

Holy - Family Lesson I

Divine Attribute: God is holy

Heart Response: Repent

Memory Verse: Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. Jesus is God’s Son.
2. Jesus is perfect and holy, but we are sinners.
3. Sin separates us from God.
4. Jesus came to save us from our sins.
5. We need to be sorry for our sin.

Family Worship

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to Romans 6:23. Remind your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or do other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible (Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:29-38, John 12:12-15)

I am going to open up my Bible to Mark 11, the place our lesson comes from. (Open your Bible to Mark 11.) **We know the Bible is God’s Word and all of it is true.** In our lesson today, **Jesus has been at his friends’ house in the town of Bethany. He is there with his friend, Lazarus** (whom Jesus raised from the dead) **and Martha and Mary** (Lazarus’ sisters). **Many people have seen the miracles Jesus has done and want to make Jesus their king!** The Jewish leaders are very upset because the people want to follow Jesus instead of them.

When Jesus leaves Lazarus’ house, he and his disciples head to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Many other people are also in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. When they hear that Jesus is coming, they are very excited!

As Jesus comes into Jerusalem, he says to his disciples, “Go into the village and as soon as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one has ever sat. Untie the colt and bring it here. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord needs it and will return it soon.’”

When the disciples go into the village, they find the colt just as Jesus had said. As they start to untie the colt, a man asks, “Why are you untying this colt?” They answer him just as Jesus told them and say, “The Lord has need of it.” The man tells them they can take the colt, and they bring the colt to Jesus. They put their coats on it, and Jesus sits on the colt. As Jesus rides into Jerusalem, the people spread their coats on the road and others wave and put down palm branches that they have cut from the trees.

The people shout, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Let's act out that part. We will pretend that we are holding palm branches. (Wave your arms and say, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!")

These people want to make Jesus their king here on earth, but we know that is not the kind of king God planned for Jesus to be at this time. Jesus is our King, but at this time, God planned for Jesus to die to pay for our sin.

Jesus is God's Son. He came and lived a perfect, holy life—which means he never sinned. Our sin separates us from God. Jesus came to save us from our sins by giving his life to pay for our sin. We need to be sorry for our sin and ask God to forgive us when we sin, and he will forgive us!

Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus to live a perfect life and to die to pay for our sins. We want to praise Jesus as our King and live to please you. Thank you for forgiving us for our sins when we pray and ask you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))

Crayons

Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

- 1. Who did Jesus' friends want Jesus to be?** (Their king on earth.)
- 2. What did Jesus tell his disciples they would find tied to a tree?** (A colt, a donkey that had never been ridden on.)
- 3. What did the people wave at Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem riding on the colt?** (Palm branches.)
- 4. What did the people shout as Jesus rode on the colt?** (Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!)

Optional Additional Activities

He Destroyed the Wall

Supplies

Bible

Blocks

(Have your child sit on the floor next to the blocks.)

What is sin? (Allow your child to give examples. You can give examples if they do not come up with any.) **Sin is anything that we do, say, or think that does not please God. Sin is anything that is not holy. God is perfectly holy. He has no sin. We are not perfectly holy. We all sin. Because God is perfectly holy, he cannot be around sin, so our sin separates us from God.**

Do you see these blocks? We are going to use them to build a wall to show how our sin separates us from God. We are going to work to make one big wall, and we are not going to knock it down until I say so. When we choose sin like telling mommy or daddy “no,” throwing a fit, or pouting because we didn’t get our way, our hearts are choosing to do what we want and not what pleases God. God cares about our hearts,

and he knows what is best for us. If we have a bad attitude when we choose to obey, we still sin in our hearts. Sin always leads to pain because it separates us from God and his great love for us.

(Have someone in your family hide behind the wall that was just built.) **So let’s look at this wall. This wall is like our sin. It separates us from God, just like this wall is separating us from _____** (family member behind wall). **Because we sin, we need a savior. We need Jesus. So God sent Jesus to earth to break down this wall between God and us. Jesus came to live a perfect life, never sin, die to pay for our sin, and then conquer death. Jesus was holy and perfect. He was the only one who could pay the price for our sin. Will you help me knock down the wall? Great! This reminds us that Jesus knocked down the wall between us and God that we build with our sin. Jesus died on the cross and paid the price for our sin. God wants us to see that we sin so that we can repent and turn away from that sin. When we repent and tell God we are sorry for our sin, God will forgive us. He can then change our hearts so that our attitudes and actions can become more like Jesus.**

