

## **Family Fellowship: Week Commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Yesterday at church was remembrance Sunday, we thought about all of those men and women who gave their lives in wars throughout the world. However we thought about the One Man who gave his life so that we might come to know God.

One of the words used to speak about those who died during the war is “sacrifice” and we want this week to take a look at a few passages in the bible that speak about sacrifice and see Jesus as the true sacrifice for all mankind.

Any questions please feel free to get in touch.

## **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Read:** Genesis 22: 9-13 (If you have younger kids you will need to be careful with this one)

**Chat:** Ask the kids if mummy or daddy ever ask them to do things they don't understand. Maybe tidy up the living room, maybe tidy their bedroom, maybe stop playing on the computer. Its hard to do things when we don't understand why we have to do them.

God tests Abraham in this passage by asking him to sacrifice his son, Abraham doesn't know why he doesn't understand but he trusts the goodness and mercy of God. Just as he is about to sacrifice Isaac, God tells him to stop and a ram is found to be sacrificed in Isaac's place.

Helps us to understand what Jesus does on the cross for us, he takes our sin away, he dies like the ram so that we don't have to.

**Pray:** Thank God for his son Jesus, thank you that through his death we can be friends with God again.

## **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Read:** Leviticus 16:29-34 (Or just v.33 if you are squeezed for time)

**Chat:** Get the kids to think about something that they have done wrong recently, chat to them about it, ask them why it was wrong and ask them what things they had to do to make up for the wrong things they had done. If they spilt something they had to clean it up, if they broke something they had to fix it, if they lost something they had to buy a new one etc.

When we do wrong things to our friends or family we have to make it up to them, we have to make what the bible calls atonement, an easy way to think of this is at-one-ment. It removes the wrong thing we have done and means we can be friends again.

The bible reading told us about the day of atonement, the day when the people of Israel made things right for all of the sin they had committed. They offered sacrifices and said sorry to God for breaking his law. In the New Testament God sent his son Jesus to be the atonement for our sins, to pay the price that our sins deserve. If we say sorry to Jesus and ask him to forgive us we can know that our sins are forgiven.

**Pray:** Thank God for Jesus that he is the atonement for our sins and pray that other people would come to know Jesus as their saviour.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Read:** John 15:12-14

**Chat:** Ask the kids how they know that someone loves them. How do they know that mummy/daddy/granda/grandma love them? How do they know that their friends love them? Its by what they say and what they do, if they play with them, if they are kind to them then we can be fairly sure that person loves us.

The bible tells us that Jesus loves us by laying down his life for us, by dying on the cross so that we can be friends with God again, that's how Jesus shows us he loves us by dying in our place.

**Pray:** Thank God that Jesus loves us and that he died to take away our sin.

**Thursday 12 November**

**Read:** John 10: 14-15

**Chat:** Ask the children if they could be any animal what animal would they be and why? If the children are struggling here you might be able to help them by going first. In today's passage Jesus calls those people who follow Him His sheep. Not many of us would choose to be sheep straight away we might want to be a lion or a cat, or a dog but Jesus calls us as his followers his sheep.

Sheep need a shepherd, they need someone to look after them and care for them and Jesus promises to do that for all those who follow him and more than that Jesus promises to lay down his life for the sheep, promises he will give his life for his followers.

**Pray:** Thank God that Jesus laid down his life for the sheep, thank God that through faith in Jesus we can be one of those sheep. Pray that God would help us to follow him all the days of our life.

## **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

**Read:** Luke 23:39-43

**Chat:** Ask the kids if they ever get punished for something someone else does? Maybe in school they all have to have break inside because one person was talking. Maybe at home they have to tidy up when it was their brother or sister who made all the mess, sometimes that happens to all of us we get punished for the wrong things someone else does.

These two thieves in today's passage are being punished for the wrong things they have done, one of them wants Jesus to get them out of trouble to get them off the cross. The other one though sees that Jesus hasn't done anything wrong, he sees that Jesus is innocent and he is suffering for the wrong that others have done.

Jesus suffered for all the wrong things that we have done, all of the times we have been selfish, angry, all of the times we have broken God's law so that we can go free.

**Pray:** Thank God for his amazing love, thank God that Jesus died in our place so that our sins can be forgiven.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>/ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Chat:** Chat about some of the things that perhaps you as parents have learned this week, chat about how good God is to his people in giving them what they need. Chat about how out of all the good things that God gives to us he gives us the best thing in his son Jesus.

**Pray:** Thank God for his son Jesus and pray for us as we “do” church tomorrow that God would speak to us through his word, pray for Robin as he preaches.