



# Faithful Friends Sunday School Lesson

## Deliverance From Sin

Today's HOPE (main point): Jesus offers deliverance from sin.

When I serve in Valley Kids, our church's discipling program for children, we use a call and response to teach God's truths in simple language. One truth we learn is that "God made everything!" Another is that "Everything belongs to God."

When we ask them "What is sin?" they learn that "Sin is anything we think, say, or do that disobeys God." We use hand motions to help them remember these three parts. Will you do them with me?

In the Old Testament, the Law was given to show people their need for a holy God. When Moses gave the people the ten commandments and all the other laws, they could easily see how far they were from God's standard. The Law at that time gave them ceremonies and sacrifices to make them clean, but they didn't last. They had to repeat the sacrifice again, year after year.

In the new covenant with God, which we still live under today, Jesus came to fulfill the old law so we didn't have to keep on with the old rituals and sacrifices. Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist, proclaimed Jesus' coming ministry when he said, (Verse 1 for friends) "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

How did Jesus take away the sin of the world? Through his death on the cross, he paid the penalty for sin even though he had never sinned. And unlike those Old Testament sacrifices, Jesus' death and resurrection were a once-and-for-all answer to the problem of sin.

But let's be honest: sometimes, it doesn't feel like our battle with sin is "once-and-for-all," does it? Many of us struggle with sin even though we are walking with the Lord. We aren't made perfectly holy at the moment of our salvation. Instead, we are being made holy, day by day, which is what the biblical word sanctification means.

(Verse 2 for friends) 2 Corinthians 5:21 reads, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Did you hear that word "become?" It represents the process of sanctification, becoming more and more like Christ day by day until we meet him in heaven. The Bible also gives us a strong encouragement in the book of Phillipians to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Again, it's a process.

In addition, the Bible teaches us that we are set free from sin! (Verse 3) In Romans 6:17-18, Paul teaches: "But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness." You see, when saved by Christ your heart is called and convicted to a new life. You live with a new allegiance. Not perfect, but continually driven back to the one who is, Jesus Christ.

So, we are training our hearts to follow the pattern of Christ's teaching. Our allegiance to Jesus means that we will turn away from the thoughts, words, and actions that disobey God, and instead walk in a worthy manner to which Christ has called us. Training is repetitive exercise to build up strength and endurance with a goal in mind. Psalm 119:11 says, I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. So we train our minds with the Word of God. We read it and think on it and memorize it and even sing it!

Part of our sanctification is communing with fellow believers. We need to be frequently hearing the word of God from our fellow brothers and sisters. Our minds and hearts easily forget the goodness of God. That's why I am so glad you have chosen to be with us today.

As always, if you have not yet received Jesus as your personal savior would you please let us know if God is tugging on your heart today. It would be our greatest privilege to pray with you. You are precious in his sight.

I am going to read the prayer below, and then if you agree we will read it together a second time.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you. Thank you for sending Jesus to pay the price for our sin and to make us right with You. Help me to turn away from my sin. Help me to obey you in my thoughts, words, and deeds, to the glory of God. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!

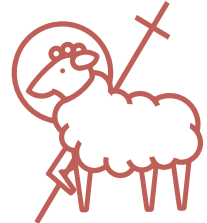


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**Think about it, pray about it:**

Is there anything I THINK that disobeys God?

Is there anything I SAY that disobeys God?

Is there anything I DO that disobeys God?



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



## How Great Thou Art

1. Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder:  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Chorus:* Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee:  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
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2. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*Chorus*

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

*Chorus*

## Jesus Paid it All

1. I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in me thine all in all.”  
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find, thy power and thine alone,  
Can change the leper’s spots  
And melt the heart of stone.  
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

3. And when, before the throne,  
I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,”  
My lips shall still repeat.  
Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

## **Nothing but the Blood of Jesus**

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
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Nothing but the blood of Jesus.



## To God be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done;  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son.  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the Earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

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## God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1. God be with you till we meet again;  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again;  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his loving arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

