



# Lesson 43

1st-4th

## NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

June 14 & 15

**GOD IS GRACE**



### LESSON GOAL:

**Background:** In this passage, Paul explains that as humans, we are all born sinful - he says we are "dead in our sins." But God showed mercy and grace towards us by sending Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins. There's nothing we have to do to earn this gift from God, but we can choose to accept it by inviting Jesus into our hearts.

**Lesson Goal:** For kids to understand that we are all born "dead in our sins." We are separated from God. But God offers us the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and with Him, we have new life!

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Faith Foundations Class**

July 7, 14 & 21  
6:30pm-Monument Campus

**THEME FOR THIS SERIES:**  
Baker Show



### KEY VERSE:

"The whole law is fulfilled by obeying this one command. **"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."**

**Ephesians 5:14, NIRV**

### MISSION FOCUS:

#### Church In A Box

This month, we are helping friends in South Asia tell people about Jesus! We are giving them a special gift called a graduation kit to help them. This kit includes a blanket, a box of Bibles, a bongo (or drum), and a bicycle.

Our goal is to help 20 church planters, or leaders, get ready to tell others about God's love.

We want to raise **\$11,000**. Wow! That's a lot! Can you help us reach our goal? Let's pray for these leaders as they prepare to share God's love.



5:45-6:10pm  
8:45-9:10am  
10:45-11:10am

## CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.



I'm so glad to see you today, *(insert child/parent name)*!

Grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm  
9:10-9:25am  
11:10-11:25am

## EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



### DISCUSS: God is Grace!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.



Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!  
*Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.*



Today, we are learning about how **God is Grace**. This story comes from the Bible in **Ephesians 2:8-10**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?



Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



## CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



### SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

**1. Who is our story about today?**

God and people (us)

**2. What is the problem?**

We are all born sinful and our sin separates us from God

**3. What will God do?**

God offered us grace (something we do not deserve) by sending Jesus to die on the cross and rise from the dead - saving us from our sins.

Encourage kids to think about why this matters and how they can apply it to their own life as they listen to the story!



## MAKE: Cross Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

**Supplies:** cross, markers/crayons/God statement sticker



### DO:

Pass out 1 cross per child. Have them color their cross using markers or crayons and then attach the string to the top. Add the God statement sticker to the front of the cross.



### SAY:

God is grace! God gave us all mercy and grace when He sent His son, Jesus to die for our sins. We are all sinners, but God loves us so much and He wants us to accept His gift of grace. Let's make a special craft to prepare us for our lesson today.



## CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



## Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm  
9:25-9:50am  
11:25-11:50am

# LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



## EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



## HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



### SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

### MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

### KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

### PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



## WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

**SONG 1:** Nobody

**SONG 2:** Revelation Song



## LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



## WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

*May you believe God gives you grace! May you feel safe knowing God's love for you is SO big!*



## TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

# WORSHIP RESPONSE



## REFLECT: God is Grace!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

### Worship Response Station

**Supplies:** none



#### SAY:

What amazing news it is that God has such great love for us to show us mercy and grace by sending Jesus to save us from our sins! Even though we might feel that we need to get it all together sometimes, the truth is that there's NOTHING we have to do or could do to earn this gift from God, but we can choose to accept it by inviting Jesus into our hearts. God is grace!



#### DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
  - ***God has given us the gift of grace because He loves us just that much!***
    - ***Let's all think about God's love for us as we give ourselves a BIG hug.*** Give yourself a big hug.
  - ***How do you feel inside knowing that God loves you SO much?*** Let kids share. Give ideas - warm, happy, safe, etc.
  - ***We need God's grace because we ALL sin. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God.***
  - ***When we sin, we can run to God and ask Him for forgiveness and help to do what is right. Let's take some time right now to practice running to God in prayer.***
    - Have kids stand up. Then, have kids pretend to run in place and quickly sit down and bow their heads. Then, invite kids to talk to God in their heads as they ask forgiveness for any ways they may have sinned recently.
  - ***God is grace and God hears our prayers! God loves you!***
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



## BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



#### SAY:

*May you believe God gives you grace! May you feel safe knowing God's love for you is SO big!*

6:50-7:10pm  
9:50-10:10am  
11:50am-12:10pm

# RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



## APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.

**Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!**

**1. Who was our story about today?**

God and people (us)

**2. What was the problem?**

We are all born sinful and our sin separates us from God

**3. What did God do?**

God offered us grace (something we do not deserve) by sending Jesus to die on the cross and rise from the dead - saving us from our sins.

**4. Why does this matter to me?**

I can't do anything to earn salvation and a relationship with Jesus, but I can accept the free gift of grace God has offered

**5. How can I apply this to my own life?**

Example: I can accept Jesus into my heart and receive God's free grace; I can tell others about this amazing gift of grace



## PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



**SAY:**

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



**DO:**

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents  
arrive after  
service

# CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



**DO:**

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.