



LESSON 6 SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus takes sinners and turns them righteous!

OBJECTIVE: Kids will learn “When we put our faith in Jesus, all our sins are washed away.”

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Reconciled by God

MEMORY VERSE: “I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, “Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God.” Revelation 21:3 (NIRV)

SUMMARY: No kid really knows what will happen when they suck on an Everlasting Flawswapper: their boogers might turn to candy or their breath might smell like freshly baked cookies. But we do know exactly what will happen when we decide to follow Jesus. He swaps all of our flaws for his goodness. Our imperfection for his perfection. Jesus took on our sins so that he could give us his righteousness.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for taking my imperfect sinfulness and turning me into a righteous child of God!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*



MEMORY VERSE

"I heard a loud voice from the throne. It said, "Look! God now makes his home with the people. He will live with them. They will be his people. And God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (NIRV)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

"I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them." Revelation 21:3 (NLT)

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Revelation 21:3 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Read the verse to the kids. Ask them, "How can this be? How can we who are sinners be allowed to be with a God who is perfect and good?" Tell them, "When Jesus died on the cross for us, He made us righteous and pure, without sin! This is the way God looks at us now. This is how He will be with us together in heaven. Only if we accept Jesus into our hearts will our sins be washed away!" Ask some volunteers who can read the verse with a celebration voice...to come up front and read the verse with "passion" and "excitement".

SMALL GROUP:

Read the memory verse to the kids. Go around in a circle and ask the kids to share one or two words that express how they feel about the fact that God now sees them as righteous, pure, His child... when they accept Jesus into their hearts and ask forgiveness for their sins.

TITLE: Silly Swonka's Sweet Shop (Part 6)



ITEMS NEEDED:

Brightly colored top hat, cane, a large pretend rock, a table with hard candies on it, one pair of easy slip-off crocs or sandals for Kara.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

Silly Swonka – Candy Shop Owner

Kara – girl

Sean – boy

Mom – woman

Dad – man

CHARACTERS:

Silly Swonka

Kara

Sean

Mom

Dad

Begin with Silly Swonka walking on stage from stage left wearing his top hat and holding a cane. Following him are Kara and her mom, and Sean and his dad. Kara is still not wearing shoes.

SILLY SWONKA: Now we come to one of my favorite candies in the entire factory. You won't believe what it can do!

SEAN: Do?

KARA: Does it give me an endless supply of candy?

SILLY SWONKA: Great idea! I'll have to work on that as my next project.

SEAN: What does it do?

SILLY SWONKA: Over here is a table full of EVERLASTING FLAWSWAPPERS!



MOM: What is a flawswapper?

SILLY SWONKA: They grow in the caves as crystals and we cut them down, smooth them out, and they taste amazing.

DAD: Crystal candies?

SILLY SWONKA: Exactly! The flawswappers will swap your flaws for something good. They will replace a problem or mistake with something better. Flawswappers can take boogers and turn them into candy or bad breath and turn them into the smell of freshly baked cookies. Why don't you each have a taste and see for yourselves what they will do?

(Mom, Kara, Dad, and Sean all pick up a hard candy and suck on it.)

MOM: Mmm. It is delicious. But what flaw is it swapping for me?

SILLY SWONKA: Only time will tell...you might have to wait until you get to the center of the flawswapper for it to start to work.

(Kara stands behind the pretend rock and uses her feet without anyone noticing she slips on her shoes. Then Kara jumps out from behind the rock and shows everyone her shoes.)

KARA: Look! My shoes! The flawswapper swapped my bare feet for my shoes! How did they get back on my feet? They were stuck in the caramel highway!

MOM: What on earth? How did that happen?

SEAN: My zit! The one on my chin. It's gone! It was just there a minute ago and now I can't feel it.

DAD: That's weird. I didn't believe any of what you've been saying Silly Swonka, but now I'm starting to believe you. It's like the flawswapper took my skepticism and turned it into faith in what I can't understand.

SILLY SWONKA: We all have our flaws. Some go deeper than others.



MOM: Oh! I know what the flawswapper swapped for me. I was having such a bad toothache today...probably because my teeth can't handle eating all of this sugar. (Mom reaches into her mouth and points to her tooth to show them which one was hurting.)

KARA: Mom! You're tooth! It turned to gold.

MOM: What?

KARA: Your tooth that always hurts when you eat sweets. It turned into gold.

MOM: I have a golden tooth?

SILLY SWONKA: Your bad tooth has been swapped for a good one.

MOM: That is amazing.

SILLY SWONKA: That is a flawswapper for you!

KARA: But what about you, Silly Swonka? What about your flaws?

SILLY SWONKA: What flaws are those, Kara?

KARA: I don't know. But I'm sure you have one.

SILLY SWONKA: I might. It's possible. I've been eating my EVERLASTING flawswapper for years, so if I do have a flaw or two left, they aren't as often. You see, this candy lasts forever. You have to take it out, put it in a plastic baggie, and have some more when you're in the mood for candy.

SEAN: Wow. I can't even imagine what we will see next.

SILLY SWONKA: Yes...next...good thinking Sean. Follow me, everyone, let's see what we have next...

(Silly Swonka leads everyone off stage exiting stage right.)

ITEMS NEEDED:



Banana peel

Take a look at this banana peel. What is going to happen to it if I let it sit out for a while? It will rot. Nothing like a rotten banana peel! Yuck! You might think this sounds a little harsh, but before we ask Jesus into our hearts and let him change us from the inside out...we are just like a rotten banana peel. The reason we are is because we are full of sin. We act sinful and people and God notice our sins. It is undeniable. Even if we try to hide our sin, it is still visible to God. We can spray paint this banana peel yellow on the outside but it won't stop it from rotting on the inside. God can see the inside of our hearts even if other people can't.

So what do we do about our rotten banana peel...I mean...what do we do about our sinful nature? Even though we sometimes sin, when we accept Jesus into our hearts and ask Him to forgive us for those sins, He starts to change us from the inside out. He changes our hearts to be like His. And then we start treating people better on the outside and it is undeniable that we are full of love, joy, and peace! We might still make a mistake and sin sometimes, but we continue to ask for forgiveness and ask Jesus to help us resist our sins. God no longer sees us as sinners. He sees us as righteous and redeemed. He sees us as purified and as His children!

It sounds like a miracle, and it is. Just like it would be a miracle for this banana peel to go from rotten to fresh again. It is a miracle when we are born again and become like Jesus! We go from sinners to righteous!

LARGE GROUP GAME

ERASE THOSE FLAWS!

ITEMS NEEDED:

A large whiteboard, blackboard, or multiple ones, eraser, dry erase markers or chalk.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Begin with a board full of completed math problems easy enough for elementary-aged kids such as $1+5=6$. Be sure to have some correct answers and some incorrect answers such as $7-5=1$. Split the kids into 3 teams. Set a timer and invite one team at a time to erase answers that are wrong and replace them with correct answers. Depending on the amount of math problems, give the kids a challenging amount of time to make changes such as 10 problems in 1 minute. Allow only one kid to go up at a time and make just one change, then they must hand the eraser off to another teammate who is raising their hand and wants to make another change.



Kids can also correct each other's mistakes. Once the timer goes off, show kids any mistakes they missed and tally up the number of points they get for that round based on the amount of correct changes that they made.

Invite the next team to try, and then the next team. If time allows a second round for all three teams.

VARIATION:

For a large size group use multiple boards, especially if you want to have all of the problems up ahead of time and not have to add more during the game. For a very small group, you can use a piece of paper with problems written in pencil and pass it around for kids to make changes with a pencil eraser and then write the correct answer.

WHAT'S THE POINT:

God corrects our mistakes and helps us to see our sins. Jesus took our place for the punishment of those sins and helps us to become more like Him when we have a close relationship with Him!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

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INTRO:

Raise your hand if you have ever been to a car wash? Have you ever watched a dirty car turn into a shiny clean car? Sometimes it even makes a car that looks old, look brand new! How amazing is that!? Today we are talking about Jesus who is like our everlasting flawswapper. He takes our sin and bad ways and helps us turn them



into good and loving ways. His sacrifice on the cross took our punishment for our sin, and when we accept Him into our hearts, we invite Him into our lives to help us change to be more like Him!

So just like a car in the car wash, WHEN WE PUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS, ALL OUR SINS ARE WASHED AWAY! We are going to read where it says this in the Bible and find out how we can be washed clean too!

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

MAIN POINT:

God sent His son Jesus who had NO sin, to take our place and make us righteous. The old is made new! We are no longer sinners, but in Christ we are forgiven and redeemed. If you haven't made the decision to accept Jesus into your heart, I hope you will today. God is offering you a chance to be made new. A chance to free yourself from sin and be accepted into His kingdom of heaven.

God loved us so much that He sent His son to die on the cross for our sins. If we pray and ask Jesus to forgive us for our sins and come into our hearts to change us, He will! As soon as you do this God will send the Holy Spirit to help you. He will give you what you need to fight against sin. He will show you how to pray. He will guide and direct your path and show you the way that you should go! And He will change you from the inside out to be more and more like Jesus.

Once you make the decision to let Jesus in your heart...it is EVERLASTING. It never ends. Jesus will never leave you or forsake you. You will always have the Holy Spirit there to help you. You can trust God that once you make the decision to follow Him, it will last forever! Talk about SWEET REWARDS!

DRIVE IT HOME:

The flawswapper might have sounded pretty good, but there is ONE FLAW with the flawswapper...we don't know exactly WHAT will happen when we eat one...what it will swap! But we do know exactly what will happen when we decide to follow Jesus. He swaps all of our flaws for his goodness. Our imperfection for his perfection. Jesus took on our sins so that he could give us his righteousness! And it is a gift! There is nothing we can do to earn this. All we can do is accept Him into our hearts, praise Him for it, thank Him for it, and welcome Him into our hearts to change us for the good.



JESUS TAKES SINNERS AND TURNS THEM RIGHTEOUS! I hope you are part of God's family and have made the decision to swap sin for righteousness. It doesn't mean that we try to be good on our own. It means that we ask God to help us. It means that we have a relationship with God where we depend on Him to lead us and He will change our hearts as we do this. We can never become righteous by trying really hard and striving for it. But we can become righteous by accepting Jesus' gift to us and letting down our pride and control by letting Jesus come into our hearts and change us. This doesn't mean we will never sin again, but it does mean that we will begin seeing sin for what it is and desiring to do it less and less as we desire God more and more!

If you would like to ask Jesus into your heart today, pray this prayer with me. "Dear God, Thank you for sending your son to die in my place. Forgive me for my sins. Please come into my heart and change me to be like You. Help me to let go of my control and trust you. In Jesus' Name Amen."

Now let's all pray together.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for taking my imperfect sinfulness and turning me into a righteous child of God!

In Jesus' name, Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

If you could pick what the flawswapper swapped, would you swap for an old toy?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Revelation 21: 3

Read the memory verse to the kids. Go around in a circle and ask the kids to share one or two words that express how they feel about the fact that God now sees them as righteous, pure, His child... when they accept Jesus into their hearts and ask forgiveness for their sins.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

(Ahead of time, get a ball or small object kids can pass around. Play music on your phone, iPad, or another electronic device.)

Pass the ball around in a circle. Whoever has the ball when the music stops has to answer the teacher's question. Ask questions like, "Crayons or Markers", "Candy or Cake", "Zoo or Amusement Park", "Beach or Camping", etc.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

What makes us righteous?

Is there anything we can do to earn righteousness?

How do we put our faith in Jesus?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Help me to trust you and allow you to change my heart to be like Jesus!

In Jesus' name,

Amen



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3RD-5TH)

ICEBREAKER:

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

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Pass the ball around in a circle. Whoever has the ball when the music stops has to answer the teacher's question. Ask questions as if the kids are the flawswapper and can choose which is better like, "Crayons or Markers", "Candy or Cake", "Zoo or Amusement Park", "Beach or Camping", etc.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

How have we been reconciled by God? What makes us righteous?

How can we invite Jesus in to change us to be like Him?

Is there anything we can do to earn righteousness?

How do we put our faith in Jesus?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

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POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

TRUE OR FALSE

1. God doesn't mind sin and is happy to let sinners into His kingdom even though God is perfect.

FALSE

2. God sees us as righteous when we have Jesus in our hearts.

TRUE

3. If we strive really hard and work at it, we can achieve perfection.

FALSE

4. We need Jesus' forgiveness because we will still sometimes make mistakes and sin.

TRUE

5. When we put our faith in Jesus, all our sins are washed away.

TRUE

MAKE IT STICK

CANDY FACTORY LESSON 6

4 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON:

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



IN THE CAR:

On the drive home, ask your child what he learned about this week:
How does God see us when we accept Jesus into our hearts? He sees us as righteous and redeemed. When we put our faith in Jesus, all our sins are washed away. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Reconciled by God



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:
Ask your kid why can't we be righteous on our own.
Ask your kid to look up the different fruits of the spirit that Jesus will help us to have when we invite Him into our hearts to change us. (Galatians 5:22-23)



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:
Why is sin something God cannot be around?
What allows us to be with God?
How does having a close relationship with Jesus help us to desire to sin less and less? (Hint: Old is made new.)



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:
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PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:
Humans will often mistake the gift of Jesus for something we have to strive for, work at, and attain on our own. Encourage your children by letting them know that they aren't "working on being good" but rather having a close relationship with Jesus. As they do, Jesus will change them on the inside out!



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:

Multicolored paper and fun print paper, stickers, pin fasteners, and paper straws

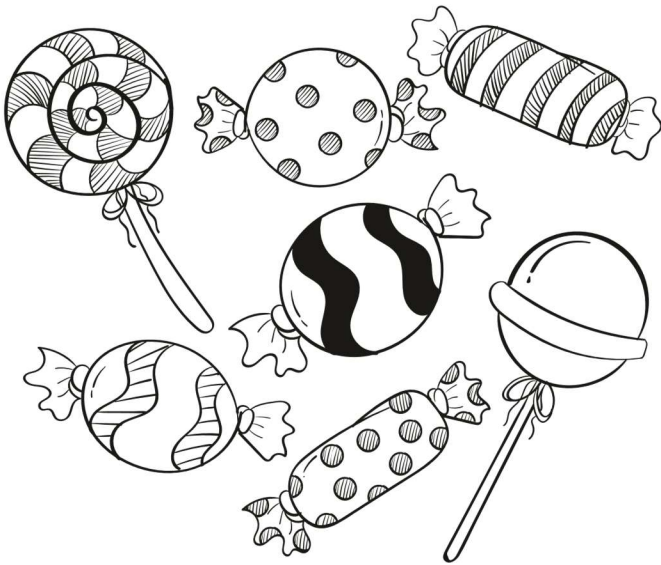
Follow these directions to show kids how to make an origami pinwheel. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NNb-TD9Utw&ab_channel=VentunoArt

Help kids with the steps if they get stuck.

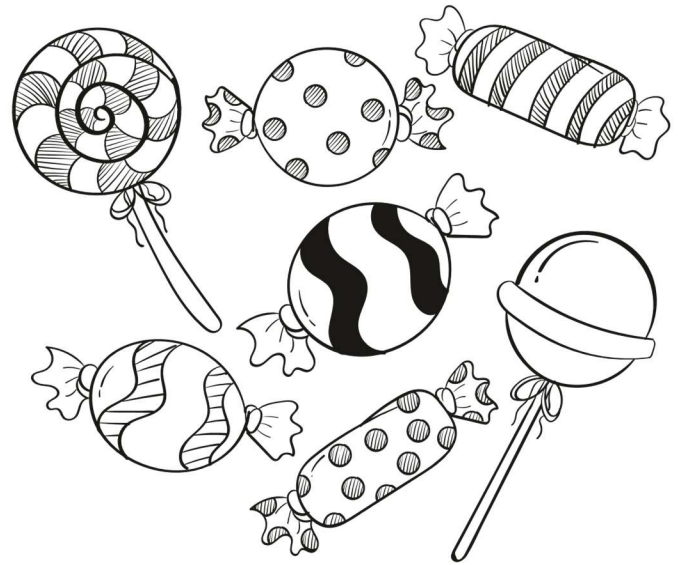
Instruct kids to use a stick to hold it together in the center of the pinwheel. Help kids to fasten their pinwheel to their straw by poking a hole through the center of the pinwheel and straw and fastening it to the back of the straw.

(You may want to use a hole puncher or scissors to poke the holes, this will have to be something teachers do.)

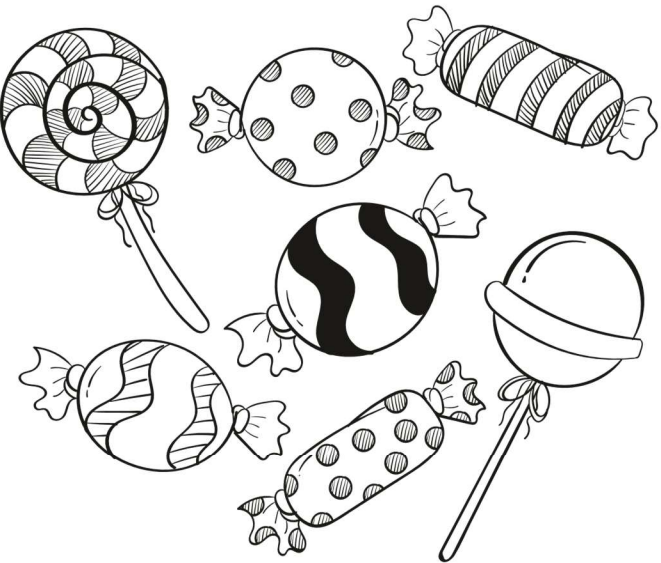
Tell kids, "This pinwheel goes around and around forever. There is no end to the spinning. This is how it is to have a relationship with Jesus. It never ends. Once you've made the decision to accept Him into your heart, you can count on Him to always be there. Once you have been forgiven for your sins, it lasts forever!"



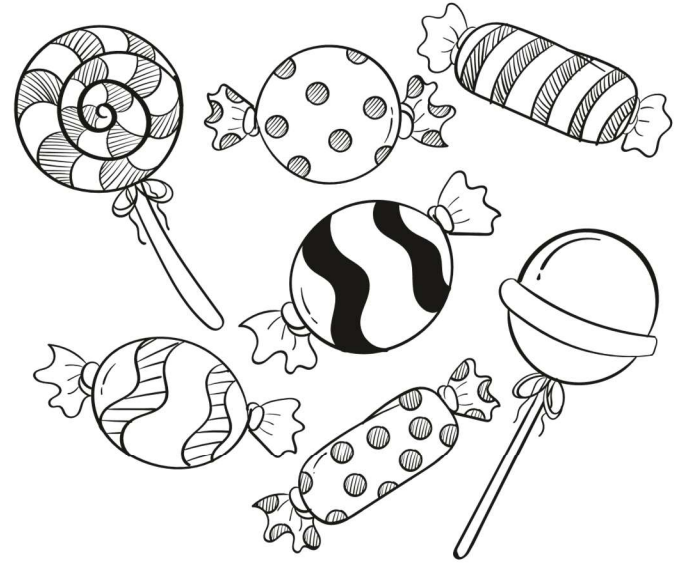
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