S.A.F.E. Homes

Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"
(I Peter 1:18-19)

Redeemed By the Blood

The word redeemed simply means to gain or regain possession of something in exchange for payment. There is a story about a boy who made a little sailboat. When he took it to the lake to sail it, the wind caught the sail and pushed the boat out of his sight. A few weeks later he saw his sailboat in the window of a store and asked the owner the price. Because he loved the sailboat so much, he worked, saved his money and went back to the store and bought it. As he was leaving the store, someone heard him say; "You are mine twice. First, because I made you and second, because I bought you."

This story illustrates what God did for us. As our Creator, He made us. However, when men began to sail on the sea of life, the winds of sin took us far from God. We were lost. Sin and Satan had us in their possession. In order for God to regain possession of us, He came to earth in the form of a man and paid the great price by dying upon the cross of Calvary. Jesus could not regain possession of us with money. The price for our redemption was His precious blood.

Now we must obey Acts 2:38…"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

When we are baptized the blood is applied to our lives and our sins are washed away. When we receive the Holy Ghost we are now fully redeemed and have been returned to the possession of God. We are now His, twice. First, because He made us: second, because He bought us.

Family Prayer: "Jesus, thank you for purchasing our salvation with your precious blood. We never want to forget the sacrifice you made for us on Calvary. In Jesus' name, amen."

Includes Family Activities

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Family Activities

Gather supplies to make a visual reminder of the price Jesus paid for our sins. Glue two popsicle (or other flat sticks) together to form a cross. Then glue coins to the cross. Mount your cross on a small poster board or place in a picture frame with the words, "Jesus paid the price."

Let's talk

Some church groups have taken songs that mention the blood of Jesus out of their songbooks. They say it's too gory. Why is it important that we continue to talk and sing about the precious blood of Jesus?

There are still many people around the world who have never experienced the saving power of Jesus. Make a special effort this week to pray for our missionaries and national pastors around the world who are giving their lives to spread the gospel.

Additional Challenges

Read Genesis 3

After eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, how did Adam and Eve's choice of clothing differ from God's? What did it take to make the coats of skins?

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Read Exodus 12:1-28

Where was the blood to be applied on every house?

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(Verse 13) – And the _____ shall be to you for a _____ upon the houses where y are: and when I see the _____, I will _____ _____ you. And the _____ shall not be upon you to _____ you, when I _____ the land of Egypt.

What would happen if the blood was not seen when the Lord passed over?

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Read John 1:1-29

Why did John the Baptist call Jesus the Lamb of God?

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What is the significance of the sacrificial lamb in the Word of God? How does the Blood of the Lamb take away the sins of the world?

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Puzzle Page

Unscramble each of the clue words.

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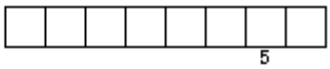

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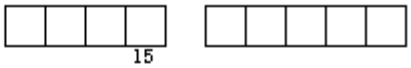

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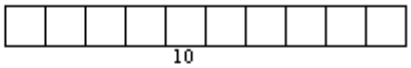

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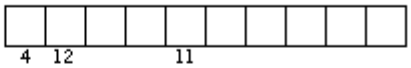

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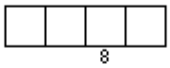

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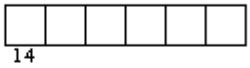

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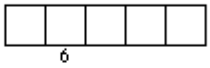

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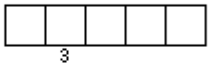

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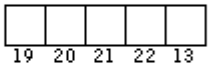

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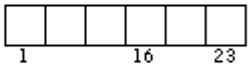

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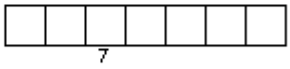

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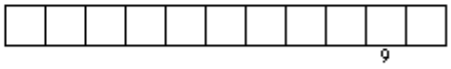

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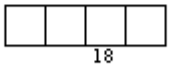

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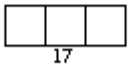

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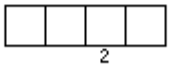

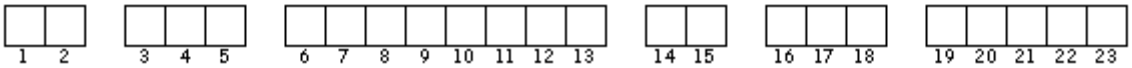

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He came to save the world!