

21st June 2020

Theme: St. Peter – Saying sorry for our mistakes

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you

Does everyone know what this is? (**show a calendar**) It's a calendar. How many of you have a calendar hanging up in your house?

Calendars have many uses, don't they? We use calendars to mark time. We keep track of fun things like holidays, and not so fun things like doctor's appointments and then there's the dentist. We schedule holiday, and birthdays. What else do we do with calendars? (I know at the moment not a lot!)

A calendar is a very valuable tool, isn't it? But there's a problem with this calendar. Does anyone know what that is?

This calendar is out of date. It's old? And an out of date calendar is really no good. Do you know Why? Because the dates in this calendar have already happened. It's in the past.

You know, this calendar reminds me of my own past. There are times in my life I wish I could forget, times when I was naughty or made mistakes. If this calendar held a record of the mistakes I made this year, I'd be embarrassed to show it to you. I bet all of you would say the same.

But here's the thing about calendars. They usually go on sale in the autumn, in anticipation of the new year. But once the new year comes, what happens?

People mark the calendars down by fifty percent off, and sometimes seventy-five off Eventually, any calendars that don't sell get thrown away. Do you know why? Because they're expired. No one would think of keeping an expired calendar in their house. But many times we keep the memories of our past mistakes and sins, don't we?

But we don't have to if we believe in Jesus. You know why? The Bible says when we are saved, Jesus takes our sins away.

Lets see what the Bible says in Psalm 103: " He has taken our sins away from us as far as the east is from west.

So let's remember what the calendar has to teach us. The mistakes of our past don't need to stay with us today.

Give your mistakes and your sins to Jesus, and he will take them away, just like an expired calendar.

Amen

Activity: For your activities today I have attached a whole load of things for you all to do.

Let's pray

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross so that we can have our sins forgiven. Thank You for forgiving our sins. Please help us to forgive others as You forgive us. **Amen.**

Leader: As our Saviour taught us so we pray:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen