

He was rejected so we could be reconciled.

Hebrew 9:26

If we live our lives focused on earthly problems, we will miss God's solution to our heavenly problem.

Zechariah 12:10

Point 1- The Missed Message (Vs 53:1-3)

John 1:46

Romans 5:8

Point 2 - The Missed Man (Vs 53:4-6)

2 Corinthians 5:21

Discussion and Application-

1. Share what a typical Easter is for you and your family. What traditions do you observe, what routines or practices do you engage in? Why do you do them?
2. Why is Easter more a tradition than a true historical event for many?
3. Look up and read Heb 9:26. Here are 6 more passages that speak of Jesus' sacrificially giving himself for us:
 - a. Gal 1:4, 2:20. Eph 5:2, 25 1 Tim 2:6 Titus 2:14.
 - b. Isaiah repeats 6 times in v4-6 what Jesus did for us ('gave himself'). What words help us to recognize the language of the passion (suffering) of Christ?
4. All illustrations eventually fall apart trying to grasp of Jesus giving himself for us. But, still talk about these in the context of Is 53:1-6
 - a. A parent getting ready to spank a child, but gives the paddle instead to the child and says 'Spank me. I'm taking your place.'
 - b. Your child's report card comes home with all C's and D's. Jesus gives you his perfect report card of all A+'s.
 - c. Take to time to read the Passover story from Exodus 12:1-32 and talk about a how the lamb was a substitute (took their place).
 - d. You're in court for a significant traffic violation. The judge pays your fine and you walk out.
5. How should having a better understanding of Jesus' substitutionary death for us affect us? How is it a mix of joy and solemnity?

Some suggestions for parents

Don't be overwhelmed at talking about Jesus's death at Easter FOR US.

Illustrations will be very helpful so here are 4 – 1 from home life, 1 from school, 1 from community and 1 scripture:

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- b. Your child's report card comes home with all C's and D's. Jesus gives you his perfect report card of all A+'s.
- c. You're in court for a traffic violation (no turn signal rolling stop, speeding etc). The judge pays your fine and you walk out. Talk about it. (Or you can use a bank/store robber who gets caught and someone goes to jail for them...)
- d. Take to time to read the Passover story from Exodus 12:1-32 and talk about a how the lamb's sacrifice was a substitute (took their place).

You can be pretty creative with this!! Blessings!