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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus forgives.  **Faith Verse**  John 3:16 (NLT)  “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”  **Question of the Day: How has Jesus saved us?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Romans 5:8–9

In a courtroom, when someone is on trial for something they are accused of doing, there is a prosecutor and a defense attorney. The prosecutor tries to prove that the accused person is guilty, while the defense attorney tries to prove the accused person’s innocence or at least ensure they have a fair trial.

If this were the case when we were standing before God, and, if Jesus had not come, we would be proven guilty every time because of our sin. But, because of God’s great love for us, even while we were sinners and guilty of sin, God sent His Son to die for us and pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus took our place and our punishment. Because of Jesus’ death on the cross, we can be made right with God and saved from eternal separation from Him. Jesus saves us and makes it possible for us to have eternal life in heaven with Him.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What did God do for us while we were still sinners?  **Answer 1.** He sent Christ to die for us. (Romans 5:8) |
| **Question 2.** Who makes us right in God’s sight?  **Answer 2.** Jesus (Romans 5:9) |
| **Question 3.** How does knowing that God loved you even while you were living in sin make you feel?  **Answer 3.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 4.** What part of your life do you need Jesus to make right?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you worship Jesus and thank Him for saving you?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Jesus, thank You that even when we mess up and make mistakes, You still love us. Thank You for taking the punishment for our sins and saving us. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus forgives.  **Faith Verse**  John 3:16 (NLT)  “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”  **Question of the Day: What is grace?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Ephesians 2:8–9

Have you ever had a stinky attitude all day? Maybe throughout the day you intentionally made many wrong choices. Yet, at the end of the day you were still offered a trip to go get an ice cream cone. You didn’t earn it and you certainly didn’t deserve it, but it was given to you as a gift from someone who loves you.

This is a bit like the way it works with Jesus. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we’ve done and we certainly have done nothing to deserve it. Yet, because of God’s great love for us, He sent Jesus to be our Savior and His salvation is given to us as a gift. This is grace. When we choose to believe and obey, we can be saved and we can receive the grace that Jesus offers.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** When do we receive God’s grace?  **Answer 1.** When we believe (Ephesians 2:8) |
| **Question 2.** Can we earn salvation?  **Answer 2.** No. “Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” It is a gift from God. (Ephesians 2:9) |
| **Question 3.** Why do you think God shows us grace and offers us forgiveness?  **Answer 3.** Because He loves us |
| **Question 4.** When is a time that you have been shown grace by someone?  **Answer 4.** Answers will vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can you share this gift of God’s grace with someone else?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

God, thank You for Your gift of salvation and grace that You give to me freely. Today, I choose to believe and accept that gift for myself. Help me to be ready and willing to share Your gift with others. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus forgives.  **Faith Verse**  John 3:16 (NLT)  “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”  **Question of the Day: How is it possible for us to be saved?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Acts 4:11–13

Peter and John were bold followers of Jesus, and they knew how important it was for everyone to know about Jesus. In our Scripture reading today, they were telling members of the council about Jesus and His power to save people. Although people may look to false gods, illegal drugs, or bad behavior, none of those things can help. The Bible says that there is no other way for us to be saved except through Jesus. Without Him, we would be lost and there would be no way to have a relationship with God. Jesus’ work on the cross made it possible for us to be saved.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Who is salvation found in?  **Answer 1.** Jesus. “There is salvation in no one else!” (Acts 4:12) |
| **Question 2.** Did Peter and John have special training to tell the council members about Jesus?  **Answer 2.** No, they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. (Acts 4:13) |
| **Question 3.** What did the council members notice about Peter and John?  **Answer 3.** They recognized them as men who had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13) |
| **Question 4.** What kinds of things to people search for salvation in other than Jesus?  **Answer 4.** Some people look to false gods, illegal drugs, and bad behavior. |
| **Question 5.** How does knowing that Jesus is the only way to be saved make you want to live your life?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Jesus, thank You for giving Your life for us and making it possible for us to be saved. I believe that You are the only way to be saved and I want to live my life to honor You in all that I do. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus forgives.  **Faith Verse**  John 3:16 (NLT)  “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”  **Question of the Day: Who does God want to be saved?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 1 Timothy 2:1–6

There are things in the world that are reserved just for people who meet certain guidelines. Only kids can play on a kids’ sports team. Referees in a football game are the only ones who wear a black and white striped shirt on a football field during a game. Only those who meet a certain height requirement can ride most roller coasters at theme parks. These are only for certain people. However, the saving grace of God’s love doesn’t work like that.

God wants everyone to be saved and to understand that the good news about Jesus is for everyone. There is no one excluded from that love of God. Jesus gave His life to purchase forgiveness for everyone. There’s no special requirement on who can be saved. Anyone who comes to Jesus, accepts Him as their Savior, and follows Him can be saved.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Who is the only One who can repair the relationship between God and people?  **Answer 1.** Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5) |
| **Question 2.** How was freedom from sin purchased for everyone?  **Answer 2.** Jesus gave His life. (1 Timothy 2:5). |
| **Question 3.** Is anyone excluded from God’s offer to be saved?  **Answer 3.** No, God wants everyone to be saved. (1 Timothy 2:3–4). |
| **Question 4.** Is there anyone in your life you think can’t be saved by Jesus?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** Who in your life needs to know that Jesus can be their Savior, and that God loves them?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Jesus, thank You that you came to save everyone and that You have made it possible for everyone to be free from sin. Help me to be willing and ready to share Your love with everyone around me. Amen.

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