

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is a gift for everyone.

Read Ephesians 2:8

DAY 1

The BEST Gift of All

What's the best gift you've ever been given? Find a piece of paper and draw your best gift ever.

This week's verse reminds us that there's one gift that's way more awesome than the one you've drawn. It's Jesus! He is the best gift ever because He made a way for us to be a part of God's family. God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross and be raised back to life so that we could be forgiven.

Spend some time thanking God for the good gifts He gives us, especially the best gift ever: Jesus!

DAY 2

GRACE

Do you know what grace is? Circle an answer from the list below:

1. What you say before you eat dinner
2. A popular girl's name
3. A form of transportation on two wheels, used to get around the neighborhood
4. God's forgiveness even when we don't deserve it

When you put your faith or trust in Jesus, God gives grace. We cannot earn God's forgiveness. It is His gift to us. Today's verse reminds us that we cannot do anything in our own power to be forgiven. We are forgiven, given grace, because of what Jesus has done.

DAY 3

Can I Have Dessert, Please?

Draw what you had for dinner last night on the plate provided here:

This week's verse talks about grace. Grace means that God forgives us even when we don't deserve it.

So, what does grace have to do with dinner? Imagine your mom or dad serves all of your least favorite things for dinner. Grace is like not eating that dinner and still receiving dessert. Grace is given to everyone who puts their trust in Jesus, no matter what they've done. It's a gift!

DAY 4

Sing It, Learn It!

This week's verse is our memory verse for July and it's a great one to memorize! One of the best ways to memorize something is to set the words to music. Sing this week's verse to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus" as written below.

God's grace has saved you because of your faith
(The wheels on the bus go up and down)

In Jesus Christ (round and round)

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Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do.
(The wheels on the bus go up and down)

It is God's gift.
(All through the town)

Ephesians 2:8
(Repeat the same tune: All through the town.)





READ ROMANS 6:8-14

DAY 1

As you read through Romans 6:8-14, cross out the following words: *died, death, dead, die, sin, evil, master, rule.*

Go back and read it again, and this time, circle the following words: *live, raised, power, alive, life, right, grace, free.*

What an amazing gift God's grace is to us! Death is no longer, and instead, we can experience eternal life, God's power and freedom!

Thank God for the gift of grace that is for all of us!

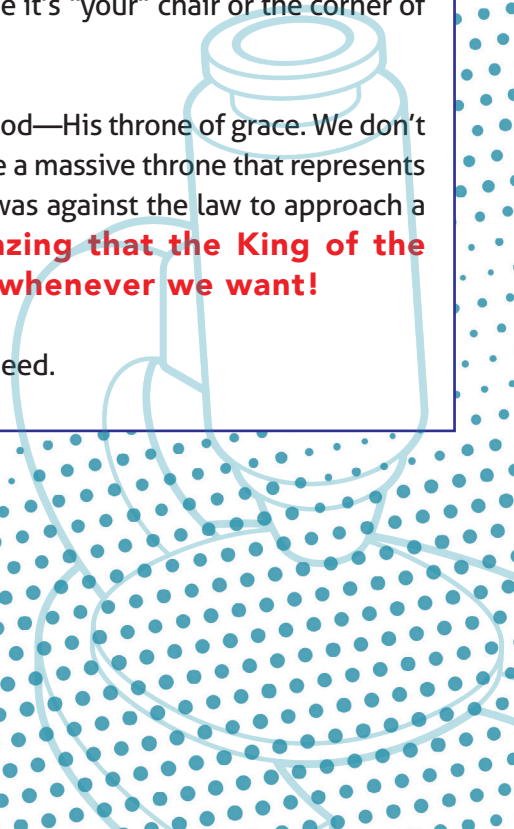
READ HEBREWS 4:16

DAY 2

Take this card and find a seat at your favorite spot in your house. Maybe it's "your" chair or the corner of the couch.

The writer of Hebrews talks about a very special chair that belongs to God—His throne of grace. We don't know if it's a literal throne or just the idea of one, but it's cool to picture a massive throne that represents all the love, grace, and mercy God has toward us. In ancient times, it was against the law to approach a king sitting on his throne, unless he had invited you first. **How amazing that the King of the universe has invited ALL of us to approach His throne whenever we want!**

Ask God to help you boldly approach His throne and ask for what you need.



READ 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

DAY 3

What is something heavy in your room that you can't pick up by yourself? Ask someone stronger than you to come and help you. Are you able to lift it now?

What is something you struggle with? Have you ever asked God to show up and help you with it? Especially when it comes to things we know God wants us to do, like obeying our parents, being kind to others, being honest, and showing honor to others. If we are having a hard time doing those things, that gives God a chance to show up and help us. His grace means we're forgiven when we mess up, and we're strengthened when we're weak.

Know that you don't have to do it all alone!

READ JOHN 1:16-17

DAY 4

What do each of these traffic signs, or rules of the road, mean?

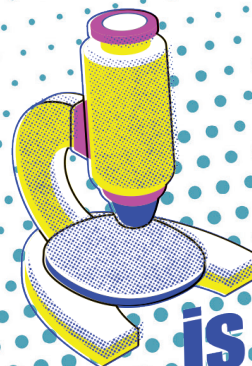


Have you ever thought of rules as grace? It's true though, rules keep us safe, help us know how to live well, and keep us from hurting ourselves and others.

God's rules, or law, are the same. He didn't have to give us rules, but He did because He loves us. But it didn't stop there. Because He also gave us Jesus! That means even when we mess up and don't follow the rules, we still have grace and mercy available to us through Jesus.

Thank God for His grace upon grace.

Answers: Yield, railroad crossing, school zone, winding road, slippery when wet



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WHY DO PEOPLE GIVE GIFTS?

DAY 5

Is there someone in your family that you need to ask for forgiveness? Maybe you snapped at your mom this morning. Or you disobeyed your stepdad. Or, is there someone in your family that you need to forgive? Are you still mad at your brother for taking your slime to school?

Take a couple of minutes to talk to them.

Ask or offer them grace.

You'll both walk away feeling better after experiencing grace.

FAITH

TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE
BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.
(Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: _____

2) YOU LEARNED: _____

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW: _____

DAY 2

READ EPHESIANS 2:8-9

We learn a *lot* about grace in those verses.

1. Graces saves us
2. Grace doesn't come from anything we do
3. No one can earn grace

WE LEARN THAT GRACE IS A GIFT.

It's the gift of forgiveness every time we mess up.

It's the gift of being loved by God before we even know who He is.

It's the gift of being in God's family forever, no matter what.

Grace is the best kind of gift, because it's given to everyone. It's just like we said last week—Jesus is a gift for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be hard to understand grace because it's almost too good to be true. We can get forgiveness no matter what? But it is true! Jesus was born, lived, and died so that we could have grace.

When's the last time something happened to you that seemed too good to be true? How did it feel?

DAY 4

Do you know someone who seems to be filled with grace? Someone who is able to control their temper, forgive, and let go of anger? Maybe it's your soccer coach or teacher. It could be your stepmom or grandpa. Take some time today or tomorrow to reach out to that person.

If you can't do it in person, you can text, email, or even video call them. Ask them to tell you how they find the strength and courage to forgive and ask for forgiveness. Ask them how they came to be filled with the gift of grace.

DAY 3

Talking to God is one of the best ways to grow your faith. You can talk to God just like you talk to your parents or friends. Fill in the blanks below, then read the prayer to God.

Hey God!

I'm so glad I can talk to you about anything, any time. It's pretty cool that you listen to me. It's even more cool that you want to hear what I am thinking and feeling.

Right now, I am learning about grace and it's pretty awesome. It's amazing that You love us so much that You sent your Son Jesus so that I can have forgiveness when I mess up. You know, like that one time I (a time you messed up) _____.

Because of grace, anytime I ask for forgiveness, You give me forgiveness. Because of that, You want me to forgive others when they mess up. Even when it's really, really hard.

That's why I want to forgive (someone who did something to hurt you) _____. Help me to show them the same kind of grace You have shown me.

Thank You so much for the gift of grace! Amen.

