

Devotion 8 – Response to the Gospel

[COACHES: This lesson is the culmination of everything that we have been talking about, the Gospel. It is vital that you convey this message clearly and tell the kids that there needs to be a response to the message of Jesus. Please make sure to be available after practice if the kids want to talk more about their salvation from sin]

This is the last lesson that we will be having for this season! We have covered a lot of stuff, haven't we? Let's take some time to review everything that we have talked about. First, we talked about God. God created everything that is in the world, even you and me. He created us to be very special to Him. Then we said that God *is perfect in everything He does and always fair in how He treats people*. That means that God doesn't like sin, at all.

The next thing we talked about is mankind, you and me. We said that we didn't really have a choice about being born with a brain. Just like our brain, we don't have a choice of being born with sin. We all sin and there's no way that we can get rid of that sin on our own. Our sin is like the Great Wall of China, it separates us from God. Because God really doesn't like sin, and sin is a part of us, we deserve the punishment of death and separation from God, forever.

The last thing that we talked about was Jesus. The bible says that Jesus was the only perfect person who ever lived. Jesus never sinned. Because Jesus was perfect, God sent Him to pay the penalty for sin. The penalty that you and I deserve for our sin is death, but Jesus live a sinless life in order to pay the penalty of sin. Jesus died so we can have the opportunity to be in a relationship with God. Jesus died so He could take away our penalty of sin.

That's a lot of information that we covered, isn't it? Now the question is, what do you believe about Jesus? In order for us to be saved from our sin and to be in a relationship with God, we need to believe in Jesus as our Savior. There's a verse in the Bible in a book called Acts. Acts 16:31 says that we need to "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved". In order to believe in Jesus as your Savior, you need to trust that He died for your sins so you can be in a relationship with God. Once you believe in Jesus as your Savior, God will begin to change you on the inside. The sin that we do will begin to become less important to us and we can start obeying God by doing what the Bible says.

What do you think about Jesus dying for sin? Do you believe that Jesus died for your sin? You need to believe in Jesus and you will be saved from your sin. If you want to know more about Jesus and want to believe in Him as your Savior, come up and talk to me after practice. I would be happy to help you understand how you can be saved from your sin.

Discussion Questions:

Why is it so important that I believe in Jesus as my Savior from sin?

Why do you think Jesus has the power to save you from your sin?