



MEMORY VERSE

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever tried doing something and found out you couldn't? (*Allow response.*) Maybe you tried to cook something and it didn't turn out, or you tried to reach a shelf but you weren't tall enough. Our verse today tells us something that you can't do but God can!

PRESENTATION

(*Read Ephesians 2:8 from your Bible.*) Ephesians is a book in the New Testament part of the Bible. Do you remember what the two parts of the Bible are? (*Allow response.*) That's right, the Old Testament and New Testament. The word *testament* actually means “promise”—old promise, new promise! Why are they called that? It is because the Old Testament is about the promise of the Savior who would come—Jesus! And the New Testament is about Jesus and what He did to save the world from sin. The Bible also tells us that life works best when we live God's way.

That is the theme of the Bible—Jesus came to save lost sinners. The Bible is God's book—it is living and powerful! It is different from any other book because God guided the writers, using their personalities and experiences to write what He wanted them to say. Our verse in Ephesians 2:8 is one of the most important things God wants you and me to know. (*Read with children from the visual.*)

EXPLANATION

For by grace—Grace is God showing you kindness you don't deserve. What we deserve is to be away from God now and forever.

are ye saved—God showed you grace by sending Jesus to take the punishment for your sin when He died on the cross. Even though you deserve separation from God, because of what Jesus did God offers grace to be saved. Being saved means you are no longer separated from God. Instead you are able to know God, love Him and obey Him.

through faith—Faith is trusting that what God says is true.

and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God—There is nothing you can do to save yourself! You can't be good enough. You can't keep enough rules. The gift of God to you is salvation by grace through faith. Grace is a gift because of God's great love and kindness to you. Being saved is a gift. Faith is a gift. Being saved is a gift only God can give and He offers it to you because of His grace—even though you don't deserve it.

Because of God's great kindness, you can be saved by believing on Jesus. It is God's gift, not something you earn.

Preschool Memory Verse

For preschoolers, teach “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

Introduction

Play a short game of hide and seek with the children. Ask them what it means to “seek” in this game. Tell them that the verse talks about someone who is seeking them.

Presentation

Remind the children that the Bible is God's true Word. Read verse from your Bible. Let children come up and see the verse in your Bible.

Explanation

Review what you have already taught from Luke 19:10. Tell the children that Jesus came to Earth to look for the “lost.” Explain that “lost” in this verse means those who are living without God.

Materials

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

Lesson 2

Preschool Application

Unsaved: Jesus came to Earth to save the people who have not believed in Him. You can talk to me more about what that means if you have questions.

Saved: If you have believed in Jesus, thank God for His great kindness to you. He saved you even though you do not deserve it. Say with me, **"God is kind!"** (*Say with children.*)

Preschool Repetition

"Ring the Bell, Stop and Say the Verse"

Have the children walk around the room or in a circle. When the bell rings, everyone stops and says the verse. It is recommended that you use motions in addition to visuals and verse repetition.

Luke 19:10—Hold your hands like a book.

For—Hold up four fingers.

the Son of Man—point to your left palm, then your right palm.

is come to seek—hold your hand up above your forehead and pretend to look for something.

and to save—cross your arms over your chest, then break them apart.

that which was lost—put both thumbs down.

APPLICATION

Unsaved: Have you received God's gift of salvation? God, through His grace and kindness, offers you the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus. Will you accept His gift today and be saved?

Saved: If you are already saved, thank God for His great kindness to you. He saved you even though you don't deserve it! He gave you an amazing gift when you trusted Him to save you. When was the last time you thanked God for His great kindness in saving you?

REPETITION

"Alphabet in Action"

(Have a child come up and choose a word from the Bible verse visual. With help from the children find all the words in the verse that start with the same letter. Have another child choose an action to do every time you say the words that start with that letter; e.g., pat your head, jump up and down, spin around, touch your toes, etc. Keep adding more and more actions as time allows.)