

18th October 2020 – Sin and punishment

Hi #selfiewithGod group!

We hope you are all well and that you have had a good week. We hope you enjoy this week's activity.

Good or bad quiz

This week we are going to start this activity with a movie related quiz about heroes and villains. Try to answer the questions below and see how many you get correct (answers will be on the final page – no peeking!)

1. Who is the baddie in 'Aladdin'?
2. What does Thanos want to do with the Infinity Stones in Avengers?
3. Who do the superheroes battle against in The Incredibles 2?
4. Which Spider-man film has Spider-man Noir in it?
5. What other name is Ben Kenobi known as?
6. Which police department does Judy Hopps work in?
7. What do Harry and Marv call themselves in Home Alone?
8. What is the police officer called in the Lego Movie?
9. What is Thor's brother's name?
10. Who is Simba's uncle?

The punishment fits the crime

Question: Have you ever been punished for doing something wrong i.e. by a parent or a teacher? What was your punishment?

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Have a look through the misdemeanours below and write down what you think would be a suitable punishment for each one:

A person who lies to their friend

Punishment:.....
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A person leaves their room in a mess

Punishment:.....
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A child who steals a penny sweet

Punishment:.....
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A person who cheats on their GCSEs

Punishment:.....
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A person who is caught speeding

Punishment:.....
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A person who kills a man

Punishment:.....
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A person who disobeys God

Punishment:.....
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The Bible tells us that anything we do wrong – from lying to murder - is called 'sin'. God created us and He knows what is best for us. He tells us what we should and shouldn't do because He loves us and doesn't want us to hurt ourselves, others or Him.

But too often we choose to live our lives our own way, ignoring God. This is the essence of sin and none of us are immune to it (Read Romans 3:10 and Romans 3:23 to see what the Bible says about this).

Some sins often seem bigger than others because we see the consequences and their affects more obviously – but all sin cuts us off from God, who is completely without sin, and ultimately leads to death (Romans 6:23).

Question: What do you think we can do about the problem of sin - how can we stop sinning?

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Virus

What words would you use if you were talking about a virus?

You might think things like deadly, spreading, the fact that we need to find a cure...

Or perhaps a computer virus and all the problems and difficulties they can cause...

When we think about the problem of sin, it can be helpful to think about a virus, maybe even Covid-19! Just like a virus, sin is deadly - it spreads without any boundaries. Sin is constantly reinvented, and we need to be alert and prepared to resist it. And, ultimately, sin destroys – it separates us from God and leads to our death.

But, unlike Covid-19 or many computer viruses, there is a cure for sin!

Look up the following verses in your Bibles: John 3:16, Romans 3:23-26, 2 Corinthians 5:21. Read them carefully and look up any terms that you don't understand (or ask a family member).

God's cure for sin was to send his son, Jesus. Jesus managed to live his entire life free from the infection of sin. When he died, he took all our 'infections' upon himself - but because he had lived his life immune to the power of this deadliest of viruses, Jesus was able to beat it once and for all. When he came back to life, the power of the sin-virus was broken forever.

We can share that victory by believing and accepting the amazing work of Jesus. He can help us beat this virus in our own lives and restore our relationship with God back to its full health – for eternity!

Anti virus

As it has been mentioned, we can think of sin like a virus – it spreads without boundaries, it contaminates our world and, ultimately it is deadly – separating us from God and bringing death.

Jesus' death and resurrection is the only thing that acts as an anti-virus! It destroyed the power of sin.

If you have a newspaper at home find and tear out a story that you feel is representative of the power of sin in our world or alternatively find a story from BBC news or another news website and print this off.

Tear the story into the shape of a cross as a symbol of Jesus' power to bring change and freedom from sin.

Now sit quietly, close your eyes and pray to God. Thank God for the cross and praying that its effects would spread around the world.

THANK YOU FOR DOING THIS ACTIVITY AND WE HOPE YOU HAVE A BLESSED
WEEK AHEAD!

Answers to the quiz

1. Jafar
2. Wipe out half of life
3. Evelyn Deaver/Screenslaver
4. Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse
5. Kylo Ren
6. Zootopia
7. The Wet Bandits
8. Bad Cop/Good Cop
9. Loki
10. Scar