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Series: Jesus is Our King
Winter Year 2, Lesson 29

Get Right (Jesus Came to Get Us Right With God)

Take Home Point: *Jesus covers us with his righteousness. *Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: Luke 2:8-14 Angels announce the Birth of Jesus.

Key Verse: Romans 5:1, "Since we have been justified (declared right) through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(NIV)

We will help kids know:

- Through faith in Christ, God looks at us and sees the righteousness of Jesus instead of our sin.
- We rely on Jesus' righteousness for us to receive God's approval.




We will help kids feel:

- Convicted of their shortcomings and sin, and the need for a Savior.
- Security in knowing Jesus as our Savior who covers us with his righteousness.

We will help kids do:

- Identify sin in our lives.
- Claim Jesus' covering righteousness and forgiveness.
- Make a Christmas ornament as a reminder of how Jesus covers our sin with his righteousness.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3	Kids write sins on an old t-shirt. Some try on the t-shirt to signify that our righteousness is like filthy rags.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a white t-shirt that can be written on markers
Large Group 	4 7-9 9-12 13-14	<p>Overview</p> <p>Puppet Presentation: "Countdown to Christmas Blast Off: Get Right."—Gerdy wears a space suit to protect herself from the dangers of outer space. God gives us a special suit, too. It protects us from the dangers of sin.</p> <p>Interactive Drama: "Jesus is Our Counselor" – A courtroom scene with God as judge and Satan the accuser is acted out. Jesus appears as the advocate.</p> <p>Puppet Presentation Conclusion: "Countdown to Christmas Blast Off: Get Right."—Gordy and Gerdy learn how we all sin and deserve punishment, but Jesus took our punishment and becomes righteousness for us.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gordy Gerdy aluminum foil for Gerdy's space suit (see puppet script) simulated cockpit setting for Gerdy Command Central setting Satan costume or robe (could possibly be a dark t-shirt) white t-shirt or robe for Jesus gavel
Small Group Application 	4-6	Kids discuss how they can have peace with God as they make a "Peace" ornament from sin filled t-shirt cut into strips.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> scissors ribbon ornament hangers or paper clip for each child 9" white felt squares for each child twist ties glitter glue

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

Supplies needed: an old t-shirt that can be written on and cut up and a permanent marker

Gather the kids close together in a group and show them the t-shirt.

Here is an old t-shirt. Today we are going to mark on it. Afterward, we might even have someone try it on and model it for us. We are going to write on this shirt some of the things that people do that are wrong or might hurt others. I want you to think about some of the things that kids do at school or at home that are called sins. It is easy to think of when you think of the things that other kids might do against you. Those are usually sins.

Collect the thoughts from the kids. Let them write the names of the sins they can readily call to mind. Most children can easily name ways *they* are wronged, but many have a hard time admitting that they are guilty of the same offenses. This is especially true of kids in the lower grades. In your discussion, also include those actions or sins which are done directly against God. These not only include sins which are actively committed, but also sins of omission, those actions of love which we have failed to do.

During the last five minutes of small group, see how many of these kids would be honest enough to admit they have committed some or all of these sins themselves. The shirt can be tried on by one or more kids. This demonstrates the truth that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's perfection. The Bible also calls our own righteousness a filthy rag if we were attempting to earn heaven by being good.

Today we are going to learn how God wants to replace this filthy rag we are wearing with a new, clean shirt. We are all walking around in filthy rags because of the sin in our lives. There is nothing we can do to "get clean" by ourselves. The only way we can get clean is to let Jesus exchange the filthy shirt for a clean one. **Jesus covers us with his righteousness.*

As we get ready for Christmas this is a good time to make sure we have asked Jesus to be a part of our lives. We want to get right with him.

Large Group: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

Overview

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Puppet Presentation Conclusion: “Countdown to Christmas Blast Off: Get Right.”—Gordy and Gerdy learn how we all sin and deserve punishment, but Jesus took our punishment and becomes righteousness for us.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

Observation Questions: What happened?

This small group discussion encourages the shepherd to listen to the kids' responses of how they would feel if they were on trial before God. After it is all said and done, would they have a friendship with God? Would they have peace with God

Today we saw a scene from an imaginary courtroom. If you imagine a trial when you die, who would be the judge? (God.)

How would God feel about you? (He would love you very much.)

Who would be the one accusing you? (Satan.)

Would you say that you are “guilty” or “not guilty” of sin? (Guilty.)

Because God is perfect and holy, what must God do to sin? (Punish it, remove it from his presence.)

Who could help save you or be your Savior? (Jesus.)

How does he do it? *(Takes his perfect white robe and places it over us. Jesus lived a perfect life and exchanged it on the cross for our sinful one.)*

Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

Read Romans 5:1.

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (NIV)

How do we receive God’s approval for that perfect white shirt of Jesus’ righteousness? *(Through faith.)*

Read Luke 2:8-11

Why is Jesus’ coming into the world such good news? What is he called in this passage? *(A Savior.)*

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

Imagine that you are now standing in God’s courtroom. Are you wearing the filthy rag, or have you been covered with the white shirt of Jesus? How do you know? *(If you trust Jesus as your Savior, you are wearing the white shirt.)*

If Jesus is your Savior, the Bible says you can have peace. Look at the song the angels sang when they appeared to the shepherds.

Read Luke 2:13-14.

To whom is peace promised? *(For those on whom God’s favor rests. This is peace given to us because *Jesus covers us with his righteousness.)*

Application Activity:

Supplies needed: the t-shirt from warm up, scissors able to cut cloth, a 9” white felt square for each child, twist ties, ornament hangers or paper clips, red ribbon, and glitter glue.

Kids make a peace ornament to remember that we have peace because Jesus covers us with his righteousness.

First, cut strips from the old t-shirt that was marked up with sins. To make the ornament, wad a small handful of the t-shirt strips into a tight ball about the size of an ornament and place it in the center a 9” square of white felt material.

Wrap the felt material around it and make a ball out of it. Use a twist tie to close it off at the top. Put an ornament hanger on the twist tie to hang it. Tie a red ribbon around the twist tie.

Using glitter glue, write the word peace so the glitter glue soaks into the felt. Conclude by saying:

The clean white felt covering the strips of dirty t-shirt are like Jesus' righteousness covering our sin. He makes us right with God.

Now, we have an ornament that says "peace" so we can remember that **Jesus covers us with his righteousness*. Because of that, we have peace with God.

Closing Prayer:

Close with prayer, especially emphasizing thanksgiving or the peace that we have because of faith in Christ.

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Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

Countdown to Christmas Blast Off: Get Right (Stage Two) Puppet Presentation

Gerdy will appear in the cockpit (see Lesson 28 for details) covered with aluminum foil as a space suit.

Commander King: **Boys and girls, welcome to Command Central.**

Gordy: Yeah, I'm Command and he's Central.

Commander King: **Yeah, whatever. Welcome to Command Central as we are counting down to Christmas blast off. Our mission is to find God. Today we are at stage two – “Get Right.”**

Gordy: Waiting in our space shuttle is my sister, Astronaut Gerdy. Commander King, will you turn on the command videos . . . By the way, that's a command.

Commander King: **Gordy, why do you give the commands?**

Gordy: Because we are at Command Central so I do the commanding part and you do the centering part.

Commander King: **What is the centering part?**

Gordy: Well, if you don't know that then you surely aren't smart enough to do the command part.

Commander King: **Whatever you say, Gordy.**

Commander King turns on the video monitor.

Commander King: **Gerdy, is that you? Are you there?**

Gerdy: ***Astronaut Gerdy here. Preparing for blast off to find God.***

Commander King: **Well, I must admit that you look quite impressive today.**

Gerdy: ***I do, don't I? This is the latest in fashion design astronaut wear.***

Commander King: **It is? What a fancy looking space suit.**

Gordy: It looks like aluminum foil to me.

Gerdy: *Well, this space suit is designed to protect me from the hostile space environment.*

Commander King: What does it protect you from?

Gerdy: *It protects me from blasting heat and freezing cold.*

Gordy: Or space boogy men!

Gerdy: *Or space boogy men. Hey, wait a minute! You didn't tell me that there were space boogy men up there.*

Commander King: Gerdy, I don't think there are space boogy men up there. But, getting the right protective covering is an important stage on your mission to find God.

Gordy: How is that?

Commander King: **God says that we need to be protected from the accusing power of sin and Satan.**

Gordy: How do we do that? With an aluminum foil astronaut suit?

Commander King: **No, not with an astronaut suit, but with a spiritual suit. We put on Jesus. We put on his perfect life that he led for us. It is called his righteousness.**

Gordy: How do we put it on?

Commander King: **Today we will discover that it is by faith we put on Jesus' righteousness. When we put it on, we are ready to blast off and meet God.**

Gordy: Cool! I hope mine will be shiny like Gerdy's.

Commander King: **Well, you can't exactly see it, but it is real, nonetheless. We will talk about that today in Kingdom Quest. As a matter of fact, we will have a drama that shows us **Jesus covers us with his righteousness.***

Gordy: You mean like a space suit?

Commander King: **Well, you just wait and see and check back here afterwards.**

Gerdy:

I'll check back, too! This is Gerdy, over and out.

Jesus is Our Counselor

Interactive Drama

The setting for this interactive drama is a courtroom scene. One adult will play the role of the prosecuting attorney, the accuser himself, Satan. He might wear a black robe. Another adult with a white robe or white t-shirt plays the role of Jesus, the defending attorney. The large group presenter can wear a robe and role-play the part of God, the Father, and narrate the entire event. This interactive drama needs to have one of the children come forward. He should wear a marked up t-shirt from warm-up, and be seated facing the judge.

This drama is best told in storytelling fashion and not read as a script. Though some of this is written in script form, it is done so that the main points might be grasped and told in the narrator's own words.

Actors, remember to be as concise as possible.

Cast a Volunteer

The volunteer for today's story is Johnny. Johnny, would you please put this shirt on? Do you know what you volunteered for? It was not just to put that shirt on, but we are going to pretend that something has happened to you. Do you know what it is? Sorry, but you died. We are going to pretend that coming out of church today, you were in a terrible car accident and you died. Uh-oh. Now you stand in a courtroom scene and you are standing in front of God himself. I am going to pretend to be God.

Define God and His Attitude

As God, I want you to know that I love you more than you can possibly imagine. I created you so that you could enjoy me and I could enjoy you. We could be friends forever. However, I am a God who is absolutely perfect. I am holy and righteous. Righteous means holy or perfect. Since I am holy, in my direct presence there can be no sin or rebellion against me.

As God, I am judge. We are in my courtroom in heaven. You have just died and you stand before me, the judge of the universe. You are now on trial for your life. You know that a trial is to prove whether someone is guilty or innocent, whether someone will be punished or set free. This trial is to see whether or not you can come and be in heaven with me forever. I ask you, how are you going to plead? Guilty or not guilty?

Introduce the Accuser

Before you can answer, there is an attorney who is called the prosecuting attorney. He is the one in the courtroom who tries to prove a person on trial is guilty.

The Bible says that Satan stands before the throne of God and accuses us of our sin day and night (Revelation 12:10). Let's see what he has to say.

The adult playing Satan has previously been prompted for his bit of script. He will say something like the following.

Prosecutor:

Your Honor, God, it is obvious that this person is guilty. Look at these sins. Let me point them out to you.

He reads the various sins written on the shirt and elaborates on them. He can recite the entire list and then claim:

Prosecutor:

That was just one day in the life of this person. God, you must punish sin. This person has rebelled against you and deserves to be separated from you forever. This person deserves hell. If you are to be a just God, you must give him what he deserves: hell! Would you not agree, God?

God has to agree. The person does deserve separation from him, punishment, and everlasting hell.

God Asks for an Answer

How do you plead? Do you plead guilty or not guilty?

Satan interrupts at this moment and asks to speak to the accused privately. He then tries to convince Johnny that he should plead not guilty. It might sound something like this.

Prosecutor:

Now, Johnny, I've been working this courtroom a long time. I would like to give you some advice. I know that some of those things you did were wrong, but they weren't really all that bad. Compared to most people I see, you really did a pretty good job. Why, think of that Boy Scout project you did to help other people. You even picked up your room, and you didn't hit your little sister more than once or twice a week. Compared to the last guy that I saw up here, you are much better. Here's my advice: plead not guilty. You have probably done enough good things to earn it and God will let you in.

Johnny Makes a Plea

At this time, Johnny is asked by God to make his plea. Will he say that he is guilty or not guilty? Even some of the kids can be asked for their advice. If he pleads not guilty, he needs to be reminded of the facts demonstrated on the shirt that he is wearing. He is finally led to enter the plea of guilty. At that, God raises his hand with the gavel and brings the sentence down. God declares:

Guilty of sin.

Satan begins to laugh and cackle. He encourages God to give Johnny the full wrath of his punishment. God continues to pronounce punishment as he raises his gavel and says,

I sentence you . . .

With his other hand he grabs his gavel hand and stops it from coming down.

Wait one minute! I call upon a defense attorney. This is someone whom I will appoint to speak this man's case. This will be my own Son, Jesus.

Jesus Enters

As Jesus enters, Satan crouches with hatred, but also points an accusing finger at Johnny.

Prosecutor:

Yes, Jesus, you must admit he is guilty.

Jesus admits it: **HE IS GUILTY.**

Then God speaks:

Jesus, I ask you, because of your love for me and your love for Johnny, will you go and take Johnny's punishment? Will you go and live a perfect life for him? Will you go to the cross and receive all the punishment that I must justly give for his sin? Would you take it for him?

Jesus answers that he will do so and do so gladly, because of his love for Johnny. Even if Johnny were the only one in the world who needed such a rescue, Jesus would gladly do it.

With that, Jesus moves behind Johnny, taking off his spotless white shirt and slipping it over Johnny. He asks Johnny if he would accept and receive this righteousness. If Johnny says, "yes," the act of putting on the clean, white t-shirt symbolizes the receiving of Jesus' righteousness. Jesus moves in front of Johnny and extends his arms out wide, making the shape of the cross.

The Final Judgment

Now the narrator, speaking as God, looks at Johnny and says as the gavel comes down:

Johnny, I declare you to be right. I declare you to be perfect. I declare you to be righteous. When I look at you, I now see the rightness of my Son, Jesus. I see the righteousness of Jesus. I see the holiness of Jesus. You are now made right because you have faith in him.

Satan might argue at this point and try to accuse Johnny of his sin. God rebukes him and says to Satan:

You have no ground here. You cannot accuse because justice has been served. Johnny's sin has been punished by Jesus taking the sin on himself. It is my power to declare Johnny right. That does not mean that Johnny has no sin. Rather, that sin is covered over with what Jesus has done.

This is what Romans 5:1 means. *"Now that we have God's approval by faith, we have peace with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done."*

Countdown to Christmas Blast Off:

Get Right (Stage Two)

Puppet Presentation Conclusion

Commander King: So, what do you think, Gordy and Gerdy? We are not talking about a space suit today, but a special way that Jesus covers us with his righteousness.

Gerdy: *Yes, I would need that. It could do something that my shiny space suit couldn't. It could cover my sin.*

Gordy: Yeah, Gerdy, and you have plenty of it.

Gerdy: *Well, so do you, Gordy.*

Gordy: Well, I er...

Commander King: I think she's right, Gordy. You need it, too.

Gordy: Yeah, I guess I do. But if I know Jesus as my Savior, and if I have faith in him, I'm wearing his righteousness, right?

Commander King: That's right.

Gordy: Shew, that's good news for me!

Gerdy: ***And for me!***

Commander King: **And for me, too. I need it, also. And these kids need it, too. Let's have them go back to their small groups and discuss it. Would you please have a closing prayer, Gordy?**

Gordy: Okay. Dear God, I know that I am guilty of doing things that are wrong sometimes. My shirt is marked with lots of yucky sins. I am sorry, but thank you for Jesus and how he came into this world for me, and took my sins when he died for me on the cross. Thank you that Jesus covers us with his righteousness. Thank you that we can have peace with you forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Okay Gerdy, we are over and out here at Command Central.

Gerdy waves.

Gordy: Now, we extend the official waving of our hand sign to each other, a special message among all astronauts.

Commander King: **Oh yeah? I didn't know that. What does it mean?**

Gordy: It means bye-bye.

Commander King: **Okay, Gordy, everybody knows that!**

Gordy: You didn't! That's why I'm Command and he's Central!

Commander King: **Roger and out, from Command Central with our Countdown to Christmas blast Off. Bye-bye.**