Road To Romans Lesson 3 "Death and Life"

My Gifts from God (Activity)

MATERIALS:

Activity Page [pdf] Pencils, crayons, markers



WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Ask your child to choose a place at the table and work on the handout. Be prepared to give suggestions to the children if they need a little help getting started.

Application:

Was it easy or hard to think of six things God has given you? It's good to admit that God has given us many amazing things, such as families, toys, and a church where we can learn more about Him. But what is the best gift He has ever given us (eternal life/salvation)? Because of Jesus, we don't have to worry about paying for our sins – He paid the cost by dying on the cross. So, when we think about everything God has given us, the most important gift is salvation because there is no way we could have ever received it without Jesus life, death, and resurrection.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23 NIV

SCRIPTURE READING Introduction: Last week we learned that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and gave the hope of salvation to the world. Today we will learn the next part of the "Roman's Road" (a collection of verses that tell us how we can be saved) and how the payment for our sins, death, is overcome by the gift of eternal life.

Read Romans 5:12, 6:9-14, 6:22-23 (Jesus defeated death and God gives us eternal life.)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How did sin enter the world? (Through one man Adam.)
- 2. What is the consequence of sin? (Death.)
- 3. So why is everyone sinful? (Because we were born into sin.)
- 4. Why can't Jesus die again? (Because He defeated sin by coming back to life.)
- 5. Whose sin did Jesus defeat? (Everyone's sin!)
- 6. Why can we be "alive to God"? (Because Jesus paid for our sins.)
- 7. How can we keep sin from taking over our lives? (By obeying God, relying on His strength, and taking part in what He is doing.)
- 8. What is the result of following God? (Holiness and eternal life.)
- 9. Why can we receive the gift of eternal life? (Because of Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection/victory over death.)

Conclusion: When the first man who was ever created, Adam, sinned against God, it meant everyone who would be born after him would sin too. And, because God knew that sin would separate us from Him forever, He sent Jesus to die and pay the price of our sins with His own life. However, because Jesus came back to life, He was victorious over death and we can be victorious too. Anyone who believes in Jesus and turns away from their sin can have eternal life because of His sacrifice. And we can share this special message of eternal life with everyone we meet!

APPLICATION

Bring a small potted plant or flower. Ask your child to describe the plant and how they know it's alive (such as it has bright colors, it's not dry, it appears to be getting bigger, etc.). Then explain that plants are alive because of God's power, and that same power has given us the chance to become spiritually alive by trusting in Jesus Christ as our Savior. And, when we believe in Jesus, we will be like the plant that grows more beautiful as we trust God to take care of us and show us how to live and obey His Word.

My Gifts from God

What has God given you? Draw a picture in each box of something you have received from God.