



## MEMORY VERSE

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

### INTRODUCTION

Imagine being grounded for lying to your parents and your brother says he’ll take your punishment! Wouldn’t that be amazing? Our verse today tells us that God did something even more amazing for us!

### PRESENTATION

*(Read the verse from the visual with the children.)* Why is it important to make sure that this verse is actually from the Bible? *(Allow response.)* God’s Word has very important information. It tells us what God wants us to know about Him. God put what you need to know about Him in the Bible. We call that “inspired”—God working through men to write down His words. Those words were put into books. Only the books that were actually from God were put in the Bible. How fast do you think you could find today’s memory verse in my Bible? *(Call on a volunteer to come up and find the verse while you time him. Read it aloud while the rest of the children follow along on the visual.)*

### EXPLANATION

*But God shows his love for us*—This verse is talking about the all-powerful, Creator God and how He showed His love for us.

*in that while we were still sinners*—You and I were born wanting to and knowing how to sin—doing things that go against God. We as enemies of God deserve to be separated from Him forever in a place of punishment. This is the payment for your sin.

*Christ died for us*—You don’t deserve God’s love but He showed His love by sending Christ Jesus—His perfect Son—to die on a cross to pay for your sin. That’s even more amazing than your brother taking your punishment. God loves you so much He paid your debt for sin with His life. This is a debt you could never pay for yourself. Jesus did not stay dead though. After He was buried He came back to life on the third day.

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.

### Preschool Memory Verse

For preschoolers, teach “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners...” Romans 5:8

#### Introduction

Ask children when it is hard for them to show love to someone. Tell them when someone hurts our feelings, it can be hard to show love to that person. Tell them the verse for today tells us that God showed His love for us even though we make Him sad.

#### Presentation

Mark the reference with a wide ribbon. Then ask the children to raise their hands if they think they can find the verse. Call on a volunteer and help him or her turn to the ribbon and find the verse. Read verse from Bible. Tell them that “Romans 5:8” is how we know where the verse is in the Bible. Show verse in your Bible.

#### Explanation

Remind the children of what you learned last time. Explain that “while we were still sinners” means everyone in the whole world, including you and me, has sinned. Explain that sin makes God sad and deserves to be punished, but Jesus took that punishment by dying on the cross. Tell them Jesus did that to show how much He loves them.

### Materials

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

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## Lesson 4

### Preschool Application

*Unsaved:* Believing in Jesus is the only way for you to be saved from sin's punishment. You can talk to me later about believing in Jesus. Say it with me, **"God can save anyone!"** (Say with children.)

*Saved:* If you have believed in Jesus, you have eternal life! You have a special friendship with God that started when you believed and lasts forever.

### Materials

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

### Preschool Repetition

"Racecar Repetition"

Use suggested repetition.

### APPLICATION

**Unsaved:** If you do not know Jesus as your Savior, you can be forgiven today by trusting in the Lord Jesus as the one who paid for your sin. **God can save anyone who trusts in Jesus!**

**Saved:** If you have already trusted the Lord Jesus, you can thank God He loved you while you were a sinner and He loves others with that same kind of love.

### REPETITION

#### "Racecar Repetition"

*(Have the children repeat the verse together then stand in front of them and pretend to hold a racecar steering wheel in your hands. Explain that when you are quickly steering the racecar back and forth, you will all say the verse quickly, but if you slow down and gently steer back and forth, everyone will say the verse slowly. If you stop steering completely, everyone has to stop saying the verse until you begin steering your imaginary racecar again. Make it even more fun by having the children say the reference in a voice that sounds like a car revving it's engine [ex: "Rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrromans 5:8"] Once children understand the game, they would enjoy leading by pretending to drive a racecar.)*