



THE GOSPEL PLAN FOR ME: A FAMILY BIBLE STUDY




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A NOTE TO PARENTS:

This whole Bible Study will give you lots of opportunities for **Gospel conversations** with your kids. We will press into the gospel in each lesson as we continue to teach kids about what it means to have a **relationship with Jesus**, but we should not pressure kids for a decision. Some kids will know the whole gospel and be able to explain the whole thing, but not yet be ready to make a decision about it. Just keep talking about it in everyday life and **God will draw their hearts** and help them connect all the head knowledge to their heart when it is the right time. We are praying for you as you answer questions and lead in discussions. The Silverdale Kids staff is here to walk alongside you in any way, so feel free to reach out for help if it is needed. If your child makes a decision to follow Jesus or already has and is interested in talking about baptism, contact your campus kids director for next step information.





LESSON 1

GOD RULES

Introduction:

SAY

Have you ever created something (like a new game, toy, Lego sculpture, art project, etc.)? Did you make some rules or have expectations for your creation (such as how to play with it, who could play with it, where you wanted it displayed, etc.)?



DO

Allow your child to share something that they made. Talk about how the person who creates something is in charge of it. That person gets to make the rules.

Bible Study:



DO

Help your child locate and read (if age appropriate) the following verses in their Bible. Keep in mind that finding books, chapters and verses can be time-consuming at first. Stick with it! Nothing is more important than helping your kids learn how to read their Bible.



READ

Genesis 1:1



ASK

Who created the heavens and the earth?

SAY

GOD created the heavens and the earth! Everything belongs to Him and He is in charge of everything.

 **READ Revelation 4:11**

SAY

In the book of Revelation, Jesus's disciple John has a vision of what is happening in heaven. The verse we just read takes place in the future, and all of heaven is worshipping God!



ASK

Why does everyone in heaven say that our God is “worthy to receive glory and honor and power?”

SAY

All of heaven is worshipping God, because He is the Creator of all things! The verse says, “by your will” all things were created. This means that every part of God’s creation was made with a purpose, and according to God’s plan. This includes you and me!

Application:

SAY

When we create something, such as a game, we get to make the rules for it. In our Bible study today, we learned that God is our Creator and King. Because everything was made by Him, that means everything belongs to Him, too. God is in charge of His creation (including us), and He has made rules for us to live by.



PRAY

Pray together, thanking God for His creation and for making good rules for us to live by.



KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...



Throughout the week, review what you learned and take a few minutes each day to look around and find some good things that God created. Remind your kids that because God created everything, He is in charge.




LESSON 2

WE SINNED

Introduction:

-  **ASK** When was a time you broke a rule at home or at school? What happened?
-  **DO** Allow your child to share about a time when they disobeyed a rule and discuss the consequences that followed as a result.


Bible Study:

-  **DO** Help your child locate and read (if age appropriate) the following verses in their Bible. Keep in mind that finding books, chapters and verses can be time-consuming at first. Stick with it! Nothing is more important than helping your kids learn how to read their Bible.

SAY

We learned in our last lesson that God is our Creator and King, and He has made rules for us to live by. We can learn about God's rules for us in His Word, the Bible. Anytime we disobey the rules God gives us, we call that sin. Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God and His Word.

 **READ** **Romans 3:10, 23**

-  **ASK** Who has sinned, according to these verses?



We *all* have sinned! Verse 10 tells us that *nobody* is righteous (righteous means perfect and without sin), not even one person!



READ **Romans 6:23a** (just the first part)



ASK This verse talks about “the wages of sin.” “Wages” means, “the fair payment.” What is the fair payment for sin?



The fair payment for our sin is death. *All people* deserve this punishment, because *all people* have sinned. God is *holy*, which means He is perfectly righteous and without sin. When we sin, we are cut off from having a relationship with a holy God. Only God can give us spiritual life. Sin is very serious, because it separates us from God. Our physical body may still be alive, but the spirit that is inside of us is cut off from God because of sin.

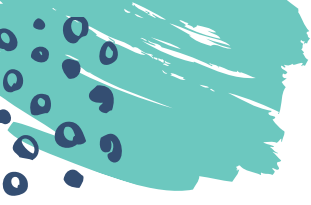
Application:



Today’s lesson is hard, because it reminds us that we are all sinners, and that we all deserve the fair punishment for sin: death. We have all chosen to disobey the rules that God has given us to live by. But there is hope! God had a plan from the beginning of time to rescue us from the consequences of our sin. We will learn more about this plan in the next few lessons.



PRAY **Pray together**, asking God to help each person recognize the ways that they sin against God. Thank God that He has a plan to rescue us from our sin!



KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...

Throughout the week look for things that are broken or not as they should be. Remind kids that our world is broken because of sin, but one day Jesus will make all things right.










LESSON 3

GOD PROVIDED

Introduction:


-  **ASK** Have you ever had a problem that needed to be solved? What was your solution? (Examples could be a homework problem, a conflict with a friend, etc.)
-  **DO** Allow your child to share with you a problem that they had, and how they came up with a good solution for their problem!

Bible Study:

-  **DO** Help your child locate and read (if age appropriate) the following verses in their Bible. Keep in mind that finding books, chapters and verses can be time-consuming at first. Stick with it! Nothing is more important than helping your kids learn how to read their Bible.
-  **ASK** We learned in our last lesson that all people have a problem. Do you remember what it is, and why this problem is so serious?
-  **SAY** All people have a sin problem! Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God and His Word. Sin is serious, because it separates us from God, who is holy and sinless. The fair punishment for our sin is death. That's the bad news.

 **SAY**

This week we will learn that we have hope! God had a solution for our sin problem from the very beginning of time. God's plan for our salvation is called the Gospel.

 **READ** **John 3:16a** (just until it says, "one and only Son")

**ASK**

Does the fact that we are sinners change the way God feels about us?

 **SAY**


No, it doesn't! We read in this verse that "God loved the world." Because He loves us, God did something incredible to save us from sin and death.

**ASK**

Because God loves the world, what did He do?

 **SAY**

God gave His one and only Son Jesus to be the solution for our sin problem.

 **READ** **John 3:16** (the rest of the verse)

**ASK**

What do we need to do to be saved from the punishment for our sin and have eternal life (life that never ends)?

 **SAY**

All we need to do is believe that Jesus took the punishment for our sin! We cannot earn salvation on our own because we are sinners. Jesus alone saves us!

 **READ** **Ephesians 2:8-9**

**ASK**

According to verse 8, how are we saved?



We are saved from our sins “by grace through faith.” *Grace* is when we are given something freely, like a gift. *Faith* is when we believe in Jesus and receive the gift of salvation that He earned for us. God’s salvation for us is a gift!



ASK Is there anything we can do to earn salvation?



Verse 9 tells us that there is nothing we can do to earn our salvation. Nobody can boast that they have earned their own salvation, because everybody is a sinner. Jesus alone saves us.

Application:



Although we all have sinned, God still loves us. He wanted to make a way for us to have a relationship with Him. God sent His only Son Jesus to take the fair punishment for our sins. As sinners, there is nothing we can do to earn salvation. God offers His salvation to all people as a gift. This is good news for all people!



PRAY **Pray together**, praising God that He provided a way for us to be saved from our sins and have a relationship with Him!



KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...



Throughout the week, look for things that God has provided for you and thank Him for providing them.





LESSON 4


JESUS GIVES


Introduction:

-  **ASK** Have you ever given a birthday gift to a friend? What was it?
-  **DO** Allow your child to talk about how they chose the gift for their friend and what it was like to give it to them.

Bible Study:

-  **DO** Help your child locate and read (if age appropriate) the following verses in their Bible. Keep in mind that finding books, chapters and verses can be time-consuming at first. Stick with it! Nothing is more important than helping your kids learn how to read their Bible.
-  **SAY** In our last lesson, we learned that God had a plan to rescue us from our sin from the very beginning. God's plan is good news for sinners, and it is called the Gospel. This week we will learn more about the Gospel and how Jesus, God's Son, gave His life for us.

 **READ** **1 Peter 3:18**

-  **ASK** Why did Christ suffer for us?



God is holy (perfect and without sin), and our sin separates us from God. But Jesus suffered for us, so that He could bring us to God! We also read that Jesus is “righteous,” which also means perfect and without sin. Jesus could suffer on behalf of sinners, because He was holy and righteous!



READ Romans 5:8



ASK How did God prove His love for us?



Jesus died for us while we were still sinners. The work of Jesus on the cross is the ultimate proof of God’s love! He loved us and died for us, even when we did not love Him!



READ 2 Corinthians 5:21a

(Read just until it says “to be sin for us...”)



In this verse the first “He” refers to God the Father. So, the verse says, “God made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us...”



ASK What did God do on our behalf?



This verse teaches us an incredible truth! God made Jesus, the one who did not know sin, to become sin for us. Because Jesus never sinned, He was able to take the fair punishment for sin on our behalf.



READ 2 Corinthians 5:21b



ASK Because of what Jesus did for us on the cross, what can we become?

SAY

The verse ends by telling us that we can become the righteousness of God! Jesus took our sin on the cross and traded it for His righteousness. Remember, *righteousness* means “perfect and without sin.” We must be “*in him*” for this great trade to happen (He takes our sin; we get His righteousness). That is what we will learn about in our last lesson.

Application:

SAY

Jesus died on the cross, in our place, for our sin! *Only Jesus* was able to pay the price for our sin, because *only Jesus* lived a sinless life. But we know that Jesus did not stay dead. He was raised back to life three days later! When Jesus was raised, He showed that He had defeated sin and death, once and for all! Because of Jesus’s death and resurrection, we can be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life with God (John 3:16). This is the greatest gift we could ever receive!



PRAY

Pray together, thanking Jesus for defeating sin and death through His death and resurrection!



**KEEP THE
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GOING...**


Throughout the week, look for ways to give good gifts to others - the gift of time, a hug, a flower, or a smile! We can share the love of Jesus with others when we do this!





LESSON 5

WE RESPOND


Introduction:

 **ASK** Have you ever received a special gift from a friend?


 **DO** Encourage your child to explain who their gift was from and what it was like to receive the gift.

 **SAY** A special gift is exciting, but a gift doesn't mean anything unless we choose to receive it. We can always choose to leave our gifts unopened. But this would be very sad for the person who bought the gift and wrapped it up, just for you. The same thing is true with the Gospel. The Gospel is God's free gift of salvation to us. We don't need to do anything to earn or deserve this gift. All we must do is receive it by responding!

Bible Study:

 **SAY** Help your child locate and read (if age appropriate) the following verses in their Bible. Keep in mind that finding books, chapters and verses can be time-consuming at first. Stick with it! Nothing is more important than helping your kids learn how to read their Bible.

 **READ** **Romans 10:9**

 **ASK** What must we do to be saved?

 **SAY**

We must first confess that Jesus is Lord. *Confess* in this verse means “agree with.” So, we must first agree with what Jesus taught about Himself in the Bible: that He is the Son of God and the Savior of the world. We must also *believe* that Jesus was raised from the dead, after He died on the cross for our sins. That’s it! All we must do to be saved is *confess* and *believe*!

 **READ Romans 10:10****ASK**

What happens when we “believe with the heart” and “confess with the mouth?”

 **SAY**

When we “believe with the heart,” the result is righteousness! This means that we become “perfect and sinless” in God’s eyes. When we “confess with the mouth,” the result is salvation! This means that God no longer sees us as sinners, and we are saved from the fair punishment for our sin (which is death).

 **READ Romans 10:13****ASK**

Who will be saved?

 **SAY**

Everyone who calls upon the LORD (by confessing and believing) will be saved. Nobody is too young or too old to be saved. Nobody has sinned too many times or done something too bad to be saved. *Everybody* who chooses to confess and believe in Jesus will be saved!

 **READ John 14:6**

**ASK**

Can we confess and believe in anybody else to be saved?



No! Jesus says very clearly that He is the only way for us to be made right with God; He is the only source of truth; and only He can give us life. The only way for us to have a relationship with God is through what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Application:



When we respond to Jesus, we simply must *confess* that He is Lord and *believe* that we are forgiven because of Jesus's death and resurrection. We must also believe that Jesus is the *only way* for us to receive salvation. We can respond by praying to Jesus, repenting for our sin, and choosing to make Him the Lord of our life. When we become a Christian, we are forgiven and become a part of God's family. We also choose to trust and obey God, who has a good plan for our life!

**PRAY**

Pray together, thanking Jesus for doing all the work necessary for our salvation. Praise Him that salvation is simple and is for anybody who calls upon Him!



KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING...

Encourage your kids to repeat each step of the Gospel plan: God Rules, We Sinned, God Provided, Jesus Gives, We Respond.

Do it slowly, quickly, quietly, loudly - have lots of fun as you review what you learned.

Look for the Silverdale Kids podcast about Gospel conversations (episode 3) anywhere you listen to podcasts.



Visit silverdalebc.com/kids for info on our programming, to find our favorite resources, and to see what your kids are learning in Silverdale Kids each weekend!

Discipleship opportunities happening this fall:

Mission D6 Family Experience

Wednesday Nights 6:30–7:30p

Hosted at our Bonny Oaks and St Elmo campuses.

Our on-campus discipleship program where parents and kids (3 yrs–5th grade) participate together to study God’s word and have tons of fun! Registration opens in July. The first fall session begins August 12.

Mission D6 At Home

A supply kit is sent home each semester for families to complete. Specific studies for preschool or elementary kids packaged with all needed supplies for families to have fun studying God’s Word at home together. Registration opens in August! Pick up your kit at your campus on September 13.



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