

STRIP THE WIRE

SCRIPTURE:

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103: 11-12)

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) Wire Cutters
- (1) Wire

MAIN MESSAGE:

Understanding the forgiveness of God is crucial for all. We struggle with this concept because we might forgive, but the human side of us tends to keep some of the old around. When God forgives, He strips that sin away from us, and holds us accountable for it no more.

SONG: “Nothing But the Blood”

LESSON:

One day, just out of curiosity, I decided to google “who invented the electric wire cover”. I definitely learned something I had not known before. Upon discovering the ability to channel electricity through a wire, Thomas Edison envisioned a place where this wire could be connected to light bulbs and thus, when the circuit was made complete by a switch of some sorts, the light bulb would come on and illuminate it’s surroundings. As you know, he was successful in this effort, and on December 31, 1879, he demonstrated his invention in a few houses along a residential neighborhood in Menlo Park, New Jersey, causing them to glow with light.

While this was definitely a huge success and step forward in our history, Edison knew his product wasn’t quite yet complete. If it was going to be something that could be used in homes across America, he had to make sure the electric wire would not burn down homes by way of starting fires. He also needed to make sure the wire was waterproof. In order to accomplish this, he wrapped what he called the “electric conductor” (that’s the wire) in a layer of cotton and then covered both the wire and the cotton insulation in a rubber compound. According the patent issued to Thomas Edison on March 15, 1892, my question was answered. The same man who is given credit for inventing the lightbulb also invented the electric wire cover as we know it today.

This wire represents our lives, and the cover represents sin. The wire cutters represent God and His ability to strip away the sin, thus making us new and usable for Him. The Scriptures tells us that God’s forgiveness- His willingness and ability to strip away the sin- is so great, that when He does so, that sin is removed from us as far as the east is from the west, and will not be held against us by God in eternity. What a powerful lesson our families need to hear! God’s forgiveness is not like man’s. When He forgives, that sin is gone. That’s why it’s so important for each of our family members to understand the need for obedience and surrender to God. Jesus is our source for eternal life (Hebrews 5: 9); however, without obedience (believing Jesus is Lord, confessing Jesus is Lord, repenting of our sins, and being baptized for the forgiveness of sins) we will never have those sins removed and be made new.

PRAYER: Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.