

Dear Parents,

This year the Believe Conference is called "The Messiah". This past week in Metamorphosis we began our Believe journey.

Week 1 On Sunday – Jan 24th

In our study we looked at the Paradox that humans exhibit both "Greatness" and "Wretchedness". And how man was once great and now is "fallen". We looked for clues in Genesis 1 that God intended man for something special. Then we examined in Genesis 3:1-13 and 3:21-24, how sin entered the picture. We discussed the role of the High Priest in the Old Testament, which can be explored further in Leviticus 5:11-13 and 16:3-10. We completed our discussion with the idea the God sent Jesus to take the place of the High Priest and to become the ultimate sacrifice for sin.

On Their Own - Believe 5 for 5 - This week at home!

The students were sent home with a discussion sheet called "The Messiah: the High Priest" and a homework sheet called 5 for 5. The homework sheet is designed for them to spend 5 minutes for 5 days reading their Bible and answering the questions for each day.

Together - Possible Study & Related Discussion as a family....

Spend some time this week reading Hebrews 9:11-15 and discussing a few of the following questions with your student.

- * What stands out to you personally from this passage? Why?
- * Based on this passage, how is the Messiah (the Christ) similar to the Old Testament priests? How is He different?
- * All this talk about sacrifices and blood can seem strange to us in our modern culture. But we must face it: The Messiah died a brutal, bloody death for us. As the High Priest, He was the sacrifice for our sin. What's your reaction to this idea? What does it make you think or feel?

Family Activity -

This week go to the game closet or cabinet and have your son or daughter choose a game to play. Pop some popcorn and make an evening of it!

Upcoming Reminders.....

Snack this week - Miss Karina!!!

On Deck to serve in the pre-school area this next Sunday - Evan & Brendan

Remaining \$25 for Believe due Sunday.