

Life Changer - Family Lesson 4

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

Choose your favorite songs from the [Spotify Playlist](#) found on the curriculum resource page. Have fun, sing loudly, 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 17:16-34)

We have been learning about how God changed Paul’s life. God used Paul’s changed life to tell many people about how Jesus could change their lives, too. God called Paul to go and teach others this Good News. Not everyone wanted to hear the Good News about Jesus, but Paul continued to do what God called him to do. After Paul went to prison, he continued to talk to everyone about Jesus. He wanted everyone to know that God loved them.

(Open your Bible to Acts 17:16-34.) **As Paul travels, he goes to a city named Athens. He sees idols everywhere. Have you heard the word “idol”? An idol is something people worship instead of God. The people in Athens have made stone and wooden statues and worship them. As Paul looks around the city, he notices one of the idols has a sign that says, “TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.”**

Paul begins speaking to the people there about the one true God. He preaches the Good News about Jesus, telling them that Jesus has risen from the dead. The people of Athens think Paul has some strange ideas. They have never heard of this God before. Paul tells them, “I looked carefully at the things you worship and found an altar to an ‘unknown god’ you worship. Now I am going to tell you about this ‘unknown god,’ the God you do not know.”

He begins to tell the people, “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. He is the Lord of heaven and earth. He gives life and breath to all people. He also gives them everything else they have.” Paul tells the people that God commands people to turn away from their sin and explains how they can know this God who raised Jesus from the dead.

Some people laugh at Paul and make fun of what he was saying. But others become

followers and believe in Jesus. Jesus is not an unknown god to them any longer. They know the real God. He is the only God and is worthy of being worshiped. He is the only one who can change people's hearts and lives.

Again, God uses Paul's changed life to speak to others about Jesus. More lives are changed as people hear the truth about who God is. God is a life changer. He can change our lives, too. When we allow God to work in our lives, he molds us and shapes us. He changes our hearts and actions and makes us brand new on the inside.

Prayer

God, thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Thank you for showing your power over death and raising Jesus from the dead three days later. Help us as we tell others about this Good News of your perfect love for us. Help us to be open to you as You work in us and change and mold us to make us new. Amen.

Paul 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. **What was the name of the city Paul was visiting in today's lesson?** (Athens.)
2. **What did Paul see everywhere in Athens?** (Idols made of wood and stone.)
3. **What were the idols for?** (People worshiped them.)
4. **What did Paul tell the people in Athens about?** (The one true God worth worshiping and the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection.)

5. **What happened when Paul told the people about God?** (Some of them believed and their lives were changed.)

6. **What happens when we allow God to work in our lives?** (He molds and shapes us. He changes our hearts and actions and makes us brand new on the inside.)

Optional Additional Activities

Only One

Supplies

Shopping bag

Ball

Set of items representing things people worship (such as a smartphone, toys, money, craft supplies)

We are learning about Paul and how God used Paul's changed life to go out into the world and tell other people the Good News. God wants us to know and love him. He wants us to love him more than anything else in the whole world. In the Bible lesson today, we learned about people who worshiped idols. An idol is something people worship instead of God. We also struggle with this sin in our lives. Show your child the bag and explain that inside there are things that we might think are special. Take out the ball. Ask your child what it is. (A ball) Ask them who loves to play ball. **Many people love to play ball; however, sometimes we love these things too much and spend all of our time, money, and energy on them. There is nothing wrong with loving people and things. But they should never become more important than God.** Have your child reach in the bag and pull out another item. Have them say what it is and if they like the item. Talk about the item and how people can love it too much like you did with the ball. **People end up worshiping things. But God is the only one who deserves all the glory and praise. He is the only one we should worship. God made the world and everything in it. He created you and me. He is generous and gives us all we have. He sent his Son Jesus to die so that we can have a relationship with him, now and forever. He is the only one that can change our hearts and lives.**

