

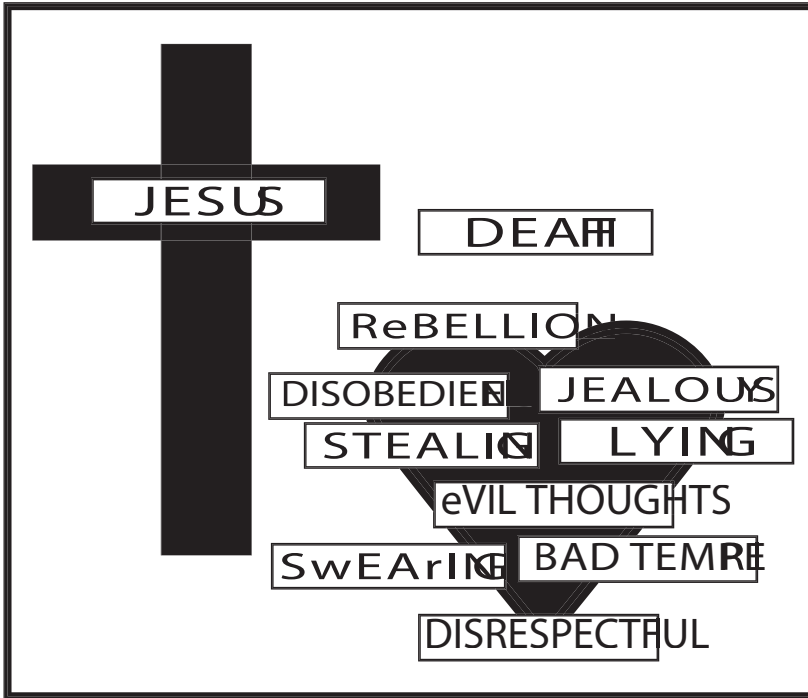
# JESUS, OUR SIN-BEARER

Flannel graph Lesson by Florence R. Kee

Genesis 1-3; John 19

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:21

Way back in the beginning, God made the beautiful world in which we live. In this world He placed the first man and woman whom He called Adam and Eve. Their hearts were pure and clean like this (place white heart on the flannelboard) for God made them in His own image (this means just like Himself). Genesis 1:27



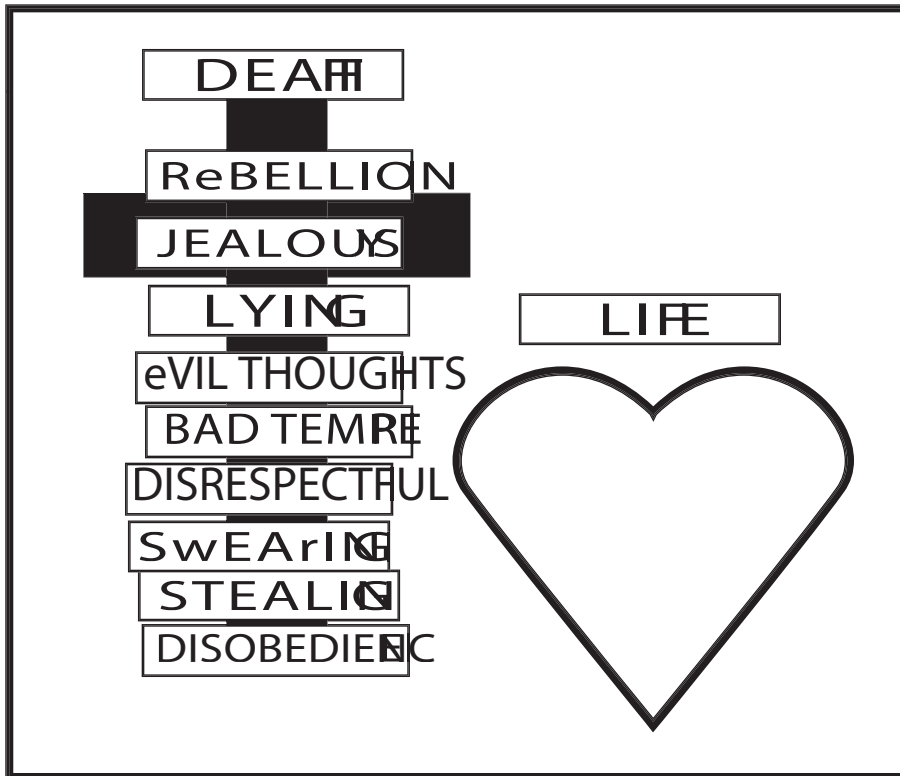
Adam and Eve were very happy in their lovely garden home and they enjoyed sweet fellowship (friendship) with God, their heavenly Father. But one day a very sad thing happened which changed everything. Satan, the enemy of God, came into the garden in the form of a serpent and tempted Eve to disobey God by eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil of which He had forbidden them to eat. Eve gave in to this temptation and ate of the fruit of this tree and she gave some to her husband and he ate also. At once their white hearts became dark with sin (place

dark heart over the white heart) and their fellowship with God was broken. Even the ground was cursed because of the sin of Adam and Eve. Thorns, thistles and weeds began to grow. The animal kingdom was also affected for it was then that the lion, tiger, leopard and many other animals became ferocious and man-eating.

God was greatly displeased with Satan for bringing all this trouble into the world and He cursed him and said in Genesis 3:15, "There shall be enmity between you and the woman from now on and some day a woman (Mary) shall have a son Jesus and you will bruise His heel (nail Him to the cross) but He will bruise thy head (you Satan, will be destroyed forever in a lake of fire - Rev. 20:10)." From this day on the seed of sin began to grow in the hearts of Adam and Eve and they did many things they should not do. When God gave them a little boy, he did things which were wrong also. This proved that the seed of sin was in his heart as well as in the hearts of his mother and father. And so it has been all down through the years. Because Adam and Eve sinned, everyone born into the world has the seed of sin in his heart. There are many references in the Bible which prove that this is true. (Romans 5:12, Romans 3:10 & 23, Jeremiah 17:9)

As you look into your heart today you can see many things which you know are wrong. (place the sins in the dark heart as you name them) What about those bad lies you told the other day? (lying) And that nickel you stole from sister's pocket? (stealing) Did you not swear at your baby brother? (swearing) And

disobey mother? (disobedience) Or perhaps you were sassy? (disrespectful) to your father and rebelled when he punished you? (rebellion) Enlarge upon the remainder of the sins which are — bad temper, evil thoughts, jealousy and worldliness. Use those sins which are most common in your group.



But, dear boys and girls, God loves you in spite of all this. Yes, He loves you so much that He gave His own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be your Sin-bearer just as He promised in Genesis 3:15. Blessed Jesus who never did even one thing that was wrong was placed upon a cross of suffering and shame. (Place the cross to the left of the dark heart) He was reviled, rebuked, mocked and spit upon. A crown of sharp thorns was pressed down upon His precious head but He did not utter one word of complaint (Isaiah 53:7). While Jesus was hanging upon the cross of Calvary, all of

our sins were heaped upon Him. (Remove the sins one by one from the heart and place them on the cross, naming each one as you do so) Read or repeat the following references, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24. This was the greatest suffering Jesus had to bear . . . it broke His heart! (John 19:34) But He was glad and willing to suffer even this that you and I might be saved from sin and Satan and that we might go to His wonderful home in Heaven. (Remove cross with sins on it.)

Jesus was buried in a tomb but on the third day He arose, triumphant over sin, Satan, death and hell (1 Corinthians 15:3,4) After 40 days He went back to Heaven in a cloud of glory and there He is living today. (Romans 8:34, Hebrews 7:25) Can you not hear His gentle voice speaking to you, “Dear boys and girls I love you. I died for you. I took the punishment for your sin. Come believe in me NOW and be SAVED.” (Acts 16:31, Romans 10:13) If you will do this, all of your dark sins will be washed away (remove dark heart) and you will have a pure, clean heart like this. You will become God’s own little child (John 1:12) and some day you will go to be with Him in Heaven.

(Ask the children to bow their heads and close their eyes.) How many would like to say today, “I do believe that Jesus died for me. I now take Him as my own personal Savior?” Just raise your hand and then put it down. (Deal with each child individually, asking them to pray a prayer of acceptance out loud. Give them a children’s guide book or a Gospel of John. See that they become established in a good church if possible).

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