

Illustration of what happened to our Sin when Jesus Died

Items needed:

Smooth plate

Clear drinking glass

Penny

Votive candle

Coloured water (water with a few drops of food colouring) *Set the plate down.*

For some of us, it might be hard to really understand what happened when Jesus died on the cross. What does that mean for you?

Let's look at it this way: Imagine this is you.

Bring out the penny. Set it on the plate.

No matter how hard we try to be good, all of us have done bad things. We call this sin.

*Pour the coloured water into the plate.**

Sin covers us up. We're drowning in it. There's not way out for us on our own. But then God sent his son, Jesus.

Place the lit candle onto the plate. The candle needs to be setting in the water but not covering the penny.

Jesus came to be a light. He lived a perfect life. And then he died on the cross.

Place the drinking glass over the candle. (After a few seconds, the light will go out and then the water will soak up inside the glass.)

That amazing act of love takes our sin away. If we accept Jesus and ask for his forgiveness, he will forgive us of our sins. They are gone forever.

That's what Easter is all about.

**To ensure success, you need to practice this object lesson beforehand, experimenting with different amounts of water and making sure the plate has an even surface. To see what this lesson is supposed to look like, go to:*

<http://anotherdayintheministry.blogspot.com/2011/04/easter-object-lesson.html>

