

Dying For You

A-Z

Game – 5 minutes

Going through the alphabet and name a country for each letter, you can choose any category such as names, food etc.

Knock on Effect

Getting Started – 10 Minutes – Illustrations

Set up a domino run (or if you don't have dominos get some dvd's and set them up in a line)

Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BgXrhQA4pdY> *(if you don't have the means of watching this it's the story of Adam & Eve)*

Quick fire questions (answers below)

1. What was the name of the first man God created?
2. What was his wife called?
3. Where did they live?
4. What was the tree called that Adam and Eve weren't allowed to eat from?
5. Who ate the fruit first?
6. What made her do it?
7. Why did Adam eat the fruit as well?
8. What happened?
9. Since Adam and Eve what do all people do?

Now knock over the first domino and see what happens!

Say that we are programmed to be sinners and not to do what pleases God, and that is a direct result of Adam and Eve choosing, right at the start, not to obey God. Just as the first domino knocked over the last domino, so we are all affected.

The Way is Open

Digging in – 10 Minutes – Bible Study

Watch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSOJr5HdVmw>

This clip take us from Jesus carrying his cross to the temple curtain ripping in half as he dies and finishes with the Centurion recognising that he was “a son of God”.

Ask the children if they know why Jesus died on the cross? Explain that when people do things wrong they can't be God's friends because the sin gets in the way: God can't stand sin. He is too holy for sin to come close to him. In the Old Testament people offered sacrifices to show that they were sorry for their sin – the animal was punished for what the person had done wrong. When Jesus died he took the punishment for all the sins everyone in the world had ever done and will ever do – Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice!

What happened at the end of the clip? Say that the curtain which was in front of the most holy place in the temple was ripped from top to bottom. (This curtain had made sure that people didn't come into God's presence.) This showed that there was now a way to God that anyone could come through. Jesus has taken the punishment for all our sin.

Ask the children how they think we should respond to this fact?

Play some calm, quiet music and have think, quietly, about the fact that Jesus chose to die for them – to take the punishment for everything they, personally, have ever done wrong.

The Point: To see that the crucifixion means that we have access to God.

Answers to Quiz

Quick Fire

1. Adam
2. Eve
3. Garden of Eden
4. The tree of knowledge of good and evil
5. Eve
6. The devil tempted her
7. Eve told him to
8. Adam & Eve were sent out of the garden and their relationship with God was broken
9. Sin