"Jesus the Sin Eraser"

Children's Sermon for Back To School

Children's Message: Jesus, the Sin Eraser

Main Objective: The goal of this object lesson is to communicate to students how Christ took on our sin and shame, in order to renew our lives and make us whole again.

Law/Gospel Theme: The Law reminds us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. But through Jesus, our sins are erased in God's eyes! The Gospel proclaims us free and forgiven.

Optional Materials: White paper, pencils, erasers

Bonus Ideas: Some more inspiration for your teaching (offsite links)

- Watch our video teaching example of this children's lesson
- Browse <u>sermons for kids</u> or see our other <u>Back to School object lessons</u> and <u>Back To School Sunday School Lesson</u>
- See the message titled Disciples Go Back To School from Sermons 4 Kids
- Don't miss our <u>new school year coloring pages</u> (included in the download)

Note: All elements are open to adjustment. Cater to the needs and ages of your group



"Jesus the Sin Eraser" Object Lesson

Greet students, and if desired hand each one a plain sheet of paper and a pencil.

Hello! So what do we have here?

Look, I have this nice white sheet of paper. It's so fresh and clean! You know, when God first made the world, He hoped it would be fresh and clean like this. However, something bad happened because sin entered the world. Do you know what sin is?

Sins are the yucky things that we do when we disobey God. Sometimes we don't listen to our parents, or our teachers, or we do things we know we shouldn't do. That's all sin. And sin makes God sad! He knows it is not good for our lives or our relationship with Him. So it's sort of like this pretty paper got messed up (*Start scribbling all over the paper*).

Go ahead, make a mess on your paper too! (Allow kids to draw or scribble on their papers). And I might try to fix this mess...but it just keeps getting worse (scribble more). Phew! Now it's all gray and icky.

Fortunately, I have something that might help! (hold up eraser) Look at this lovely pink eraser. It's fresh and clean. Maybe the eraser can help get rid of all these marks. Let's try it (allow kids to watch as you scrub and erase the pencil away from the paper).

Hey, it looks like the white is showing through again, isn't it? But uh-oh....the paper is getting white now, but look at the eraser! (Hold up eraser for students to see that the eraser has become gray and smudged from the pencil). Now the pink eraser is getting dirty!

You know, this is kind of like what happens when we let Jesus take over our lives. We start out all messy and full of yucky sins. But when Jesus came to Earth, He was willing to take on all of that bad stuff! He made Himself the one who was punished for the bad things we do, and He even got killed! He took all that gray mess and



made it His. The good news is that when He did that, He took away our sins! He got rid of the mess and scribbles so that we could be fresh and clean again. When we realize that, God allows us to live new lives and to one day live in Heaven with Him.

The Bible tells us that He forgives all of the bad things we have ever done, and even things we have not yet done, but probably will do! We make mistakes, and sometimes our papers get scribbled on again. But Jesus is the best eraser out there. Don't forget to go to Him for help! Let's thank God for that, shall we?

Children's Prayer Moment

(Have kids repeat each line, if desired)

Dear God,
Thank you for the words of the Bible
Thank you for your grace and love
Thank you for washing away my sins
Thank you for loving me no matter what!
Thank you for Jesus
In His name, Amen!



Scripture Reference to Extend this Lesson

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

- ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. -<u>Psalm 103:8-12</u>

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. -Romans 5:6-11

"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red **as** crimson, they shall be like wool. -<u>Isaiah 1:18</u>

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 6:20-23



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