

Lesson plan

Main Point: Jesus takes our punishment.

Basic Idea: Jesus took the penalty for our sin upon Himself.

How we get there: He Himself is the propitiation for our sins (2:2)

Start out with the activity (see below) to show kids what an exchange looks like. Later, you can show how the black chip is like our sin and the red chip is like Jesus righteousness:

Examine 2 Corinthians 5:21

1. Who is "Him who had no sin?"
2. What does it mean that Jesus became sin on our behalf?
3. What do we receive?
4. When Jesus died for us, what was taken away from us? What was given to us?

We can stand before Jesus, not because we have been good, because we have sinned. We can stand before Jesus, not even because we have been good even after we trusted Christ, because we still sin. We can stand before God because He sees Jesus when He looks at us!

Activity:

Rock Paper Scissors Game:

Split the group into four different lines. Have the first person in line face the first person in another line (so that you have two pairs of two people facing each other). Play "Rock, Paper, Scissors" with them (paper beats rock, rock beats scissors, scissors beat paper). But before playing, give each child a red chip and a black chip. If they lose "RPS" they must give away their red chip and must take the winner's black chip. After playing a round, mix up the lines so that kids are not facing the same person again. This time, loser must give up all their red chips (if they had won before) and must receive all the other person's black chips (if that person had lost before). After a while, see who gets the most red chips...and who gets stuck with the most black chips.

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