

WEEK 3: The Gospels

Big Idea: Jesus came to show us God's love and save us from sin.

HANGOUT

1. Introduce this week's Big Idea: **Jesus came to show us God's love and save us from sin.**
2. Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed. Guide the kids to find the New Testament in the table of contents. Remind the kids that these books are the second part of the Bible. They reveal God's rescue plan for all people through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection (or return to life). The New Testament also describes the beginning of the church and gives us a glimpse of heaven!
3. Ask:
 - How many books are in the New Testament? (27)
 - What is the first book? (Matthew)
 - What is the last book? (Revelation)
 - Which four books tell the story of Jesus' life? (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
 - What's the special name for these four books? Hint: It starts with a "G". (the Gospels)
4. Explain that the Gospels tell us how Jesus came to show us God's love and save us from sin.
5. Discuss: What are some ways people show love? What's your favourite way to show someone you love them?

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

6. Let the kids know that in today's God Story from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus shows us God's love through how he lived, served, and taught others.
7. Look up and read about the crowds following Jesus (Matthew 4:23-25) and the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-10).
8. Discuss:
 - What are some of the ways Jesus showed people God's love in Matthew 4:23-24? (travelled and taught many people about God's kingdom; healed every kind of disease and sickness)
 - In Matthew 5:3, who does it say God blesses? (those who are poor in spirit and realize their need of him)
9. Highlight that God sent Jesus into the world as his rescue plan to save us from sin. First, people needed to discover their need for him! When we realize we truly need Jesus, God blesses us.
10. Discuss:
 - What are some ways you experience God's love in your life?
 - Have you ever shared God's love with someone else? What happened?

HUDDLE

11. In advance, write the Key Verse for this series ("Christ suffered once for sins. The one who did what is right suffered for those who don't do right. He suffered to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18) on scraps of paper, with one word on each piece.
12. Review the verse with the kids. Mix up the papers with the words on them. Challenge everyone to work together to put them in order.
13. Discuss:
 - What does this verse mean to you?
 - What is the suffering it refers to?
14. Emphasize that Jesus suffered once for us so we can come to God and live forever with him!
15. Pray, "Thank you, God, for loving [mention each group member's name] so much, and for wanting the very best for us. You are so good! We love you! Amen."

Codebreaker

Break the code by using the number/letter key below.

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