



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 5

The Heart of the Gospel

Romans / Romans 3:21-31

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY

The image features a classical Roman temple with several columns and a central bust on a pedestal. The scene is heavily stylized with vibrant, multi-colored graffiti and paint splashes in shades of red, blue, yellow, and green. The background is a clear blue sky with white clouds. The overall aesthetic is a blend of ancient history and modern urban art.

THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

STRENGTHENED

BY THE GOSPEL

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The Heart of the Gospel

Romans 3:21-31



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **the book of Romans**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact hello@stbartskids.org

TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- Building Blocks - Wooden Blocks, Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo
- Foam alphabet mats
- A3 Printout Worksheet #1
- Dot Stickers in five different colours to match the coloured letters
- Blu Tack
- Laminated cards of 'green and red' choices
- Feathers
- Giant noughts and crosses
- Quiz Time Questions (Worksheet #2)
- Gameboard template (some free designs are available here).
- counter/marker)
- Wrist Bracelet Designs Worksheet #3)
- Coloured pencils
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- Printout of memory verse colouring sheet (we found this one from Family Worship Ideas on Romans 3:21-31)
- Colouring Pencils or Felt tip pens
- Monkey in the Bog Fable Comic (Accessed from Max7)
- Printout of Comic Strip Templates (We used templates from Dad's Worksheets.
- Pens
- Clipboards
- A room with space to move (or a large outdoor space)

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the fifth in an eighteen week series based on the book of Romans.

SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

Romans

BIBLE FOCUS

Romans 4

TOPIC

Faith Not Works

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OVERVIEW

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

We can only be made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus.

SERIES OVERVIEW

ROMANS - Strengthened by the Gospel

Paul's letter to the Romans is one of the most important pieces of written correspondence in all of human history. Formerly known as Saul of Tarsus, Paul—a Pharisee who actively persecuted Christians—had a radical encounter with the risen Lord Jesus and was commissioned by Jesus as an apostle to proclaim the Good News to the Gentiles (the world of non-Jewish people). Paul proclaimed the Gospel, established churches, and wrote to these new communities and their leaders to instruct, encourage, and correct them. As one set apart for the gospel of God, Paul writes to the Roman Christians in order to proclaim this good news, defend his apostolic authority, enlist the prayerful support of the Roman Christians, and express his eagerness to visit them. Paul—as apostle, teacher, and pastor—longs for the believers to be strengthened and mutually encouraged by the gospel. We approach Romans with the same hope.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Old Testament Laws \(LifeKids\)](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [The Book of Romans \(The Bible Project\)](#)
2. [Romans Road to Salvation \(ShareFaith Media\)](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Romans explained for children through song!](#)
2. [One Way Hillsong | Dance-A-Long with Lyrics](#)
3. [Romans 3 23 SONG](#)

SONGS

PRIMARY

1. [Romans 3:23 \(Central Sunday School\)](#)
2. [Romans 3:23 \(Joshua Kids Club\)](#)
3. [The Corner Room - Romans 3:23-24](#)



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WARM-UPS

- Have you ever received a free gift before? Was it really 'free' or was there a catch?

TEACHING TIME

Heart of the Gospel

When was the last time you were offered a free gift? Free gifts are incredibly rare and even if something is advertised as free, you may find that you have to pay for it in some other way - with a minimum subscription; by spending more money to save a little' by collecting points; by joining a club; or by paying back in return.

But in Romans 3 we learn of a real FREE gift that is offered to everyone - no strings attached!

But first, let's recap: In Romans 1-2, Paul tells how God is the rightful judge over our sin and how there is NOTHING we can do to stop this.

Paul reminds us that none of us, not one, can uphold God's law, because "we have all fallen short".

Today we reach a turning point in Paul's letter to the Romans, highlighted especially in 3:21-26, where we see God generosity offering us his gift of grace.

Typically, our culture tells us that things need to be earned - achievement, respect, possessions, and more. This means we often think we have to earn God's love and forgiveness too.

But Paul reminds us that we can either attempt to do it ourselves (and fail) or we can receive it by faith.

The heart of the Gospel is that Jesus came to save everyone. All we need to do is put our faith in him. It doesn't matter what your heritage or background is. Or what you have done in the past that didn't please God.

The law was sent to help point people to follow God. But now God shows us his saving power WITHOUT the help of the law. God offers us the opportunity to be made right with God just by putting our faith in Jesus Christ.

He does this because he loves us so much. All we have to do is choose to turn back to God - he is waiting for us!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

Thank God for the gift of Jesus.

2. Lower Primary

How can you thank God for the gift of Jesus?

3. Middle Primary

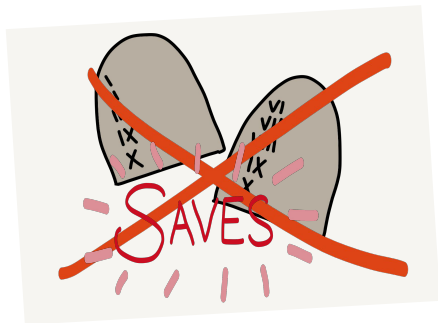
How would you describe God's generosity and mercy?

4. Upper Primary

How would your view of God change if you had to earn salvation?

Early Childhood

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Keeping a whole bunch of rules doesn't make us right with God.



He accepts people only when they trust in what Jesus has done.

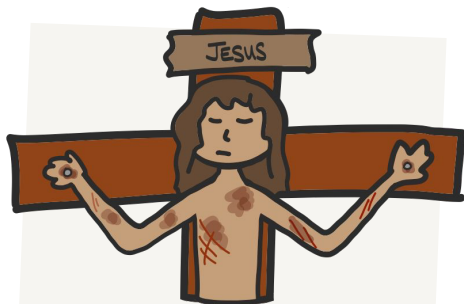


Every one of us has done the wrong thing plenty of times.

Early Childhood



But God treats us much better than we deserve.



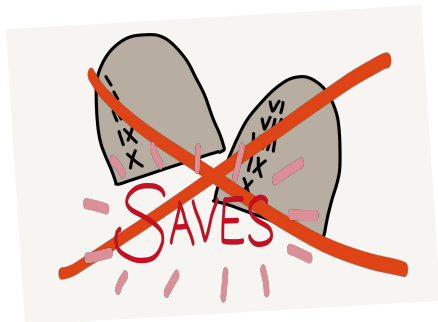
Because of Jesus' death on the cross, God freely accepts us and forgives our sins.

OBEY
GOD

And God's rules are still important. We want to obey them and show our trust in Jesus.

Lower Primary

The Heart of the Gospel



Ch3 vs21 God has shown us that the law is NOT what helps make us right with him.

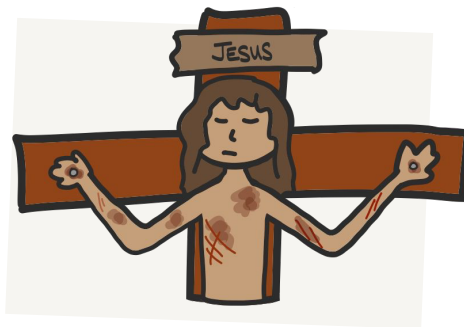


Vs22-23 God treats everyone alike. He accepts people only because they have faith in Jesus Christ. All of us have sinned and fallen short of what God wants of us.

Lower Primary



24 But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Jesus, he freely accepts us and forgives our sins.



25-26 God gave Jesus as a sacrifice to pay for our sins through the spilling of his blood. When we truly believe that, we can come to God.

Lower Primary



27-28 So there's nothing for us to boast about. We are only acceptable to God through faith in Jesus; not by obeying his commandments.



And God's rules are still important. We want to faithfully obey his commandments and show our trust in Jesus.

Middle Primary

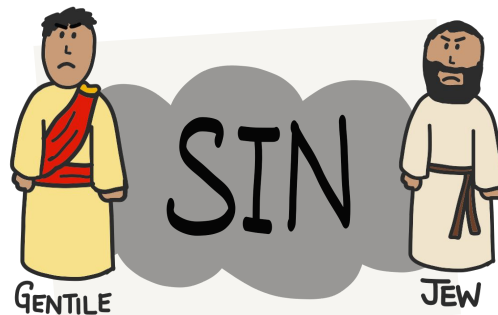


Ch3 vs21 God has shown us his saving power - but it is not from the law. The Old Testament and the Prophets even told us about this.

The Heart of the Gospel



22 We are made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ.

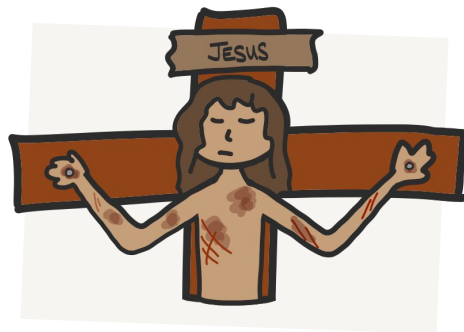


22-23 This happens to all who believe. It is no different for the Jews than for the Gentiles. Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory.

Middle Primary



24 The free gift of God's grace makes us right with him. Christ Jesus paid the price to set us free.



25 God gave Christ as a sacrifice to pay for our sins.

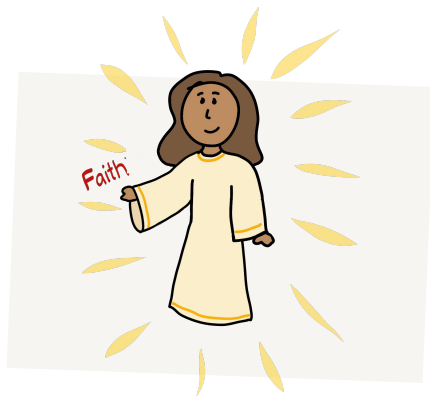


25-26 God is merciful and true and forgives the sins of those who have faith and believe in Jesus.

Middle Primary



27 So no one can brag. None of us are saved by the law. We are saved because of the law that requires faith.



28-30 We firmly believe that a person is made right with God because of their faith. They are not saved by obeying the law. Those who believe in Jesus are made right with God, whether Jew or Gentile.



31 But God's rules are still important! We want to faithfully obey his commandments and show our trust in Jesus.

FOCUS

We can only be made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus.

Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
 THANK YOU for loving us.
 WE ARE SORRY for the wrong things we do.
 THANK YOU for sending Jesus to forgive us and bring us close to you.
 Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook [Romans 3:21-31 \(abridged\)](#)

- 1. Have you ever made a mistake? What do you say when you do something wrong?**
 Yes! When you do something wrong, you say sorry.
- 2. The Bible says everyone does wrong things. Can we fix all our mistakes by ourselves?**
 No. There are some things we can't make right by ourselves.
- 3. All of the things we do wrong are called SIN. And Jesus came to rescue us from sin. What did Jesus do for us?**
 He died on the cross and rose to new life. He did this so that we didn't have to have the punishment for sin, which is death.
- 4. God gives us the gift of eternal life when we put our trust in Jesus. Do we have to pay for this gift or earn it?**
 No! It is a free gift. We just have to believe in Jesus.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

FOCUS

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us so much. Thank you that we don't have to be perfect for you to accept us.

We know we all make wrong choices sometimes, and we're sorry for the things we've done wrong.

Thank you for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be forgiven and made right with you.

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 3:21-31 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

- 1. What do you think makes someone a “good person”?**
Hear responses from children.
- 2. The passage says everyone has sinned. What is sin?**
Sin is disobeying God. It is all the wrong things we think, say, or do.
- 3. Does following a list of rules (the law) make us right with God?**
No! The rules only showed us how far short we fall.
- 4. How then do we receive God's righteousness?**
By having faith in Jesus.
- 5. How do we get this righteousness?**
 - (a) Going to the supermarket to buy it?
 - (b) Earning it by doing good things
 - (c) Receiving it as a free gift
 - (d) Collecting points from being in the Jesus club
(Answer: C).

- 6. The Bible says Jesus paid the price for our sin. What do you think that means?**

He died on the cross and rose to new life. He did this so that we didn't have to have the punishment for sin, which is death.

- 7. If something is a gift, do we have to earn it?**

No! It is a free gift. We just have to believe in Jesus.

- 8. How does it make you feel knowing God loves everyone the same way?**

Receive responses.

- 9. How can we help each other not to sin?**

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FOCUS

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Middle Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us so much. Thank you that we don't have to be perfect for you to accept us.

We know we all make wrong choices sometimes, and we're sorry for the things we've done wrong.

Thank you for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be forgiven and made right with you.

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans Romans 3:21-31 from SBK Middle Primary.

- 1. What are some rules you have at home or school? What happens if you break a rule?**
- 2. Do you think being "good" all the time is easy or hard? Why?**
- 3. The Bible says everyone has sinned. What are some examples of sin children your age might struggle with?**
Examples may include fighting with siblings, lying, stealing, cheating on homework or at school, being nasty to others, not sharing, not doing what a parent or teacher asks....
- 4. Why do you think no one can be perfect? (Hint: v23)**
Because ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- 5. What do you think it means to be "made right with God"?**
Another name for being made right with God is called 'righteousness'. Being made right with God means that our relationship with God that has been broken because of sin, is now fixed.
- 6. According to this passage, how does God make us right with Him?**

Through Jesus - God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin so that we can be made right with him.

- 7. What's the difference between a reward and a gift? Why is salvation called a gift instead of a reward?**

A reward is something that has to be earned. A gift is something that is freely given. Salvation is a gift because we don't do anything to earn it.

- 8. How would things change if we had to earn God's love?**

No one would be able to have a relationship with God. It would change everything.

- 9. If a friend asked, "How can I be right with God?"—what would you say?**

Encourage responses that echo how we cannot earn salvation - that we just need repentant hearts and to put our trust in Jesus.

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FOCUS

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Upper Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us so much. Thank you that we don't have to be perfect for you to accept us.

We know we all make wrong choices sometimes, and we're sorry for the things we've done wrong.

Thank you for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be forgiven and made right with you.

Amen.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 3:21-31 from the NIRV Bible (pp.1363-1634)

- 1. Romans 3:21 marks a major transition in the letter. What is the key word in verse 21 that shows this? (*What is the major shift from v20 to v21?*)**
The word "but". Whenever we see the word BUT, we must look at what comes before and what comes after. Paul isn't saying the law isn't important - but he highlights how God has given something else that gives us salvation.
- 2. How many times does the phrase 'made right with' appear in our passage today?**
At least 7 times. Verse 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, and twice in v30.
- 3. 'Made right with' is another way to say righteousness. But what does this mean?**
Righteousness means being put right with God. It means having our relationship repaired.
- 4. How can you be made right with God?**
By putting our trust in Jesus. We cannot be saved by obeying the law. Only by believing in Jesus.
- 5. Do we have to pay for the gift of righteousness that God offers through Jesus?**
No! It is a free gift (v.24).

6. Is grace a costly gift?

Yes! Extremely costly. God had to be willing to sacrifice his only Son. It cost Jesus his life. This gift is free for us, but it cost our Saviour everything. But Christ paid the price so that we don't have to.

7. How does faith in Christ differ from trying to earn salvation through following religious rules?

Almost every other religion says that you need to earn salvation or that you are rewarded on your efforts of good work. Christianity is unique in that we worship the one, true God and that our reward is eternal life and cannot be earned by ourselves.

8. Reflect on this question: are you relying on your own efforts, rather than than trusting fully in Christ's finished work? How might you stop and put your full trust in Jesus?

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FOCUS

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,

THANK YOU for loving us.

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THANK YOU for sending Jesus to forgive us and bring us close to you.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us so much. Thank you that we don't have to be perfect for you to accept us.

We know we all make wrong choices sometimes, and we're sorry for the things we've done wrong.

Thank you for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be forgiven and made right with you.

Amen.

TIPS

Spend time thanking God for his gift of grace which makes us right with him!

Early Childhood

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THANK YOU for sending Jesus to forgive us and bring us close to you.

Amen.

Sunday School

Dear God,

Thank you that you love us so much. Thank you that we don't have to be perfect for you to accept us.

We know we all make wrong choices sometimes, and we're sorry for the things we've done wrong.

Thank you for sending Jesus to make a way for us to be forgiven and made right with you.

Amen.

FOCUS

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Faith Tower
- ABC Prayer
- Dot the Letters
- Red and Green Choices (*Kindy*)
- Feathers (*Kindy*)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Noughts and Crosses (*Prep*)
- Quiz time! (*Prep*)
- Salvation Bracelets (*1-2*)
- Memory Verse Colouring (*3-4*)
- Comic Strip of Righteousness (*5-6*)

GAMES

- Follow the Way (*Kindy*)
- Stuck in the Mud (*Prep-Yr 6*)

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STEPS

1. Get the children to play with the building blocks together.
2. Encourage the children to take turns to see how high they can build a tall tower, fort or other structure.
3. Remind the kids: Just like we built the tower one block at a time, we can trust God one step at a time. That's called faith! We can't be saved by following rules, we are saved by trusting in Jesus.



Link

Faith is trusting God—even when we can't see everything clearly or don't know how things will turn out. Like a tower, our faith grows when we keep trusting Jesus.

YOU'LL NEED...

- Building Blocks - Wooden Blocks, Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo

ABC Prayer

YOU'LL NEED...

- Foam alphabet mats

STEPS

1. Place the alphabet mats randomly on the ground.
2. Have the children take turns jumping on the mats, one mat at a time.
3. Each time they jump on a mat they say a thank you prayer about something starting with that letter.
Eg. **A** - Thank you God for **A**pples. **S** - Thank you God for the **S**un.



Link

Prayer is an important way of strengthening our relationship and staying faithful to God.

Dot the Letters

YOU'LL NEED...

- A3 Printout Worksheet #1
- Dot Stickers in five different colours to match the coloured letters
- Blu Tack

STEPS

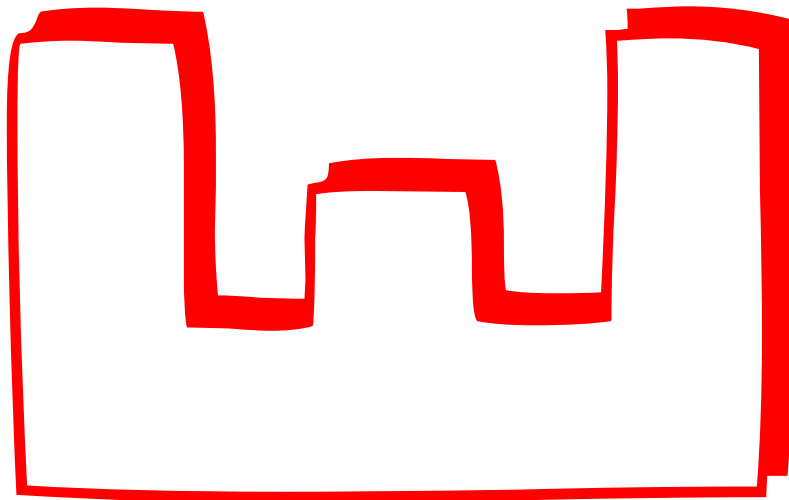
1. Blu tack the five letters on the wall to spell JESUS.
2. Get the children to place the dot stickers on the letters. Matching the same colour dots to the letters.
3. Say, "God's rules are good, but none of us can keep them perfectly. That's why we need Jesus."



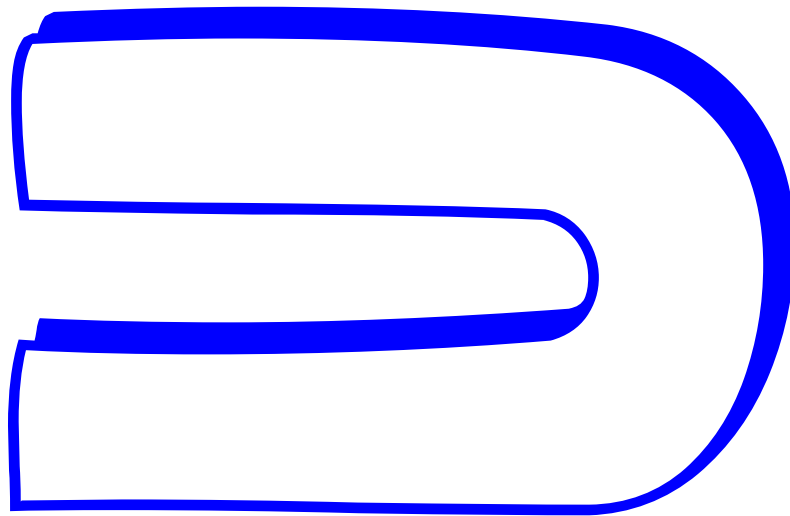
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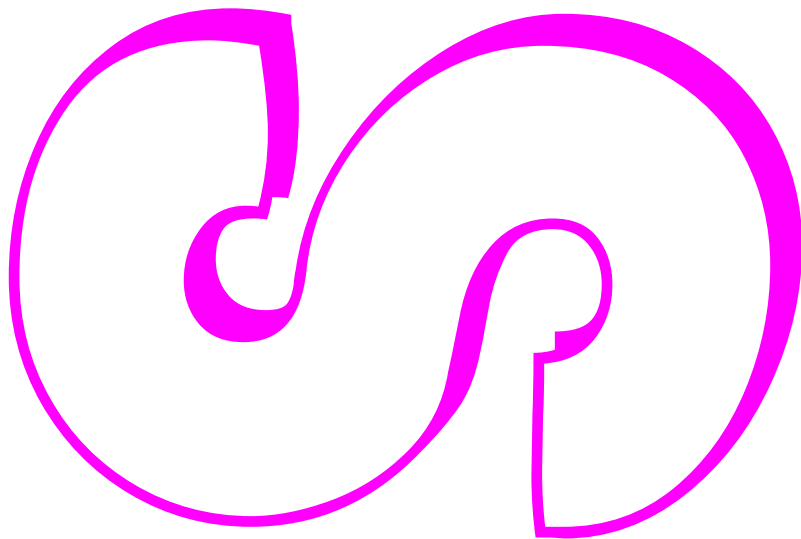
God's rules show us what is right, but we can't get to God by trying really hard or being perfect. Jesus helps us and makes a way for us.











Red and Green Choices

YOU'LL NEED...

- Laminated cards of 'green and red' choices

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STEPS

- Have each child select a Green and Red Choices cards. Read the choice to them and have them decide if it is a choice that is green (good) or red (poor).
- Talk about how we all do wrong things sometimes and how we can say sorry to God and He will forgive us because God sent his son to take our punishment for us.

The Green and Red Choices cards for this activity are available to purchase from 'Teachers Pay Teachers'

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Behavior-Management-Green-and-Red-Choices-Preschool-Pre-K-and-Kindergarten-1931820>

Alternatively you can design and make your own.



Link

We all make mistakes sometimes, but God loves us and gives us forgiveness through Jesus.

Feathers

YOU'LL NEED...

- Feathers

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1. Give each child a feather. Their goal is to keep the feather in the air using only their breath—no hands! They can blow gently or strongly, try different ways, even work together.
2. Explain that we can't see our breath. But we know it's there, because we can feel it, and we can see what it does. That's kind of like faith. We can't see God with our eyes, but we know He's real because of what He's done, what He's doing in our lives, and what the Bible tells us.



Link

Faith means trusting God, even when we can't see Him—just like we trusted our breath to keep the feather in the air.

Noughts and Crosses

YOU'LL NEED...

- Giant Noughts and Crosses Game)

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STEPS

1. As you play noughts and crosses with the children, talk about the right and wrongs ways to live - about following rules, but more importantly about having a heart that is focused on Jesus.

[IMAGE SOURCE: Modern Teaching Aids](#)



Link

We all make good and bad choices. Right and wrong decisions. Thankfully, Jesus loves us and has saved us from sin, through his death on the cross and resurrection to new life.

Quiz time!

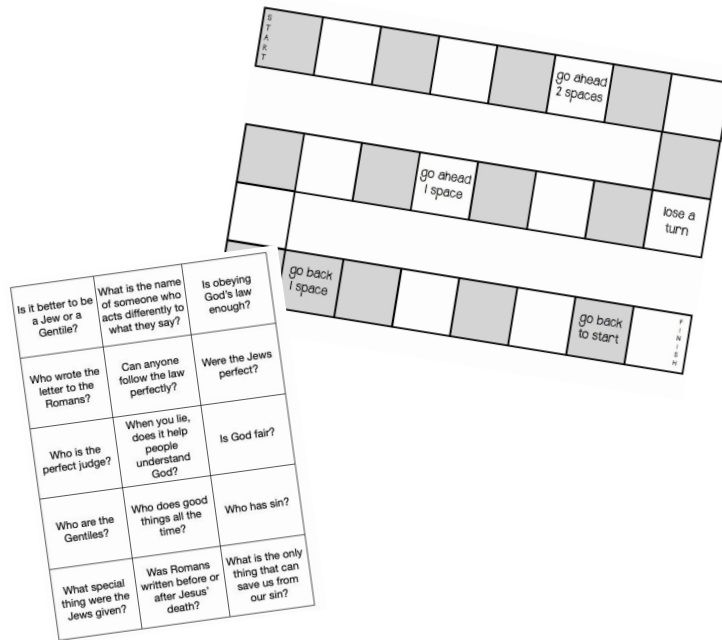
YOU'LL NEED...

- Quiz Time Questions (Worksheet #2)
- [Gameboard template \(some free designs are available here\).](#)
- counter/marker

STEPS

1. Cut out the Quiz Time Questions. Place them into a bucket.
2. Have the children take turns to draw out a question. Ask the group the question. If they get the correct answer, they get to move ahead a space. If they answer it incorrectly, they stay where they are.

For the younger children, it is a good idea to play this game as a whole group vs the teacher.



Link

We all make good and bad choices. Right and wrong decisions. Thankfully, Jesus loves us and has saved us from sin, through his death on the cross and resurrection to new life.

Is it better to be a Jew or a Gentile?	What is the name of someone who acts differently to what they say?	Is obeying God's law enough?
Who wrote the letter to the Romans?	Can anyone follow the law perfectly?	Were the Jews perfect?
Who is the perfect judge?	When you lie, does it help people understand God?	Is God fair?
Who are the Gentiles?	Who does good things all the time?	Who has sin?
What special thing were the Jews given?	Was Romans written before or after Jesus' death?	What is the only thing that can save us from our sin?

What does 'God's law' mean?	Who obeys God perfectly?	Does evil make God look better?
Name 5 sins that we've read about.	Does obeying the law save us?	Does God care about what's happening in our hearts?
Is what's on the outside more important?	Does just knowing about God make you right with God?	What is the only way we can be right with God?
Are Jews better than Gentiles?	Are you a Jew or a Gentile?	Is God faithful to his people?
Does God keep his promises?	Does being a Jew mean you don't need Jesus?	Can anyone obey God perfectly?

Salvation Bracelets

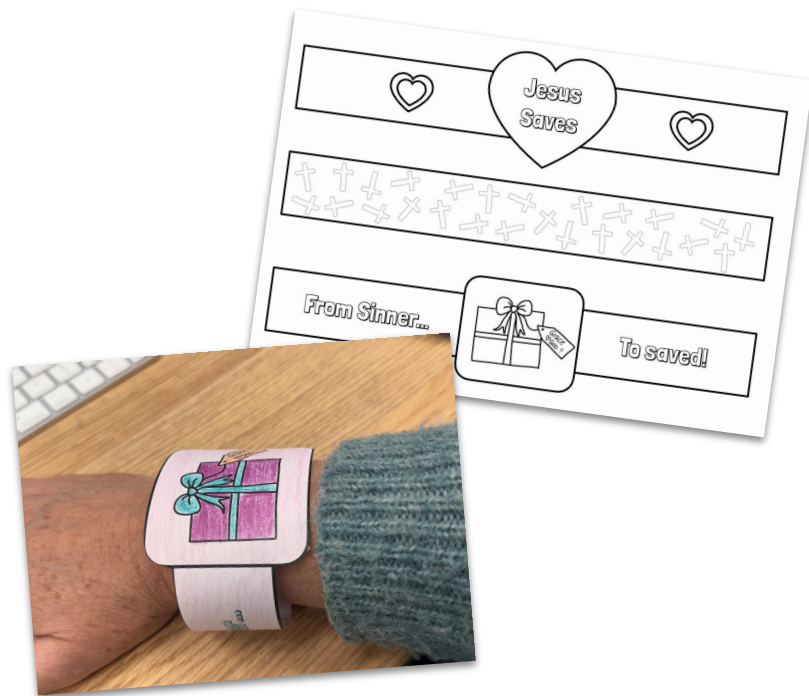
YOU'LL NEED...

- Wrist Bracelet Designs Worksheet #3)
- Coloured pencils
- Sticky tape
- Scissors

STEPS

The aim of this activity is for the children to discern the motives vs actions of each of the characters in the scenarios. It is advised to do at least one example as a whole group together - help the children work through the process of reading, role playing, and working out the actions and intentions.

1. Colour the wrist bracelet of their choice.
2. Cut out the bracelet.
3. Measure the paper around the wrist and cut to size (be sure to leave a little overlap and also allow for the bracelet to move freely around the wrist, without falling off).
4. Secure the bracelet in place by using a piece of double sided tape or regular tape.



Link

Each bracelet has been designed to help remind the wearer of how Christ offers us salvation.

A light beige rectangular header with a faint grid pattern. The text "WORKSHEET 3" is centered in a dark grey, sans-serif font.

WORKSHEET 3

The SALVATION WRISTBANDS Template is available on the next page.

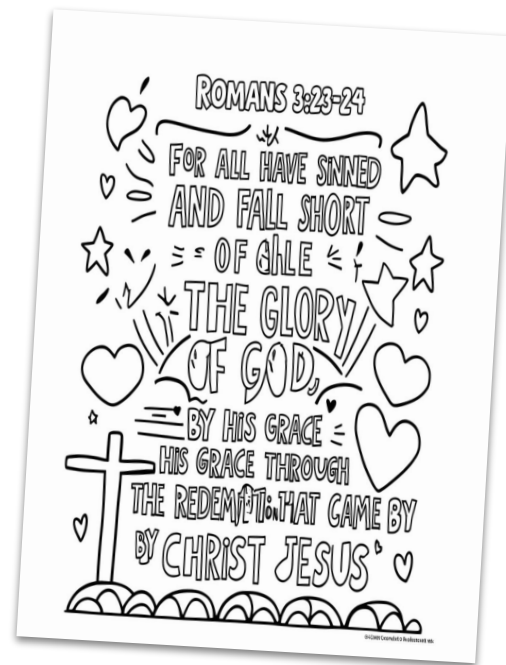
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STEPS

1. Provide each child with a printout of the memory verse colouring outline.
2. Have them colour in the words and decorate the page to take home.
3. Challenge the children to learn this verse and see if they can recite it by the end of the lesson (and remember it next week still!).



Link

This activity contains this week's memory verse from Romans 3:23-24.

Memory Verse Colouring

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of memory verse colouring sheet (we found this one from [Family Worship Ideas on Romans 3:21-31](#))
- Colouring Pencils or Felt tip pens

Comic Strip of Righteousness

YOU'LL NEED...

- [Monkey in the Bog Fable Comic \(Accessed from Max7\)](#)
- Printout of [Comic Strip Templates](#) (We used templates from *Dad's Worksheets*.)
- Pens
- Clipboards

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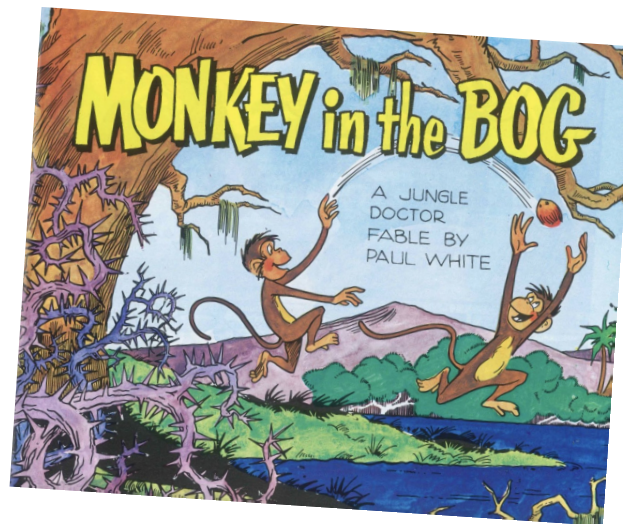
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STEPS

1. Read through the comic 'Monkey in the Bog' (A Jungle Doctor Fable by Paul White).
2. Talk about the last two pages of the comic - where it explains the fable and how we are made right with God because of the sacrifice of Jesus (not by our own efforts).
3. Have the children select a comic strip template and design their own final comic summary of the choice that people make between (a) trying to do things their own way and (b) putting their faith in Jesus.
4. Collect the finished comic strips to be displayed in your children's ministry area.



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This comic book is from the *Jungle Doctor Fable* series. It is about a monkey using his own wisdom and the analogy of how we are all stuck in the bog of sin.

GAME: Follow the Way

YOU'LL NEED...

- Foam alphabet mats

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STEPS

1. Make a path around the room with the alphabet mats.
2. Have the children follow the path.
3. Get one of the children to be the leader and do a different action while walking on the mats. Eg Jump, clap, nod, pat your head, etc.
4. Have the kids help you make different paths around the room.



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Jesus makes a way for us. We trust in Jesus, not in how good we are.

GAME: Stuck in the Mud

YOU'LL NEED...

- A room with space to move (or a large outdoor space)

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STEPS

1. Aim of the Game: everyone is trying to stay away from **sin**. Jesus is the only one who can rescue us from sin.
2. One person is appointed to be 'sin'. They are the tagger and must run around trying to tag people. If tagged, a person must freeze and stand 'stuck in the mud'.
3. Another person is appointed to be '**Jesus**'. They are the **ONLY** person who can save everyone else. If Jesus finds someone who is 'stuck in the mud', they must stand in front of the person, make a cross shape with their arms (symbolising Jesus dying on the cross) and the person stuck must copy the cross shape back to Jesus to signify they accept Jesus' sacrifice. The person stuck is now free and can continue running around.



Link

Sin is like mud - we get stuck and can't get out of it without help. Jesus is the only one who can save us!