



Grace Church Preschool

Tree House

Life Changer - Family Lesson 5

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 27)

We’ve been learning about a man named Paul who was changed by God. After God changed his heart and life, Paul began teaching and sharing the good news about Jesus. Many people who heard Paul share about Jesus believed in him, too, and their lives were also changed. Still, many people were not happy with Paul for sharing the good news about Jesus, and it caused Paul some problems. He even got arrested sometimes! He still chose to continue on his travels and tell others about God.

(Open your Bible to Acts 27.) **One day, Paul has been arrested again, and the leaders decide to send him to Rome. When it is time to sail to Rome, Paul is handed over to a Roman leader named Julius. The next day, they stop at a city, and Julius is kind to Paul. Even though Paul is a prisoner, Julius lets Paul go visit his friends so they can give him what he needs.**

From there, they head out to sea again. While Paul is on the ship, a strong wind begins to blow. The sailors cannot turn the ship. It is caught in the storm, rocking back and forth in the waters. (Rock from side to side.) The sun and stars do not appear for many days. The storm is terrible.

The sailors try to do all they can. They throw things overboard to try to lighten the ship’s load. They are in trouble. They cannot save themselves from this storm.

Paul stands up and says, “Now I beg you to be brave. Not one of you will die. Only the ship will be destroyed. I belong to God and serve him.” He tells them how an angel of God has spoken to him and told him this would be so. Paul has faith and believes God. He knows that it will happen just as the angel told him.

Paul tells the people on the ship that they need to eat. He takes some bread and gives thanks to God. He does this where they all can see. Then, he breaks the bread and begins to eat. All of the people are filled with hope and begin to eat as well.

They lift the sail on the ship and head for the shore. But the ship gets stuck before it reaches the beach, and the strong waves break the ship into pieces.

The soldiers plan to keep the prisoners from escaping, but Julius wants to save Paul. He keeps the soldiers from harming the prisoners and tells those who can swim to jump overboard and swim to land. Those who cannot swim float on boards and other pieces of the ship to reach land safely.

Just like only God can save us from sin and change our lives, God was the only one who could save Paul and the others and get them safely to shore. The people had to listen to Paul and obey what he said, but God kept them safe and saved them as he promised Paul he would.

God can save us and change our lives, too. He is the only one who can. We cannot save ourselves. That is why Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. He wants to be our Savior and have a relationship with us forever. He loves us that much!

Prayer

God, thank you for showing us your great power even through storms and shipwrecks. Thank you for being the one to change our lives and hearts. Help us to believe in you and trust you. 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. **Why was Paul on a boat going to Rome?** (He was arrested and the leaders sent him there.)
2. **What was the name of the Roman leader who was nice to Paul?** (Julius.)
3. **What happened while Paul was at sea?** (A terrible storm came.)
4. **How did Paul know that they would be safe in the storm?** (An angel of God told him that no one would die but only the ship would be destroyed.)
5. **What happened to everyone when the ship fell apart?** (They swam or floated on boards to get to shore. They made it safely.)
6. **Who is the only one that can save us from our sins and change our lives?** (God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit.)

Optional Additional Activities

Shipwrecked

Supplies

Brown construction paper

Masking tape

Tape the brown paper to the floor about two feet apart around the room. Have your child stand on one of the brown pieces of paper. Tell them in the Bible lesson today we learned that God saved even the ones who could not swim. They couldn't save themselves, but they were able to use the pieces of wood from the ship to safely reach the shore. Tell them when you say "go," they are going to jump from one piece of wood to the next and try not to fall into the sea. While they are jumping, remind them of the events in the Bible lesson. **God did as he promised Paul he would do. He saved his people from death. We cannot save ourselves either. There is only one who can change our hearts and lives and save us. Who is that? Jesus! That is right!**

