

Grade: 5
Religious Studies
Classwork#5: Celebrating Easter- Part 1
Total Marks: 10

Read the passage, then answer the questions.

According to Webster's Dictionary, the word "sacrifice" means the offering of something to a deity, as in propitiation; something so offered; to surrender for the sake of something else. The word propitiation comes from the word propitiate which means to appease or conciliate. A sacrifice is therefore intended to appease a deity.

In the Old Testament, lambs and other animals were used as sacrifices when persons committed sin. The priest usually offered sacrifices on behalf of the people. Sacrifices were offered year after year for sin. The New Testament records the death of Jesus on the cross. Jesus was referred to as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." (John 1:29) After Jesus' death animal sacrifices were no longer needed.

Jesus sacrificed His life so that mankind everywhere could have eternal life. Because of Jesus death, anyone who believes in Him "shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) This sacrifice appeased God fully. Individuals now have the freedom to approach God because of the death of Jesus (Hebrews 10:22). Through Jesus' death the lives of individuals can be transformed.

Individuals are required to sacrifice their time, money, talents and even their lives to help others. Romans Chapter 12 verse 1 states that we must offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God.

Although the world was filled with sin, God loved it so much that He sent His only Son to die for mankind. This was the ultimate sacrifice and showed the extent of God's love. In John 15:13 Jesus states, "The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them."

Because of Jesus' love for mankind He endured much pain and suffering. Jesus was whipped, mocked and teased cruelly. A crown of thorns was pressed on His head. He had to carry a heavy cross on the way to Golgotha. He was nailed to the cross with large nails where He endured the brutal death of crucifixion.

God's love and ultimate sacrifice for mankind through the death of His Son, Jesus, has impacted the whole world. Individuals in every part of the world have experienced salvation from sin. This transformation of the hearts of individuals has resulted in the love of Jesus being spread throughout the world. God's love helps, teaches and heals us.

1. According to the passage, define the following words:

(i) sacrifice

_____ [1]

(ii) propitiation

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2. According to the passage, list **TWO** things which were offered as sacrifices when people sinned.

_____ [1] _____ [1]

3. Based on the passage, why did Jesus sacrifice His life?

_____ [1]

4. Jesus sacrificed His life. People sacrifice their time. Name **TWO** other things people sacrifice. (Answer must come from the passage).

_____ [1] _____ [1]

5. According to the passage, God's love and ultimate sacrifice for mankind through the death of His Son, Jesus, has impacted the whole world. **Explain** how.

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