

1st – 5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: The Message: "Christ Alone"

Bible Passage: Acts 15:1-35

Main Point: The church in Jerusalem encouraged Gentile believers.

Key Passage: Acts 1:8

Big Picture Question: How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

Christ Connection: *The church leaders met in Jerusalem to answer a tough question:*

Can a person be saved by faith alone or was something more needed? The early church agreed that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, He alone is all we need to be saved.



One More Thing Activity

Materials: piece of paper, markers, or pens

Give a sheet of paper to the person to your right. Give that person about 10 seconds to draw one simple thing on the paper (you can use your phone's stopwatch to keep time or just estimate. Don't let them draw a masterpiece, they are to draw one simple thing on the paper i.e.house, tree, dog,etc..).

Even if not finished, they will pass the paper to the person on their right. Then, they will have approximately 10 seconds to add one thing to the picture before passing it. Continue in this way until each player has had a chance to add one thing to the picture. Then display the picture for everyone to see and discuss.

This activity was a fun way to see the effects of letting people add whatever they want to a picture. In the early church, some Jewish believers wanted to add to the gospel all the Old Testament laws about what to eat, what to do, and how to live. They thought that believing in Jesus wasn't enough to be saved, but that people must also obey the entire law. The Holy Spirit reminded them that Jesus was enough. His perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection made the way for all people to be saved. The law still contained good wisdom for honoring God, but it was not able to save people from sin. Only Jesus can save people.

What Saves Us?

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INSTRUCTIONS: Circle the picture or pictures that represent ways we can be saved from sin.



KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

BIBLE STORY:

THE MESSAGE: "CHRIST ALONE"

- Some men wanted Gentile believers to obey all of the Old Testament Law.
- Peter said we are saved only by faith in Jesus.
- The leaders of the church sent a letter to the Gentiles.
- The church in Jerusalem encouraged Gentile believers.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What was the purpose of the Old Testament Law?
- Why can't the law save us?
- Why is faith in Jesus enough?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- As a family, write encouraging notes to people in your church. Deliver them next time your church gathers.
- Print a picture of a famous painting. Let your kids add to it. Ask what would happen if they painted on it in real life.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 30, Session 3