

Home Discipleship

Family Activities

Q: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

A: Yes, God reconciles us to himself by a Redeemer.

Key Verse: Isaiah 53:10-11

Key Passage: Isaiah 53

Music: For each question there is a song that can be found on the New City Catechism App. Listen to the song for this question and sing it as a family. Songs have a unique way of helping ingrain truths into our hearts. Look up "My Redeemer Lives" by Nicole C. Mullen. This song can help the kids understand how Christ our redeemer has had sovereign control over every part of creation and he had made a way for us to escape punishment.

Coloring Activity: Coloring is a fun activity for all ages. And a great way to spend time thinking deeply about the spiritual truths that we have talked about today. On pages three and four of this document are coloring pages of Isaiah 53. Help your kids understand the connection of these verses with Jesus and how he is the redeemer.

Memory Activity: Another great way to ingrain this truth into your family is to practice memorizing it with different activities.

Print each word of the key verse or catechism answer on a piece of paper, and then cut each word in half. Hide one half of each word around your living room. Give everyone in the family the other half of each word. Instruct them to find the other half of their word that is hidden somewhere in the living room. Once all have been found then work as a family to put the words in order and read it aloud. Then remove half of some of the words and read through it again. Finally remove full words, and see if the children can remember the whole sentence.

Catechism Recap: Create a matching game with all of the catechism question and answers. Write numbers 1-19 on different sheets of paper. Then write each of the questions on different sheets of paper. Finally write the answers of each catechism question on separate pieces of paper. This will make 57 different pieces of paper. Place all of the pages face down on the table in a grid just like you would see in a matching game. Have the kids take turns flipping the papers and trying to match the number with the question with the answer. It may be better to start with them face up so that they can know which questions go with which numbers go with which answers. Once they are good at it face up then add the extra difficulty of having them all face down.



Teaching Activities: Teaching activities are meant to help reinforce the idea in the catechism question. Be sure to be asking kids questions as you do these activities to be sure that they see the connection.

Lesson Emphasis: This week is one step before we learn about how Jesus saved us from the sinfulness that we have been talking about. Take time this week to talk about what a Redeemer is. You can do this by explaining the sacrificial system in the Old Testament or talk about our judicial system where a person who has been convicted of a crime needs evidence that proves them not guilty or a witness who can absolve them from a crime or affirm their alibi. Be sure to explain to the kids then that since we are guilty for each sin we pay we will either need to make a sacrifice for each sin that we pay or have someone prove that we are not guilty each time before God, which is impossible because in this case we are guilty. The goal of this conversation is to show them that Jesus' work on the cross was perfect. Because he was God, and because he had never sinned the sacrifice was perfect and once for all sins. We don't need a redeemer each time we sin because we have one redeemer who saved us from all of our sins. This also helps to understand that God will forgive any sin that we commit, because he has already paid the price and has already forgiven us. He loves us so much and wants us to confess our sins and not fear him because of our sin and shame.

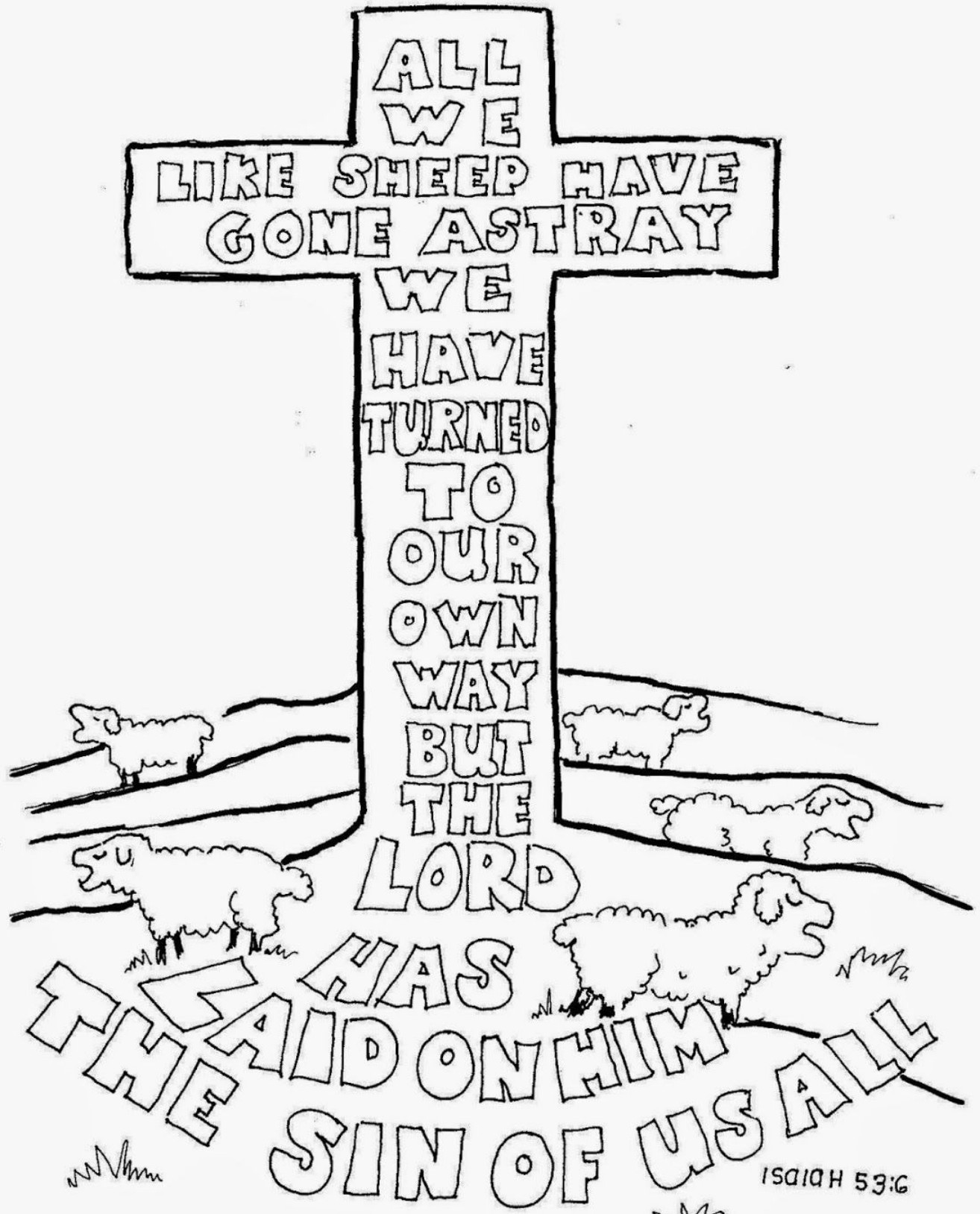
Activity #1: Have your kids think through the worst crimes that anyone could ever commit. Then ask them if God can forgive that person for committing that crime. Then ask the kids to list common things that kids their age do wrong that they might need forgiveness. Then ask the kids the same question, would God forgive those kids for doing wrong? Help the kids to see that there is nothing that God will not forgive.

Discussion Questions: Discuss a few of these questions as a family to help everyone think deeper about their own lives with this doctrinal truth.

1. Do you ever feel like you are unforgivable?
2. What does the Bible say about forgiveness?
3. Is it possible to be unforgivable?
4. How can you encourage yourself in the gospel next time that you are feeling the shame of your sinfulness?

Pray: Take some time as a family to pray. Family prayer time is an incredible way to grow with one another and enjoy our God together! When you pray, praise God for being the redeemer that is needed to be forgiven from our sinfulness. Praise God for sending his perfect son who was sinless even when being tempted making him the perfect once and for all sacrifice for our sins. Be sure to confess your sins as you pray if necessary. Confession is an important portion of our relationship with God, it allows us to be removed from our guilt and shame and accept the forgiveness that God has to offer for our sins. Praise God for forgiving all of our sins even the ones that make us the most ashamed. God is good and perfect and will always forgive us and truly enjoy us praying to Him.





But he was pierced for our
transgressions, he was crushed for
our iniquities; the punishment
that brought us peace
was on him, and by his
wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5

