



## Explore

**Look up and read your memory verse, 2 Timothy 1:9, in your Bible.**

God saves us not because of anything we have done, but because of His own plan and grace.

**What is grace? (Look at the definition on the next page.)**

What would you do if you were in an accident and the rescue workers asked you to pay them before they helped you? That would never happen! The job of a rescue worker is to save you.

We all need rescuing too. But not from an accident, because we are all born as sinners.

**Look up and read Romans 3:23 in your Bible.**

**How many people have sinned and fall (come) short of the glory of God?**

Because of God's holiness, we cannot have a relationship with God because we are born sinners.

**Look up and read Romans 6:23 in your Bible.**

**What is the wages (payment) of our sin?**

In our sin we are dead and separated from God.

**What is God's free gift to us?**

That is grace! We don't deserve to have eternal life.

**Look up and read Colossians 1:13-14 in your Bible.**

**In Jesus we have redemption (payment). We have forgiveness of our**

Jesus is God, and He is perfect. That is why He could die on the cross in your place for your sin.

**Look up and read Acts 16:31 in your Bible.**

**What did Peter tell the jailer he had to do to be saved?**

You don't deserve salvation and you can't earn it. The Bible explains that God freely offers the gift of grace to anyone who will trust Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. Without the grace we receive from God, we cannot be saved and cannot be in a relationship with God.

Have you accepted God's gift of grace? If you have never accepted Jesus as your Savior, all you need to do is believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and accept His gift of salvation.

If you want to accept Jesus but aren't sure how to do that, talk with a leader or parent today!

### DEFINITION

**GRACE** — giving someone something good that he or she doesn't deserve

### Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. What is grace? How would you explain why we all need God's grace?
2. What does someone need to do to be saved and receive God's grace?



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**Look up and read your memory verse, John 3:17, in your Bible.**

There are many true stories about men and women in the Bible. But the Bible isn't just a collection of stories.

The Bible is THE story, the true story of God. Each true story in the Bible is about God and how He worked in the lives of people.

God is the main character in every page of God's story, the Bible.

**Look up and read Genesis 1:1, the very first verse in the Bible.**

What did God do in the very beginning of time?

By faith we understand and believe that God made everything that has been made, including people.

In the third chapter of the Bible, the problem of sin entered the world and God's story when Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

**Look up and read Romans 5:12 in your Bible.**

Sin entered the world through how many men? \_\_\_\_\_

Death spread to \_\_\_\_\_ men because \_\_\_\_\_ sinned.

Sin created a huge problem for people! Because God is perfect, He cannot be in the presence of sin. Since we sin, we are separated from God.

We can't do anything about our sin, but God had a plan to rescue man from the eternal consequences of sin. God loves us more than we can imagine.

**Look up and read John 3:16-17 in your Bible.**

Write down one reason that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world?

God didn't just decide to save the world when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. He had also planned the story leading up to when Jesus came to live as a man on earth.

But that isn't the end of God's story!

**Look up and read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 in your Bible.**

These verses tell us what is to come. Who will come down from heaven?

Jesus is coming back! He will come to take those who have accepted Him as Savior to go live with God forever in heaven.

God's story, the Bible, helps us understand who God is, who we are, and helps us look at the world the way God wants us to!

### DEFINITIONS

**CONDEMN** — to find something guilty

**SIN** — anything that we think, say, or do that disobeys God

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1. Who would you say is the main character of God's story, the Bible? Why?
2. What part of God's story do you like the most? Why do you like that part?