



Day 10: Why Jesus Came

Let's Start

ASK: Have you ever had to replace something that was broken or worn out? How did you feel once you got its replacement?

SAY: Do you remember the goats we met when we read about God's special place in the book of Leviticus? Those goats were the "swap" for all the sins the Israelites committed year after year, but they had to repeat the swap every single year. Now it's time to discover what was going to replace that old kind of "swap."

Let's Listen to God

READ: Matthew 26: 26-28

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks and broke it. He handed it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

27 Then he took a cup. He gave thanks and handed it to them. He said, "All of you drink from it. 28 This is my blood of the covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many people."

ASK: What food did Jesus mention? What did he do with the food?
What do you think Jesus meant when he said his body would be broken like the bread?
What problem did Jesus say his blood would deal with?

READ: Matthew 26:29

29 Here is what I tell you. From now on, I won't drink wine with you again until the day I drink it with you in my Father's kingdom."

ASK: Jesus knew he was going to die and was willing to die to save people from sin. What does that make you want to say to him?

Let's Learn

SAY: Jesus announced that by dying, he was going to be the forever, once-and-for-all solution to people's sins. Instead of goats having to die every year as a swap for God's people, Jesus was going to die just once and be the new swap. Jesus was the forever, perfect once-and-for-all swap that would mean sins could be forgiven! And that's not all...

Jesus said that once he died, that way back to God through the "Keep Out" sign would be opened, and everyone would be able to live with God once again! Hurray!

Let's Pray

Say: Lord Jesus, we want to say... [call on the children in turn to say to Jesus what they said in answer to the last question]. Next time we eat together, Lord, please remind us that you were willing to die to save people from sin. Thank you, Jesus! You're amazing! Amen.