

God is Pure and Holy

Term 2 Week 1

God's rules were broken.

Sin separates us from God but Jesus has made a way back to God.

Bible references

Genesis 3 God's pure world spoiled by disobedience

Psalm 145:17 The Lord is righteous in everything He does.

Psalm 18:30 God's way is perfect.

1 Peter 1:19; Hebrews 9:14 Jesus was without sin.

1 John 1:9 Jesus bridged the gap between people and God.

Preparation

Prepare the drawings for the story. Make them into large visual aids.

Discussion

Discuss things that are clean and pure.

EXAMPLES: white clothes that have just been washed; crystal clear water.

Experiment

Prepare a bowl full of pure water.

What kinds of things could make this water impure?

- solid particles (*e.g. sawdust, wood chips, dirt*)
- other liquids

How could we get rid of the things that make the water impure?

- Straining to remove things that float: (*sawdust, wood chips*)
- Using a funnel and paper filter to remove finer particles: (*dirt*)
- Boiling muddy water and collecting the water droplets made by the steam.

Definition

We say that God is 'pure' because He has no sin. We can also say that He is 'holy'.

Bible Lesson: Adam and Eve break God's rule

Just as this water began as being pure, the first people that God made, Adam and Eve, were pure when they were first created. They never did anything wrong. They had no sin. God set a rule for them to follow. They were not allowed to eat the fruit from a certain tree. Then one day, Satan came along and asked the man and woman, Adam and Eve, to disobey God's rule. He wanted them to follow him instead of God. Because the man and the woman obeyed Satan, their lives became impure. Everyone born after them also had impure lives.

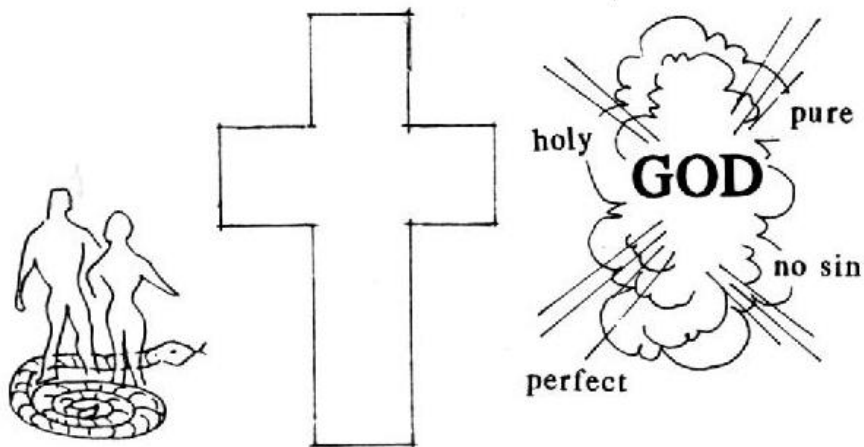
This created a big problem. God was pure, but people were impure. This meant people could no longer be friends with God. That's why God sent Jesus. By forgiving us for our sin, Jesus can remove the impurity from our lives, and we can be friends with God again.

When Jesus died, He was really being punished for something He didn't do. Jesus had never done anything wrong and yet He was being punished as a guilty person. God had planned, from long ago, that Jesus would take the punishment that the people of the world really deserved. Everyone in the world has done something wrong, but Jesus will forgive everyone who asks to be forgiven. He can forgive sins because of His death on the cross.

When God created the world, everything was perfect. Even Adam and Eve were perfect. However Adam and Eve listened to the wicked serpent. They chose to obey him instead of God. When they did this, a huge gap was formed between the people and God. Adam and Eve could no longer be friends with God because God was perfect and without sin, but they now had sin in their lives. It was not just Adam and Eve who were sinful, but also their children, their children's children and so on. Now there was a huge gap between people and God.

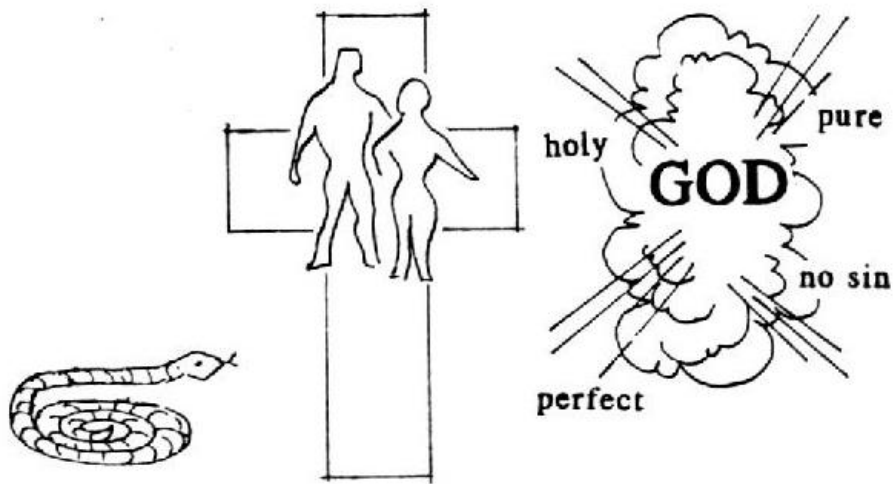


God made a special plan so that the people He loved so much could once again be friends with Him. He sent His son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that people could be forgiven for their sin.



The cross became like a bridge. It was the way back to God. Now, when people understood why Jesus died, they could ask Jesus to forgive them for their sin and become friends with Jesus. Being friends with Jesus is being friends with God, because Jesus and God are one.

People can now walk across the bridge to be with God. They can do this by asking Jesus to forgive them for their sins. Then they must ask Jesus to be their special friend.



Activity: Ask the students to work in pairs. They can explain the three sets of drawings to their partner.