

# GOD IS SATISFIED THROUGH HIS SUBSTITUTE

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## BIG TRUTH: GOD IS SATISFIED THROUGH HIS SUBSTITUTE

John 1:29; Hebrews 9:11-14; 1 Peter 1:17-20; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:9-10

## BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 5:9

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## BIG IDEAS

- God's justice against sin must be satisfied.
- The only way for God to be just and forgiving is through a substitute.
- God's perfect substitute is His Son, Jesus.
- Jesus lived a sinless life, and died in our place as our substitute.
- God's justice is perfectly satisfied through His Son.

## BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 11; 12:1-7, 13-14, 21-28; JOHN 1:29

God provides a way for His people, the Israelites to have freedom from the Egyptians and He also provides a way for them to be saved from the angel of death. This story reveals the way in which God provides a substitute for all people through His Son, Jesus. Death passes over all those who place a saving faith in Jesus, just as death passed over the Israelites who placed the blood of a sacrificed lamb over their doorposts.

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God is holy and just. Everything He does is right and good. In His holiness and justice, He must punish injustice. His righteous wrath (anger against sin) must be satisfied. Sin and rebellion cannot be ignored or looked over. It must be dealt with, and we as guilty sinners deserve God's wrath to be poured out on us. Thankfully, God, in His mercy, chose to forgive us. The only way He could do this was by punishing Jesus in our place. He sent His Son to be a substitute for our sin in order to rescue us. Jesus bore the punishment that we deserve.

## BIG AIMS



### Every child should know:

- God is satisfied in Himself
- God does not need anything and is not dependent on anyone
- God is satisfied through Jesus who died as our substitute



### Every child should feel:

- Awe that God does not need anything



### Every child should be able to:

- Recognize some things that they need and remember that God does not need anything



### Every child should want to:

- Have a relationship with God because He is satisfied through His substitute

## FAMILY DEVOTION: THE LAMB OF GOD

When the Israelites sacrificed a lamb and placed its blood on their doorposts, the angel of death passed over their house. Their firstborn child was saved from death because the lamb took his or her place. God provided a lamb for all people when He sent His Son to take our place. Jesus is the Lamb of God.

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**We are separated from God because of our sin.**

- Because God is holy and we are sinners, we are separated from Him.
- We are dead in our sins and there is no way that we can make our relationship with God right on our own.
- We cannot save ourselves; we need a Savior.

**We are made right with God through the blood of Jesus.**

- God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world.
- Jesus died on the cross so that we can be made right with our Creator.
- When Jesus died, He provided a way for His people to be saved from their sin and have new life in Him.
- We can have new life in Christ through repentance and faith.

**Jesus' death on the cross satisfied God's wrath against sinners.**

- On the cross, Jesus took on the full weight of the sins of the world.
- Jesus bore the wrath, or anger, of God against sin.
- When Jesus was on the cross, the Father turned away from His Son.
- This happened so that the Father would not have to turn away from His people again. His wrath was satisfied. Our sin debt was paid.
- When Jesus was on the cross, the veil in the temple was torn, signaling that His people could have access to God's presence.
- We have a way to salvation because of Jesus, who was our substitute.

**BIBLE STORY: EXODUS 11; 12:1-7, 13-14, 21-28; JOHN 1:29***The Passover Lamb*

Supporting Scripture: James 1:15; Hebrews 7:26; Ecclesiastes 7:20

**Teacher Introduction:**

One of the greatest examples of God's great love and mercy is the story of the tenth and final plague against Egypt. When the Israelites are crying out for freedom from the harsh Egyptians, God sends nine plagues that afflict the Egyptians, but do not cause Pharaoh to free the Israelites. The tenth plague is the promised death of the firstborn child of all who do not sacrifice a lamb and place its blood over their doorpost. All who sacrifice a lamb and place its blood over their door will not be visited by the angel of death. This story is God's story of redemption for all people.

God sent His Son to be the lamb for all people. Jesus would die on the cross as the sacrificial lamb of God and because of His sacrifice all people could experience forgiveness for their sin. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Just as those who placed the blood of a slain lamb over their doorpost didn't awaken to death the next morning, those who place saving faith in Jesus, the Lamb of God will awaken after their physical death on earth to an eternal life with Jesus in Heaven.

**Teaching Guide:**

The guide below is provided to help you teach the narrative: *The Passover Lamb*. The five points are the Big Ideas that should guide your lesson as you share from Exodus 11; 12:1-7, 13-14, 21-28; John 1:29 and teach the narrative: *The Passover Lamb*. Footnotes are provided for further study of the text and God's interaction with His people. Throughout the lesson, questions are placed to help you guide the preschoolers to think about and process the narrative: *The Passover Lamb*.

**Opening Illustration:**

Bring in a blanket or sheet. Divide the room in half and ask the children to choose a side. One side represents the side that sacrificed the lamb and the other side represents those who didn't. The sheet will represent the angel of death. When you pass by the children who are on the sacrificed lamb side, keep the sheet above them as it "passes" over them. For the children on the side who didn't sacrifice the lamb, have the sheet fall on them. Lead them in a discussion about how Jesus is the Lamb of God and those who place saving faith in Him are "passed over".

- Jesus is God's sacrificial lamb. He came to the earth to die for our sins.
- When place saving faith in Him, we are "passed over" and we get to have eternal life with God in Heaven.
- When we don't have saving faith in Jesus, we don't get eternal life with God in Heaven.

GOD IS SATISFIED THROUGH HIS  
SUBSTITUTE**BIG IDEA: GOD'S JUSTICE AGAINST SIN MUST BE SATISFIED.****Sin cannot go unpunished.**

- Sin is rebellion against God and it cannot go unpunished. Rebellion is when we don't do what God tell us to do or we do what He tells us not to do. It's when we don't listen to God.
- Sin causes death and destruction and it separates us from God.<sup>1</sup>
- The wages or price for our sin is death. This means that we will spend eternity away from God.
- If sin is not paid for then all will be separated from God forever.



Sing the song "God Is So Good" with the children. Remind them that God is so loving and good that He sent His Son to pay our sin debt because we couldn't pay it.

**God's desire is for sin to be paid for, or accounted for because He is just.**

- God is just and His justice will be satisfied. He will not tolerate injustice.
- Sin must be paid for in order for justice to happen.
- God's desire is to be with His children and this means that the sin debt must be paid.
- We cannot be with God when our sin debt isn't paid.<sup>2</sup>
- God's justice requires payment for sin, yet we cannot pay for our own sin.

*What must be satisfied for God to have justice? (Our sin must be paid for.)*

*Can we pay for our own sin? (No, we are unable to pay our sin debt, so we need a substitute to pay it for us.)*

1. James 1:15: Sin leads to death. It causes death and it means that we will experience death on this earth.

2. Hebrews 7:26: Our sin separates us from God. God is most holy and we cannot be with God because of our sin.

GOD IS SATISFIED THROUGH HIS  
SUBSTITUTE**BIG IDEA: THE ONLY WAY FOR GOD TO BE JUST AND FORGIVING IS THROUGH A SUBSTITUTE.****We cannot pay our sin debt.<sup>3</sup>**

- Because we cannot pay our sin debt God provides a way for our sin debt to be paid.
- The Israelites could not save themselves from the angel of death.
- They could not cause the angel of death to pass over their house and save the life of their firstborn child on their own.
- God provided a way for them to be saved through the sacrifice of a lamb.
- God's justice toward the Egyptians meant death would come because the Egyptians had wronged God.

**We cannot provide forgiveness for ourselves in our own power.**

- God provides forgiveness to us by sending a substitute to take our place.
- Because God is just, our sin debt must be paid.
- God would not be a just God if He did not require our sin debt to be paid.
- God provides a substitute for all people like He provided a way for the Israelites to be saved from the angel of death.

*Why can we not pay our own sin debt? (We are all sinners and therefore we are not pure and innocent.)  
How does God provide a way for our sin debt to be paid? (He provides a substitute for us.)*

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3. Ecclesiastes 7:20: There is no person on the earth who lives without sinning. We all have sinned and we are all accountable for our sins.

**BIG IDEA: GOD'S PERFECT SUBSTITUTE IS HIS SON, JESUS.**

**Because God's justice must be satisfied, He sent His Son in our place.**

- In order for the angel of death to pass over a house in Egypt, a lamb had to be sacrificed.
- God's justice required the blood of a spotless lamb.
- God's lamb is His Son, Jesus.
- Jesus shed His blood on the cross so we don't have to be eternally separated from God.
- Jesus coming to the earth to pay our sin debt was part of God's justice being satisfied.



Play a game of musical chairs with the children. When a child is left without a chair, tell them that you will allow another child to take their place just like Jesus took our place when He died on the cross. Remind them that Jesus sacrificed Himself so we don't have to pay our sin debt.

**Jesus is the perfect substitute for us.<sup>4</sup>**

- God did not spare His own Son, but sent Him as our redeemer.
- Just as the Israelites sacrificed a lamb without a spot or blemish, God gave His Son as a sacrifice to us.
- Jesus took our place so we don't have to pay our sin debt.
- When the Israelites sacrificed a lamb, the angel of death passed over their house.
- Death did not come to their firstborn child. They were spared from being separated from their child.
- Jesus was sacrificed so that we can be with God for all of eternity.

*How was Jesus perfect? (He never sinned. He never did anything wrong.)  
What did Jesus do for us? (He paid our sin debt so we don't have to pay it.)*

4. 1 Peter 1:19: Jesus is the spotless, blameless lamb of God. He died so that we don't have to die.

**BIG IDEA: JESUS LIVED A SINLESS LIFE AND DIED IN OUR PLACE AS OUR SUBSTITUTE.****Jesus is the Lamb of God.<sup>5</sup>**

- The Israelites were required to sacrifice a lamb in order for the angel of death to pass over their house.
- The lamb they had to sacrifice had to be perfect, with no spot or blemish.
- God requires the same thing of man. We must have a sacrifice of someone who is without sin. There is no person without sin, except for Jesus.
- Jesus is the Lamb of God sent by God to die for our sins.
- When Jesus died on the cross, He was God's sacrificial lamb.
- He was blameless and innocent, yet He took on our sins.

**Jesus was sinless and our perfect substitute.**

- Jesus had no sin and died with no sin.
- He lived a perfect life, which made Him a spotless lamb.
- Jesus was our perfect substitute because He had no sin.
- Just as the angel of death passed over the houses marked with the lamb's blood, our sins are washed away by Jesus' blood.
- Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Who was our spotless substitute? (Jesus is our spotless substitute.)  
What washes away our sins? (Jesus' blood washes away our sins.)



Play a game of "Simon Says" with the children. Tell the children that if every person stays in the game, everyone will receive a prize. Each time a child gets out of the game, write his or her name on the board. Once the game is finished, remind the children that they could have gotten a prize if everyone had stayed in the game. Then, erase the names on the board and tell the children that everyone will get a prize anyway. Tell them that Jesus took our place and even though we couldn't pay for our sins, He paid for them for us and now we can be with God if we have saving faith.

5. John 1:29: Jesus is God's spotless lamb given to the world to pay its sin debt.

**BIG IDEA: GOD'S JUSTICE IS PERFECTLY SATISFIED THROUGH HIS SON.****God is satisfied through His Lamb—Jesus.**

- Our sins are atoned for, or paid for by the blood of Jesus, who is our substitute.
- Just as the angel of death was satisfied by the blood on the doorposts, God is satisfied with Jesus' sacrifice.
- Jesus paid the wage of our sin. He owed no sin debt, yet He paid our sin debt with His life.
- God is satisfied to consider our sin debt paid for by the work of Jesus.



Lead the children in listing ways they can obey their parents. Talk with them about why we should obey our parents. God wants us to obey our parents, so we obey Him when we obey our parents.

**God's justice is satisfied through the Lamb of God.<sup>6</sup>**

- God was satisfied to pass over the houses with blood over their doorposts.
- God is satisfied to wipe away our sins when we place saving faith in Jesus—the Lamb of God.
- Just as the Israelites were given a way to live, God has given all people a way to live through Jesus.
- God's justice is satisfied and His people are offered a way to live through the blood of the Lamb of God.
- God's justice had to be satisfied and it was perfectly satisfied through Jesus.
- No one else could satisfy God's justice, except for Jesus because no one else was sinless.

*How was God's justice satisfied? (It was satisfied through Jesus.)*

*Why was Jesus the perfect Lamb of God? (Jesus was without sin and perfect.)*

6. Romans 4:25: God was satisfied to look on Jesus as our sin and to consider our sin debt paid through His death. Jesus took our place. He was our substitute.



## HOOKS

**He Takes Away Our Sins**

Bring in a container of water, bleach and iodine. Tell the children the water represents us. Place a few drops of iodine in the water. Tell the children the iodine represents our sin. Stir the water with the iodine until it's mixed together. Sin dirties us and makes us unclean. Next pour a little bleach into the water until the water is clear again. The bleach represents God's Lamb, Jesus. Jesus' blood washes away our sins.

**God Passes Over Our Sins**

Bring in a stepstool. On the floor tape a piece of paper with the words "Our Sin" on it. Tell the children that the paper represents our sin. Next, place the stool over the paper and ask the children to walk across the stool. Lead them in a discussion about how God passes over our sin because of Jesus.



- Our sin is before us. We cannot pay for our sin ourselves.
- God provides a substitute for us. He gives us someone who can pay for our sin.
- The stool represents Jesus and His death on the cross. When we step on the stool to cross over our sins, we are showing how our sins are washed away by Jesus' blood.

**The Lamb of God**

Give each child a popsicle stick with streamers glued to it. The streamers represent the lamb of God. Allow the students to take turns "passing" their streamers over everyone's head. God passes over our sins when He sees Jesus as the sacrificial lamb.