

KIDS TIME:

GOOD FRIDAY 2024

What does it feel like to be hungry?

How does it feel to be tired?

I wonder if you can describe what it feels like to fly?

Can you tell me what it is like to see through walls?

Perhaps you can tell me what it is like to not be able to see at all?

When we haven't experienced something, it can be hard for us to understand it.

LET'S TRY A LITTLE EXPERIMENT.

Choose three volunteers and cover their eyes with a blindfold. Ask each of them to do a different activity that will be difficult to do while blindfolded. For example, read a sign, find their way to a particular person in the room, pick out all the red m&m's from a bowl, etc.

ASK THE VOLUNTEERS:

What was it like to try that activity when you couldn't see?

Did it help you to understand a little bit about how it might feel for someone who cannot see?

I wonder if you have ever fallen over and scraped your knee? If you have, when you see someone else fall over, you can understand a little bit what it is like for them. You know that it will hurt for a while, that they might have some trouble getting back up or walking and you know some of the things that might help them — an ice pack, band-aid or hug.

Sometimes we might wonder if God understands what we are going through. God can do anything! He knows everything!

How could he understand what it is like to be a kid?

When Jesus was born, God became a baby. Jesus grew up and experienced what it is like to live in our world. So, he understands what it is like to be a kid, a teenager or an adult. He knows what it is like to feel pain, to laugh, to cry, to feel lonely or bullied or to celebrate something wonderful. He also knows how to help us as we live our lives. We can talk to Jesus about everything that is happening and ask him to help, knowing that he will understand.

On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus died. This means that he also understands what this is like. Even in the hardest times, Jesus loves and understands us.

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EASTER SUNDAY 2024

*I wonder if you have ever received a beautifully wrapped gift?
Did you think, “This looks so beautiful that I am never going to open it?”*

Did you put it on a shelf in your room so that you could just look at the pretty package? Or, did you unwrap it and look inside?

SHOW THE CHILDREN TWO BEAUTIFUL BOXES (WITH LIDS).

Tell them that you have something very exciting in the box.

*What do you think we should do with the boxes?
Would anyone like to look inside it?*

OPEN THE FIRST BOX TO REVEAL A WOODEN CROSS.

The cross reminds us of the amazing gift that God gave us – Jesus. Jesus is amazing. When he was on Earth, Jesus:

- + Healed people who were sick
- + Fed thousands of people with just a couple of loaves of bread and some fish
- + Walked across the top of a lake
- + Stopped a storm

At Easter, we remember the most amazing thing that Jesus did was to come back to life three days after he died.

God gave us the gift of Jesus. Learning about him is like opening the gift and finding out what is inside the box.

OPEN THE SECOND BOX TO REVEAL CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS OR OTHER SMALL TREATS.

This is a small gift to you today to remind you of God’s gift of Jesus.