man of leprosy with our being made clean from sin. When the unclean man came to Jesus, he was touched and changed. The "Clean man" could now share with others what Jesus did for him.

Parent's Points to Ponder:

Our Father's love for us is a very important foundational message that children need to know. This lesson showed them how great a love that Papa God has for us... enough to reach down through our "sins" to bring us into His kingdom. We also want the children to know that as they have heard and received this message, that they can share it with others... God reached "down" to us and we can then reach "out" to others with that same love.

Ask Your Child:

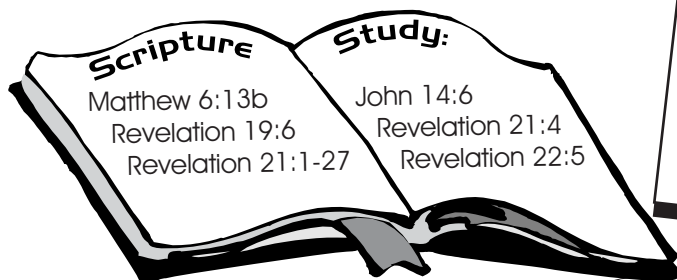
What did the leper have to do to become clean? (Just receive what Jesus offered) What did the man with leprosy do after being healed? (Thanked Jesus) How are we like the leper? (We need to receive what Jesus offered, salvation, to be cleansed.)

Does sin keep Jesus from reaching out to us? (No).

Home Activity:

Ask them if they invited Jesus into their hearts. Share with your child when you accepted Jesus into your heart and how you felt and how it has changed your life. (They love to hear about your life).

We also talked about other things we received when we ask Jesus into our hearts (our inheritance). Have your child share with you what these things are and see if you can't think of more things to add to the list. Create a poster, or attach a gift bag to the "Heaven's Window" bulletin board. Help your child draw pictures or write down the things Papa gave them.



A Parent's Blessing:

(Your child's name), I bless your spirit and call you to hear and receive with gratitude the words found in Romans 5:8, "Even while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us." Father God is so in love with you, that He was willing to allow His beloved Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for you, and destroy the power of sin. God was so moved, because He so wants to be your Heavenly Father, and for you to be His precious child.

(Your child's name), I bless your spirit to fathom this love, and forever be His grateful, loving child. I bless you in the name of your Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen