

Who is Your 'One Man': Adam or Jesus? (2/25/24)

Verses: Romans 5:12-21

Main Verse: Romans 5:17

Takeaway: Since our first father Adam only gave us sin & death, our hope is not that each generation will get smarter & kinder than the last, but that Jesus has made eternal life possible for all.

Getting Started: Have you ever tried to fix something but weren't able to?

Read: Romans 5:12-21 (or ask older children to help read)

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- How did death come into the world?
- Are we able to change what Adam started?
- How did eternal life become possible for us?

Elementary:

- How did death come into the world?
- What did man do about it? Could it be "fixed"?
- How did eternal life become possible for us?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- We all know how someone (parent, coach, leader) can influence many other people, for better, or sometimes, sadly, for worse.
- In deciding to turn away from God in doubt, our first father, Adam, influenced everyone (everyone in the human family, including you & me) for the worse.
- When Adam (one man) disobeyed God, man's end became death instead of life, because God is holy. Since we, like Adam, are sinners, we also die.
- No matter how hard people have tried (or try), we cannot fix our own sin problem.
- In his great love & mercy, God, thru Jesus's death & resurrection, made it possible for us, thru faith in Jesus, to know him & live with him forever.
- Jesus, the new Man, brings new birth, a new family, & life forever instead of death.

Elementary:

- We all know how someone (parent, coach, leader) can influence so many other people, for better, or sometimes, sadly, for worse.
- In deciding to turn away from God in doubt, our first father, Adam, influenced everyone (everyone in the human family, including you & me) for the worse.
- When Adam (one man) disobeyed God, man's end became death instead of life, because God is holy. Since we, like Adam, are sinners, we also die.
- No matter how hard people have tried (or try), we cannot fix our own sin problem. Being kinder or nicer is not enough to appease God's justice for our sins.
- In His great love & mercy, God, thru Jesus's death & resurrection, made it possible for us, thru faith in Jesus, to know God & live with him forever.
- Jesus, the new Man, brings new birth, a new family, & life forever instead of death.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for his great love & mercy. Thank him that although our first father, Adam, turned away from him, bringing death to all, God sent his Son, Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Thank God that thru Jesus' death & resurrection it is now possible for us, thru faith in Jesus, to know God & live with him forever.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for his great love & mercy. Thank him that although our first father, Adam, turned away from God, bringing death to all, God sent his Son, Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Thank God that thru Jesus' death & resurrection it is now possible for us, thru faith in Jesus, to know God & live with him forever.

