



FAMILY ACTIVITIES: DEATH ON THE CROSS

FOR YOUNGER KIDS:

TELE-FRIEND

Say: Today we learned that we all sin. That means we all disobey God. But the good news is that **God forgives us**. I think we should tell everyone the good news. Let's do something that helps us practice telling everyone that **God forgives us!**

Directions: Have each child hold up a pretend cell phone. Ask the children who they want to call on their pretend phone and say, "God forgives us!" After each answer, pretend to dial the phone with the children. Make "beep" and "boop" sounds while dialing. Next, hold the phone to your ear with the children and say (for example), "Hello grandma! We want to tell you...God forgives us!" Hang up, then repeat for another person. Continue until everyone has suggested 2 or 3 people to call.

Question: What does today's Bible story teach you about Jesus? How does it make you feel about Jesus?

FOR OLDER KIDS:

NO SIN TOO BIG

Supplies: Gather a hard-boiled egg and a permanent marker for each person.

Say: In one way, all sin is the same—no matter how big or small, all sin separates us from God. Sometimes, certain sins seem worse than others and it's easy to think they're too big to be forgiven. We're going to do something right now that will help us see that no sin is too big for God's grace.

Directions: Do what Jeremy and Jennifer did in the video. Have everyone in your family write some sins down on the shell of their hard-boiled egg. When finished, crack the shells and peel them off so that only the pure egg white is showing.

Say: That gives us a picture of what God's grace does for us. When Jesus died for us, he peeled away our crusty, sinful selves. No matter how big or small our sins are, they've been forgiven. Now, if we love and follow Jesus, God sees us like this—pure and without sin.

Question: If God will always forgive us of our sins, do you think it's okay to just keep on sinning? Why or why not?