

UNIT 33 | SESSION 3

JESUS CAN FORGIVE ANYONE

2 CORINTHIANS 5

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus can forgive anyone.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is saved.

MEMORY VERSE

John 3:17

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

One theme Paul wrote about in the book of 2 Corinthians is the forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ. He shared of his own need for reconciliation with God and how he — like us — had been tasked with taking part in the Lord's ministry of reconciliation. Being a part of God's family means bringing others into His kingdom, too.

How can anyone be forgiven of their sins? What does it look like to live as one forgiven by God?

Like Paul, we are all in need of the Lord's forgiveness because we have all sinned against Him. Paul reminded the Corinthian church that forgiveness of sins has been made possible through Christ's perfect sacrifice. It is faith in Jesus alone that reconciles us to God, and it is faith in Jesus by which our sins are not counted against us. Through Jesus' willing sacrifice on our behalf, He was made sin so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Thus, forgiveness is given to anyone who turns to Christ as Savior and Lord.

Paul continued to encourage the Corinthians to live as forgiven people who are compelled by the love of Christ to share the gospel with others. No longer should we live for ourselves, seeking after the ways of the world. Rather, we live as new creations, set on making much of Jesus and declaring how only He can reconcile us to God. The hearts of forgiven people saved by grace have a deep desire for others to know the love of Jesus and be saved.

As you prepare for this session, consider the forgiveness you've received from God. How has repentance played a role in your life as a believer? What is your testimony of being brought from death to life, and how can you share it with the kids in your class? Ask God to make the reality of His power to save and forgive real in the hearts and minds of your class today.

DOCTRINE TO KNOW

Christ as Reconciliation: Through Christ's death, God provides the means whereby the broken relationship between God and humanity is restored and renewed.



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In his second letter to the church at Corinth, Paul wrote to encourage the believers. Paul reminded them that because of Jesus, God forgives our sin and invites us into His family forever. He loves us, and He calls all of us to tell people about Jesus so they might believe and become part of God's family too.

Paul wrote, "We know what it is like to fear God because we will have to answer for our sins." Paul used to be an enemy of God, but Jesus saved him! Apart from Jesus, all sinners are enemies of God. Paul wanted to share the good news that Jesus came into the world to rescue sinners.

Paul wrote, "We are compelled to obey God and to share Christ because He loves us, and we love Him. We know this truth: Jesus died for all, and therefore all died. And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the one who died for them and was raised." Paul wanted others to hear the gospel so they might hear and believe in Jesus.

Jesus changes everything. To some people, Paul seemed like he was out of his mind. Why would anyone be content with a difficult life? But Paul believed any suffering was worth it if it brought glory to God. Paul wrote, "Once we follow Jesus, we see the world differently. If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!"

Then Paul wrote, "Everything is from God, who has brought us to Himself through Christ." Something amazing happened when Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead. Jesus gave up His life to rescue sinners, and God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice.

Paul said that Christ has made us acceptable to God, and He gives us the mission of bringing others to Him through Christ. "So we are ambassadors for Christ. God can use us to reach other people. We can tell others, 'Be made right with God. He made Jesus — who never sinned — to be sin for us, so that in Jesus we might become the righteousness of God.'"

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus can forgive anyone. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and invites us into His family. He calls us to tell others about Him so they might believe in Jesus and be saved.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group.

Before heading to Large Group, kids can work on the provided coloring or activity pages. You can also do the Memory Verse Activity below as a class!

MEMORY VERSE

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

- John 3:17, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

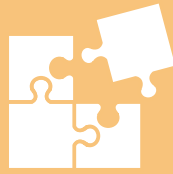
It's Bible Bucks Day!

Today, kids can share the scripture(s) they've memorized with our Bible Bucks leader. This can be the memory verse you've been working on with them in the classroom or other scripture they have memorized at home on their own.

The Bible Bucks Leader will come to each classroom throughout the morning.



ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after Large Group

KINDER REVIEW GAME

Play “Tic Tac Toe Review” as a class!

Draw an empty tic tac toe grid on the whiteboard in your classroom. Have kids split into two teams, then take turns asking them questions about the lesson.

If they get the answer correct, let someone from that team add their team’s symbol on the tic tac toe board. Three in a row wins!



1ST & 2ND REVIEW GAME

Play Jeopardy as a class to review the Bible story!

After Large Group, stay in the Large Group room and split your class into teams. Then, play the provided “Bible Story Jeopardy,” making sure to keep track of points for each team.

At the end of the game or available time, the team with the most points wins!

JEOPARDY!

345 REVIEW GAME

Group kids up into teams. Then, taking turns, ask each team one of the provided questions.

If they get it right, have them choose a slip of paper for points. (The point options are 25, 50, 75, or 100.) If they get a slip that says **Zap**, their team loses all their points.

If they answer wrong, the other team takes a turn. Kids play until all the questions are answered or time is up. The team with the most points wins!



CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids while they wait to be picked up

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

Kids can play games in their classroom or work on their coloring and activity sheets while they wait for their parents to pick them up.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins (Kinder leaders: Curriculum bins go back inside the bottom cabinet)
2. Clean all trash off the tables
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in holder
5. Turn off TVs as you leave

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!