



JULY

W-1

July
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Grades

3-4

I can trust God no matter what.

This Is Amazing Grace

Bible Story: This Is Amazing Grace (Grace is a Gift) • *Ephesians 2:8-9*

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*

Life App: Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

WEEKLY ITEMS – see opposite page

OPENING VIDEO

Get Reel 2.0 – Week 1 - Discovery

OPENING ACTIVITY

Get Your Head in the Game

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: Blindfolds, pre-cut wrapping paper, tape, empty gift box, timer

What You Do:

- **Ask** for a volunteer to be blindfolded and wrap the gift box while you time them.
- Make sure the supplies are all within arm's reach.
- As soon as they finish, **stop** the time and let the group score their gift "presentation," on a scale of 1-100.
- Also make note of the times, asking kids to remember their time.
- **Choose** another person to go next. **Continue** as long as time allows.
- **Ask:** Who wrapped the box the quickest? Who has the highest score for presentation? Is there any correlation between those two qualities?

What You Say:

"Wrapping gifts blindfolded may not be the best idea . . . but if I'm honest, I love a gift, no matter how it's wrapped! *[Transition]* **Let's watch the video to hear about the most awesome gift of all. Any guesses?"**

LESSON VIDEO

252 Movie - 'So and So' Week 1

Discuss the Key Question: **Why do people give gifts?** (You may want to write it on the whiteboard.)

BIBLE STORY ACTIVITY

Bible Story Extension

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: "T-shirt Template" Activity Page, markers, "Play Money" Activity Page, (optional) magazines, glue, scissors

What You Do:

- **Give** each kid a t-shirt template and ask them to design a t-shirt that appeals to everyone.
 - The group will decide which one they want to buy.
 - Encourage them to spread out around your group's space in order to focus and give their designs their best shots. (They should feel "pressure" to design the best!)
 - Explain that artistic ability doesn't matter. Shirts can have funny or inspirational sayings with no art on them at all. They can use all parts/sides of the shirt in their design, as well.
 - If you have them, set out the magazines, scissors, and glue to let kids get a bit more "robust" with their creations.
- Once everyone is finished (or after about 8-10 minutes), **spread** out the designs on the table (or floor) and **hand** everyone \$10 of fake money.
- **Explain** that they are going to walk around and shop.
 - They should pick their favorite t-shirt design (but it cannot be their own) and give their \$10 to the designer of that shirt.
- Who has the most money (t-shirt sales) at the end? He or she is the winner!
- **Talk** about the activity:
 - How did it feel designing a t-shirt, knowing it had to be the best?
 - Did it feel like you had to perform? Did you feel like you had to do it "right" or "best"?
 - How do these feelings relate to today's Bible Scripture? (They're the opposite; God's grace is free and it doesn't matter how we try to earn it)
- Open the Bible to Ephesians 2:8-9 and ask someone to **read** the verses aloud.
- **Ask** the following and **allow** for discussion:
 - We talked about the gift of grace—what do we have to do to earn grace? (We don't have to earn it. Grace comes from faith alone, in Jesus alone.)
 - How much does grace cost us? (Nothing)
 - What do we have to do to keep God's grace? (Nothing)
 - Can we lose God's grace by messing up? (Nope)
 - Who is the giver of the gift of grace? (God through Jesus)

APPLICATION ACTIVITY

Take a Snapshot

[Talk about God | Application Activity]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: Blank paper, markers

What You Do:

- **Hand** everyone a piece of paper and a marker and ask them to write what they think would be the "best gift ever."

- Once finished, **lay** all of the papers out on the floor and let kids work together to group them into categories.
- **Challenge** them to try to get have the gifts fit into four categories, for example: technology, transportation, apparel, and food
- Next, **take** each category to a different corner/space in the room.
- Lastly, **send** everyone to the category that they think is “the best gift.” Which category has the most votes? Why?
- **Talk** about why people give gifts. What makes a gift “good”? What makes a gift not-so-good?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Ask:

- Name some things that we do have to earn. (examples: grades, money, approval, a spot on the team, the part in the play, etc. . . .)
- What is one thing that you don’t have to earn?
- What is the best gift you ever received? When was it and what was the occasion?
- Why can it be hard to receive a gift given for no reason, out of the blue, completely random and free?
- Why is it hard for us to believe that God’s gift of grace through Jesus is free?
- What does it mean when someone tries to earn what God’s given them for free?

PRAYER ACTIVITY

[Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: “ The points” Activity Page, pencils

What You Do:

- **Read** the Ephesians 2:8 aloud.
- **Encourage** the kids to memorize the verse as you lead them in reciting it piece by piece.
- **Ask** if they can summarize the verse in one or two words? (Gift? God’s gift? etc. . . .)
- **Invite** kids to pray individually and thank God for His gift.
- **Hand** each kid a “The points” activity page.
- **Encourage** them to circle a point that they struggle with and ask God for His help in believing that this gift of grace is always for true for them and that there’s nothing they can do to mess it up!
- **Wrap up** prayer time by gathering your group and praying together, thanking God for all of the points:
 - We all mess up. No one has it all together.
 - We don’t have to do good things to make up for the things we did wrong.
 - You don’t have to do everything perfectly to fit in with God.
 - God loves you and accepts you no matter what you’ve done.
 - There is nothing you can do to make God love you more . . . or less!
- **Remind** them that Jesus is a gift for everyone!

VIDEO

Play the monthly worship video if you have time.