

PASSOVER

Exodus 11 – 13

Lesson Memory Verse: John 1:29 “The next day John saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold **the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world.**” (Grades 1 & 2 memorize the portion in **bold.**)

Lesson Aim: Teach the children that Jesus Christ is their Lamb (their Savior). When they ask Him to save them, they are asking Jesus to wash away their sins by His blood.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): When you work and play outside, you get your hands dirty. When your hands are dirty, what do your mother and father tell you to do before you can come to eat at the dinner table? (Wash your hands) Some children try to wash their hands without soap, or they do not wash with the soap very well. You can tell because they leave a lot of the dirt from their hands on the towel when they dry their hands. If they had washed well and rinsed their hands well, all of the dirt would have washed down the drain and would not be on the towel. When you go home, look at your towels and see if you are washing your hands well or just wiping the dirt off on your towels.

But there is something that needs washing more than our hands. Do you know what that would be? (Our hearts) Can you tell me how our hearts get dirty? (By our sins) And can you tell me how we can make them clean? (Do not tell them if they cannot give the right answer. Wait until you get to the HE part of the lesson.) We must have our hearts clean if we are going to live with God in heaven. If our hearts are dirty with sin, then God will have to send us to Hell forever. Do not let that happen to you.

HE (for Authority): Our memory verse tells us how our hearts can be made clean so that we can go to Heaven. Let us look carefully at John 1:29. Explain that John the Baptist was preaching to the people one day when Jesus came toward him. When John saw Jesus, he told the people that Jesus was the Lamb of God Who would take away their sins. Explain how Jesus was like a lamb but was not a real lamb. He was like a lamb in that He would die for people's sins. In John's day, people had to kill lambs so that their blood would cover their sins. However, Jesus' death would be different. Jesus' blood would not cover their sins, but it would wash away their sins. When Jesus died and rose again He took away all the sins of those that had trusted God's promise to cover their sins by killing lambs. Jesus also made it possible for you and me to have our sins washed away and be saved from Hell. We must repent from our sins and ask Him to wash away our sins, and it will be done. When you ask Him to wash away your sins and believe that He will do it, He does it right away. Can you believe this? Have you ever asked Him to make your heart clean by washing away your sins with His blood?

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scriptures for this lesson. First, let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. In today's Bible story we will see how God made the hearts of His people clean and saved them from being killed in the worst plague that came upon Egypt.

Review how Moses and Aaron had asked Pharaoh to let God's people go into the wilderness to worship Him. Ask the children some questions about Pharaoh's treatment of the Israelites when Moses and Aaron asked him to let the people worship the Lord in the wilderness (Ex 5:6-8). See if they can name some of the plagues (punishments) that came on Egypt when Pharaoh would not let God's people go and worship Him. The worst plague of all is told in today's story.

I. God told Israel what would happen (Exodus 11)

God said He would send one more plague which would kill all the first-born among the people and among the animals in Egypt. He would do this at midnight on a certain day because Pharaoh had been stubborn and would not let the Israelites go out of his land to worship God.

WE: We must understand that God hates the sin of stubbornness and He will greatly punish it. We must not be stubborn against God, or else He will have to punish us.

II. God told Israel what to do (Exodus 12:1-28)

God told each family in Israel to take a perfect lamb and kill it on a certain day. They were to catch the blood of their lamb and sprinkle it on the sides of the doorway and over the doorway of their house. Then

they were to wait in their house that night and eat the meat of their lamb. At midnight, the Lord said, He would pass over the houses that had the blood of the lamb sprinkled on their doorways and would not kill their first-born. However, if a family did not believe God and failed to obey Him, they would lose the first-born of their family and the first-born of all their animals.

WE: It is important that we obey God, especially when it comes to salvation. If you heard a command from God like these Israelites heard, would you listen and obey Him? I hope so, because God has given you a command like that! Can anyone tell me what that command is? (If they can answer correctly, it is better for you to let them tell you. If they cannot tell you, be prepared to tell them about the command of God that each person needs to have their sins washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ to be saved from the fires of Hell. This happens when they receive Jesus as their Savior.) Please do not be stubborn toward God and disobey this command, or else He will punish you.

III. God kept Israel safe (Exodus 12:29-51)

When the Lord came out at midnight on that special day to see who had prepared for His coming, He saved all those families which had killed their lambs and had put the blood of these lambs over and on the sides of their doorways. God kept His promise. Of course, any family that did not kill a lamb and put the blood of that lamb over and on the sides of the doorway had its first-born child and animals killed by the death angel. This family was not saved from God's punishment. Many of the Egyptians lost their first-born children and animals. What a day of weeping that was!! They were not told how to save themselves because they trusted the Pharaoh as one of their gods. They were stubborn in their sin. A few Egyptians rejected the Pharaoh as god chose to follow the true God. These were able to save their first-born.

WE: We need to fear God and believe that He will do what He says He will do. We need to fear God and obey Him. We need to believe He will send people to Hell that are not washed and saved by the blood of Jesus, Who is the Lamb of God.

BE (for Action): There is one question you must answer: have you ever received Jesus as your Savior, so He could remove your sins by His blood from your record book? Remember, His blood was poured out for you when He died on the cross. When the Israelites killed their lambs, what did God command them to do with the blood of their lambs? (Put it over the doorways of their houses and on the two sides of the doorways.) If they killed their lambs, but failed to put the blood on the doorways of their houses, what would happen to their first-born? (The first-born of their families and of their animals would die. They would not be saved from the death angel.) Like those Israelites, you have to apply the blood to have His blood save you.

How do you apply the blood of Jesus? You must hate your sins and ask Jesus Christ to save you from Hell. If you truly mean it in your prayer, He will apply His blood to your sins and remove them from your record book in Heaven. Have you asked Him to remove all your sins from your record book? When did you ask Him to do it? If you do not know when you asked Him to do it, it would be good to ask Him to do it right now. Then you can be sure that they are removed. The lambs that the Israelites killed in Egypt never came back to life, but Jesus, the Lamb of God, rose from the dead three days after He was crucified. Since He is the living Lamb of God, He gives eternal life to all that receive Him as their Savior. When you receive Him as your Savior, you will be ready for Him to come at noon or at midnight or anytime He chooses. (Give an invitation for the children that need to receive Jesus as their Lamb and have Him remove all of their sins from their record book. Have them raise their hands if they want to receive Jesus as their Lamb. Make it clear that you will stay with them after class and answer any questions that they might have about receiving Jesus Christ as their Lamb.)