



Bible Story: This Is Amazing Grace (Grace is a Gift) • [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

Bottom Line: Jesus is a gift for everyone.

Memory Verse: *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.* Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)

Life App: Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

1. Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)
- Ask the following and allow for discussion:
 - We talked about the gift of grace—what do we have to do to earn grace? (We don't have to earn it. Grace comes from faith alone, in Jesus alone.)
 - How much does grace cost us? (Nothing)
 - What do we have to do to keep God's grace? (Nothing)
 - Can we lose God's grace by messing up? (Nope)
 - Who is the giver of the gift of grace? (God through Jesus)
 - Who does Jesus love? (Everyone)
 - Who did Jesus die for? (Everyone)
 - Who can believe in Jesus? (Everyone)

2. Bible Story Review Challenge

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Call on 2 members of your family to complete one of the challenges listed below.
- The first person to finish the challenge then get to answer one of the Bible Story Review Questions.
- For every correct answer that person gets a point. If they get the question wrong, the opposing family member gets the chance to answer and steal the point.

Challenges:

- Perform 15 jumping jacks.
- Sing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" while holding your nose.
- Do five push-ups.
- Do 10 sit-ups.
- Hold your arms out straight from your sides and count out loud to 30.
- Spin in a circle as you sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

Bible Story Review Questions:

1. Who is God's son? (*Jesus*)
2. Who wrote the book of Ephesians? (*Paul*)
3. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, it is by _____ we have been saved. (*grace*)
4. Is God's love something you have to earn? (*No, His love is a gift.*)
5. Who messes up? Who makes mistakes? (*everyone*)
6. True or False, God expects me to do the right thing all the time and then He will let me have a

7. relationship with Him. (*FALSE!*)
8. Who is Jesus and what did He do? (*Jesus is God's Son. He came to take our place by dying on the cross so that we could have a relationship with God forever.*)
9. Finish today's bottom line: Jesus is a gift . . . (*for everyone*)

What You Say:

"Great job, guys! In this review game, you had to complete a challenge to earn the right to answer a question. Thankfully, we don't have to do anything to earn God's love. In Ephesians, Paul teaches us that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone.** God sent His only Son, Jesus, for everyone!

"God loves us, even though we mess up and aren't perfect. We call that imperfection 'sin.' And that sin separates us from God because He is holy and perfect. Jesus came to pay the price for sin by dying on the cross and coming back to life three days later! He paid the price for the sin that separates us from God so we could have a relationship with Him! Jesus fixed that separation forever. You don't have to earn your way into a relationship with Him. You don't have to be good enough, or perfect enough, or smart enough. God made you and He loves you SO much. **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone.**"

[Make it Personal] (*Tell the kids about a time when you misunderstood today's bottom line. Maybe you were trying to please God by doing all the right things, or being perfect, or keeping track of all the good things you did, etc. Talk about how you learned that God's love isn't something you earn but something you receive as a gift and how you chose to trust Jesus as your Savior.*)

3. Discussion Questions

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Ask:

- Name some things that we do have to earn. (examples: grades, money, approval, a spot on the team, the part in the play, etc. . . .)
- What is one thing that you don't have to earn?
- What is the best gift you ever received? When was it and what was the occasion?
- Why can it be hard to receive a gift given for no reason, out of the blue, completely random and free?
- Why is it hard for us to believe that God's gift of grace through Jesus is free?
- What does it mean when someone tries to earn what God's given them for free?

4. Lesson Recap and Prayer Journal:

What You Need: Prayer journal, something to write with

What You Do:

- As a family, **add to your prayer journal** or make a prayer journal if you have not already done so.
 - The Bible teaches us that the "the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (*James 5:16b*). We are encouraging you to make a family prayer journal. It can be as fancy or as simple as you want. An example is provided on our Kids at The Heights Facebook Page! A prayer journal can be a tool to record your prayer requests and thanksgivings. It can also help you grow your faith as you keep a record of how the Lord answer your prayers.
- Encourage kids to share a one or two sentence prayer that thanks God for sending Jesus for everyone.
- Encourage kids to share anything they are struggling with and ask God for His help in believing that this gift of grace is always for true for them and that there's nothing they can do to mess it up!
- Wrap up prayer time by thanking God for all of the points:
 - We all mess up. No one has it all together.
 - We don't have to do good things to make up for the things we did wrong.
 - You don't have to do everything perfectly to fit in with God.
 - God loves you and accepts you no matter what you've done.
 - There is nothing you can do to make God love you more . . . or less!
- Remind them that **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone!**