



BECAUSE THEY LOVE US

PURPOSE

To help family members understand that Heavenly Father and Jesus love us so much they have provided a way for us to return to their presence

MATERIALS

- Scriptures
- A treat for the family
- Paper and pencils

SONG SUGGESTIONS

- "On a Golden Springtime" page 88 in the Children's Songbook
- "I Stand All Amazed" hymn #193 in Hymns

LESSON IDEAS

- 1. Tell your family that you have a little quiz about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let them know that family members who do their best on the quiz will get a treat!
- 2. Let your family take the quiz. (Note: You may want to make the questions easier if you have younger children. But do not make all of the questions easy. Ask one or two questions that <u>no one</u> will be able to answer correctly).
- 3. Quiz:
 - a. On what day of the week was Jesus crucified? (Friday John 19:31)
 - b. On what day of the week was Jesus resurrected? (Sunday John 20:1)
 - c. Who was the first mortal person to see the resurrected Savior? (Mary Magdalene Mark 16:9)
 - d. How many angels were at the tomb when Jesus was resurrected? (Two John 20:12)
 - e. Mary Magdalene called Jesus "Rabboni". What does that word mean? ("Master" John 20:16)
 - f. Name one of the women who went to the tomb with Mary Magdalene. (Joanna and Mary the mother of James Luke 24:10)
 - g. Name one of the men Jesus appeared to on the road to Emmaus. (Cleopas Luke 24:18)
- 4. Give the correct the answers.
- 5. Tell your family that because you love them and because each of them did their best, you are going to give them the treat even though they didn't get all of the answers correct.

- a. Compare this experience to Heavenly Father and Jesus. Because they love us so much they have provided a way for us to return to them even when we don't do everything 100% right. Through the atonement of Jesus Christ and by doing the best we can we can still receive the best treat of all everlasting life.
- b. Read John 3:16 as a family.
- 6. You may want to share one of the following stories with your family:
 - a. My Brother and the Resurrection (younger children)
 - b. He Took My Whipping For Me (older children begins on 4th paragraph)
- 7. Ask your family, "What is the best way we can show Heavenly Father and Jesus how grateful we are for all they have done for us?"
 - a. Read John 14:15 together.
- 8. Testify that because Heavenly Father and Jesus love us so deeply they have provided a way for us to return to their presence.
- 9. Enjoy the treat together.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Have younger children color the cartoon below
- Help your children memorize John 14:15 or John 3:16
- Have each family member make a poster of John 3:16 or John 14:15 and put it where they can see it all week



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