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John 14:1-5 and 18

Materials

None

Opening Activity

Ask the children to tell you about their house. Have them discuss how many rooms are in their house and who all the people are in the house that live together.

Read John 14:1-5 and 18

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way? [Jesus said,] "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

Question 1

Why does Jesus tell us that our hearts should not be troubled?

When Jesus says that our hearts are troubled it means that something is bothering us or causing us to hurt on the inside. When Jesus died on the cross he died to destroy our sins. Then He came back to life and lives even now. When we believe in Him, His Holy Spirit lives inside us and gives us peace. Jesus is reminding us that when we believe in Him, He brings us peace in our hearts!

Question 2

What does Jesus tell us He is going to do for us in His Father's house?

He says he is going to prepare a room for us, and because God the Father's house will always be safe and strong, if we trust Jesus, we will always be cared for and be with God forever.

Question 3

How does Jesus say we will know the way He is going?

Jesus tells us that He will not ever leave us and that He will be wherever we are. Those who believe in Him receive the Holy Spirit, God Himself, living inside of them, so God never leaves us! The Holy Spirit loves us, teaches us, prays for us, and helps us know God more and more – so if we know Jesus and have God's Holy Spirit living inside of us, then we'll always know the way Jesus is going.

Passage Activity

Remind the children that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and came back to life so that we can have a relationship with God. Remind them that those who believe this receive the gift of God's Holy Spirit. This way we are never apart from God. Have the children share with the group things they can trust God with (examples may be school, friends, sports teams, etc.).

Wrap Up

Remind the children that God lives inside everyone who trusts His Son, Jesus Christ, to save them and to bring them home. Tell them what good news this is and ask them if anyone would like to pray to God about this. Share with them that God gives us peace in our hearts when we trust Jesus. Thank God together in prayer.