

Week 3: The Good News of Jesus Christ

Read Genesis 1 Corinthians 15:20–23

- You could also read:
 - "What Is The Good News of Jesus Christ?" from *The Gospel in Color: A Theology of Racial Reconciliation for Kids* (pages 44-55)
 - "Going Home" from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (pages 318–325)
 - "Story 44: Jesus's Friends See Him" from *The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* (pages 260–265)

Parent Video

<https://vimeo.com/284969929>

Devotional

Human beings are sinful. From the moment Adam and Eve sinned we became enemies with God. Because of sin, people aren't friends with God anymore. Because of sin, people and the rest of creation experience death. Because of sin, people fight with each other and say hurtful things to one another. Because of sin, people don't like each other because of how they look or what color their sin is.

But We are not hopeless in our sinful condition! God loves people too much to let the story end with our sin. He could have left us in our sinful state, but God sent a Savior to rescue the world from sin and death. God himself came to us. Jesus stepped out of heaven and came to earth! This is marvelous news! We don't have to find Jesus, because Jesus came to us. When Jesus came to earth, he lived a sinless life. Because he lived without sin, John the Baptist called him the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus died as our substitute, as our atoning sacrifice for sin, so that we can have friendship with God. Because of Jesus death and resurrection, the whole world—including every person of every color—can experience forgiveness and healing. Because Jesus is alive, people can be friends with God forever!

Think about it!

Use some questions to review the story with your family.

These questions are built just for STUDENTS.

- What does the good news that Jesus stepped out of heaven and came to save us tell us about God's character?
- What is significant about John the Baptist describing Jesus as the "lamb"?
- What is our only hope for friendship with God? How can we be granted this friendship?
- What do you think it means to "belong to Christ" as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:23? How do people who belong to Christ treat people of different skin colors and backgrounds?

Remember It!

Memory Passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." **John 3:16**

Review and Pray!

- [Take time this week to print out and complete this COVID-19 Time Capsule](#)
- Thank God for the forgiveness and redemption we have in Jesus's freely given sacrifice. Rejoice that we can be counted as children of God when we put our faith in Jesus.