

Unit 8, Session 1

Questions for Discussion

(Blue questions are geared toward kids ages 3rd-5th grade.)

1. **What punishment does our sin deserve?** (All sin deserves death. All sin is wicked in God's sight because He is holy. Those who do not repent of their sin and trust in Jesus will spend eternity in hell. Hell is a real place, but because of God's love for us, He sent Jesus to rescue sinners from sin and death.)
2. **What makes Jesus different from the judges in the Old Testament?** (Jesus is not just a man; He is also the Son of God. Jesus lived a perfect life and died for us to make the way to live with God. But unlike the judges in the Old Testament, Jesus showed He has power over sin and death when He rose from the dead. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to live in believers, and He can change our hearts to repent, love God, and obey Him. The judges could not change people's hearts but only remind them of God's laws.)
3. **What can we do when we sin, even after we trust in Jesus?** (We repent of our sin, telling God we are sorry and asking Him to help us turn away from sin. Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus. In Jesus, God declares us righteous. Jesus' perfect obedience is given to us because He took on our sin. Our sin will not stop God's love. We repent because we love God, not to earn God's love.)
4. **The Israelites turned to false gods. What might we turn to instead of worshipping God?** (The world has many things we might be tempted to turn to rather than God. We might seek after popularity, grades, success, sports, or even people above God. God gives us opportunities every day to turn from sin and turn to Jesus. Read Hebrews 3:12-13.)
5. **How can we turn away from a cycle of rebellion?** (We will constantly fight sin in our life is by putting on the armor of God. We must be aware of sin and areas in our lives where we are tempted to sin. The Holy Spirit empowers Christians to turn away from sin. Read Ephesians 6:10-13.)
6. **Why is Jesus a greater Rescuer than the judges from our story?** (Jesus never sinned and was able to defeat sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Jesus has always existed and lives forever. The judges from our story could not completely save people. That is, they could not take away sin, offer forgiveness, and give people new life through the Spirit. Jesus completely saves those who trust in Him. Read Hebrews 7:25.)

If you or your children have questions about what it looks like to follow Jesus in salvation or baptism, Pastor Sam would love to talk with you! Please feel free to contact him at ssievers@lenexabaptist.com.