

BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS OUR PENALTY BEARER

Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 8:1-4; Galatians 3:13-14; Ephesians 5:2; Colossians 2:13-15

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 53:5

"But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed."

BIG IDEAS

- Someone has to be punished for our sin.
- Jesus bore our punishment as penalty-bearer.
- Jesus was crushed, rejected, wounded, and killed so we do not have to be.
- God's righteous wrath was poured out on Jesus so we might be forgiven.

BIBLE STORY: LEVITICUS 16

God gave instructions to Moses and Aaron to institute a Day of Atonement in the temple to atone for the sins of the people. This day was a time when the high priest would make a sacrifice on behalf of the people to pay for their sins. It pointed to the coming of God's Son, Jesus who took our place on the cross. He died the death we deserved so we would not have to.

STORY: REDEMPTION

Thankfully, God does not just leave us in the broken world, but is repairing the brokenness through His Son. From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus came to live on the earth and willingly died on the cross so that sin's power over creation would be broken forever.

BIG AIMS**KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God sent Jesus to die in our place as our substitute
- We need a substitute because we cannot pay our sin debt on our own

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Awe at Jesus's willingness to sacrifice Himself as our substitute

**DO****Every child should:**

- Talk about why we need a substitute and how Jesus is our substitute

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To believe in Jesus's work on their behalf to pay their sin debt

THE PENALTY BEARER

Help your child create a superhero's shield using a poster board. On the shield, write "Penalty Bearer". Ask your child to draw pictures of the sins that we commit. Talk with your child about how Jesus is our Penalty Bearer, and we do not have to bear the punishment for our sin.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Leviticus 16.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

In Moses' day, God gave His people a set of laws and rituals to follow that would help them obey His commands and atone for their sin. God instructed the priests to serve as mediators between God and His people. When Aaron's two sons disobeyed God and died for their sinful actions, God instructed Moses and Aaron to institute the Day of Atonement for the people. This special day was a time when the high priest would make a sin offering in the innermost part of the temple on behalf of the people. The sin offering looked toward the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ who would be the sacrificial lamb for man's sin. The people were required to make the sacrifice once a year in order to atone for their sins. The shedding of blood was required to atone for their sins. When Jesus came, He became man's sacrificial lamb. Jesus took on our sin and bore the penalty that we owe. He died for our sin and fulfilled our sin debt once and for all. He was the final sacrifice because He was the perfect sacrifice.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why did the people have to offer a sacrifice for their sin? (God instructed them to make offerings for their sin to atone for their sin for the year.)
- Who is the final sacrifice for man's sin? (Jesus is the final sacrifice. He bore our penalty and now we do not have to bear it.)



As a family, memorize Isaiah 53:5 by dividing the verse into sections and then write the sections on narrow strips of paper. Take turns putting them in order. Set a timer and see who can put the verse in order the quickest.



Play a game with your child that involves penalties, such as: soccer, hockey, basketball, or a board game that involves missing a turn or another type of penalty. Talk with your child about how our sin has a penalty, and Jesus became our penalty bearer.



Draw the outline of a lamb on a piece of cardstock or poster board. Next, lead your child in a discussion about his sin by asking your child a series of questions about his sin/behavior that week. For each sinful behavior that he has done, give him a cotton ball. Once you've asked the questions, help your child glue the cotton balls inside the outline of the lamb. Tell your child that Jesus is our sacrificial lamb.



Spend some time this week praying and thanking God for sending Jesus to bear the punishment that we deserve.