



MEMORY VERSE

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

INTRODUCTION

How can people know if you love them? (*Allow response.*) They should be able to tell by your actions. God’s love is even greater than any person’s love. Today’s verse tells what God did to show His love for you.

PRESENTATION

(*Read Romans 5:8 from the Bible.*) We’ve been telling you all week that the Bible is God’s true Word. God spoke through men called prophets in the Old Testament about things that would happen in the future. We call these *prophesies*. One of the ways we know the Bible is God’s true Word and can be trusted all the time is because of the prophecies that have come true.

In our Bible lesson we heard that the Ethiopian man read a prophecy about Jesus that had been written hundreds of years before. The prophecy about Jesus came true! There are hundreds of prophecies in the Bible that have come true. The Bible tells the truth all the time and doesn’t have any mistakes. It is God’s true Word! You can trust it. You can trust that what Romans 5:8 says is true too. Let’s look at it again together.

EXPLANATION

But God commendeth his love toward us—*Commendeth* means “showed.” God, who created everything in the world and is sovereign over everything, showed His love to you and to me. How?

in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us—God showed His love by sending Jesus to Earth to take the punishment for your sin and mine. His love is so great that He did this for sinners—people who have broken His laws—that includes you and me. This is “sacrificial love”. God’s love for you is beyond anything you could imagine. Because Jesus died and rose again, you can have the friendship with God He created you to have.

Even though God knows all about your sin, He showed His love for you by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross to take the punishment for your sin.

If you would like to teach a new memory verse instead of reviewing Romans 5:8, you may use 1 John 4:10.

Preschool Memory Verse

For preschoolers, teach “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

Introduction

Ask the children to tell you what was the best gift they have ever been given. Tell them someone must have loved them to give them that gift. Tell them that the verse for today tells us about the greatest gift of all.

Presentation

Mark the verse in your Bible by underlining or highlighting it. Let the children see the words of the verse in your Bible as you read it to them. Remind them that the Bible is God’s true Word. They can always trust that the Bible is true.

Explanation

Review what you have learned from this verse. Explain that God showed His love for you and me by sending Jesus to die on the cross to take the punishment for sin you and I deserve. Explain that this is the best gift of all time. Tell them that when they accept this gift, God starts a special friendship with them that lasts forever.

Materials

Visualized Bible Verse Booklet
(*See 5-Day Club kit.*)

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Lesson 5

Preschool Application

Unsaved: Believing in Jesus is the only way to receive God's gift. You can talk to me later about believing in Jesus and having a forever friendship with God.

Saved: If you have believed in Jesus, you have that special gift! Thank God for giving you this gift and for showing His great love for you.

Materials

Word Up! Boo klet
(See 5-Day Club kit.)

Preschool Repetition

"Stop and Stick"

Use suggested repetition.

APPLICATION

Unsaved: If you have not believed in Jesus as your Savior, will you accept the gift of love God is offering to you? God gave what was most important to Him for you. Will you believe on Jesus as your Savior today?

Saved: If you have already believed on Jesus as your Savior, be ready to tell someone else about Jesus. This is a great verse to share with someone who doesn't know Jesus as his or her Savior! Will you ask God to show you someone you can share this verse with this week? Say with me "**Tell others about Jesus!**" (*Say with children.*)

REPETITION

"Stop and Stick"

(Have the children repeat the verse together, but explain that when you hold up your hand like a stop sign, everyone must freeze in place and repeat the last word of the verse that was said over and over [as if they are stuck on that word] until you put your hand down. Then they may continue saying the verse until you put your hand back up, signaling them to stop again and repeat another word. Once children understand the game, they would enjoy leading. You may want to limit them to only two times of stopping and sticking on words for each repetition.)