

Tea Bag Gospel

Read Philippians 2:5-11

Do & Talk

You'll need: a tea bag (one with string and a tag) and scissors.

1. Remove the label – The label tells us what tea it is. Jesus has many labels that tell people something about who he is (e.g. Christ, Saviour, Good Shepherd, Messiah). When Jesus came to earth he put aside all his glory and became like a servant, setting aside all his special titles to become like us.
2. The string – Remove the string and show it. We can often become attached or tied to things here that we think make us happy. But Jesus had his eye on the future kingdom and knew that doing what God wanted – even if it meant going to the cross – was the most important thing.
3. The staple – Carefully remove the staple from the tea bag and show it. Look at the holes left in the tea bag. Jesus was not pierced with a staple but with nails and a spear when he was put on the cross.
4. The tea – Carefully open the bag without ripping it and show the tea inside. Tea looks like dirt and if you put it in water it changes all the water. When we do things that are wrong, it is a bit like the tea, it makes the rest of our lives feel yucky too. When Jesus died on the cross, he made a way for all our sins to be washed away. When we say sorry to God, Jesus' blood makes us clean again. Empty the tea leaves into a dish.
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Older children can have a look at the following link on YouTube that adds a few extra elements to this story: www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4Fqu5fFIGM