MYSTERY MANOR

Week 6

Welcome to Week 6 of our Mystery Manor Devo! This week we are focusing on Jesus and the crazy plan God had for Him. Jesus took on the complete weight of all of our sin. He took the punishment that we deserve...willingly. He loves us that much!! This week we are going to dive deeper into the plan that God had for Jesus and how He would save us.

Day 1: The Problem & the Promise

Scripture Reading: Genesis chapter 3

Devotional:

In the beginning, everything God made was good. Adam and Eve lived in a perfect garden. There was no sickness, no fighting, no sadness, and no death. Best of all, they walked with God and enjoyed being with Him. God gave them one rule: Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It was a way to show their love and trust in Him. But then the serpent (Satan) tempted Eve. He made her doubt God's goodness. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. That disobedience is called sin — choosing our way instead of God's way. Right away, everything changed. They felt shame. They hid from God. Sin brought separation from God, pain, and eventually death. But here's the amazing part: God didn't leave them without hope.

In Genesis 3:15, God made a promise. He said that one day a descendant of the woman would crush the serpent's head. That was the first hint of Jesus! Even when sin entered the world, God already had a rescue plan ready. Before Adam and Eve even left the garden, God promised a Savior.

Discussion:

1. How did the serpent tempt Eve?
2. Adam & Eve hid from God, have you ever felt like hiding after doing something wrong?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You that even when people first sinned, You promised a Savior. Thank You for rescuing us. Amen.

Day 2: 1 Man Brought Sin...1 Man Brought Life

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:18

Devotional:

When Adam sinned, sin spread to everyone. That's what Romans 5:18 teaches. It says that just as one trespass led to condemnation for all people, one righteous act led to justification and life for all people. That sounds like a lot of big words - let's make it simple. Because Adam sinned, every person is born with a sin problem. We don't have to be taught to be selfish or disobedient, it comes naturally. That's because sin affects all of us. But God didn't stop there. He sent Jesus. And Jesus did what Adam could not do. Jesus obeyed God perfectly. He never sinned. Not once. Then He did something incredible — He took our punishment. When Jesus died on the cross, He took the consequences of sin on Himself. His one righteous act made it possible for us to be made right with God. Adam brought sin and death. Jesus brings forgiveness and life!

Discussion:

1. What are some ways we see sin in the world today?
2. Why is it important that Jesus lived a perfect life?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for obeying perfectly and taking my punishment. Thank You for giving me life instead of death. Help me trust You and share Your good news with others. Amen.

Day 3: This Was Always God's Plan

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:19-20

Devotional:

Was Jesus dying on the cross a surprise? Did God suddenly think, "Oh no! What should I do?" Not at all. 1 Peter 1:19–20 tells us Jesus was like a perfect lamb without blemish. In Bible times, people sacrificed lambs as offerings for sin. The lamb had to be spotless and perfect. Jesus is called the "Lamb of God" because He was perfect and gave His life for us. But here's the most amazing part: the Bible says Jesus was chosen before the creation of the world! Before God made the earth…
Before Adam and Eve sinned…
Before you were even born…
God already knew He would send Jesus. That means the cross wasn't an accident. It was part of God's loving, perfect plan all along. That shows us just how incredible God's love is for us...He had a plan all along!! We can share this good news with those around us by loving others the way God loves them.

Discussion:

1. How does it make you feel knowing God planned to save you before you were even born?
2. Why do you think God calls Jesus a "Lamb"?

Prayer:

God, thank You that nothing surprises You. Thank You for planning to send Jesus all along so that I could have a relationship with You. Your love is bigger than I can even understand and imagine. Amen.

Day 4: Forgiven & Free...the Only Way

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:9 & John 14:6

Devotional:

So what do we do with all this good news? 1 John 1:9 says if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. To confess means to agree with God that we've sinned and to ask for forgiveness. Because Jesus already paid the price, God can forgive us completely. Imagine owing a huge debt and someone steps in and pays it ALL. That's what Jesus did! IJesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Jesus didn't say He was one of many ways, but THE way. Why? Because He's the only one who lived perfectly and paid for sin. Accepting Jesus, Believing He died for us, and Confessing our sins leads to salvation and eternal life with God!

Activity:

Gather 1 cup of water & a spoonful of dirt (or pepper)

1. Show the clean water. Say: "This is how God made our hearts."
2. Add dirt. Stir it. Say: "Sin makes our hearts dirty." (Genesis 3)
3. Ask: "Can we make it clean again by stirring harder?" (No!)
4. Explain: "Only Jesus can truly clean our hearts."

Prayer:

Jesus, I believe You are the only way to God. Thank You for forgiving my sins. Help me to follow You every day. Amen.

Memory Verse

"But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and rewards everyone who searches for him." Hebrews 11:6 (CEV)