



Day 15: Your Invitation

Let's Start

ASK: When someone sends you an invitation to a party, they might write RSVP on it. Do you know what that tells you to do before you can go to the party?

SAY: When someone invites you to something like a party, if you'd like to go you have to respond to say "Yes, please!" Yesterday we saw that Jesus rose to life again to show that he can offer life forever in God's wonderful place. His invitation is to live in the kingdom of God with him. So... how do we respond to this amazing invitation?

Let's Listen to God

READ: Mark 1:15

15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Turn away from your sins and believe the good news!"

ASK: What two things did Jesus tell people to do?

READ: John 3:36

36 Anyone who believes in the Son has eternal life. Anyone who does not believe in the Son will not have life. God's anger remains on them.

ASK: If someone asked you, "How can I be Jesus' friend?" what would you answer?
What is the most exciting thing you've learned about Jesus over the last couple of weeks?

Let's Learn

SAY: When we become Jesus' friend, he asks us to do two things: turn away from our sins and believe. This means asking God to forgive us for what we've done wrong and letting him be in charge of our lives. We say, "Jesus, you're the King and I am not!"

King Jesus' friends know that he is God the Son. They believe and trust that his death is the swap that means Jesus was punished instead of them. They believe and trust that he rose again to give them life forever in God's perfect place.

When we say "Yes, please!" by turning away from our sins and believing the good news, we can look forward to eternal life with God in his perfect place. But if we do not obey Jesus' instruction to turn away from sin and believe, we will find ourselves on the wrong side of the "Keep Out" sign, shut out from God's good place and facing his anger.

ASK: Is there anything you have realized about yourself?
Is there anything you'd like to ask about?

Let's Pray

Say: Lord God, thank you for opening the way back through the "Keep Out" sign to your perfect place. Please give each of us faith to respond to your invitation. Amen.