Children's Time

Bible Story

In your own words, tell the story of what happened to Peter and Judas: both messed up, but only Peter felt sorry and asked God for forgiveness... (This story is not found in <u>The Beginner's Bible</u>)

- * Just then a cock crowed, and <u>Peter</u> remembered what Jesus had told him, "Before the cock crows, you will say three times that you do not know me. <u>He went out and</u> <u>wept bitterly</u> (Matthew 26:75).
- * When Judas, the traitor, learnt that Jesus had been condemned, he repented and took back the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned by betraying an innocent man to death!", he said. "What do we care about that?", they answered. "That is your business!". Judas threw the coins down in the temple and left; then he went out and hanged himself (Matthew 27:3-5).

<u>Activity:</u>

- * Boil some eggs until they are hardboiled
- Get the children to paint them black with a black texta
- * Unpeel one of the black eggs

Children's Message:

- Who's ever done something wrong, something that you've felt bad about doing? What was it? Some things include:
 - * Being selfish and not sharing a toy
 - * Not doing what Mum or Dad asked you to do
 - * Said something nasty to another person
 - * Did something to hurt someone
- 2. We are all "mess-ups". The Bible has a word for it. We are all "sinners" (Romans 3:9, 23).
- 3. Our black eggs reminds us of how we look before God, without Jesus as our Saviour.
- 4. The pealed egg reminds of how we look before God, when ask God to forgive us. He will forgive us, because Jesus died on the cross for all our sins!

In fact, as we trust in Jesus as our Saviour, this is how we look to God all the time: white, and not black (Romans 8:1).

<u>Children's Song:</u>

Possible songs to sing include:

- * "I can't save myself" (Colin Buchanan) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VvKhl5oggU</u>
- * "He died upon the cross...for me" (Colin Buchanan) <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4c8YbDk2A2w</u>