

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Paul Confronted Peter

Bible Passage: Galatians 2:11-21

Main Point: Paul wrote that we are saved through faith in Jesus alone.

Key Passage: Galatians 2:20

Big Picture Question: Why does God want us to obey Him? Obedience is our response to God's love for us.

Christ Connection: Peter was wrong to separate himself from the Gentiles. The gospel is for everyone, and we should show love to everyone. Paul reminded Peter that only Jesus can save people from sin. God accepts people who have faith in Jesus, not people who try to earn salvation on their own.

What's Different?

Materials – 2 pictures

Print out the picture below. Show the group Picture 1(left side). Cover the Picture 2(right side). Let them discuss it for a few of seconds. Now, cover Picture 1 and show the group Picture 2. Challenge the group to point out all the differences. Let them look at both if they haven't gotten all the differences.

(Answers...maybe there's more: 1) Nothing/No thing; 2) me!/me; 3) detective/Detective; 4) I'm/I am; 5) replied Henry/Harry replied; 6) light; 7) picture; 8) beard and mustache; 9) sunglasses; 10) long sleeve/short sleeve; 11) front of detective's shirt; 12) Hand on paper; 13) Pointing hand; 14) coffee cup moved; 15) small square paper; 16) table; 17) feet under table; 18) sleeveless shirt/short sleeve shirt; 19) shorts/long pants; 20) cross/smiley face on shirt; 21) hair of person sitting; 22) eyes of person sitting; 23) chair; 24) crossed legs; 25) mouse.)

Some of the differences in Picture 1 and Picture 2 were small and hard to spot. In our story, Peter treated Gentiles differently, as though they needed to do something extra to be saved. We do not obey God to be saved because we cannot obey God perfectly. Paul wrote that we are saved through faith in Jesus alone, not by obeying God. Why does God want us to obey Him? Obedience is our response to God's love for us.

"Nothing gets by me!" The detective said.

"I'm not so sure," replied Henry.



"No thing gets by me," the Detective said.

"I am not so sure." Harry replied.



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INSTRUCTIONS: Match the items on the left with the items on the right that work better together. Not all items will have a match.

KEY PASSAGE: Galatians 2:20

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Why does God want us to obey Him? Obedience is our response to God's love for us.

BIBLE STORY:

PAUL CONFRONTED PETER

- Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians.
- Paul told about a time Peter would not eat with Gentile believers.
- Peter was wrong to do that.
- Paul wrote that we are saved through faith in Jesus alone.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was it wrong for Peter to avoid eating with Gentile believers?
- Why is it so important to know that faith in Jesus is the only thing that saves us?
- What happens when we believe we can work for salvation?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Invite a family that your family does not know well to dinner.
- Play an obedience game like "Mother, May I?" or "Simon Says" with your family. Discuss why we obey God.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 31, Session 1



But Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."

Matthew 19:14

First name: _____

Last name: _____

Please use this section for Family Discussion Starters:

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