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Title: He Took Our Sins

Theme: When Jesus died on the cross, He took our sins upon Himself.

Object: Shallow dish, large wine glass, colored water, penny for each child, candle, fire stick or lighter.

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Who knows what makes this weekend special?

Yes, it’s Easter! And on Easter we remember how Jesus died and rose again.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus was crucified on the cross on Friday, He was buried in the tomb on Sabbath, and He came back to life again on Sunday morning.

When Jesus came back to life, it was called a “resurrection.”

So instead of calling Sunday “Easter,” I like to call it Resurrection Day.

So today I want to remember with you what the Bible says happened to Jesus when He died, was buried, and came back to life in the resurrection.

How many like experiments? Do you want to do an experiment about Jesus today?

This dish represents the world.

Now we need some people in the world.

In fact, YOU are in the world, so I’m going to give each of you a penny and ask you to put the penny in the dish.

The penny represents you, and you are in the world.

Now the Bible says that we all have sinned.

Who can tell me what sin is?

Sin is when we disobey God.

If God tells us in the Bible that something is wrong and we do it anyway, that’s sin.

Everybody in the world has disobeyed God and has rebelled against Him, so I’m going to pour this colored water into the bowl.

This purple water represents sin and it’s covering all of the pennies: you’re all covered with sin.

Now the Bible says that the penalty for sin is death, so all the pennies covered with sin deserve to die.

But the good news is that Jesus came to die for our sins.

So I’m going to put this candle in the middle of the bowl, in the middle of all the pennies, and light the candle.

This light represents the life of Jesus.

Now I’m going to use this glass to represent when Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and we’re going to put it over Jesus and see what happens.

[Put wine glass over the candle and wait for the flame to go out]

When the candle goes out, Jesus died for our sins on the cross.

But look what happens to our sins!!! Jesus on the cross is sucking up all the sin!

[The vacuum created inside the glass because the oxygen was consumed sucks the water into the glass.]

You’re no longer covered with sin because Jesus has taken you sins away.

[Take the pennies out, dry off the residual water, and give them back to each child.]

Now what happened after Jesus died for your sins?

God brought Him back from the dead! [Remove glass and relight candle.]

Jesus is alive! And if we trust in Him to forgive our sins, He will save us when He comes back from heaven.

How many want to trust Jesus today?

[Be sure to practice this at home to make sure everything works. I used about 30 ml or about 1 oz of water and a large wine glass. The bowl was about 10 in. in diameter.]