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Title: Saved from Fire

Theme: Only when Jesus is within us are we safe from the fires that destroy.

Object: Candle, two stretched balloons, cup labeled “Jesus, the living water,” funnel, water bottle, tray.

Text: John 4:14 (NIV) but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Here Jesus is talking to the woman at the well in Samaria.

He had just asked her for a drink of water;

Then He told her that He could give her living water that would give her eternal life.

So Jesus is the Living Water that brings us eternal life.

Now I have in my bag this morning a demonstration of how Jesus, the living water, gives us eternal life.

[Set up demo…]

The Bible tells us that at the end of the age there is going to be a judgment.

The wicked are destroyed in the lake of fire, and the righteous are saved in God’s eternal kingdom.

So this candle is going to represent the lake of fire. [Light candle.]

And this first balloon represents someone who doesn’t love Jesus. [Blow up balloon]

He was too busy doing other things. He never had time for Jesus.

He never read the Bible, never went to church or SS, never took time to pray.

He didn’t even believe in God.

He disobeyed God and broke His commandments.

He committed a lot of sins and he never repented of his sins or asked for forgiveness.

In the judgment, He was found to be a sinner just full of hot air.

Let’s see what happens to him. [Boom!!!]

Now here we have a different person.

This person heard the good news that Jesus died for his sins on the cross.

He believed in Jesus and trusted Him to be his Savior.

He said he was sorry for his sins and asked God to forgive him.

And he asked Jesus to come into his life and be his Savior.

So here is Jesus the living water, and we are going to pour this water into this balloon.

When you accept Jesus as your Savior, He comes into your heart just like this water goes into this balloon.

So now this guy takes time to know Jesus.

He comes to church and SS to learn about Jesus.

He reads the Bible and Bible stories so that God can teach him the way to live.

He takes time to pray and spend time with Jesus.

And every time he sins, he tells God he is sorry, and he asks God to forgive him.

So let’s see what happens to him in the judgment. [Hold over flame]

What makes the difference? It’s that living water on the inside. It’s Jesus.

When we invite Him into our heart and He forgives our sins, we can look forward to the judgment with confidence.

Those who trust Him will have eternal life rather than eternal death. Does that sound good to you?

How many would like to have Jesus, the living water, in their hearts?