

## **STORY POINT**

God sent Jesus into the world to rescue sinners.

## **BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER**

**What is the church?**

The church is all Christians everywhere, who gather together in their communities to worship and serve God.

## **DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY**

Discovers identity in Jesus.

## **FAMILY MEMORY VERSE**

"so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."

**Romans 12:5**

## **BIBLE STORY**

**\*\*Read the Bible story during "Time to Worship" on page 4!**

### **The Good News** **Romans 5-6**

Jesus's followers in the early church wanted everyone to hear the good news about Jesus. God had kept His promise to send a Savior. He sent His own Son, Jesus, to earth to rescue sinners. Jesus lived the perfect life we cannot live and died the death we deserve to die. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead!

This good news—the gospel—changes everything. People who love Jesus tell others about Him. That's what Paul did. Paul wrote a letter to believers in Rome to tell them that Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for.

Paul wrote, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." Everyone sins and needs to be rescued. God saves people who believe the good news about Jesus. Because of their faith, God forgives their sins and gives them eternal life.

Paul wrote that God showed His love for us by sending His Son to die for us. We were sinners—enemies of God—but Jesus died and rose again to make us right with God. Jesus is God's good gift to us. Let's rejoice!

Paul reminded the people about the first man, Adam. When Adam sinned, death came into the world. Everyone sinned, so death spread to all people. God sent Jesus into the world to bring us a gift that is greater than Adam's sin. Adam brought death, but Jesus brings life. Adam disobeyed God, but Jesus obeyed Him perfectly.

Does that mean we can keep on sinning because we are forgiven? Paul said no! Jesus sets us free from sin so we can live in a new way that honors Him.

*Christ Connection: Because God created everything, He is in charge of everything. Everyone sins or disobeys God. Our sin separates us from God. The good news of the gospel is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve. Everyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.*

## FAMILY MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Erase a Word

Write **Romans 12:5** on a piece of paper or a dry erase board if you have one!  
Erase a few words and ask your kids if they are able to fill in the blanks.

## GAME TIME

Bible Trivia

Ask your kids the following Bible trivia questions!

1. How many books are in the Bible? **66 books**
2. What is the longest book in the Bible? **Psalms**
3. In what language is most of the NT written? **Greek**
4. Which author wrote the most books in the NT? **Paul**
5. Who were the first two humans created? **Adam and Eve**
6. Who baptized Jesus? **John the Baptist**
7. Who built the ark? **Noah**
8. T/F: Bananas are a fruit of the spirit. **(False) Can you name the fruits of the spirit? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**
9. What country did Moses help the Israelites escape from slavery? **Egypt**
10. T/F: Jennifer is the fourth book in the New Testament. **False, the fourth book is John**

## TIME TO WORSHIP

Go to the Eleven22 Kids Youtube playlist by clicking [HERE](#) to worship!

### WORSHIP

Worship Song 1: Trust in You  
Worship Song 2: Your Love Awakens Me

### GAME

Play "rock, paper, scissors" with your kids  
or have them play with each other!

### BIBLE STORY

\*Found on page 2

### WORSHIP

Response Song: Oh Happy Day

## FAMILY DISCUSSION

Discuss the following:

**Grab your Bible:** Help your kids find Romans 5-6. Explain that Romans is the first of Paul's Letters, a division in the New Testament containing letters Paul wrote to believers in cities all over the Roman Empire. In total, Paul wrote 13 of the 21 books of the New Testament!

**Discipleship Journey Connection:** Referencing the Discipleship Journey triangle (found by clicking [HERE!](#)), review the following: Because of sin, we are kept from having a relationship with God. The good news is that because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we can surrender our life to Him and be given a new identity as a child of God. As a child of God, we can have a relationship with Him and spend forever with Him.

- How do we know Jesus loves us?

**Pray for my #ONEMORE:** Ask your kids how praying for their one more has been this week. Take time to ask your kids the name of their one more and pray for them by name!

**Review Questions:** Ask your kids the following questions and allow time for kids to respond and discuss.

- How is a person justified (given a right relationship with God)?  
(by faith in Jesus' sacrifice, Romans 5:1,9)
- Through whom did sin enter the world? (Adam, Romans 5:12)

- **Through whom does righteousness and justification come?** (Jesus, Romans 5:18-19)
- **Does it feel fair or unfair that Adam's sin led to sin for all of us?** Guide your kids to see that all of us have sin. We aren't guilty simply because of Adam's sin, but also because of our own sins. Help them see this truth through the lens of Christ's sacrifice making righteousness available to all despite our sin.
- **Does it feel fair or unfair that Jesus's righteousness leads to righteousness for all who have faith?** Help your kids see that this is a picture of God's perfect justice. He showed us mercy when Christ became our perfect substitute. Help your kids wrestle with the difference between human ideas about justice and fairness in contrast to God's perfect justice and mercy.
- **If God forgives all our sin when we have faith in Jesus, why is it necessary to live like Jesus?** Guide your kids to remember that God's plan for our lives is better for us than our own plans. Obeying God is good for us, because He knows what we need before we need it. Help them see obedience as a blessing not a chore. Explain how sin may feel fun but it leads to destruction, pain and death.

**Prayer:** Spend time intentionally praying with your kids. Below are a few options you can use during prayer.

- Parents: pray over your kids by thanking Jesus for coming to earth and dying for our sins so that we can have a relationship with God.
- Give your kids a piece of paper to write down why they are thankful for God. They can also draw a picture!
- Read Ephesians 6:13-18. Pray with your kids about putting on the armor of God.