



The Jesus Story – 8 – April

Cure for the Big Disaster

The Point: Jesus Rescues the World

Storyline: Last Supper, Crucifixion

JSB – Ch. 37-39 – The Servant King, A dark night in the garden, The sun stops shining

Make the Point:

- Jesus came to serve
- Jesus died for me

Presentation Ideas:

- **Week One:**

Play the DVD: The Jesus Storybook Bible – “The Servant King.” Foot washing: Choose a child to have his or her feet washed. Pour dirt into plastic tub (provided) and add just enough water to make some mud. Get the child's feet really muddy then have one of the worship leaders, gently wash them off. Tell kids that just like mud will make us dirty on the outside, sin makes us dirty on the inside. Jesus came from heaven to clean us up on the inside, to rescue us from our sins and clean our hearts.

- **Week Two:**

Read story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet from John 13:1-17. Review by asking questions about the reading. You can repeat the foot washing demonstration if time allows. Use the White board to let the kids help you make a list of what sins will make us dirty on the inside. – Don't erase the list, you will use it on Week 4.

- **Week Three:**

Use the box of hats as an intro to the story. Pull out hats one by one and let children tell what each hat might be for or who would wear each hat. Then pull out the crown of thorns. See what they can tell you about it. Ask how it would feel. Tell them it is what Jesus wore on the cross. Ask them to be very quiet and listen as they watch the most sad and happy part in all Jesus' story. Play the DVD: The Jesus Storybook Bible – “A dark night in the garden” and “The sun stops shining.” Say a prayer and serve communion. Ask the children to be thinking about what they just watched and how much Jesus must love them. (You could pass around the crown of thorns)

- **Week Four:**

Review key elements of the stories with the puppets. Bring out white board with list of the sins that make us dirty. Read the list and have the kids raise their hands if they have ever done anything on the list. Go back to the Garden of Eden and remind the kids how sin came into the world and messed everything up. Talk about how Jesus died to clean away sin, all the sin ever done since Adam and Eve – including all the sin we have ever done. Jesus erases our sin, just like we had never done it. Erase the board and draw a red heart on the clean background. Explain that Jesus sacrifice on the cross makes our hearts clean every day.

Hide it in Your Heart:

"Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6. Use scripture posters provided to help children learn the verse. Let kids come up to hold them, mix them up, etc.

Puppets:

Each week, one puppet will help you with intro and close out with Quiet Seat winners. We will have a puppet production the 2nd and 4th weeks. These will be about 5 minutes long and will focus on the application.