



MEMORY VERSE

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

INTRODUCTION

Do you know what “faith” is? (*Allow response.*) “Faith” is trusting what God says. Our verse tells us something important about faith.

PRESENTATION

(*Read the verse from your Bible while children follow along on the visual.*) This verse comes from God’s true Word, the Bible. God gave you the Bible so you can know Him. If you have your own Bible, you will want to know how to find verses for yourself. One way is to look in the Table of Contents in the front of the Bible. There you will find the books of the Bible listed in order with their page numbers. To find the book of Ephesians, look in the New Testament part. Ephesians is the tenth book listed. Turn to the page given to find Ephesians. Find the large number 2—that’s the chapter. Then find the small numbers 8 and 9. Those are the verses we are learning today.

EXPLANATION

For by grace are ye saved—Do you remember what grace is? (*Allow response.*) God shows us grace when He gives us something we do not deserve. God showed grace to Noah when He made a way for Noah and his family to be saved from the flood. God showed grace to you when He made a way for you to be saved from the punishment of your sins. That way was through Jesus. He took your sin upon Himself when He died on the cross.

through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God—You and I are saved by God’s grace. That means there is nothing you have done to deserve it and nothing you can do to earn it. It is what God has done for you. In fact, you can’t even take credit for having faith because God gives you the faith to trust Him as your Savior. Because Jesus died and rose again, you do not have to be separated from God forever if you believe in Him.

Not of works, lest any man should boast—to boast means to brag. Because we are saved by grace and not by the works (good things) we could do, we can’t brag or say we were good enough to *make* God save us. It’s God’s work—not yours!

Because of God’s great kindness, you can be saved by believing on Jesus. It is God’s gift, not something you earn or because of anything you do.

Preschool Memory Verse

For preschoolers, teach “But God commendeth his love toward us...” Romans 5:8

Introduction

Ask children how they show their friends and family that they love them. Tell them the verse for today tells us how God shows us He loves us.

Presentation

Have the verse marked with a bookmark or ribbon. Let children help you open to verse in your Bible. Remind them the Bible is God’s true Word. Have them say “Romans 5:8” while holding their hands like an open book. Read verse to children.

Explanation

Explain that “commendeth” means show. Tell the children that this verse says that God showed His love for them when He sent Jesus to take the punishment for their sins.

Materials

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

Lesson 3

Preschool Application

Unsaved: If you have not believed in Jesus, you can do that today because Jesus died on the cross and came back to life. He did that because He loves you.

Saved: If you have believed in Jesus, think about how much God loves you! Thank God for making a way for you to be with Him forever.

Preschool Repetition

"Verse in Motion"

Repeat the verse with children while doing these motions:

Romans 5:8—Hold hands like an open Bible.

But God commendeth—Point up.

his love towards us—Cross your arms in front of your chest.

Materials

Beanbag

For larger clubs, split into more than one group and have a bean bag for each circle.

APPLICATION

Unsaved: God has given you grace through His Son, Jesus. When you believe in Jesus as your Savior, He saves you from the punishment you deserve for your sins. There is nothing you can do to save yourself from the punishment of sin. It is only by God's grace and love that He has made a way for you to be saved.

Saved: If you believe what God said in this verse and have trusted Jesus as your Savior, you can thank God for the grace He has given you. You can thank God that you have been saved by His grace.

REPETITION

"Hot Potato"

(Have children form a circle. Give one child a beanbag or other small object, have everyone recite the verse as they pass the beanbag around the circle. Whoever has the beanbag at the end of the verse says the reference by himself.)

Variation:

Instead of saying the verse, use the song "By Grace" on the music CD, Demo DVD, or downloaded on your mobile device. Pause the music at random times. When you pause the music, the person holding the beanbag says the next word in the verse song. Restart the music and resume passing the beanbag and singing the song.)