

Easter Peeps

The Perfect Timing of Easter

PREP

Supplies:

- 1 package of Easter-shaped (rabbits, bunnies, etc.) marshmallow peeps
- Small bag of chips (potato or tortilla)
- 3 small Styrofoam bowls of salsa or chip dip
- 3 disposable cups of orange juice

Mark a Bible to 1 Corinthians 5:7.

DEMONSTRATION

Invite 3 volunteers up to the front of the room. Give each a small bowl of salsa. Then pull out a package of marshmallow peeps and give each student a peep. Then say, “Okay, go ahead and use your peep to eat your salsa.”

Let your students be grossed out and then say, “Oh, I’m sorry, I guess it’s not the best time to eat peeps.” Then pull out some chips and let them each take some chips and their salsa and sit back down.

Call up 3 more volunteers. Give them each an Easter marshmallow peep to eat. As they are eating, offer them each a cup of orange juice. If they take it, ask them if the peeps and orange juice taste good together. Let them share their responses then have them to take their seats.

OBJECT LESSON

Timing is important, don’t you think? You may love salsa, but it’s disgusting when eaten the same time as marshmallow peeps. You may LOVE peeps, but who eats them with orange juice? Yuck!

We may love all kinds of foods, but that doesn’t mean eating all our favorite things at one time is a good idea. We also don’t brush our teeth and then eat supper. Timing is important.

Timing was also very important when Jesus chose to give his life and die on a cross.

Before Jesus died, the Jews were God’s special chosen people. But because they sinned—just like we all have done—their most important religious leader, the High Priest, had to make an important sacrifice on behalf of everyone once a year so that they could be forgiven.

For hundreds of years a High Priest made this sacrifice on a special Friday every spring during a holy holiday called the “Passover.”

God chose for Jesus to die on this special day at the very same time the High Priest offered a perfect, pure lamb as a sacrifice for all the people.

I Corinthians 5:7 says, “Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us.”

After Jesus died and rose again there was no longer a need for people to make an animal sacrifice because Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice once and for all.

WRAP UP

Say, “It wasn’t by chance that Jesus died when he did. Jesus’ death was all part of God’s perfect plan for Him to be the perfect and final sacrifice on behalf of every human’s sin.”