

ELEMENTARY

July 5, 2020

MEMORY VERSE

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."

Ephesians 2:8, NIrV

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

BIBLE STORY

Grace is Gift

Ephesians 2: 8-9

LIFE APP

Faith-trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is a gift for everyone.

ACTIVITY: EVERYBODY IN

What You Need: A flat bedsheet

What You Do:

Round up the entire family and spread out the sheet on the floor. Tell everyone to find a spot to stand on the sheet. Say, "Okay! Everybody in!" See who can strike the funniest pose.

Then tell everyone to hop off the sheet and fold it over once. Instruct everyone to find a spot on the sheet. Call out, "Everybody in!" again. This time, see who can make the silliest facial expression.

Again, have everyone move off the sheet and fold it to make it smaller. Continue to fold the sheet and issue the "everybody in" challenge until everyone can no longer fit. Challenge your family to get creative, maybe by putting the smallest kid on your shoulders or having a younger sibling get on the back of an older sibling.

Talk about the Bible Story:

- * In your own words, what do you think grace is? (God's love, God's forgiveness, getting something you don't deserve, a gift)
- * Who messes up? Who makes mistakes? (Everyone-moms, dads, stepparents, teachers, etc.)
- * True or false? God expects me to do the right thing all the time, and then He will let me have a relationship with Him. (False! Our relationship with God isn't based on what we do. It's based on what Jesus has done. When we understand that Jesus came as a gift, and we put our trust in Him as Savior, we can have a relationship with God forever.)
- * So, who is Jesus? And what did He do for us? (Jesus is God's son. Jesus was sent by God to give His life so that we could have a relationship with God now and forever.)
- * Jesus is a gift for everybody. For you, for me, for people in other countries, for people with every color of skin, hair, and eyes, no matter how many times we mess up. When it comes to Jesus, everybody's in.



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Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Because Jesus came to Earth, lived a perfect life, and died for us, we can be in Your family forever. That's incredible-that's the gift of grace. And You offer that gift to everybody. All we have to do is have faith in You. Help us remember that You love us no matter what- even when we mess up. Amen."