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John 6:51

John 6:41-71

Main Truth: People who listen to God believe in Jesus.

***"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Jesus said. "If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever."*** Jesus was teaching the people in the synagogue (that's like a church).

"What is he talking about?" Some of the people whispered. "That doesn't make any sense!" Others grumbled loudly. "Who does He think He is?" More people grumbled. Many of the people heard Jesus' words but they did not like what they heard! They didn't believe that Jesus was from heaven!

***"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever."*** Jesus was telling the people He is the bread of life. Jesus wanted the people to understand that all people need Him to be part of God's family. God's life never ends. God's life is wonderful, but to be part of God's life we need Jesus. Jesus wanted people to understand that only Jesus can give this wonderful life that never ends. Just like all people need to eat food to live, all people need Jesus to live as part of God's family forever.

The people did not understand. They thought they knew Jesus' mother and father. The people thought that Joseph was Jesus' father. But they were wrong. God is Jesus' true Father. Jesus is God and came from heaven to earth. These people did not believe that Jesus came from heaven.

Jesus was sad. He was sad people were grumbling and complaining. He was sad they would not believe Him. **"If you listen to God the Father, you would listen to Me and believe Me."** **Jesus knew that people who listen to God believe in Jesus.** God wants people to believe that Jesus is from heaven. God wants people to have the gift of eternal life.

The Bible is God's true word. All of this part of the Bible (show the Old Testament) is God's words that were written before Jesus came as a man to the earth. All of these words talk about Jesus coming from heaven to earth to pay the penalty of sin for people so they can be forgiven and become part of God's family.

Jesus told the people again that He was from heaven. He told them again that He gives the gift of eternal life. But the people became angry. They argued with one another. The people did not like what Jesus said.

Jesus loves people. Even when they do not believe Him, He still loves them. But people can only have the gift of eternal life when they trust Jesus as their Savior. Eternal life is a wonderful life that starts as soon as we believe Jesus and eternal life never ever ends!

Jesus would die on the cross to pay the price of sin. Sin has to be punished because God is just. But God loved people so much Jesus would take all of the punishment that sin causes. Then, since sin is paid for, anyone who believes in Jesus can be part of God's family. But to say, "No Jesus, I don't want you" is to say, "No God, I don't want to live with you forever."

**People who listen to God will believe in Jesus.** (hold hand to ear and then to the heart) People who believe God's words will believe Jesus is from heaven and receive eternal life. When we listen to God by listening to our bible stories each week, we can believe Jesus' words are true. **To listen and believe God is like taking a sandwich and eating it. (Make the motion of making a sandwich and taking a bite).**

Many of the people who heard Jesus say, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever" left Jesus that day and stopped following Jesus. Jesus was sad.

Jesus turned to His twelve special disciple friends. Jesus said, "Will you leave Me too?"

Peter was one of those twelve special friends. Peter said, "Jesus, we do not want to go. You talk about eternal life. We believe you give the gift of eternal, wonderful life from God. We know you are from heaven." This made Jesus happy. Peter listened to God. **People, like Peter, who listen to God believe in Jesus.**

Jesus proved His words were true because after He died on the cross to pay for our sins, He became alive again! Jesus is the only way to have eternal life. **People who listen to God believe in Jesus.**

1. Where did Jesus come from? Bethlehem or heaven?
2. Who is Jesus' Father?
3. Did most of the people believe Jesus came from heaven or did they grumble?
4. Why did Jesus come from heaven to the earth?
5. Can we be part of God's family by being good or do we need to believe in Jesus?
6. What did Jesus do so we can be forgiven from sin?
7. Are we part of God's family because we are nice or because we trust in Jesus?
8. Who do we need to listen to so we can believe in Jesus?
9. What book do we read and listen to in order to hear God?
10. Which disciple friend said he wanted to stay with Jesus?
11. Who has the words of eternal life?
12. Does eternal life end or last forever?
13. When does eternal life start...when we die or when we believe in Jesus?
14. Describe eternal life (older kids)
15. How can we be sure that Jesus was telling the truth (older kids)

Hymn Time:

How Wondrous and Great  
Trust and Obey  
Alleluia, Praise to the Lord

Infant story:

Many people came to hear Jesus.

Jesus told them He was from heaven

Jesus told the people He gives eternal life--A wonderful life that never ends.

Peter listened to Jesus' words.

Peter believed in Jesus.

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