

I Am Accepted through Jesus

Week 3:

The Big Point: I Am Accepted through Jesus

God's Word: The Calling of Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13)

Memory Verse: How you make me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

Application: I will remember I am accepted as I am through Jesus.

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Series Aim: To understand we are all created in God's image and loved by Him.

Creative Video:  Jesus Calls Matthew

Huddle Guide #2

Duration: 20 mins

Before Sunday:

- Pray and prepare yourself by reading through this Huddle Guide and the Word Study of the week found on the [HopeKids Service Plan Blogspot](#).
- All Huddle Leaders (or Huddle Hosts) are to prepare your own "script" and things to say. Feel free to inject your own questions or discussion points whenever necessary to suit the needs of your children.
- ***To prepare:** an old, dirty and stained t-shirt/piece of cloth you are willing to throw
- ***To prepare (on Friday/Saturday):** Stain your t-shirt/cloth with condiments/paint/food dye and let it dry. You can even use fabric or permanent markers to write "SIN". Bring on Sunday for use in Huddle Time.
- ***To bring:** A dark coloured loose-fit t-shirt (preferably red), bring it to bring a greater impact on the small group object lesson.

Note: Huddle guides will be written to cater to a huddle group context only. No huddle slides will be provided.

Before Service on Sunday Morning:

- The following materials will be provided for you:
 - Cross cut-out with double-sided tape
- Prepare all the items that are needed for Huddle Time. For this week:
 - Writing materials/ Stationary
 - HopeKids Journal
 - Bibles
 - ***To prepare:** paste the cross cut-out on the dark coloured loose-fitting t-shirt

During Huddle Time:

- Have the children sit in a circle, keeping it to 12 children per group.
- Welcome and ease the children into Huddle Time by:
 - Introducing yourself and the kids to one another
 - Air high-fives, fist bumps
 - Playing small ice breaker games
- Remind the kids that the BEST rules still applies during Huddle Time

Activity 1: Put on Jesus' Righteousness

Materials needed:

- Physical Bibles



Have you ever spilled things on yourself and you are not able to wash away the stains? **show dirty t-shirt / cloth, if it is completely dry, you can wear it over what you are wearing.*

This t-shirt/cloth is badly stained and dirty, and it's going to get really hard to wash them out. There is no way we can get it out on our own. We will need help from other things to get it out. What do you think are like these stains that we cannot wash away on our own?

**Allow kids to share*

These stains are just like sin! And some of you know that the Bible

	tells us that all of us, no matter how old or how young... We all have sin in our lives. If this t-shirt/cloth is one of our lives, we cannot wash it away on our own. God loves all of us very much but as long as we have these stains called sin... we won't be able to be near God. We won't be able to be with God again or go to heaven. We need help.
<i>*Picture will be made available on Thursday evening</i>	God is the one who offers this help to take away the stains of sin in our lives - it comes in the form of Jesus dying on the cross to save us all. <i>*show cross on t-shirt</i> God loves us, but He cannot accept or be near us whenever we have these stains of sin. Only when we believe in Jesus can we be fully accepted by God. We are only accepted through Jesus. How? Why? Because when we believe in Jesus, Jesus' blood and what Jesus did on the cross covers our sin. <i>*wear the t-shirt with cross cut-out</i> If we believe in Jesus, when God looks at us, He does not see our sins anymore, but sees the perfect life (righteousness) and selflessness of Jesus. <i>*point to cross on shirt</i>. This righteousness that comes from believing in Jesus and this believing, or faith in Jesus is what makes us accepted by God. Also, usually when you come to HopeKids, most of our teachers will wear HopeKids t-shirts right? It identifies us to be a HopeKids teacher. In the same way, whenever we believe in Jesus, this faith in Jesus <i>*points us to cross on shirt*</i> identifies us as God's children who have the righteousness of Jesus. God offers us not only a way to take away our sins, but also protects us from further permanent sin stains. Let's now take a look at the following verses. <i>*Get kids to flip and ask for volunteers to read out:</i> ● 2 Corinthians 5:21 – <i>"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God"</i> ● Romans 13:14 – <i>"Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh."</i>

Whenever we believe in Jesus, it's like putting on Jesus' righteousness. Which is why Romans 13:14 says to clothe yourselves with Jesus. This also helps us to know that we are on God's team and in His family forever. This also protects our heart from fear and doubt and also from death due to sin because believing in Jesus gives us eternal life.

Closing of Huddle Time:

- Alright HopeKids. So remember that God is the one who made us and we are his precious masterpiece! However, sin is what ruins us, and whenever we have sin, it brings us far from God. God cannot accept any one of us when we still have sin. It is only when we believe in Jesus **points us to cross on shirt again**, that we can be fully accepted by God and be able to enter heaven.
- How many of you love going to watch movies? We need a movie ticket to enter the theatre right? Our faith and belief in Jesus is like our ticket to being with God and to heaven! I Am Accepted through Jesus!
- **Lead the kids to pray together! - feel free to get kids to share their experiences and to pray for the kids in their specific experiences or struggles! Remind them again that God loves all of us but each of us are accepted through Jesus.*

Activity 2: Memory Verse

Objective: To hide God's Word in the children's hearts

Materials needed:

- Writing Materials
- HopeKids Journal

How you make me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

God is the one who created us and we are His greatest creation and masterpiece, simply because He made us to be like Him - to be in God's image! This means that we show more of

God than anything else in creation. Even though each person is created by God, God knows and has wonderful plans for each of us and how He made us is amazing and wonderful. He made us with care and love, with purpose and plans. God was the one who put each of us together in our mother's womb and He has plans and purpose for each of us even before we each are born! God shows care and love for each of us even before any of our mothers know we exist. We are created in God's image and greatly loved by Him and known by God! We are each wonderfully made by God, and fully known by God.

NOTE: Huddle leaders to think of creative ways to engage and motivate the children to hide the Word in their hearts, for example:

- Splitting the huddle group into 2 (by gender, by age, or randomly etc) and getting them to compete in memorising the memory verse
- Unscrambling the memory verse into pieces of paper, and asking them to piece together
- Play 'fill in the blank' kind of concept

Announcements



Come back next week for a whole new series, learning about having everyday faith!!