



Salvation

Best Use

Teach your kids the importance of relying on Christ alone for our salvation.

Value

This idea can help trigger meaningful dialogue about trusting in Christ alone for salvation.

Advance Preparation

Gather the following supplies: baby powder or cornstarch, masking tape, six foot 2x4 piece of lumber, three-foot piece of 2x4, hammer, nails, broom for cleanup.

Preparation

Use masking tape to draw a square on the floor, large enough on which a person can stand. Then tape off a path, about three feet wide and five feet long leading up to that square.

Activity

Gather your family and ask your kids to help you liberally spread the powder or cornstarch to completely cover the path, but leaving the square completely clean. Then explain: "The goal of this activity is to walk across the powdered area in your bare feet, and step into the clean area without getting any of the powder in it." Let each family member have a turn, sweeping the clean area after each attempt.

Discuss the best way to get the least amount of powder and then discuss the impossibility of getting NO powder in the area.

Share: "Well, let's leave this powder here while we do the next activity."

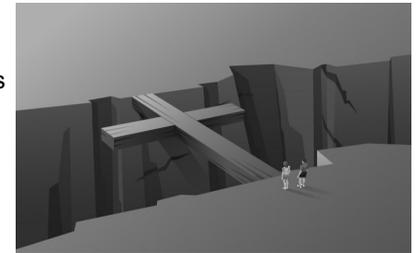
Share: "Jesus died on a cross to take the punishment for our sins. I thought we'd make a cross ourselves to help us think about what Jesus did."

Depending upon the age of your children, they can help hammer the nails and you can go into as little or as much detail of the biblical account of the crucifixion in Mark 15:16-41 as is age-appropriate. Discuss how Jesus did not deserve our punishment, but chose to take our punishment and even died for us, and we should be very thankful.

Carry the cross to the powder. Place the longer beam over the length of the powder. Share: "Now let's see who can get to the clean area without any powder on their feet!" and allow family members to walk across the cross to get to the clean area.

Discuss:

- "How is the cross like a bridge?" It connects us with God like a bridge joins two places.
- "How is Jesus' death like a bridge for us to reach God?" His sacrifice allows us to be made right, connected again with God.
- "Was there any other way to get over the powder?" No
- Read John 14:6. "What does this verse mean?" Jesus is the only way to God.



For more great ideas on how to teach the value of multiplying your faith into others check out the resources available from Faith Path at the Faith@Home Center. Specifically check out the milestones entitled "Parent-Child Dedication" and "Prepare to Lead Your Child to Christ."

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