

LESSON

Two days ago, we had Good Friday. Today is Resurrection Sunday.

One remembers Jesus' death. The other, His resurrection.

Apart from Christmas, these are 2 of the most important events in history.

And in this Friday and Sunday, 2000 years ago, a very important exchange happened.

THE CROSS EXCHANGE

At the Cross, the New Covenant was cut and an important exchange took place

→ Jesus took our **sin** and all the **bad** we deserved, so that we could have all His **good!**

Jesus was perfectly good. He obeyed all of God's laws completely. So He deserved all God's blessings. We were sinners. We couldn't obey God's laws completely. And we deserved punishment and death.

But because of His great love for us, Jesus came to take our punishment and death, so we can have all of His blessings.

What happened at the Exchange: (go through briefly)

Jesus was **CURSED** that we might have ALL His **BLESSINGS** (Gal 3:13-14).

Jesus was **PUNISHED** in the most cruel way, so that we might be **FORGIVEN** (Isa 53:6).

Jesus was beaten and **WOUNDED**, so that we might be **HEALED** (Isa 53:5b).

Jesus was made **SIN**, carrying all the sin of the world, that we might be **RIGHTEOUS** (2 Cor 4:21).

Jesus became **POOR** — He had absolutely nothing on the Cross — so that we might be **RICH** (2 Cor 8:9).

Jesus was **SHAMED** — hanging naked for all to see — that we might be **GLORIFIED** (Isa 53:3)

Jesus was **FORSAKEN** — even God had to turn away — that we might be **ACCEPTED** (Matt 27:46; Eph 1:5-6)

Jesus **DIED** and ROSE AGAIN that we might be **ALIVE** (Isa 53:12b).

ILLUSTRATION

1. Prepare cards with large enough words on them and put double-sided tape on the back of each card.

BAD: CURSES, PUNISHMENT, SICKNESS, SIN, POVERTY, SHAME, ABANDONED, DEATH

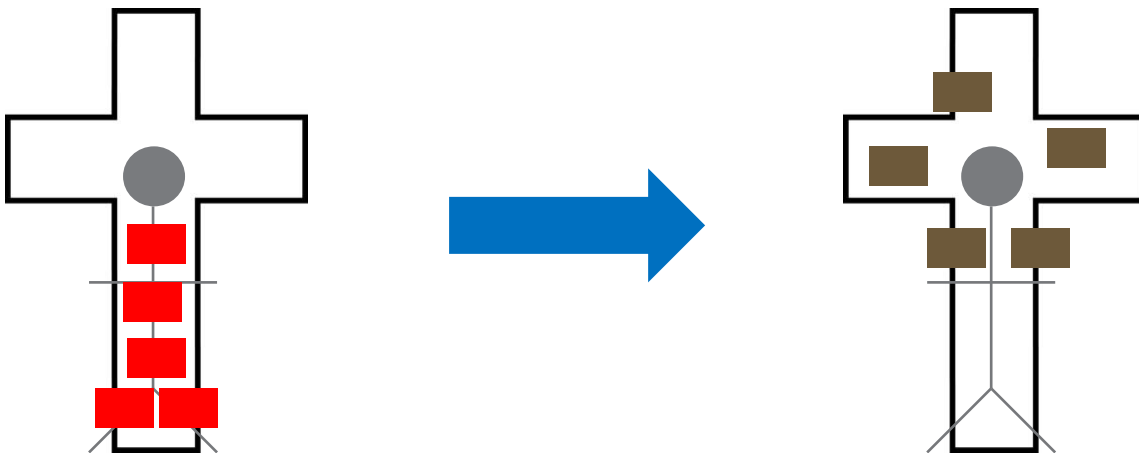
GOOD: BLESSINGS, FORGIVENESS, HEALTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, RICHNESS, GLORY, ACCEPTANCE, LIFE

2. Have one kid stand in front of a picture of the Cross as Jesus on screen. Stick on him these cards:

BLESSINGS, FORGIVENESS, HEALTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS, RICHNESS, GLORY, ACCEPTANCE, LIFE

3. Hand out the rest of the cards to various children in the class.

Tell them when you call out their word, they have to go and put their “bad” card on the Cross (screen) and take the “good” card from “Jesus”.



4. Read out “What happened at the Exchange” again and let the kids make their exchange.
If there’s time, you can repeat the illustration so more kids can take part.

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What is the result of the Cross Exchange?

An Exchanged Life!

Because Jesus died and rose again, our old life is GONE. We now live Jesus' life in us!

Let's read **Gal 2:20** together:

I have been crucified with Christ and

I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,

who loved me and gave Himself for me.

That's the good news about Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday.

Thank you Jesus!

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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

DANCE: Salvation is here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ergsulxd1BQ>

HUDDLE TIME:

Break the kids into small groups to thank Jesus for His gift of salvation. Invite those who have not received it yet to accept Him as their Lord and Savior.