

Kids/Family Bible Discovery-March 22, 2020

Eye Candy



Opening Idea: Our idiom for this week is Eye Candy. Unless it's Halloween, candy is not usually shaped like an eyeball. This idiom describes something that is appealing to the eye and may be described as being beautiful or desirable. Hopefully, this is used in a positive way, but, in our story today, we will see what happens when it leads to greed.

Read: Mark 14:1-2; 53-65

Devotional Thought: There is a reason why the law puts more weight on premeditated murder. All murder is wrong, of course, and subject to justice. But consider the cold, hateful, evil resolve to continually keep the death of someone else at the forefront of your mind.

Jesus was a wanted man, and there was nothing that could shake his enemies from the thought of Jesus's death. It was the eye candy that the chief priests and scribes had in their mind. Their desire was the death of Jesus. This eye candy drove them to commit murder. As terrible as that all sounds, there was an even stronger reason for Jesus's impending crucifixion.

The death of Jesus was eye candy to God as well. There was nothing that could shake God from sending Jesus to the cross, to die.

As much as the chief priests thought they were in control, as much as they truly had hate in their hearts and murder in their eyes, they were merely instruments of God since the day Adam and Eve sinned. You see, the sweetest story was about to unfold as Jesus was convicted to crucifixion to pay for all sins, including the sins of those who would kill him.

What things have caught your eye? What eye candy has distracted you from seeing what was really going on? You may not be plotting anyone's death, but perhaps your eyes have not seen the true value of someone else's life: calling someone a fool, thinking ill of the needy, saying horrible things to a loved one. And when we do this to others, we do it to Jesus too.

In our lives, we are often captivated by success and repulsed by suffering. The season of Lent calls us to see suffering in a different way and to understand successes as gifts given, not accomplishments completed.

Jesus sees our eyes and knows our thoughts, and he went to the cross anyway. God saw the sweetness that the death of Jesus would bring. Jesus died for you, giving you new life, and providing the forgiveness of all your sin. When all we see is greed or hate, God sees something more. We are eye candy to God who sent Jesus to bring us to Him.

Table Talk:

- What is your favorite type of candy?
- How is the story of Jesus something sweet?
- What are some things that distract you from focusing on following Jesus?
- Sometimes suffering and pain are only seen as bad things. How is the suffering and pain of Jesus a good thing for us?

Activity: A Sweet Treat

Supplies needed: Lifesavers Candy

Sometime this week (if you are able) buy a package of Lifesaver's candies and share them with everyone in the family. As you eat this sweet treat, talk about how the story of Jesus's life, death and resurrection are the sweetest story in the world and that he is our lifesaver!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, forgive us for the times we have been captivated by things of this world. Forgive us for our murderous eyes. Thank you for willingly giving up Your life for our sake, that we may live forever. Help us care for the lives of those around us. Amen.

And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right
hand of the Mighty One and coming
on the clouds of heaven. -Mark 14:62

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