

Children's Ministry



January 17th || Matthew 4:12-25

Main Point: **Turn from sin, Turn to Jesus**

(Try to repeat the main point several times.)

In Mark 1:15, Jesus says, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

His message was quite simple. John the Baptist told people that the kingdom was coming. Jesus says that in Him it is here. Since Jesus has come, the call is to turn from sin and believe the gospel.

Read pages 210-213 of “The Jesus Storybook Bible.”

Open your Bible to Matthew 4. (You don't have to read it, I just want the kids to see that the authority comes from God's Word.) Jesus preached that repentance must happen to enter the Kingdom of God. This means that we turn away from sin and turn to Jesus. This looks a lot like the disciples when Jesus called them. They turned from their boat and followed Jesus.

Repentance example: Show the kids the animal cookies in your hands. Then have them turn their backs to you, facing the wall. Now, ask them what they would need to do to get the cookies. (turn from wall and turn toward you). This is a picture of repentance.

Driving it

home...



...it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us!—Hebrews 6:18

While we cannot believe anything that Satan says, we can believe EVERYTHING that God says. In fact, it is impossible for Him to lie. So, when He says we can trust Jesus for salvation, we can be happy because we know God can't change His mind and He isn't lying to us!