

Mid-Atlantic Gospel Camp

Week 2: Where Are You?—Lost in Sin or Redeemed in God

(This material is meant as an aid to parents and serving ones. It is not meant to be covered during the mid-week fellowship with 6th graders.)

Dear saints, let us use the second week of the Gospel Camp in the following manner:

* During the Mid-week gathering in the week of June 8-12, we want to continue the exposing of the children's condition that started in message 1. Before the children can know God, they must see where they are at. If the children think they are good, Ok, or just alright, they will not appreciate the Lord's salvation. They will think they can be saved by their own righteousness. This lesson begins with showing them they are sinners, without hope and under God's condemnation. It ends with presenting how Jesus shed his blood for mankind and how this blood uniquely satisfies God's righteousness and how this brings us peace.

* During the Message 2 on Saturday June 13, we will show from the Word of God that children are sinners. They may seek to excuse themselves, saying that they are not as bad as some others, but in God's eyes, they are not righteous or good. They have all sinned. As sinners, their father is the devil and they act the way their father acts. When they lie, they are speaking from the devil as the source of every lie. We will also illustrate through the example of the Passover God's work of redemption and how Jesus blood satisfies all God's righteous requirements. We will also cover *how* we are saved and the result of that salvation.

Burden

This is the burden we sense from the Lord for this second week:

- Just as Adam needed to see his nakedness in the garden to come to God, so the children need to see their sinfulness before God.
- Man's sinfulness is incurable, everything man tries to do to fix his condition, is like the leaves Adam sewed for himself. They always fall apart, exposing our real condition.
- The devil is the source of sin. The children when they sin, are living out the life of the devil. Especially when they lie, the children are speaking something that comes right from the devil himself.
- Christ is the real Lamb of God, not merely a great teacher or leader, but the Redeemer of mankind.
- Redemption is something that God has done in Jesus Christ to satisfy His own righteous requirement on mankind; it has nothing to do with what we are or what good works we have done. Nothing can add to what God has already accomplished in Christ.

Reading materials

The reading material for family time comes from three places:

- First excerpt: man, Man is hopeless, condemned to God's Judgement.
- Second except: As sinners, the children are living out the life of the devil. There is no neutral ground. If we are sinners, we are the devil's children.
- Third excerpt: Jesus, the Son of God, has shed His blood for mankind. His blood has satisfied all God's

righteous requirements. If you see this, you will be at peace.

During the family time, do not feel that you have to finish the entire passage. Follow the Lord's leading and emphasize the part that resonates most with the family.

Songs

We plan to sing four songs for Message 2 (Saturday):

- “What about my sinful past? (<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/lb/76>). This song speaks of the hopelessness of our life and God's great love for us.
- “I had a debt I could not pay.” (<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/ns/172>). We could not pay our debt, but God, who didn't have too, paid it for us.
- “Why should I worry, doubt and fear? (<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/1003>). This song describes how Christ's Redemption has fully paid our debt and brought us into peace and rest.

Key verses

Roman 3:10-12, 23; Revelation 21:8b, 1 John 1:8-9, Ephesians 1:7