Nailing Our Sin to the Cross

Easter is a great time to explain to our kids who Jesus is and what He has done.

Use a video like this one to tell the story of Jesus's death: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2fK3ZS9T3as

Take some time to explain that Jesus died on the cross for their sins, all they have done that hurts God, his creation and each other. Let them know that there is no sin too big that His death on the Cross can't cover. His death and resurrection reminds us that we are new creations.

Activity:

- Two pieces of wood or use thick card
- Nails or sticking tape
- Hammer or scissors
- Dissolving craft paper
- Water with a few drops of red food dye in it.



- 1. Firstly, make a cross from the wood or by sticking the card together.
- 2. Then ask the kids to write down whatever sin they wanted to confess on the paper.
- 3. Then take it in turns to nail or stick the "sin" to the cross. If your kids are old enough to have personal sin that they are confessing, have them fold the paper in half for some privacy. If your kids are little, you can simply have them write "sin" on the card.
- 4. As you hammered or stick, explained to the kids that we can take our sin to the cross and receive forgiveness of all our sin anytime. Confessing our sin before the Lord purifies our hearts and makes them clean.
- 5. When everyone has finished nailing or sticking their sin to the cross, pour a water jug of red water over each piece of paper. Explain that this is like Jesus's blood that washes us clean Watching the paper melt away is so exciting for the kids
- 6. Finish the activity by reading several verses about forgiveness and concluded with singing and prayer.

Scripture Reading:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." Acts 3:19

Other Scriptures you can read: Isaiah 1:18, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 1:7, & Psalm 103:12

Songs:

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxVadCcRfol</u> MY BEST FRIEND: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fD4bCYalEc</u> MY REDEEMER LIVES: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RmBmA4MyVE</u>