

# ROMANS

Lesson 6  
25 February 2024

Romans 4:15-25

Saved by Grace

## Leaders Notes



### Main point

Our salvation is a gift from God- we need to accept this gift by actively having faith that Jesus can save us.



### Bible Passage

Romans 4:13-25

A key focus on: 4:16a

## Leaders Digging Deeper



What is saving faith, and how do you know if you have it?

Paul is going to answer that question by looking at the life of one of the most important figures in the Bible: Abraham.

His choice of Abraham is intentional, because Jews considered Abraham to be the father of their faith. God declared Abraham righteous in Genesis 15:6.

Circumcision wasn't given until Genesis 17. Circumcision represented all the laws that God would one day give with Moses,

Paul is saying "before any these laws were even given, Abraham had been declared righteous."

Therefore you can't say that obeying the law is necessary for salvation is impossible because Abraham was saved before God even gave it!

He didn't just believe in God in general; he believed a specific promise what God had said. Let me take a minute and make sure that you know the story of Abraham.

After the wickedness of the world had really come to a head in the flood, resulting in this brazenly defiant act of mankind building a gigantic tower as a declaration of independence from God, called "The Tower of Babel," God chose a man named Abram to father a nation, through whom God would one day bring salvation into the world.

This all takes place in Genesis 12.

The problem is that Abraham and his wife are in their 70's and have no kids, and they remain that way until they are in their 90's.

This is what it means to "hope against hope." Because, when you're 90 and you haven't had kids, you give up for obvious reasons.

But vs 18 He believed... according to what had been spoken. (specifically, that he would be the father of many nations and from his family would come salvation for the whole world.)

Faith's **object** is the **promise of God**. Faith is believing that God will do what God said he'd do, and adjusting your life around that. Again, note: **Faith** is NOT just believing in God, it is **trusting in a specific promise** he has made. In Abraham's case it was the promise to send a son that would bring blessing and salvation to the world.

With this in mind- ~~the promise we cling to~~ in faith this side of the cross is not to have children in impossible circumstances- rather Paul uses Abraham as an example of how BIG our faith in God's gift of Grace to us in His promise of Salvation offered to us should be.

Abraham believed that God would send salvation; you and I believe that he has sent it.

Did you get that? People in the OT were saved just like us. They believed that God would send a Savior; we believe that he has. They looked forward to the cross; we look backwards at it. The direction is different, but the object is the same. It is Salvation. Paul uses Abraham's faith to highlight how we receive faith.

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## Intro

Intro idea will highlight what faith is.

**keep Practicing**

This object lesson on faith requires practice beforehand



An Object Lesson on Faith That Kids Will Beg to Do Again!

It can be hard for kids to build trust in our amazing (but invisible) God. Let's be honest – it's often hard for adults to trust God too!

Here is a great object lesson you can use to help your kids understand what trusting God is like.

**SUPPLIES:**

- a plastic zip top sandwich bag filled with water
- several sharp pencils
- someone who's willing to trust you!

Hold the water-filled bag over a child's head, and ask if they have faith that they won't get wet. Then, stab the SHARP pencil all the way through the bag! You'll want to practice this before doing it with kids, because some people find it best to stab slowly, but I find it works best to poke it through quickly. Do whatever works best for you. Then, stab as many pencils through as you can!

TIP: Too many pencils will add mass to the bag and the pressure might be too much for the zip-top. ? Beware of the exploding bag!

**SCIENCE NOTE:**

The plastic bag is a type of polymer. A polymer is a large molecule made up of many repeating units. When you poke the pencil through, the polymer simply rearranges itself to close the gap between the pencil and the bag, keeping the water inside.



Do you have faith in me? Do you trust that I won't spill this entire bag of water on your head?

What about if I poke a hole in this bag with a pencil? Do you still believe me? Well, I'm going to do it. I'm going to poke this pencil through the bag, and you are NOT going to get wet. Do you still believe me?



Did you get wet? It seems impossible, doesn't it? Trusting me in this moment makes no sense. And yet, here we are with a bag full of water and two holes without any leakage.



Sometimes in life, we can feel like we're getting poked with holes. Friends move away, family members get sick, or our pet dies. It hurts, but trusting God is a bit like trusting that you wouldn't get wet when I held that bag of water over you



**LINKING IT ALL TOGETHER**

Faith is NOT just believing in God, it is trusting  
How did our actions show trust in the above illustration?

# 3 TEACH

Over the past few weeks Paul has very much highlighted our need for God as we have seen how much we fall short of His standards- last week we looked at the way we are given God's righteousness and being made right in His eyes. This week we are going to take a closer look at how we are to accept this gift of being saved from our sins- we already know there is nothing we can do but what will Paul show us today that God does expect from us? To see we are going to go back to the Old Testament to look at a man who was known for having the best example of FAITH in the whole Bible- so much so that Abrahams faith is mentioned over 200 times throughout the Bible as what is known as a Hero of the faith- an awesome title to have! (At this point either read Genesis 15:1-16 or play the video of Abraham on the drive) So Abraham was an amazing example of faith- How God worked with Abraham is how God works, period. And how did God work salvation for Abraham? Through faith. We cannot overstate the importance of faith. As Paul wrote in verse 16, "it [the promise] depends on faith." Why? Why is faith so important? Why does it matter so much in God's plan of redemption?



1. Faith keeps the promise gracious.

Faith—which itself is a gift from God ([Eph. 2:8](#))—is what makes the gospel truly good news. God requires faith from us so the labor of the covenant of grace might remain squarely on Christ's back. He works. Faith receives.

Will you accept God's gift? Faith is the way we receive God's gifts.

2. Faith keeps us God-focused. ✝ *What Jesus has done*

Faith is required when the promises are so big that only God could make them. Only God could bring salvation and redemption- review Romans 3:10-11. Consider that what the Lord promises Abraham . . . is altogether impossible, unbelievable, and untrue if you follow reason, because it cannot be seen. He was . . . old, [and] Sarah was . . . barren. How, I ask you, do these facts agree with this promise: "I will make of you a large nation"? Now ask yourself the same question of God's promise to us- "Saving faith is not believing that God is there. Further, it is not believing in a God who saves. It is believing God when he promises a way of salvation by grace" That for us is trusting in the gift of Jesus to take away our sins- we don't need to add anything to that or take away from it- it has been paid and is a gift- we need to have faith in the promise of Salvation. God promises that through simple faith in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of his Son, you will be saved. He guarantees you a place in that new Jerusalem, that fair and far-off country that Abraham looked toward (Heb. 11:10). He guarantees your rescue from this world of sin. He will not deceive you, even though you don't see the way, the manner, or even the time of the fulfillment of his promise.

Faith is not a general belief in God. It is confidence in what God has promised--that he will remove your sin-debt and turn you into a righteous person--and leaning your weight on that.

Faith is not a feeling. It is a choice to believe what God has said and rest your weight on it.

People say, "I don't feel faith." It's a choice! Do you get on the plane or not?

(To really talk more on the Bibles meaning of faith and where it fits into God's character- there is an extra video on the drive- make sure you can speak into this video and understand it before showing it to the kids)



**Break into small groups**  
(make sure all children know where their  
new classes are and who their friends  
are)



Please don't forget to tick off your  
registers as well as add any new  
children to the form

# 4 Discussion questions Smart Groups

Last week we learned how God has made a way to make us right in his eyes even though our sin is so bad and makes us not able to enter His presence- He has made a way- there is absolutely nothing we can do to make us right in His eyes- but we see this week we need to put our faith in this promise- do you trust that God can you right in His eyes? That is the BIG saving question!

Don't forget when leading your small group, stick to the 3 R's

RECAP- Open up your small group time asking the children what did they think about what they just heard- what stood out to them?

Ask them something slightly more specific-

Go over the 4 new words we just learnt last week- especially for kids who weren't there last week- this week we are looking more at the last 2 words and how do they link with the 1st 2 words?

- 1) Righteousness: Being made right in God's eyes
- 2) Justified: JUST as if I never sinned
- 3) Grace: Been given what I don't deserve and more
- 4) Faith: Believing and acting on what you can't see

REINFORCE- what is saving faith, and how do you know if you have it?

People in the OT were saved just like us. They believed that God would send a Savior; we believe that he has. They looked forward to the cross; we look backwards at it. The direction is different, but the object is the same.

How can we show that we have faith in the gift of Salvation?- Read Matthew 28:19- What does obeying God look like once we understand Grace?

REFLECT-

Paul is confident that the God who raised Jesus from the dead will keep his promise to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. You see, his confidence in God's promise about salvation didn't stop with own salvation--it extended to seeing others come to know the good news. And that is going to give Paul confidence to go and share with people, because he knows that God has promised to save people from every tribe and tongue and just like God kept his word to bring salvation, he will surely keep his word to extend salvation among every tribe and tongue.

## Activities and Games for Small Group Time **Today's Small Group Activity focuses Faith and Grace**

Please note, these games & Activities are here to help drive home the main idea.



  
All PDF  
printables  
available on  
Google Drive  
Folder



# GAME

Blow up about 40-50 balloons of various colors and shapes.

Write phrases or words that remind the children of some of the ways they can be closer to God on half of the balloons. On the other half of the balloons, write phrases or words that pull all of us away from God's influence. Keep the "good" and "bad" balloons in separate large garbage bags.

Divide the kids into two teams, and divide the room with tape on the floor. Throw both the good and the bad balloons equally on each side. If the word or phrase on the balloon is good, players want to hold onto them. If they are bad, and pull away from their relationship with Jesus Christ, players want to throw those balloons over the line on the other team's area.

After all of the balloons have been tossed out, give the players a couple of minutes to play the game. Then call, "Stop!" None of the balloons may be picked up or thrown after stop is called.

Each of the "good" balloons that are being held by a player count as a point.

Even good balloons stuffed up the players shirts count. Any "bad" balloons being held by players or bad balloons on the floor of the team, count as a point against the team's total points. The team with the most points is the winner of the round. The balloons can be gathered and play can begin again.



## LINKING IT ALL TOGETHER

There are many things that grow our faith in Christ's promises and many things that can pull each of us away from Jesus Christ. It is up to each of us to make sure we are continuing to remind ourselves and act on the assurance of God's promises by living like we believe in them.



## ACTIVITY

God's promises activity- BINGO matchup  
Have each child have their one worksheet and a bag of matching tiles.

Take turns to pick out tiles and find the matching promise and stick it on- create doubles and triples so for instance if a child pulls out "God can meet all of my needs" again, then they won't cover another square- keep going until someone covers each square first- talk about how God does keep these promises in front of them.



The PDF pintables are available on the 'craft & activities' Drive

# Activities/Crafts

All PDF/ Printable are found under small group folder  
on the drive

There is a craft for younger grades and an activity for older grades- they are saved as PDF's on the  
drive (were too big to put on this document but have been attached at the back pages as well in  
case you need to make copies)

See pages 11-12



THIS WEEK

5

PRAY

group

For this week during your prayer time, ask God to renew your trust in Him- ask Him for specific help in trusting Him with things you find hard.


Keep track of prayer requests your small group may bring up as well as who they plan on sharing the Gospel with- start praying for these people that God would already be working in their hearts

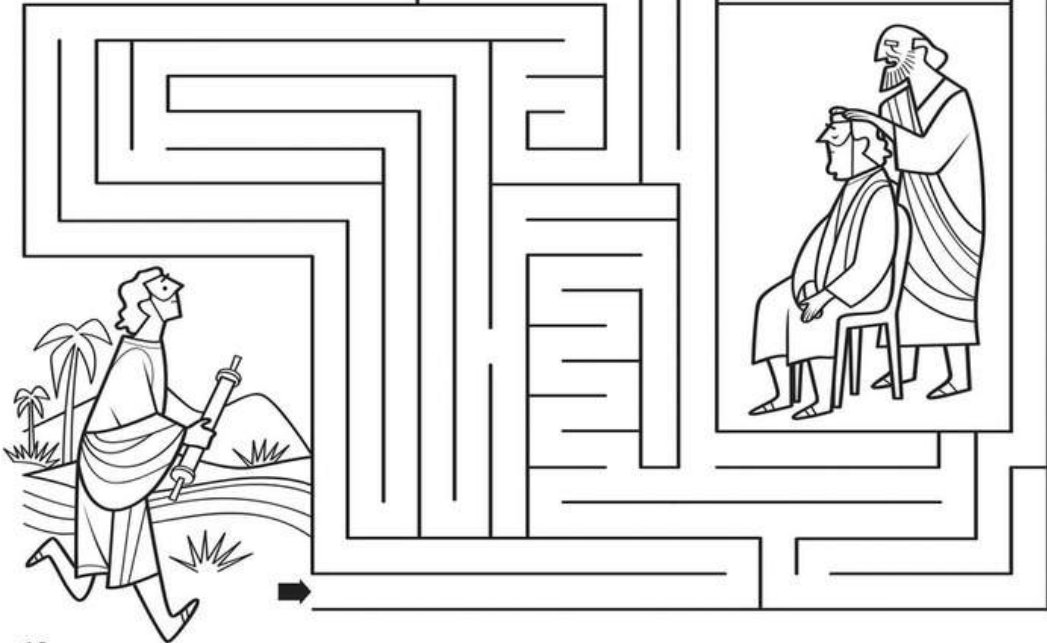


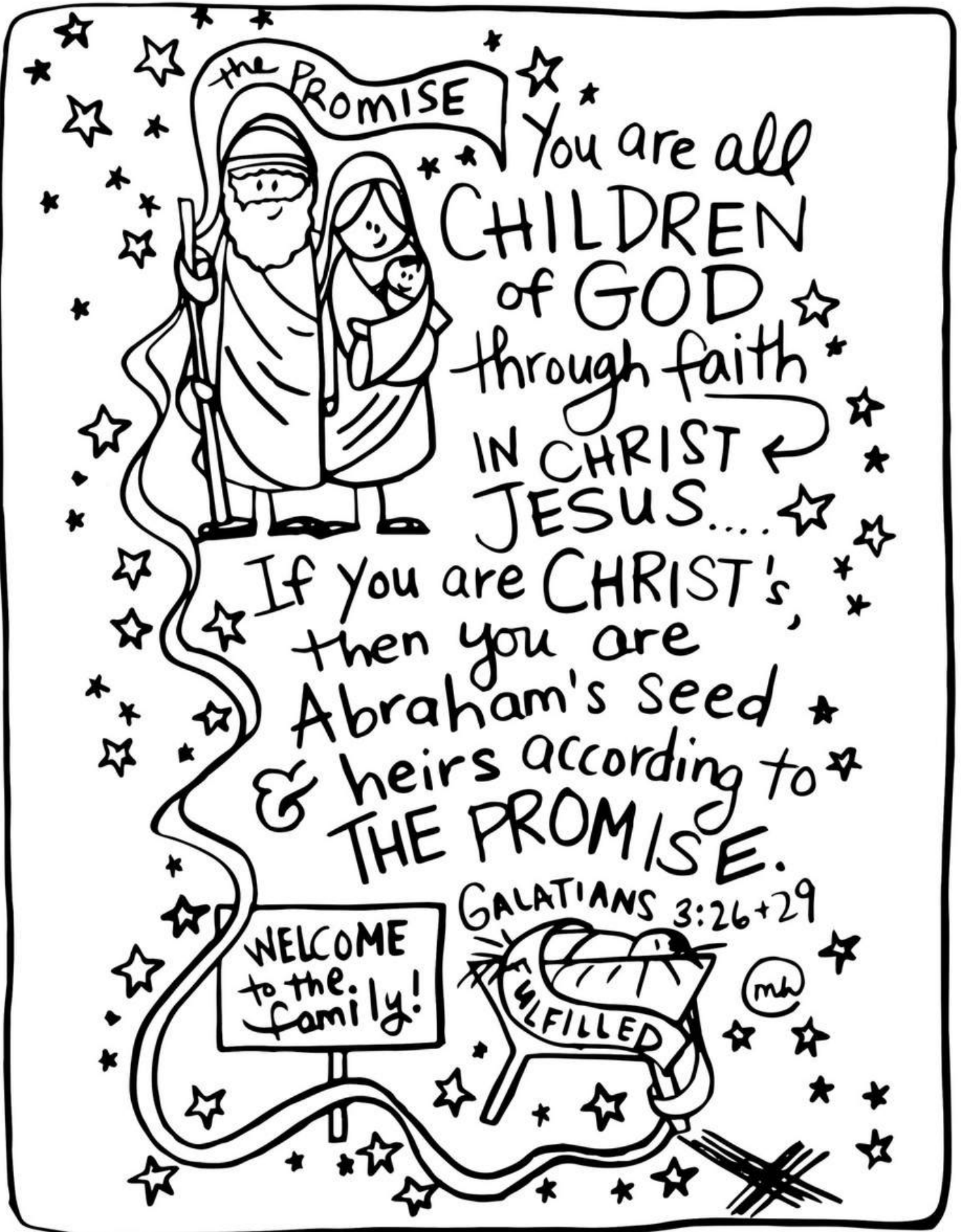
God made covenants (promises) with Abraham. Follow Abraham's path as he learns about **God's promises.**



**Abraham 2**

 Through Abraham, how will all the families of the earth be blessed?





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Lesson 7

3 March

Romans 5:12-21

2 Adams

## Leaders Notes



### Main point

Just as sin entered the world through one man-Adam- so does salvation come through one man- Jesus



### Bible Passage

Romans 5:12-21

A key focus on:

## Leaders Digging Deeper



Last weeks lesson focused a lot at how we can only gain Salvation by faith alone- and we looked at Abraham as an example of a man of faith, even when the thing he had to hope in literally seemed impossible!

This week we continue to see how God expects us to have faith in what we believe by throwing a huge concept at us- one which many Christians even struggle to think is fair- but we need to focus on the correct aspect of this truth which is seen in Christ.

Some definitions of faith you may want to keep in mind as you go through this passage:

Faith is when the unexplainable meets the undeniable.

Faith is accepting what you cannot understand based on what you can understand.

Theologically what is going on in Romans 5 is a comparison between two "Adams."

-Sin enters the world through the first Adam.

-Sin is defeated by the last Adam.

-The first Adam is faithless,

-the last Adam is faithful.

-The first Adam is disobedient.

-The last Adam is righteous.

Where this gets tricky is when Paul starts to talk about Adam and Jesus as being the two representatives heads of humanity. Adam was the first human representative: so what is true of him is true of human beings – namely that human beings are guilty of sin before God. But this federal representation is true of Christ as well – what is true of Christ is true of his people: the are holy and righteous. Christ, the second and last Adam delivers the offspring of the first Adam from their sin by his own faithfulness and obedience. This is a wonderful gospel truth

In this passage Paul is making a connection from Adam and Jesus.

The first Adam dooms us all. But the second Adam (Christ) redeems us all.

Here's the basic idea. You ready? Adam, the first human created, chose to defy God's authority and reject his clear command to avoid the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Because of that choice, death descended on all people. Even though we weren't physically present with Adam, God regards Adam's choice to be ours. This is known as ORIGINAL SIN.- See page 3 on an article on Original Sin.

We cannot say: "No, no. Had I been there I would have done the right thing," because that is saying you know more than God. Who are you to imply that you know more than God? No, God knew that all of us, given that same temptation, would have done the same thing Adam did. G.K. Chesterton said that "Original sin is the only doctrine that is empirically verifiable!" Everybody dies. Death rate in the human race is still 1 to 1. Death and disease affect everyone-- nice people as much as cruel people, smart people as ignorant people, rich people as much as poor people; innocent infants as much as adults. And, 'spiritual death' means we're all born in a posture of rebellion toward God, each with a fist clenched toward the heavens, assuming our way is better and our desires are most important.

(Adam) is a type of the Coming One. Another Adam, Paul says, would be born to the human race. And this one would be similar to the first Adam, only in reverse.

Adam and Jesus are alike in that their action has implications for the whole human race, but they are also different, Paul says.

The motivation behind what they did was different:

- o The first Adam disobeyed God and selfishly ate from a forbidden tree, bringing a curse on earth.

- o The second Adam obeyed God and sacrificially climbed up onto a tree to take the curse into himself.

The first Adam brought death upon the whole human race; the 2nd Adam restored life to all who would receive it.

The big question if all this is way too confusing is Are you under Adam (death, condemnation etc) or are you united in Christ ( Life, grace, justification).

Original Sin is a term that defines the nature of mankind's sinful condition because of Adam's fall. It teaches that all people are corrupted by Adam's sin through natural generation, by which—together with Adam's imputed condemnation—we all enter the world guilty before God. Original Sin shows that we sin because we are sinners, entering this world with a corrupt nature and without hope apart from the saving grace of God in the gospel.

#### SUMMARY

Original Sin teaches that all mankind is joined to Adam in both the guilt and the corruption of his first sin. All men and women are joined to Adam both by natural generation and by his covenantal headship. As a people who from our birth are corrupted by sin, we share in Adam's guilt before God, a guilt imputed to us under the covenant of works. Moreover, men and women are so corrupted morally and spiritually by our natural union with Adam that we are totally depraved. All our human faculties are corrupted by sin so that we have an inborn tendency to commit sin. Moreover, our total depravity renders us spiritual unable love God or believe his gospel and be saved until we are first regenerated by his sovereign grace. Original Sin provides us with a biblical understanding of ourselves and casts sinners in utter reliance on God's saving grace in the gospel, with no confidence in the flesh and with all the glory for our salvation belonging to the Lord.

#### The Nature of Mankind's Connection to Adam

Original Sin is the Christian teaching of mankind's sinfulness because of Adam's fall. It does not refer to the originating sin committed by Adam—eating the forbidden fruit in violation of God's command (Gen 3:6)—but rather to mankind's moral and spiritual condition because of that sin. Defining Original Sin requires the answer to two questions, the first of which is whether the moral and spiritual condition of humanity is connected to Adam in his sin.

During the Fourth Century AD, the heretic Pelagius (condemned by the Council of Chalcedon in 431) asserted that Adam's fall into sin had no direct effect on his offspring other than to set a bad example. With respect to the character of man and his relationship with God, Pelagius asserted that Adam's sin affected no one other than himself.

The biblical reasons for rejecting Pelagius provide the basis for the doctrine of Original Sin. Primary among them is Romans 5:12, where Paul says that "sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned." Paul's point was not that all men have sinned after the example of Adam and therefore suffer the curse of death, but rather that all men share in the consequences of Adam's sin. When he states, "because all sinned," Paul is referring to our union with Adam in his transgression of God's command. Herman Bavinck summarizes: "Adam sinned; consequently, sin and death entered the world and held sway over all."<sup>1</sup>

Moreover, Paul describes Adam as "a type of the one who was to come" (Rom 5:14), namely, Christ. Both Adam and Christ stood before God's covenant as a representative for their people. Adam, as a type of Christ, undertook the test of the covenant of works (Gen 2:16–17) on behalf of all his natural offspring (his failure affecting them all), just as Christ fulfilled the covenant of works on behalf of all his spiritual offspring (his victorious obedience gaining them salvation). This principle of covenant headship is vital not only to Original Sin but also to the imputation of Christ's righteousness in the gospel. Paul makes this connection clear: "For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom 5:15).

Original Sin provides answers to important questions about sin. For instance, why is sin universal among men and women? Geerhardus Vos writes: "The Pelagian theory leaves the universality of sin entirely unexplained,"<sup>2</sup> since if Adam's sin did not make all mankind sinners, we would expect some at least not to sin. Yet, as Solomon prayed, "There is no one who does not sin" (1Kgs 8:46; see also Rom 3:23).

Another question asks: Is sin merely a passive defect, having no corrupting power in man? The Bible answers, to the contrary, that sin is a deadly power that holds the sinner in bondage. Jesus said, "Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). To once have sinned is to come under the power of sin. Therefore, far from defining sin only as a transgression of God's law, the Bible describes sin as "lawlessness" itself (1Jn 3:4). More than this, David states that from the moment of his conception in his mother's womb the power of sin was upon him: "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Ps 51:5). David was not charging his mother with sinful behavior in his conception but, rather, confessing the sinfulness he inherited at the moment his life came into being. Psalm 58:3 concurs: "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth."

#### Mankind's Original Guilt in Sin

Having shown all mankind's union with sinful Adam both by natural generation and covenant headship, we must then ask another question: what is the condition of mankind as a result of this connection to Adam's fall? Original Sin first considers our connection with Adam in the universal guilt of mankind. When Adam sinned, the entire human race was "in him," so that his guilt accrued to us all. Consider Hebrews 7:9–10, which states that Levi was "in the loins of his ancestor" Abraham when he tithed to Melchizedek, establishing the superiority of Melchizedek's priesthood to that of Levi. Likewise, the entire human race was "in Adam" when he sinned. Levi was, of course, not present when his ancestor tithed to this priest, yet by virtue of Levi's natural descent from Abraham, the Levitical priests related to Melchizedek on account of Abraham's actions. Likewise, while Adam's descendants did not personally commit Adam's transgression, their natural union with Adam as his offspring establishes their condemnation in sin before God. Because Adam's nature was corrupted by the fall—as evidenced in his alienation to God in its aftermath (Gen 3:7–12)—he could never produce morally superior offspring. John Murray explains: "Human nature became corrupt in Adam and . . . this human nature which became corrupt in Adam is transmitted to posterity by natural generation."<sup>3</sup> Since we all come into life as sinners, all mankind must necessarily be repugnant to God's perfectly holy nature and be subject to his condemnation. We therefore find Paul describing all of mankind as "by nature children of wrath" (Eph 2:3).

Mankind's original guilt stems not only from our inherited nature as sinners. We remember that Adam stood under the covenant of works as the representative of the entire race. On this basis, Paul explains why men and women died between Adam and Moses, death being the penalty for sin (Gen 2:17). Romans 5:14 considers the case of those who sinned without a law, "whose sinning was not like that transgression of Adam," in that they had personally received neither the covenant of works nor the Mosaic Law. Why, then, did people die between Adam and Moses, with no law to condemn them, except that Adam "was a type of the one who was to come"? That is, Adam was a covenant head for all his people, his failure condemning them all under God's justice, just as Christ as the covenant head of those who believe attained their justification. Paul states this relationship clearly: "Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom 5:18; see also 1Cor 15:22). Far from being an oppressive doctrine to the hearts of men and women, Original Sin establishes the very principle of covenant headship by which we receive the righteousness of Christ which we have not deserved. In Paul's own words in Romans 5:20, Original Sin preaches the inspiring news: "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more!"

The teaching of mankind's universal guilt as inherited from Adam alone can vindicate God for the miseries of human life. Secular man frequently assails God with the notion that he is culpable for the sufferings of people around the globe. Yet, as Augustine pointed out in his opposition to Pelagius (summarized by Bavinck):

The appalling misery of the human race can only be explained as a punishment upon sin. How can God, who certainly is good and just, subject all humans from their conception on to sin and death if they are completely innocent? An original moral debt must rest upon all; there is no other way to understand the crushing yoke that weighs upon all the children of Adam.<sup>4</sup>

From the moment of Adam's sin, the need of the fallen human race was a Redeemer to deliver them from sin. For this reason, God's first action in response to Adam's sin was to promise this Redeemer (Gen 3:15) and to depict Christ's atoning death through the sacrifice of animals in the garden (Gen 3:21). The logic of mankind's inherited guilt through Adam provides an essential logic to the gospel message from its earliest appearance in Scripture.

#### Mankind's Original Corruption in Sin

The effect of Adam's sin upon his entire race did not end with guilt but extended to their moral and spiritual corruption as his

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of the 2 Adams

Designate 2 teams

Choose 1 member from each team to represent their team (they will be playing against each other from up front)

The rest of the team is responsible for cheering for their representative.

### Game 1



Team A's representative must compete  
against Team B's representative  
They have 30 seconds to build a tower with  
pieces of paper and cups  
At the end of 30 seconds whoever's tower is  
the tallest wins a point.



### Game 2

Team A's representative must compete  
against Team B's representative  
They have 30 seconds to build a tower with  
dice on a popsicle stick with as many dice  
as they can. At the end of 30 seconds  
whoever's tower is the tallest wins a point.



### Game 3

Team A's representative must compete  
against Team B's representative  
They have 30 seconds to transport with a  
straw (no hands!) as many cereal 'O's'  
as possible- at the end of the 30 seconds  
whoever has transported the most wins a  
point.



At the end give  
the whole  
winning team a  
prize

To nail the main point home of the 2  
Adams- you could also give the  
losing side a type of punishment-  
(like do 10 pushups)

You may repeat these games with different  
representatives from each team if you wish,  
however try and keep the Intro short so you  
still have time to link the point- another idea  
would be to prep some more 30 seconds  
games for after the lesson and come back to  
playing these games at the end!

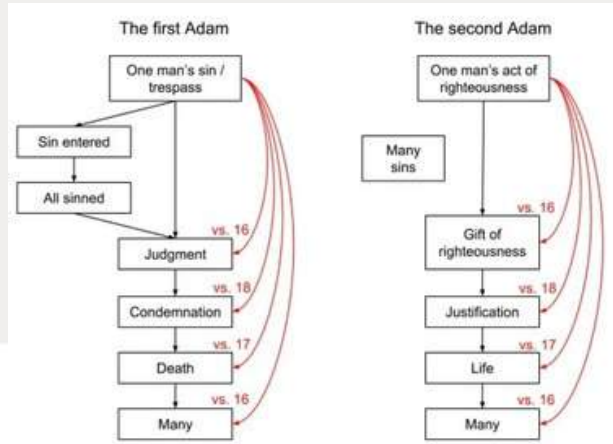


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# 3 TEACH

Romans 5 teaches us that Adam was “a pattern of the one to come” (Romans 5:14). This means that Adam’s life set a pattern, and then, when Jesus came, Jesus followed that same pattern. However, whereas Adam disobeyed God and brought sin and death into the world, Jesus obeyed God so that the world could receive God’s free gift of righteousness and eternal life. The parallels between Jesus and Adam described in Romans chapter 5 are summarized in the diagram below.



Let’s do a quick recap on grace- Grace means getting something that we don't deserve. We don't deserve the wonderful blessings that we get through Jesus Christ Our Lord. God gives us grace even though we haven't earned it, we don't work for it- It’s free to us... but someone did pay a price. Who was that? Who paid the price so that we could have wonderful things? That's right it was Jesus!

Now the Bible explains it interestingly in Romans Chapter 5  
 But to understand more of Romans Chapter 5 we need to Remember Genesis Chapter 3- so let’s take a quick look at why Paul is taking us back to Adam

Watch a quick video of Genesis 3

<USE VISUALS found on page 7 of The 2 Adams>

...as you read the differences between Adam and Christ add them to your diagram...



It says that because of one man's sin everyone is sinful. That man was Adam. Adam made a pretty big mistake and sinned against God. God said don't eat the fruit of the tree, and he ate it. So because of Adam's sin and Disobedience we are all sinful- we are born with sin and we can't get rid of it or Wash It Away on our own, nothing that we can do can get rid of that sin.

Because of that one person we are all sinful- but good news the flip side of this is that because of another person we can all be made clean and new, and that of course is Jesus because Jesus died he paid the price, the price for all of our sins... for all the bad things that we've done, that we do, and that we ever will do.

Jesus paid that price for us and he took our place all on himself so that even though we're sinful we can look to Jesus - he washes away all that sin and takes it away he cleanses us.

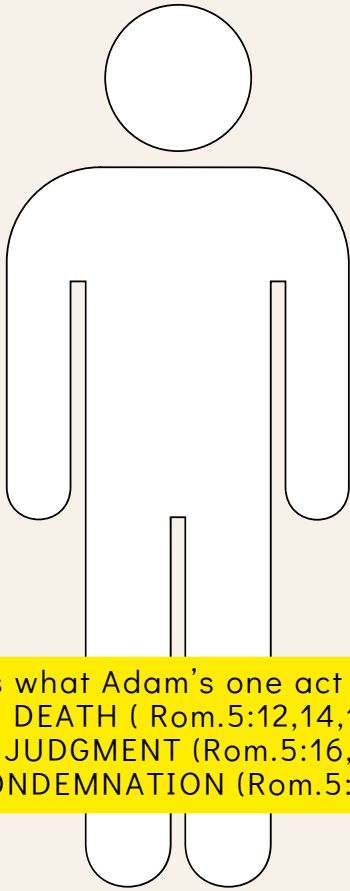
We're sinful through Adam but we're made righteous (that means we're made good) We're cleansed of our sins through Jesus he washes it away with his blood.

It's nothing that we earn or that we can earn and it's nothing that we could work for or we could ever possibly hope to get in our own power and strength but only through his might and through what he did with his death and Resurrection.

By this we have that hope that we have the grace of God which is getting something we don't deserve for our sins- we deserve death but through Jesus we get eternal life instead -that's a lot better than winning the game! Through Jesus we have the hope of God's grace-eternal life forever so no matter what mistakes we make no matter how much we mess up we can always come back to Jesus tell him we're sorry and know that he forgives us that because of him price has been paid our debts are wiped away and we're made clean and new.

Here are the 2 Adams Paul compares- lets name some similarities and differences

ADAM



1) Both are fully man  
2)Both the head of "a creation"- Adam the Old and Christ, the New.  
3)You are united with one or the other.  
4)Adam's act was a sinful act (Rom.5:12, 15,16,17,18).  
Christ's act was a righteous act (Rom.5:18--"the righteous act"--see NASB).

Here is what Adam's one act produced:

DEATH ( Rom.5:12,14,15)  
JUDGMENT (Rom.5:16,18)  
CONDEMNATION (Rom.5:16,18)

Christ



Here is what Christ's one act produced:

LIFE (Rom.5:17,18,21)  
THE FREE GIFT (Rom.5:15,16,17,18)  
GRACE (Rom.5:15,17,20,21)  
JUSTIFICATION (Rom.5:16,18,19)  
RIGHTEOUSNESS (Rom.5:17,19,21)  
REIGNING (Rom.5:17; compare verse.21)



Who will you choose to be united in: Adam or Christ  
Who will represent what your life will look like?



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## 4 Discussion Questions Small Groups

Last week we looked at Abrahams faith in Gods promise of Salvation- can you remember what Gods promise is to us? What does he ask of us- to have faith- maybe remind them what that looks like.

Don't forget when leading your small group, stick to the 3 R's

RECAP- Open up your small group time asking the children what did they think about what they just heard- what stood out to them? Ask them something slightly more specific- 1) What do you think would have happened if Jesus hadn't come?- Who would we still be living under? 2) How does it make you feel when you hear that we are all under sin because of Adams sin?- they might say it's unfair- 3) Why is it good to remember that we are all under sin- what is the opposite that can happen now because of Christ?- Just as sin entered the world through one man... so we are redeemed through 1 man! 4) Why was Christ the only one who could make all things right- why is He called the second Adam?- He was both man and God- but had no sinful nature. \*Grace: Been given what I don't deserve and more \*Faith: Believing and acting on what you can't see

REINFORCE- Think about the one sure thing we know of in life- Its that no matter what you believe, you are assured of death- no one can escape it- that is because we cannot choose to not be under the curse of Adam- but we can choose to be united in the one who has come to save us from the curse of Adam- who is that- will you choose life over death? (emphasize eternal life)

### REFLECT-

Yes God surely has given us a gift of life- something we truly don't deserve- because even though we are able to receive this gift and be under Christ- we still continue to live like we are under Adam- how can we look at our life and see where we maybe need to change in order to look like are grateful for this gift of grace?  
Have a few practical ideas to share with your groups.



Make sure you  
give kids the  
opportunity to  
respond in prayer

# GAME



See INTRO idea

Please feel free to continue in your intro game on the minute to win it games- now in your small groups- and then go back to reminding the kids of how we win or loose even though we werent necessarily actively playing for the point- try and ask them (now after the lesson) how this might remind them of Adam- all sin came through his one act, and Christ- all salvation came through His one act of righteousness



make sure you set up your teams in the same way as the intro game- 1 representative per team at a time



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## ACTIVITY



We asked the kids if they thought it was possible to follow all of God's instructions in the Bible perfectly? (no) We are sinners; only Jesus is perfect. What happened to make all of mankind so evil?



Create a sin snake  
With any verse you choose from Rom 5 That you think will best send home the message of Romans 5



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# GAME



## This or That

### A Simple Way to Play

(you can make it more complicated- to your groups preference)

What do you prefer? This or That?

Bananas or Apples?

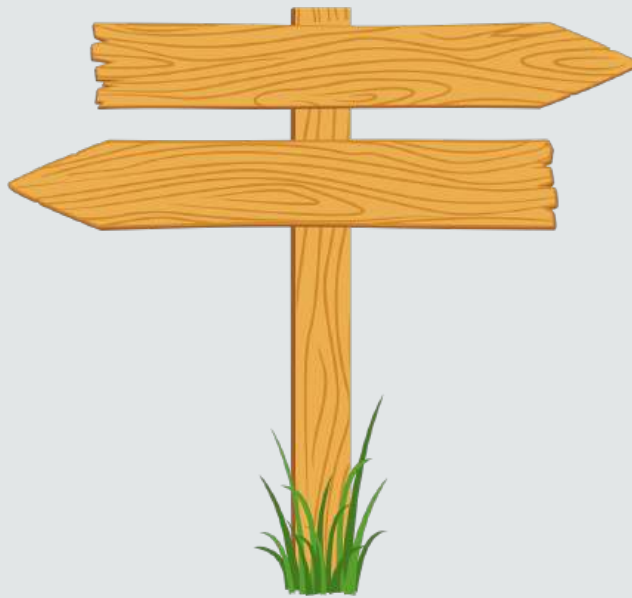
Star Wars or Star Trek?

Cats or Dogs?

Movies or TV?

This or That is a simple and engaging game that people of all ages love to play. One person says two related objects or topics of interest, and the other people say what their preference is. It's that simple!

Have enough 'This or that' ideas lined up before you play as you can quickly become blank!





5

PRAY

group

For this week during your prayer time, thank God for HIS amazing Gift of Grace towards us.

THIS WEEK

Keep track of prayer requests your small group may bring up as well as who they plan on sharing the Gospel with- start praying for these people that God would already be working in their hearts



# ROMANS

Lesson 8

10 March

Romans 6:1-14  
& vs 23

Dead to Sin,  
Alive in Christ

## Leaders Notes



### Main point

If you wake up tomorrow, how will your life look different because Christ is in it?



### Bible Passage

Romans 6:1-14

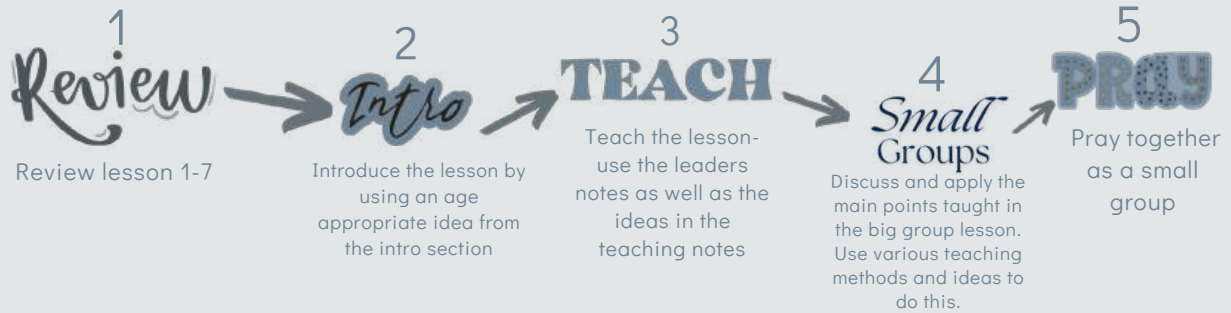
A key focus on: Romans  
6:23

## Leaders Digging Deeper



The past two weeks we have looked at 2 key OT figures. Abraham (Faith) and Adam (the first human representative)  
Keep in mind as we come to this weeks lesson that we have this week and next week to wrap up all we have learnt on Romans.  
Take a moment to go back and look at all the main points we have covered over the series and remember that NEXT WEEK we will be looking at HOW GOD'S LOVE SHOULD CHANGE US- and this should be seen through all we have learnt.  
This week links well with next week as we can start asking them- how have they changed.  
In chapter 6, Paul lays out his theology for how to change. He says change begins by embracing, at your core, the new identity God has giving you.  
A great and helpful verse that goes along with this passage is 2 Corinthians 5:17  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!  
When we put faith in Christ as the substitute for our sin, God reckons our faith as righteousness. o As we rest in the belief that he has done that, God infuses into us the power of new life. o Just as we believe our way into justification, so we believe our way into the power of sanctification.  
What if Sin and wrong desires feel very much alive in me. As you continue faithfully to believe it, God starts infusing that faith into infuse his power into you. o Abraham, you might remember from chapter 4, was our example... At 90, after a lifetime of infertility, God declared he 3 would have a son—and not just any son, a son that would father a great nation. o Now, when God said that, Abraham didn't say, "You know, I have been feeling unusually frisky for the last few weeks... so I believe you." o No, Romans says he believed what God said even though he DIDN'T feel it, even though he knew his equipment was way past the expiration date. As he believed, Romans 4 said, he "received strength." So we will receive the strength to walk in righteousness as we believe that God has made us dead to sin  
Outlining Chapter 6- Summarized  
vs 1  
Think back to chapter 3- Shall we go on sinning so that Grace may continue? Paul has already addressed this question, and dismissed this however he is about to answer it more fully.  
vs 2- If Christians have died to sin, how can we go on living under sin any longer? Because to live in it refers to a whole direction of how you are living your life.  
vs 3-11 Is where Paul explains what it means to have died to sin  
vs 12-14- Why grace has such an appeal- we cannot let sin reign in us!  
vs 16- Who will you serve? Sin/God vs 23- Only serving Crist will gain you eternal life- the opposite is death.

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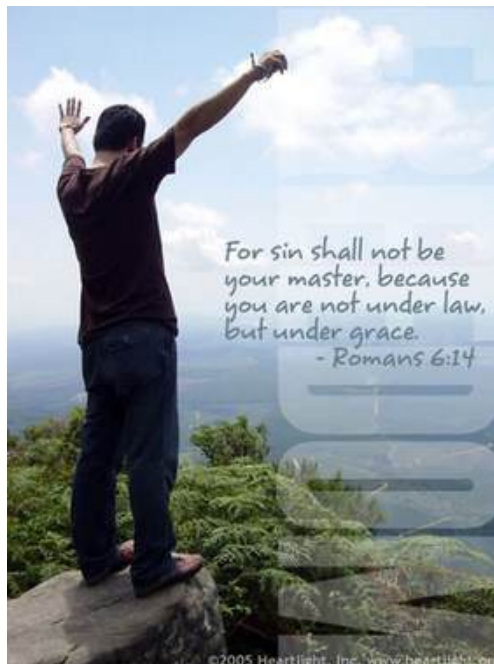
For centuries, the butterfly has been a beautiful picture to Christians of God's great transforming power. It is mind boggling how a caterpillar can change from a worm to a magnificent butterfly.

Scientifically, the change that takes place from a caterpillar to a butterfly is actually a picture of death and resurrection.

Watch the Into Idea video.

When a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly- they literally die and take on a new form. This is a great example in nature of what Paul is talking about in Romans when he says

Our sinful ways don't hold us captive anymore. Once we lose those sins, we shouldn't want to go back to that way of living Now, unfortunately, this doesn't mean we never sin anymore. We will still make mistakes. We still do things we shouldn't. But those things don't control us, because God has power in our lives. He has already forgiven our trespasses, past, present, and future. When we sin, we can always come back and pray for forgiveness. We are a new creation, so we should live that way! When we are tempted to do the wrong thing, we can cling to the hope we have in Jesus. He has made us new and made us for Himself. We belong to the Lord. His grace covers our lives completely. So live it out in joy and gladness!



### LINKING IT ALL TOGETHER

Often we get asked the question: "If you died tonight would you be ready to face Christ?"

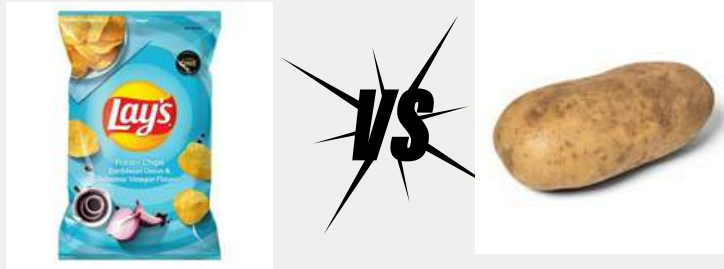
It's a god question but lets take it a step further

Think about this question

Imagine you DONT die tonight, imagine you live tomorrow- if you wake up

tomorrow... how is your life going to look different because Christ is in it?"

# 3 TEACH



As you may have guessed from the video you saw in the intro slot- this weeks lesson focuses around being transformed and made new

(Hold up the bag of chips- you can even open it and start eating it enjoying it- yum)

Ask: Who knows how this bag of chips became a bag of chips?

What was it before? It was a Potato- that's right!- If I asked you if any of you could turn it back into a potato could you do it? Or if I wanted this chip back how it was originally- do you think I could phone the customer care line and ask them for them to turn the chips back into potato's?-

Not for different potato's- but to turn the chips back into potato's- No that's impossible- and quite silly because chips are much nicer than potato's.

We saw the same change with a beautiful butterfly? The butterfly doesn't crawl back into the cocoon and turn itself back into a caterpillar. No, and again, why would it want to? If you can fly and be gorgeous and zooming around in the air, why would you want to go back to crawling around on a leaf? Silly to even think of. These things go through changes, become something new, something that's transformed and different, that would never go back to the old way of things. But did you know that the same thing happens just that we have been transformed and made new? The Book of Romans tells us that we share in the identity of Jesus, that we in our being made right with Jesus (Salvation & Justification) die to our sins and rise again, that just as Jesus died and came back to life, we die and come back to life too. And since we're dead to our old sins, why are we going to go back to that way of living when we know Jesus and his power and his transformation of the things that he has done in our lives? It gives us freedom, freedom from sin. See, when we are sinning, well, it's kind of like being a slave. We're chained to those sins, painful, it's not what we want to do or what we should do, but we can get into these habits and patterns. Now, of course, we always make mistakes, but it's important to remember who we are in Jesus, that we're no longer slaves to those sins, we are freed from them, we're not in that bondage anymore. And because of that, that's in the past, that's our old sinful self that we get to put away, and we get to remember that now we have Jesus. May we realize how much better he is, how much more wonderful and blessed the way of life of living in Jesus and through his Spirit, how much greater those things are. Well, I wouldn't want to go back to crawling around like a caterpillar or just being a potato, nothing wrong with potato's, but you see what I mean. We make mistakes, we still sin every day, but that is not who we are. Those sins don't define and don't identify us anymore. The bad stuff doesn't identify us, we are with Jesus. We remember, if you've been made new, that we have had that death and resurrection moment, and if we love Jesus and honor and serve him, we remember that we follow him now and not those old sinful ways. And even when sometimes we do slip into sin, we remember that Jesus is more powerful, so we can turn to him and remember we've been forgiven once and for all. Our past, present, and future sins have been wiped clean, and Jesus has made us new and given us freedom. We don't want to do the bad things anymore when we know Jesus gives us wings, in a sense, he sets us free from all that. In this life, yes, we'll still have trouble, and sins will still tempt us, but he has released us from that slavery. We don't have to do it anymore. We can look to Jesus and cling to him, and we know that our identity is in him. We have new life, salvation, and forgiveness because of what Jesus has done for us.



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# 4 Discussion questions Small Groups

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RECAP- Open up your small group time asking the children what did they think about what they just heard- what stood out to them?

Ask them something slightly more specific- Ask about the illustrations (potato chip and butterfly)

REINFORCE-

- 1) What does it mean for the Christian to have died to sin?
- 2) What should our lives look like living under Christ?
- 3) Does it mean we will never sin?

REFLECT-



Imagine you DONT die tonight, imagine you live tomorrow- if you wake up tomorrow... how is your life going to look different because Christ is in it?"

Get the kids to write down and fold in a jar how they think their lives should change- even if it's just this week- keep the jar and then next week ask them how they managed to hold to their changes for Christ?



Make sure you give kids the opportunity to respond in prayer- asking God to help them changing for Him

# CRAFT

See INTRO  
idea



- Print the butterfly page on card stock
- Print the caterpillar page on regular computer paper
- Color the caterpillar first making it ugly. The caterpillar represents our heart before we accept Jesus into our heart. We are sinners and no matter how hard we try to be good; we cannot be. There is only one good... Jesus. When we get hurt by the world, we try our best to cover our wounds with temporary Band-Aids.
- After the kids color the caterpillar, let them cut it out.
- Cut out the verse too.
- Now, show the kids how to fold the butterfly paper so that it opens. Look at the image and see where the paper should fold. Each side will line up with the vertical center of the butterfly.
- Next, cut the caterpillar in the center in half. kids will then glue the on the front cover. Let your kids add a plaster. Write at the top "Old Self." We also added words like sin, darkness, lost, etc.
- Once your kids add the caterpillar, talk to them about how Jesus knocks on the door of our heart and if we open (open the booklet) our hearts to Him, He can transform us into something different. He is the only One that can change us and forgive us of our sin.
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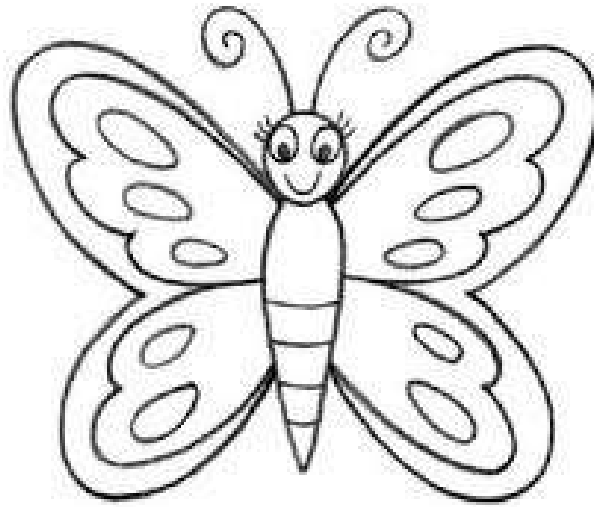
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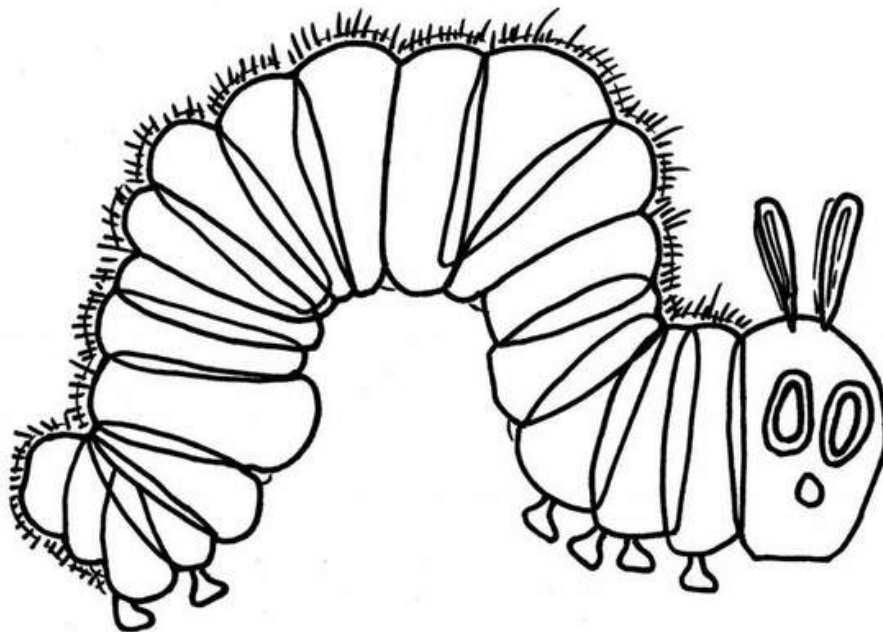
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Therefore if anyone is in  
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2 Corinthians 5:17



# GAME

## Caterpillar Race

4-8 people, or many groups of 4-8 people

Divide the group into two teams of equal size.

Instruct the first player of each team to bend down and place their hands on the ground. It's essential to ensure that at least one hand is touching the ground throughout the race.

The remaining players in each team must reach down and grab the ankles of the person in front of them, forming a line resembling a caterpillar.

Here are a few variations/options



Use Balloons



Sitting caterpillar

Give a signal to start the race, such as a whistle or a verbal command.

The teams must move together in unison towards a pre-determined endpoint.

The first team to have all its players pass the endpoint while still maintaining their formation as a caterpillar wins the game.

While playing the Caterpillar Race game, it's important to keep a few things in mind:

**Detachment Penalty:** To maintain the integrity of the caterpillar formation, a penalty should be enforced if any players detach from the line during the race. The specific penalty can be tailored to suit the temperament of the group. For instance, you could have the team that detaches go back to the starting point, pause for a set duration, or perform a task that delays their progress.

**Teamwork and Coordination:** Emphasize the significance of teamwork and coordination throughout the game. Encourage players to communicate, synchronize their movements, and support each other to ensure a successful race.



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# ROMANS

Lesson 9

17 March

Romans 8

We are changed

## Leaders Notes



### Main point

God's Spirit makes his home in us.  
He changes us and continues to change us.



### Bible Passage

Romans 8

A key focus on: Romans  
8:38 & 39

## Leaders Digging Deeper



Romans 8 is one of the most loved chapters in all of Scripture. Paul begins and ends this passage with statements about the absolute security of those who are in Christ. First, there is no condemnation, at all, for those in Christ. Last, nothing will ever be able to separate us from God's love for us in Christ. By this, he refers to those who have been saved by their faith in Jesus (Romans 3:23–26). As Scripture makes clear, the promise of salvation is only given to those who believe in Christ (John 3:16–18). Those who reject Jesus reject God (John 8:19), and will not be saved (John 3:36). For those who come to faith, their salvation is absolutely secure (John 10:28–29). Hardships may test their faith and strengthen it (Hebrews 12:3–11), but they never imply that God has abandoned His children (1 John 3:1). In between these bookends, Paul makes the case for why this is true.

He begins with another simple explanation of the gospel, God's good news about His Son's life on earth as a man and death on earth for our sin. That allowed the law to be fulfilled and justice to be done for human sin. Those who come to faith in Christ are described as living according to God's Holy Spirit. We no longer live according to the flesh, as all non-Christians do. Those in the flesh—the world's way of living for self before and above all else—are hostile to God. They can't please Him (Romans 8:1–8).

God's Spirit lives in every Christian. If someone doesn't have the Spirit, he or she is not a Christian. The Spirit, given to us by God, is the same Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. He will resurrect us, as well, after these sin-wrecked bodies have died (Romans 8:9–11). This Spirit from God is not a spirit of slavery. God did not save us simply to compel us to do His bidding. Instead, this Spirit is a spirit of adoption. God makes us His sons and daughters. His Spirit makes us able to cry out to God as a little child cries out to their daddy. Since we are heirs of God, we will share in all the glories of God's kingdom with Christ forever (Romans 8:12–17). We also share in Christ's suffering, including the everyday suffering of living on this fallen planet. Paul is quick to say that our suffering here and now is not worth comparing to the glories of eternity, but he doesn't say that this suffering doesn't hurt. In fact, Paul writes that we groan right along with all of creation under the consequences of sin. We're all waiting. Creation waits for God's children to be revealed and all to be made right once more. We, God's children, wait for our adoption to be complete in the redemption of our bodies. When that happens, we can be with our Father (Romans 8:18–25).

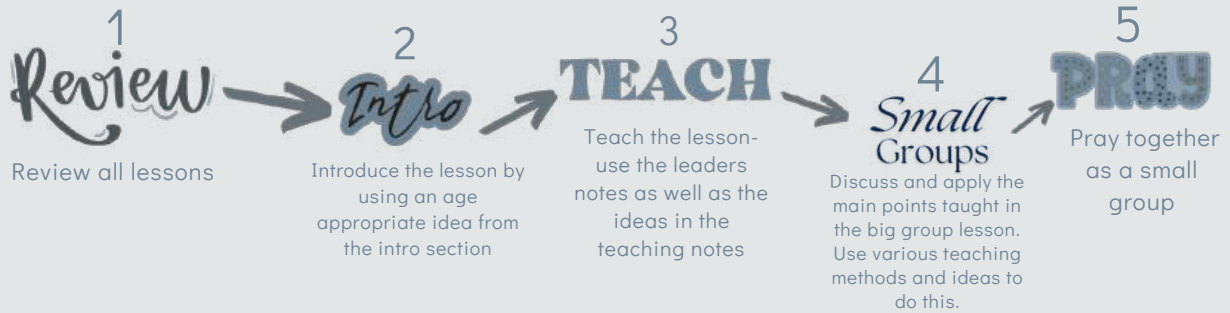
Until then, we wait and we suffer. But we don't do it alone. God is with us spiritually in the form of His Holy Spirit, who helps us many different ways. For one, he helps to take our prayers, even our unformed ones, to God's ears. The Spirit intercedes for us to a God who is searching our hearts (Romans 8:26–27).

While we wait, we can also be absolutely sure of one thing: Our God is for us. He is working out every circumstance for our ultimate good. He chose us before we ever knew Him and destined us to be called, justified, and glorified (Romans 8:28–30).

God being for us means that nobody can ever bring any accusation against us and make it successful. God has already justified us. Christ stands by making intercession for us in that He paid for each and every sin with His own blood (Romans 8:31–36).

That brings us back to where we started. Nothing, no matter how terrible, no matter how powerful, can ever separate us in any way from God's love for us in Christ (Romans 8:37–39).

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# Intro

Intro idea will highlight the idea of waiting.



## The One-Minute Game

Everyone sits and closes their eyes.

On 'GO' signal from the leader with a watch, everyone tries to estimate when a minute (60 seconds) has elapsed while keeping their eyes closed. When you think it has been a minute, you stand up.

The child that stands closest to a minute wins.

Have a prize to give to the winner- if you play it more than once have a few prizes for the winners of each round.

Can be reinforced in small group time as well- just remember to have a few extra sweets for prizes.



### LINKING IT ALL TOGETHER

While we are waiting and living in the world as Christians- It is still going to be very hard, Paul doesn't promise it is going to be easy, however, he reminds us of the gift and promise God has left us while we wait- The gift and help of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:26& 27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

# 3 TEACH

Use the recap picture to help you with this brief overview

Over the past few weeks we have had a deep look at the first few chapters of Romans- It started with Paul laying down his ashamedness for what he believes in by reminding us of the Gospel- that its not a new Gospel, or his Gospel, but the same Gospel that always has been and that it's all about Christ. This was a super important lesson to start with because as we've looked further at Romans we've needed to be reminded always about Christ and that He has saved us!

Because we went on in Romans 2 and 3 to see how much we fail in our sin and everyday life and that the more we try and rely on our own good works the more it is seen as nothing in God's eyes and that only by trusting in Him can we ever hope to receive salvation- we were also reminded that our sin and wickedness is a huge reminder of how good and gracious God really is!

As we moved on to the next half of Chapter 3- we learnt of the how God's righteousness has been made known to us and that this is great news for us after learning how sinful we are in Ch 1-3a. (another reminder that nothing we do can make us right in God's eyes- Only Christ) In chapter 4 and 5 we continued looking at the hope we now have because we have been saved and at the examples we have in the Old Testament one of great Faith (Abraham) and then of Adam too at how he failed and sin entered the world through one man- but a great reminder again that in just as the whole world had sin enter through one man- so too the whole world has been saved through one man as well- because Christ was the perfect sacrifice for all our sins.

Last week we had a big look an reminder that thanks to Christ dying for all our sins- we no longer have to live as if we are still living under sin- we saw an example of a caterpillar and how Christ has made us new- we should be living as a new creation even in this world....

At this point stop to illustrate the Holy Spirit with a short Object Lesson found on the drive

Note: Please be careful when doing this and perhaps have a leader on standby in case things go wrong- and PRACTIICE!

Ask children to form pairs and read through Romans 8:5-17. Find and record the verse that describes each change the Spirit makes in us.

Then stick up each verse and match up its corresponding change in the Spirit

Romans 8:5 God's Spirit changes the way we think.

Romans 8:6 God's Spirit gives us life and peace.

Romans 8:9 God's Spirit rules us.

Romans 8:9 God's Spirit makes us belong to Jesus.

Romans 8:10 God's Spirit gives us new life.

Romans 8:10 God's Spirit made us right with God.

Romans 8:11 God's Spirit gives us life after we die.

Romans 8:13 God's Spirit helps us say 'no' to sin.

Romans 8:14 God's Spirit makes us children of God.

This might be tricky  
For younger kids- or if  
you are pressed for  
time then just do it up  
front and perhaps add  
illustrations

God has given us so much already that we don't deserve- we certainty don't live like we are very grateful for any of His gifts- but I think we can all say God hasn't abandoned us while we are waiting for Him to come back- God loves us like a Father loves his own children- so much so that we are adopted into His family. Life is very hard and sometimes very upsetting here on earth now,

but God knows this- He knows its hard and He also knows we need help to get through it- He loves us so much that He has Given us the gift of the Holy Spirit- which is himself with us always to those who choose to be a part of His family- this is great because even though we cannot see God now- we can know that He is always going to be with us, that we can always turn to Him and we can trust that we have the strength to live for Him and be changed in Him



Has God's Spirit changed you?





**Break into small groups**  
(make sure all children know where their  
new classes are and who their friends  
are)



Please don't forget to tick off your  
registers as well as add any new  
children to the form

# 4 Discussion questions Small Groups

Look over the Term on Romans- discuss some of their highlights and what challenged them the most- use the recap slides to help with this.

Don't forget when leading your small group, stick to the 3 R's

RECAP- Open up your small group time asking the children what did they think about what they just heard- what stood out to them?

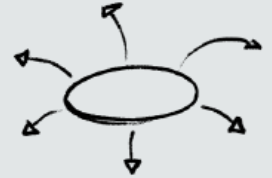
Ask them something slightly more specific- Ask about the what they think of the Holy Spirit or what have they heard or know of the Holy Spirit?

REINFORCE-

- 1) What is the biggest change you've ever had in your life that you can think of?
- 2) Look back at Chapter 8- what are some of the things Romans mentions the Holy Spirit does when it changes us?- look back at page 4 for some help.
- 3) When we become Christians we continue to change. God's Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. What changes does God's Spirit make in us? (brainstorm as a group)

Examples:

loving, welcoming, truthful, sharing, forgiving, faithful,  
slow to get angry, pay back bad with good,  
kind, gentle, words that help not hurt...



REFLECT-

Why do you think its important to continue seeing change in our lives now that we live for Christ?  
(remember to talk about us as sinners)

Who are we striving to be like?- Are we there yet? Should we be looking different? And who is the only one who can help us look different in this world?



Thank God for His Spirit that constantly helps us change- ask God to help us never resist His Spirit but to always be led in the right direction and listen to His voice.

# CRAFT

See INTRO  
idea

It works best when printed onto thin white card.

The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost...and is still with us!



You will need:

- Pencils (with erasers) or straws
- cardboard
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Ruler
- drawing pins

1. Make sure the paper is square in shape. Color or decorate as desired.
2. Place a mark in the center of the paper, and draw lines from each corner to the center (use a ruler if necessary).
3. Carefully cut from the corners of the paper to almost the center, stopping just short of the center to avoid cutting all the way through the paper.
4. Starting at one corner point, carefully pull every other "point" of the paper down to the center of the paper. Hold the paper together.
5. Push a drawing pin in the center of the paper, going through the points and into the eraser of the pencil (or the straw). Tape to secure if necessary.



## LINKING IT ALL TOGETHER

Both of these crafts illustrate the power of the Holy Spirit- be sure to highlight the Holy Spirit is real and we need to make sure we are checking our lives to make sure we can see the Holy Spirit working in our lives changing us!



The PDF pintables are available on the 'craft & activities' Drive

# CRAFT

This craft is an extremely fun one especially for your boys- Hit home the main point with this one and they won't forget your lesson!

## THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT TO TURN US FROM SINNERS TO CHRIST



Side 1



Side 2



- 2 toilet paper tubes
- 2 thin rubber bands
- 1 small pencil
- scissors
- tape
- cotton ball
- markers-especially yellow and red ones

For instructions on how to assemble please see the video manual on the Google drive

# GAME

## The Spirit Who Guides Us

Can one team produce an exact copy of another team's creation without seeing it?  
Remember, the power of the Holy Spirit guides us in truth, if we only listen.

### Materials:

Two paper plates (any type will do)

Five small items (You will need two of each item and they must be identical. For example, you can use two paperclips, two paper cups, two pencils, two coins, and two spoons.)

Curtain (optional)

### What you will do:

Get into two teams. Give each team a paper plate and one set of the five different items. Let the students know they will be creating a work of art using these items, and give them a few minutes to study them. The two teams must face the opposite way, or you can also place a curtain between the two teams.

The object is for the members of team "A" to place the items on their paper plate in a creative way, and for the members of team "B" to duplicate the same design the best they can without looking. They can only receive verbal instructions from team "A."

First, let the members on team "A" work together to create a design. Then have them tell the members of team "B" what to do. The members of team "B" can ask as many questions as they want to get a better understanding of how to place the items on their plate. The ultimate objective is for both creations to end up looking identical.

After everyone believes the items are in the right place, have the teams compare the two plates and see how well they did. Then switch sides, and let team "A" attempt to duplicate a

different design created by team "B" in the same way.



## **LINKING IT ALL** **TOGETHER**

In this exercise, we discovered how important it is to listen. Are you listening to the Holy Spirit? Jesus said, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." John 14:16-17



For this week during your prayer time, ask God to help us continue looking to Him and thank Him again for sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us.

THIS WEEK

Keep track of prayer requests your small group may bring up as well as who they plan on sharing the Gospel with—start praying for these people that God would already be working in their hearts