

Life Changer - Family Lesson 3

Divine Attribute: God is Life Changer

Heart Response: Believe in Him

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”

Points of Emphasis:

1. We are all sinners and need Jesus to change our lives.
2. Only God can change our hearts and lives.
3. When you believe in Jesus, you become a new person.
4. When God changes our lives, we want to tell other people.

Family Worship

Gather your family and play the [worship video](#) found on the curriculum resource page! Have fun, sing loud, and follow along with the motions!

Memory Verse

Supplies:

[Memory verse video](#)

Optional printed memory verse poster

Open your Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17. Show your child that this is where we find today’s verse in the Bible. Watch the memory verse video together. If you printed the memory verse poster, display it for your child to see. Practice the verse and motions with the video. Then, practice it as a family. Consider saying it in funny voices or as you stand, hop, or other fun motions. Maybe even try making it a song!

Bible Lesson

***Note to - the lesson is written to be read like a story. Read the bold words aloud. The words in parenthesis give direction to pause, allow for response, or read Scripture.*

Supplies:

Bible (Acts 16:22-34)

Does everyone remember what we have been learning about? God changed Saul’s life. He became a follower of Jesus, and God changed his name to Paul. He started going from place to place telling everyone the Good News that Jesus was God’s Son and that God can change lives.

(Open your Bible to Acts 16:22-34.) **After Paul leaves the town of Antioch, he begins traveling with a man named Silas. Everywhere Paul and Silas go, people stop to listen to the Good News about Jesus.**

Some people become very angry when Paul and Silas talk about Jesus. These people capture Paul and Silas and put them in jail. They put Paul and Silas deep inside the prison and chain them to the walls by their feet so they cannot get away. Soldiers stand and guard the jail to make sure they do not escape. Do you know what Paul and Silas do? (Allow Responses) Do you think they cry? Do you think they are afraid?

The Bible tells us that Paul and Silas pray and sing praises to God. Paul and Silas know God is with them and that God is powerful enough to save them. The other prisoners listen to them, hearing them sing praise to God. As they are singing, suddenly there is a great earthquake. It shakes the prison from top to bottom. (Wiggle and shake your arms.) God makes all of the doors come open, and everyone’s chains fall off!

The prison guard wakes up and sees the doors open. He is afraid because he thinks Paul and Silas have run away. Paul calls out to him in a loud voice and says, “We are all here!” The prison guard calls for some light and rushes in to see. And there they are. Paul and Silas have not run away.

The guard shakes in fear and falls down in front of Paul and Silas. He asks them, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul and Silas tell the guard, “Believe in the Lord Jesus. Then you and your family will be saved.”

Then Paul and Silas tell the guard and his whole family all about Jesus, and they believe in Jesus and are baptized. The guard’s life is changed. He is kind to Paul and Silas and washes their wounds and gives them something to eat.

God changed the guard’s heart and life. He was glad to believe the Good News that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to forgive his sins. God did that for all of us. God can change our lives, too, when we believe in Jesus and ask him to forgive us.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for always being in control. Change us and help us to sing praises to you always. Help us to believe in you and tell others about how you can change lives. Amen.

Paul and Silas Coloring Sheet

Supplies:

Coloring sheet (found on [Kids Resource Page](#))
Crayons

Have your child color the picture. While your child is coloring, consider asking them the review questions below. These questions can also be saved for conversations over dinner or while driving.

Review Questions

1. **Why were Paul and Silas captured and put in jail?** (They were talking about Jesus and telling others about him.)
2. **What did Paul and Silas do when they were put in prison?** (They prayed and sang praises to God.)

3. **What happened when Paul and Silas were singing praises to God?** (An earthquake came and opened all the doors and made everyone’s chains fall off.)
4. **Did Paul and Silas run away after the earthquake?** (No. They stayed until the guard came and talked to them.)
5. **What did the guard do when he saw that Paul and Silas were still there?** (He asked what he must do to be saved, believed in Jesus, and his life was changed.)

Optional Additional Activities

God Changes Us

Supplies

Bottle of water

Food coloring

Hold up the water bottle (slightly less than full). **What is this?** (Water.) **That is right! It is water.** Hold up food coloring. **Now can you tell me what this is?** It is red food coloring. Our memory verse tells us that, “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” When we add this red food coloring to the water, the water changes color. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water bottle. **When we ask Christ to come into our lives, we are given a brand new life. He changes our hearts just like this water changed color. The water is changed forever and cannot go back to being clear again. The Bible tells us that nothing can separate us from God’s love. “Who can separate us from Christ’s love? Can trouble or hard times or hunger? No! Nothing at all can ever separate us from God’s love because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.” (Romans 8:35-39).** In today’s Bible lesson, we learned about how Paul praised God during a troubling and scary time. Paul believed that the one who changed his life loved him, cared about him, and knew what was best. He knew nothing could separate him from God’s love because of what Jesus has done.

