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Lesson 15: Jesus the Son: He Is Savior

Scriptures:

Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 26:2; John 10:17; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 1:18-21; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11

Lesson Goals:

To assist the learner to connect Jesus as creator and Jesus as savior
 To assist the learner to understand that Jesus voluntarily gave His life
 To assist the learner to know that God forgives sins because of Jesus

Scripture Memory:

...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve; and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

The Lesson:

There was once a little boy. He built a sailboat. It was a beautiful little sailboat. He went down to the creek behind his house to try it out. He put it in the water and it sailed perfectly. As a matter of fact, it sailed so well that it drifted down the stream so fast that the little boy lost it. Some time later, he was walking by a pawn shop and saw his sailboat in the display window. He went in and told the shopkeeper that the boat was his. The shopkeeper, though sympathetic, said, "I bought the boat, and if you want it, you will have to buy it from me." The little boy saved up all that he could earn, and he asked for a little more from his parents. Finally, he had enough to buy the boat. As he left the pawn shop, he was heard to say, "Little boat, you are twice mine. I made you and I bought you back."

We have talked about Jesus being the Creator, or Maker. The Bible says that Jesus was working with God when everything in our universe was made. So, He was there when humans were created. Jesus, then, is the one who can say, "I made you." Today, we want to discuss the fact that not only did He make us, but He "bought us back."

Jesus is the one chosen to provide a way for humans to be God's children. God wanted to be friends with everyone...to be the Heavenly Father of all humans. However, humans chose to disobey God and that is called sin. When we do bad things, we are following the example of the first humans, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed God.

Since humans sinned, and since God is always fair, our sin must be paid for in some way. There is a rule for all humans. It is, "No sin goes unpunished." God made the rule, and even if you get away with sin while you are living, everyone must answer to God for all their unforgiven sins when they die. And, since God knows everything, He knows when we sin, and He remembers. (Isaiah 1:18, Psalm 103:12)

Maybe we could think of it this way. If someone commits a crime...say they steal something...the law says that someone must pay the price for that crime. When the thief is caught, tried, and sentenced to a prison term, she or he must serve the time in jail. What if someone offered to serve the time for the person who did the crime? That would make that generous person their savior. They would be saved from the punishment of living in prison.

When God knew that it was the right time, He sent Jesus, His only son, to earth to live with humans, set up a fellowship of Christians (the church), and become the payment for sin.

Jesus died on a cross. He was crucified, for something He didn't do. When He died, God said that it was enough to pay the price for all the sins that humans would ever commit. Jesus came to earth to be our Savior. He lived and died so that you would not have to pay for your sins.

Jesus was not forced to die for our sins, He volunteered. He chose for Himself the path He would follow. It was necessary that the sacrifice for sin be made by someone who had never sinned. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. The Bible says that His sacrifice for sin pleased God and that it was accepted as good.

Jesus is the only person who ever lived that qualified to become the Savior of all humans. He was perfect in every way, so He was the perfect one to be the sacrifice for our sins.

So, just like the little boy, Jesus can say to you, “You are twice mine. I made you and I bought you back.”

Life Application:

Why do we need to be bought back by Jesus? Well, God, with Jesus, created everything in the beginning. God knew when we were being formed inside of our moms even before our moms knew. We are part of God’s wonderful creation!

Do we always do the things we should? Have you ever done something you shouldn’t have? What is that called? (Sin!) What is the rule about sin for all humans? (No sin goes unpunished.) God made the rule, and even if you get away with sin while you are living, everyone must answer to God for all their sins when they die. The punishment for sin is death. God sent Jesus to pay the penalty for our sin. Isaiah 53:12 tells us that, “[Jesus] was willing to give His life as a sacrifice . . . He gave His life for those who had done what is wrong.” Jesus gave His life for me and for you. Jesus bought us back with His priceless blood. It is the blood of Christ that sets us free from an empty way of life, the kind of life Adam and Eve passed on to us. (1 Peter 1:18-19)

Still, the choice is yours. Just because someone gives you a gift doesn’t mean you will accept it. The choice is yours to accept or reject Jesus’ precious gift. Will you accept Jesus’ sacrifice on your behalf?

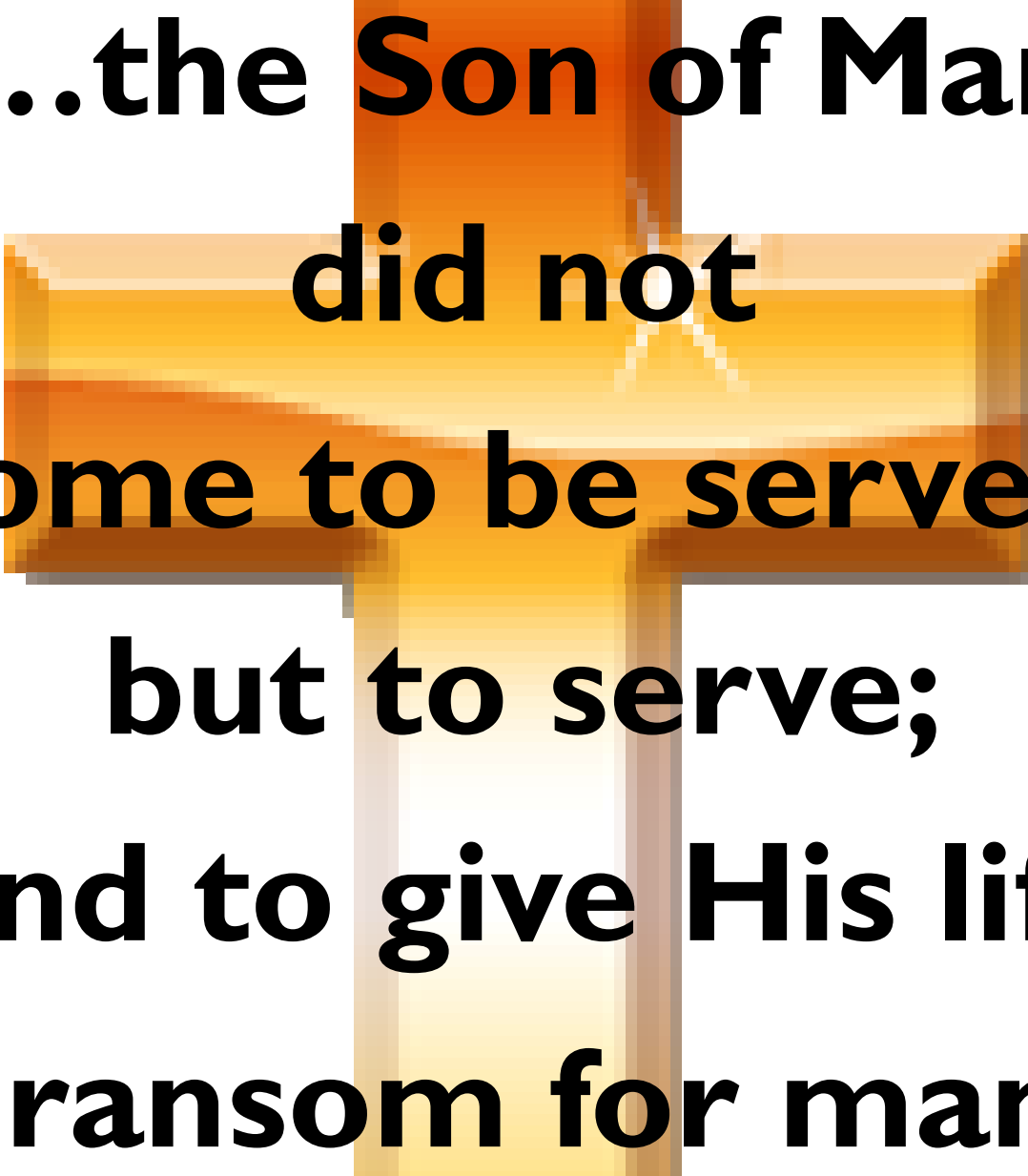
And if you have already accepted that priceless gift, what are you doing with it? You’re not puffed up and proud are you, proud because you said “yes” to God? Let’s see what Philippians 2 says, “You should think in the same way Christ Jesus does.” How does He think? Well, He’s all God, but He stepped out of heaven for you, and for me. He cared enough about us to make a way for us to know Him. Do you care enough about the people around you to be a little uncomfortable? Will you go and tell so that others might know?



Planning for Lesson 16
Jesus the Son: He rose from the dead,
ascended to heaven



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Have a foot washing service. Either take the opportunity as the leader to wash everyone's feet or wash the feet of the first person, allowing them to choose to wash someone else's feet, until all have been served. If this isn't feasible, pick another way to individually serve each of your students. Review the verse until everyone can repeat it.
- ◆ Make motorboats or sailboats. Discuss the young boy who bought back his own boat. Ask your students to recount the story, explaining how Jesus made us and bought us back.
- ◆ Bring a globe, a map of your country, a map of your state or province, and a street map of your city or area. Find your country on the globe. Ask your students if the globe tells them how to get to the place where you meet. (No.) Show them the country map and ask, "From this map, can you show me how to get to our meeting place?" (No.) Reveal the state map and ask the same question, which will prompt the same answer. Finally, bring out the city map with streets and landmarks. "How about now, can you show me where we meet? How do I get there from (*name a location*)?" Together, look up John 14:1-6. Talk about how many people "look for God" in many different ways. Discuss the passage in John 14 and ask, "Are there many different ways to God?" Encourage your students to explain their answer based on the passage.
- ◆ Sing "Shout to the Lord," "Because He Lives," "I Stand Amazed in the Presence," "I Surrender All," "Victory in Jesus," "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus," and "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High."
- ◆ Provide a picture of a sailboat, a life preserver, or a cross to each of your students. Prompt them to think about what it means to be bought back, or rescued. Encourage them to write a prayer to God, thanking Him for sending His Son to pay the price for our sin.
- ◆ Read Isaiah 53 and an account of Jesus' beating and crucifixion from the gospels. Quiz your students on the events and their significance.



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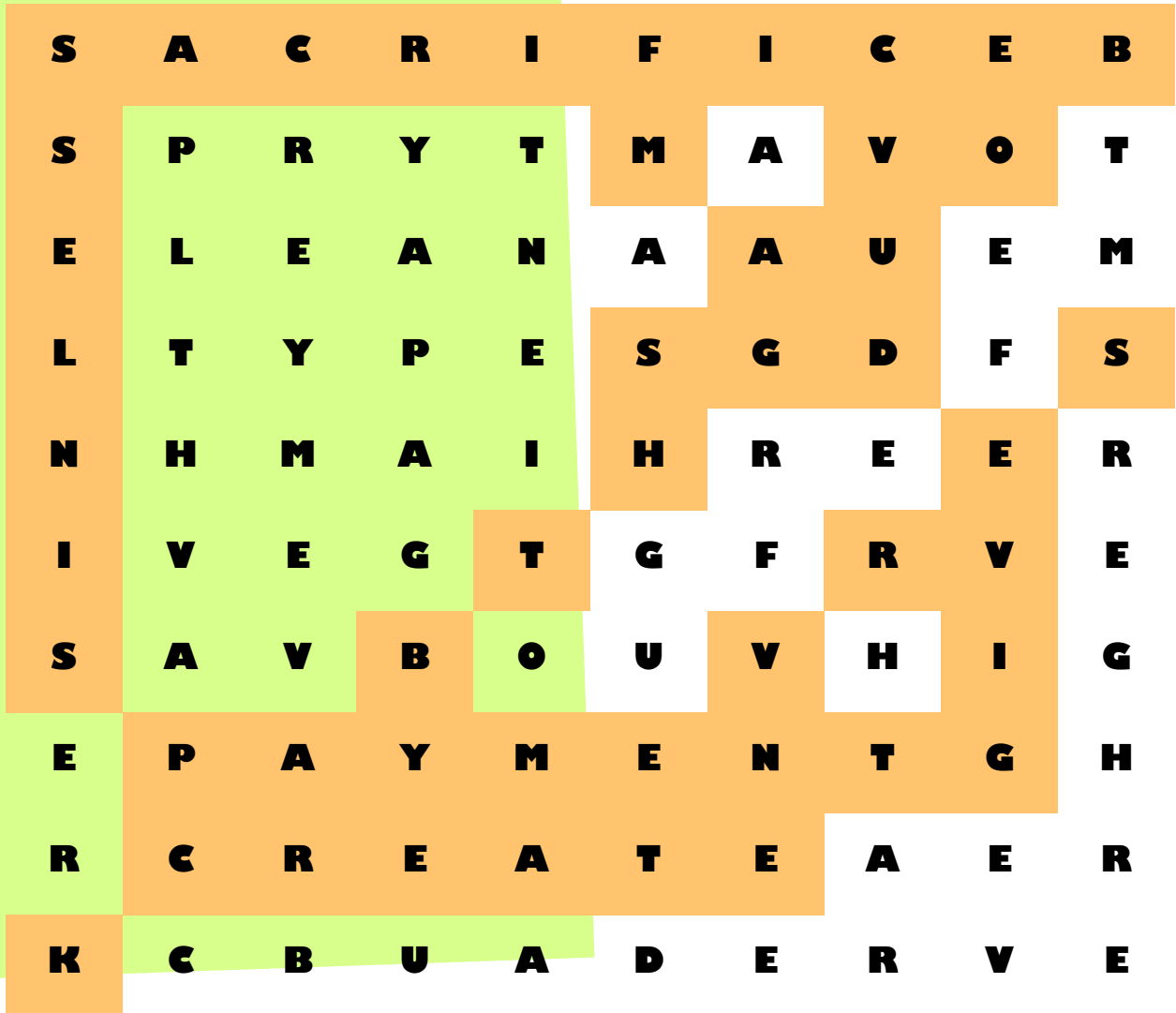
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