JESUS AND JUDAS (John 13:18-30)



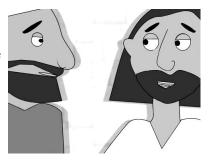
Jesus was at the very last meal he would have with his disciples before his death. Everyone was reclined at the table having their meal together. Jesus had just taught them how important it was for them to love one another by serving each another.

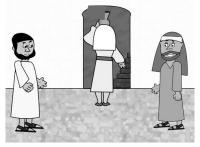
Then Jesus's heart became troubled. He said "What I'm about to tell you is true. One of you is going to hand me over to my enemies."

The disciples stared at each other. They had no idea who Jesus was talking about! Which of these beloved friends would turn against Jesus?

John leaned in towards Jesus and asked, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is the one I will give this piece of bread to. I will give it to him after I have dipped it in the dish." He dipped the piece of bread. Then he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "Do quickly what you are going to do."





But no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Judas was in charge of the money. So some of the disciples thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the feast. Others thought Jesus was talking about giving something to poor people. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night....

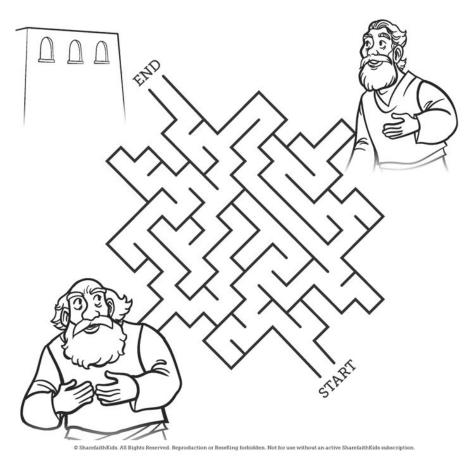
SO... what do we learn from this?

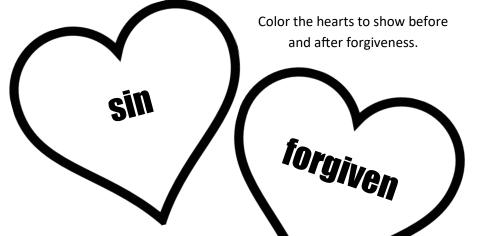
Friends, just like Jesus knew Judas's heart, he knows ours too. We can hide our sin from others but we can't hide it from God. But there is good news. The Bible says,

"But God is faithful and fair. If we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure." 1 John 1:9

Judas never believed that, but we still can.

Thank you Jesus that you see our darkest parts and still offer us amazing love and forgiveness.





Jesus always forgives us when we ask.