Sunday, May 21, 2023 Scripture: Romans 6:1-14

Memory Verse ~ **Romans 6:14:** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Theme of the story: It doesn't matter how good someone thinks they are, they still need Jesus. It doesn't matter how bad someone thinks they are, Jesus still can save them. Jesus died for our sins. He was raised from the dead. Those who believe in Jesus will also have eternal life.

Retelling For Young People

<u>We do not have to sin anymore.</u> This is the message of "baptism" that Paul proclaims in Romans 6: that through baptism we are united with Christ. And if we are united with Christ, then what is true of him is true of us. Dead to sin, we no longer have any excuse to sin. We are humans and will sin, but sin does not define us. We are forgiven and can start anew.

Family discussion: Romans 6 talks about being baptized. Have you been baptized or have you seen someone get baptized? What does that mean for your family?

Activities & Crafts:

Make a Cross

Using Legos or blocks, make a cross. What does this mean to us? How does the cross remind us of Jesus? He died for us and for our sins. Do you have other crosses in your house?

Life Saver Bracelet

You will need: string or ribbon, Life Saver candy or Cheerios

Jesus is our life saver: Make a bracelet or necklace to remind us that God is our "life preserver". Using the Life Savers or Cheerios (the Cheerios can be colored ahead of time with food coloring, allow to dry), create a necklace or bracelet by string on to ribbon or string and tying to the appropriate length.

Family Prayer

Dear God,

Please help us to love and serve others. Help us to recognize how special each and every one of us is. Thank you for your love. In Jesus' name, Amen!

