



Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus can be forgiven of their sins and be right with God.

Week 21: January 5, 2025

Bible Story Point: Jesus can forgive anyone.

Key Passage: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. (John 3:17)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Jesus can Forgive Anyone (2 Corinthians 5)

One theme Paul wrote about in the book of 2 Corinthians is the forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ. He shared of his own need for reconciliation with God and how he—like us—had been tasked with taking part in the Lord's ministry of reconciliation. Being a part of God's family means bringing others into His kingdom, too.

How can anyone be forgiven of their sins? What does it look like to live as one forgiven by God?

Like Paul, we are all in need of the Lord's forgiveness because we have all sinned against Him. Paul reminded the Corinthian church that forgiveness of sins has been made possible through Christ's perfect sacrifice. It is faith in Jesus alone that reconciles us to God, and it is faith in Jesus by which our sins are not counted against us. Through Jesus' willing sacrifice on our behalf, He was made sin so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Thus, forgiveness is given to anyone who turns to Christ as Savior and Lord.

Paul continued to encourage the Corinthians to live as forgiven people who are compelled by the love of Christ to share the gospel with others. No longer should we live for ourselves, seeking after the ways of the world. Rather, we live as new creations, set on making much of Jesus and declaring how only He can reconcile us to God. The hearts of forgiven people saved by grace have a deep desire for others to know the love of Jesus and be saved.

Consider the forgiveness you've received from God. How has repentance played a role in your life as a believer? What is your testimony of being brought from death to life, and how can you share it with the kids in your family? Ask God to make the reality of His power to save and forgive real in the hearts and minds of your family members today.

- Do we fear God? No, Jesus came to rescue sinners.
- Who did Jesus die for? All people
- If you are in Christ? You are a new creation.
- As believers, what are we called to be? Ambassadors for Christ (Representative of Jesus Christ)
- How are you a new creation in your life today?
- What can you do to continue to grow in your faith?
- How can you be a light in your community?

Practice: Say (Memorize) Key passage

Pray: Thank God for making you a new creation. Ask God to help you renew your faith daily.

Wednesday Night Awana Clubs: Verses for January 15

Cubbies: Bear Hug 15—Matthew 1:21 “...Call His name Jesus: for He will save His people from their sins.”

Sparks:

Hang Glider – John 14:6, Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the father except through Me.”

Wing Runner – Red Jewel 2.4 Requires Parent Signature, Green Jewel 2.1 – Peter 1:25, But the word of the Lord remains forever.

Sky Storm– Matthew 28:6, He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. AND 1 John 5:12, Whoever has the Son has life; Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

T & T's – 3.1 Jesus is Fully God

John 10:30, I and the Father are one.

Saturday Night: (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, January 12

The Church Met Together (Acts 15)

- What did some Gentile churches believe? They had to follow the Jewish law.
- Why did the council decide not to push Gentiles to follow Jewish law? The Holy Spirit had filled gentiles without following the Jewish law.
- What did they tell the Gentiles to do? not have idols or make sacrifices to idols, live like Jesus' example.
- When Paul and Barnabas went on separate journeys, who went with them? John Mark went with Barnabas and Silas went with Paul

Upcoming Activities:

January 15	Wednesday Night Activities resume.
January 16	Pickleball and Walking Resumes
January 24—25	Magnified—VBS Preview Conference
January 26—29	Life Action—Thirst Conference
February 3	Mom's Bible Study 9AM in Fellowship Hall
February 4	Good News Club Begins (Tuesdays 3: - 4:15 through March 5)
February 9	2nd Annual Chili Bowl Cook off—Kids Camp Fund Raiser
February 16	Preschool Appreciation Lunch and Training
February 20—28	Our Calling Mission Trip
February 21	Youth Spud Night
February 20	Legacy Conference

