**The Apple Chapel by Happy Home Fairy** (<www.happyhomefairy.com>)

Good morning boys and girls! Today I brought with me a special lunch bag! I can’t wait to find out what I am going to get to eat for lunch today.

Oooo maybe it’s a sandwich. I love those. Especially when they are cut into cute shapes.

Or maybe it’s spaghetti. YUM.

Etc. etc.

What do you think is in my lunch bag?

Feel it. Make predictions.

Pull out apple.

Oh! An apple! I LOVE APPLES! Mmm apple pie, apple chips, apple cake, caramel apples… But this is just a plain ole’ apple and I love it!

Is it okay if I take a little bite? I’m suuuuuper hungry. Can I eat my lunch right now?

CRUNCH.

EW!!! Oh my goodness!!!! WORMS! Pull out a worm from inside the apple.

This is SO GROSS.

I can’t keep eating this!

You know what? This kind of reminds me of something…

This apple looked pretty nice on the outside didn’t it? But when I took a bite I found there were worms inside!!!

This kind of reminds me of our struggle with sin.

Ask the kids “What is sin?” *Sin is… the bad things we do, the wrong choices we make, it breaks our relationship with God…*

We are all like really nice apples on the outside, but inside we have this problem of sin. And the sin is like these nasty icky worms. **(clarify – we don’t really have worms inside of us, don’t worry!)**

What are some sins that we struggle with? TAKE AUDIENCE SUGGESTIONS.

Sins like…

* Being mean to your brother or sister
* Not obeying your mom when she asks you to clean up your room
* Having a bad attitude about doing homework
* Snatching a toy out of someone’s hands
* Throwing a fit when you don’t get your way

The Bible says that “For everyone has sinned. We all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23

So we have this problem. We don’t want to live with all these worms in us! We don’t want to have all of this sin because it separates us from a holy God who has no sin at all – His standard is that we not have any sin at all.

We need someone who can help us. Do you know who can help us with our sin problem?

JESUS!

That’s right. We need Jesus to take our sins away!

Take the wormy apple and put it in the Jesus box. Pull out a beautiful apple all perfect!

When we ask Jesus into our hearts he takes our sins away.

1 Cor. 15:57 says, “But thank God! He gives us victory over SIN and death through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

And do you know what He puts inside us? He takes the worms away and replaces it with His LIGHT.

Cut apple in half and show the kids the star.

Philippians 2:15 says that when we know Jesus, when we ask him to take away all of our sin and worms, then we will “shine like stars in the sky.”

Pray!