



DRIVE HOME
TEXTS

Younger Kids

Question 32

Q. Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?

A. No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.

John 3:1-10; **1 John 5:1, 4**

Review questions 23-32.

Read 1 John 5:1, 4

Pray.

- **Say**, “Last week we talked about how our hearts need to be changed. Our thoughts must be changed, and what we love must be changed.”
- **Ask**, “Does anyone remember how this change happens?” (**We become born again. You might consider reminding them of Nicodemus.**)
- **Say**, “So we need to answer the question of, ‘how is a person changed’? That is found in the scripture I read to you. “Everyone that believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God’. But, what does it mean to believe?”
- **Say**, “To believe in something is to know something is true with all your heart, even if you can’t see it. For instance, we cannot physically see Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection; but, we know with all of our heart that he did that!” Because of what is written in scripture!

- **Say**, “So, for our hearts to be changed, we must believe in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross. In verse 4, the Bible tells us that “everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.”
- **Say**, “A good way to remember what faith is, is F.ull, A.ssurance, I.n, T.he, H.eart.
- **Say**, “So, according to this, we can overcome the world, meaning sin, and following the bad things of the world, by being born again and believing in Jesus, through faith.”
- **Say**, “This is so important, kids. Faith is believing that we are dead in our sins. We have broken God’s perfect and Holy law and need to be forgiven and saved because of that. So we have faith that when we believe with our heart and confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, we will be saved. Praise God that He would offer a chance for us to be born again and go to heaven!”
- To answer the question, ‘Can anyone go to heaven with this sinful nature?’
- The answer is, ‘No. Our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.’
- Consider taking questions about the lesson, specifically the Gospel.

Discussion Questions:

- Can you tell me what it means to be born again?
- What does faith mean? (**Full Assurance in the Heart.**)

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Question 42

Q. What is meant by the Atonement?

A. Christ satisfying divine justice, by His sufferings and death, in the place of sinners.

Scripture: Mark 10:45; Acts 13:38-39; **Romans 3:24-26; 5:8-9**; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 3:18

- **Review** questions 30-41 before you begin your lesson.

- Pray.

Opening

- **Say**, “In our last question, we talked about how Jesus took flesh and blood, that He might obey and suffer as a man.”
- **Say**, “Today we are going to talk about a huge word called Atonement. Now, do not worry, I will explain what it means soon!”
- **Read Romans 5:8–9**, “[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [9] Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.”

Exposition

(Bring a paddle to class.)

- **Ask**, “Imagine your friend does something really, really bad! They get caught for what they did. Would you be willing to take a spanking in their place, even though you did nothing wrong?” **(Hold up the paddle for the kids to see.)**

- **Say**, “We have talked a lot about the perfect Law of God. We have talked about how we are sinners. And, we know that because of those sins, we deserve punishment. All of this is true, but God’s love is so big that he provided a way for us not to have to face that punishment.”
- **Say**, “We all have broken God’s law and we are sinners; but God sent his one and only Son to the world as a baby, to live a perfect life and die in our place. When he died, he took on all the wrath of God for us! We now can have a new life in Jesus, rather than our old life in Adam.”
- **Say**, “Just like we learned in our last question, Jesus suffered, but he did this so we don’t have to. When we believe in Him, and are born again, God looks at us as if we had the life of his perfect Son.”

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever taken the punishment for one of your friends or siblings?
- How did Christ take the punishment in our place?
- Why was it so important that Christ died in our place?

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