

Daily Discovery 11

Today we are exploring Luke 23:39-46 and discovering that Jesus' death means nothing can separate us from God anymore. Jesus dies to rescue everyone who believes in him.

What You Need

Bible, speech bubbles and missing words, paper and pens, cardboard, lego figure and torch, window with curtains

Bible Story (Part 1)

Recap on the true Bible story so far: Jesus has been arrested and put on trial. But Jesus had done nothing wrong. He was sentenced to die by crucifixion.

Look up together and read Luke 23:39-43

One of the thieves insulted Jesus. But the other didn't. He knew Jesus had done nothing wrong. And he believed Jesus was the promised King.

Complete the speech bubbles using these words:

Today Jesus King
Remember paradise

R_____ me
J_____ when you
come as _____!

The thief said,
(v42)

Jesus said,
(v43)

T_____ you will
be in _____
with me.

Discuss: Jesus made an incredible promise to a dying man. He promised him eternal life. Why could he do that? Do you believe in Jesus? Why? Share stories together telling why you believe in Jesus and the difference it has made to your life.

Make a “We believe in Jesus because.....” poster together as a family as a declaration.

Bible Story (Part 2)

Talk with your children about why we have curtains and what curtains at a window do. (Stops us seeing in and out, separates us from the outside world).

Look up and read together Luke 23:44-46.

Jesus died, it was a cruel and painful death. But it was the middle of the day, the time when the sun would be its most brightest ... what happened? The sun stopped shining! For three whole hours! It seems like darkness has won.

BUT this is NOT the end! And the clue comes from a curtain.....!

What happened to the curtain in the temple? The curtain was torn in two, from top to bottom. This isn't any ordinary curtain hanging at a window. This huge thick curtain separated the rest of the temple from the bit in the middle – where God was said to live. Only the High Priest could go in, and only once a year! Nobody else was allowed in. This curtain was a picture of what sin does. It reminded people that sin separated them from God. The curtain tore in two, to show us that Jesus' death dealt with the problem of sin and shows us that there is nothing to separate us from God anymore.

Activation

Find a piece of cardboard and a light source, maybe a torch, and a Lego figure. Put the piece of cardboard between the light and the Lego figure. The light is still shining but you can't experience it because sin makes a shadow and separates us from it. Jesus died so sin can be gone from our lives and nothing can separate us from God.

Worship and Activation

Sit by a window with curtains. Close the curtains - think about anything you want to say sorry to God for and ask for forgiveness. Say sorry that your sin separates you from God. Open the curtains – thank God that Jesus died to take away your sin and receive the freedom Holy Spirit is releasing to you right now.

Ask God for a picture – “God what does it look like that nothing can separate me from your love?” Draw or write about what God shows you. Give your picture this title.

Pray as a family for people you love who didn't yet know this freedom and friendship with God. Ask God for a picture to send them to show them what he wants to say to them today.

Facebook Challenge

Post on facebook the pictures God gave you.

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Daily Discovery 12

Today we are exploring Luke 23:47-56 and considering how we feel about Jesus dying for us.

What You Need

Paper plates or circles of paper or card
Bible
Paper and pens
Praise songs

Intro Activity

On paper plates or circles of paper create emojis or different faces for some or all of these emotions:

Sad, happy, confused, praise, love, joy.

Bible Story

Jesus had just died, but how did people react? Find in the Bible and read together Luke 23:47-56, as you find how someone felt or reacted, hold up the emotions which fits with their response.

Discuss:

1. The Roman Centurion was in charge of the crucifixion, he was there, made it happen and saw what happened. How did the Roman Centurion feel when Jesus died, what did he say? Why is this surprising?
2. The crowds watching were sad at what they saw. What did they do to show their sadness?
3. How did Jesus' friends react? What did they do?

Activation

What about you? How do you react to Jesus' death? Draw your facial expression and write on the back why you feel like that. Talk to God about those feelings and listen to what he says to you. Write down what God said on the face you have drawn

Worship

The Roman Soldier praised Jesus, when he saw how Jesus died and what happened, his response was to praise. The day Jesus died is called Good Friday. Jesus did a good thing when he rescued us from our sin. Spend time together as a family singing and dancing along to some of your favourite praise songs celebrating and thanking Jesus for rescuing you.

You could create a praise emoji badge with a circle of card or paper and fix a safety pin to the back, to wear all day and remind you of Jesus' rescue.

Facebook Challenge

Post on facebook your picture of what your response is to Jesus' death or your praise emoji badge

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Daily Discovery 13

Today we are exploring Luke 24:1-12 and discovering that Jesus is Alive!

What You Need

Balloon, bubbles or musical instrument you need to blow
Paper and pens
Bible
Code sheet
Worship music

Intro Activity

People who are alive can move, breathe and speak! To prove you are alive can you:

1. Move - jump up and down on the spot 5 times, do crazy dance moves for 10 seconds, spin around in a circle.
2. Breathe – blow up a balloon or blow bubbles using a bubble wand and solution or if you have a musical instrument which you have to blow to make a noise play that!
3. Speak – shout as loudly as you can “I am alive!”

Bible Story

Before you read today’s Bible story crack this code on the additional code sheet. Find and read together Luke 24:1-9 to discover who said this and why.

Discuss: They were expecting to find a dead Jesus ... instead they found an angel who gave them a message. Have you had an encounter with an angel? What happened? Did they have a message how did they give you that message?

Ask God for more angelic encounters today. Think about how the different people reacted to the message from the angel. The women were and (v4 and v5) The disciples (v11) Peter was (v12)

Activation

Ask God to open your heart eyes to be aware of his angels around you now. What are they doing, do they have a message for you? Draw or write about what you God shows you when you open your heart eyes.

People reacted in different ways to the news about Jesus being alive. How do you react? What difference does it make to you and what you believe about Jesus?

Worship

Cover the table in a big sheet of paper so everyone can reach it. Play some worship music and create a huge Family Jesus is alive praise picture. Fill it with life and hope. If you can take your praise picture out into your garden and release life and hope to your neighbours and friends, Pray for those who are unwell at the moment to be filled with life and hope. There are lots of stories at the moment around the world of people having an angelic encounter and then miraculous healing. Ask God for this to happen for the people you know.

Facebook Challenge

Post on facebook a picture of your Family Praise picture.

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Code Sheet

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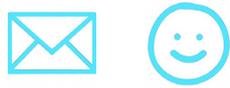
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Daily Discovery 14

Today we are exploring Luke 24:13-45 and discovering that Jesus is alive and we can spend time with him.

What You Need

Worship music
Paper and pens
Bible
Sheets and blankets to make a road

Worship Activation

Choose some instrumental worship music to play in the background and each find a space in the room which is comfortable and helps you be on your own with Jesus. Ask the question: What would you say to Jesus if he was here right now in front of you? Share your answers with each other.

Explain that because Jesus is alive today, we can know that Jesus is with us right now and wants to meet with us.

Everyone close their eyes and invite Jesus to be with you, ask Jesus to show you what it is like to spend time with him, what things you do together, what you talk about. Enjoy spending time with Jesus. You could draw pictures of what Jesus showed you. Talk about how that made you feel.

Bible Story

Jesus was alive – but not all his friends knew it yet! Two of them walked to a nearby village called Emmaus, find out what happened. Find in the Bible and read together Luke 24:13 – 45. You could act out this story together each taking a different part.

Discuss: What happened when Jesus' friends met the alive, risen Jesus? What things did they do together? How did Jesus help them when they didn't understand or were anxious? What makes you say wow! – in this story? What question do you have? What does it tell you about Jesus?

Activation

Make a road through your house or room, this could be using blankets or sheets, imagine this is the road to Emmaus and you are walking along it with Jesus. Walk along it and spend time talking with Jesus about your day or week. Tell him about the things you have been worried about, the things which have made you happy and excited. Listen to what he says to you. Write or draw about your walk with Jesus and what you talked about.

Worship

Have a go as a family writing a worship song together. Write a song which tells Jesus how you feel when you spend time with him.

Facebook Challenge

Post on facebook your pictures of your time with Jesus or your family worship song.

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Daily Discovery 15

Today we are exploring Luke 24:50-53 and discovering the relationship we can have with Jesus today.

What You Need

Bible

Paper and pens

Worship songs

Bible Story

Jesus' friends had spent 3 years with Him, listening to his teaching, seeing him perform miracles, recognising that he has the Son of God, seeing him die and come back to life. But it was now time for him to go back to heaven. Find in the Bible and read together Luke 23: 50 – 53. What do you think it was like for the disciples? What was their response to what happened?

Use these words to fill in the gaps: Thanks joy Temple Jesus

They worshipped J_____ and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great _____, and spent all their time in the _____ giving _____ to God.

The disciples were full of joy that Jesus is alive and in heaven. He is our rescuer and king forever! Because this is true, it means you can talk to him, he'll help you, he has defeated death and sickness. We can really have life in all its fullness.

Worship

The disciples couldn't help but respond in joy and worship at risen Jesus going back to heaven. This should be our response too. Spend time together as a family singing and dancing along to some of your favourite praise songs celebrating Jesus.

Activation

Being a friend of Jesus means that we get to partner with him on a life adventure, he asks us to partner with him and share the good news of the gospel with others, to heal the sick, to set people free and to show people love.

Around your house and garden leave a Jesus is Alive trail of post it notes or posters you have drawn so that every where you go over the next few days you and the members of your household are remembering and sharing the good news.

Release healing to anyone who is sick in your house or phone someone you know and pray for them on the phone. How can you love your neighbours today? Maybe you could write them a card and give them a message from God.

Facebook Challenge

Post on facebook your family playlist of songs to worship and celebrate Jesus.

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