

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: Faith is a fancy word for trusting Jesus

Key Question: How do we trust Jesus?

Memory Verse: *This is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16*

Overview: We're continuing our series called the Grid. Grid is just a fancy word for how you look at life. We've already learned that a Christian Grid means we see life the way Jesus does. We've already learned how important the Bible, God's Truth, is to a Christian grid. We've also learned how important it is to love: God first and others second. This week, we're going to learn about how important faith is to a Christian grid. Faith is just a fancy word for trusting in Jesus. The Bible says that in order to have a relationship with God we have to trust in what Jesus did for us on the cross. He had to die to pay for our sins that had broken our relationship with God. No amount of smarts or good deeds could ever be good enough to fix our relationship with God. The only way is through Jesus. That's why faith is so important to a Christian grid. If we don't put our faith in Jesus, then we can't be in relationship with God. And, if we don't have a relationship with God, we won't see life the way he does.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** Make a list of people you trust. Why do you trust them? How do you know when someone isn't trustworthy?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](#). What do we have to do to be saved? Why can't we brag about our relationship with God?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.
- Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together

People we should trust are people that love us and look out for us. We shouldn't trust people who are mean to us or don't care about what happens to us. God is the most trustworthy person you could ever know.

Answer: We confess our sins and ask him into our hearts.

Trusting in Jesus means we recognize that we are sinners and that we need a Savior. So, we need to tell Jesus that we're sorry and that we need him to forgive all of our sins; past, present and future. Then, we need to invite him into our hearts so he can help us to live a life that honors God.

Bonus Questions: Why is our sin a problem? What do we need to do to put our faith in Jesus?

4-5th: When we invite Jesus into our lives, how should that affect the way we act? Make a list of things that you can do to honor God.

The Bible says we have to put our faith in Jesus to be saved. We have to trust what he did for us on the cross. He paid our sin debt for us. That's why we can't brag about our relationship with God. He's given us the gift of forgiveness and new life in him. We haven't done anything to earn it or to deserve it. He did it all because he loves us and wants a relationship with us.

Make sure kids bring their Family guide home or tell them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

Option #1

Jesus is a lifesaver game

- Put a piece of tape on the floor at one end of the room for each team to line up behind. Do the same at the other end of the room.
- Have the class divide into teams of 4-5. Have half the team line up at one end of the room behind the tape and the other half across at the other end of the room.
- Give the first kid in each line at one end of the room a piece of twine or yarn.
- Give every kid a lifesaver candy.
- When you say, "Go!" Have the first kid in line at one end of the room put their lifesaver on the twine and then run to the other end to the first person in line at that end. That kid has to put their lifesaver on the twine and race back to the other side. Continue until every kid has had a turn.
- If any candy falls off the twine, that team is out. First team to get all their lifesavers on the twine wins.

Supplies needed

- Tape
- Twine or yarn, cut into 12 in. pieces, 1 per team
- Lifesaver candies (hard)

Bonus Activity:

Play **Find the Book in the Bible.**

Have the class get into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT

Books: Numbers, John, Acts

Option #2

Salvation Bracelet

- Give each kid a piece of twine.
- Give each kid colored beads, one of each color.
- As a class, work together to put each bead onto the twine. As they add each bead, tell them what that color represents for telling someone how Jesus saves us.
 - **Black:** represents our sin that keeps us from having a relationship with God.
 - **Red:** represents Jesus' blood when he died on the cross to pay for our sins.
 - **White:** represents that Jesus rose again and gives us new life. Now we live to honor him not ourselves.
 - **Yellow:** represents heaven where we get to live with Jesus some day.
- Then, help kids tie their bracelets onto their wrists.
- Give each kid the bead template (**page 5**) so they can remember what the colors mean.

Supplies needed

- Twine, cut into 8 in pieces, 1 per kid
- Colored bracelet beads (need black, red, white, yellow for each kid)
- Bead template (pg 5), pre cut, 1 per kid

Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman.**

Words or phrases: Jesus, salvation, cross

The Rock of Faith | The Grid #3 (Kids)

 www.pursuegod.org/the-rock-of-faith-the-grid-3-kids/

Faith is a fancy word for _____ Jesus

Did you know that you can't have a relationship with God if you try to make him see things YOUR way? He's GOD silly! If you want to have a relationship with him, you have to learn to see things his way. You have to trust that his way is better. That's one of the most important parts of faith.

_____ learned this lesson when he met Jesus

John 3:3 *Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."*

At first Nicodemus didn't understand what Jesus was talking about. He was a grown man, how could he go back into his momma's tummy? But that's not what Jesus meant.

Being "_____ " is what happens spiritually when you trust in Jesus

That's what Jesus explained a little bit later when he was talking to Nicodemus. It's our memory verse and it's probably the most famous bible verse in the whole entire Bible!

John 3:16 *For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*

Questions:

1. What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?
2. Make a list of people you trust. Why do you trust them? How do you know when someone isn't trustworthy?
3. What does faith mean? Why do you think Jesus is worthy of your trust?
4. What was Jesus trying to teach Nicodemus?
5. What does it mean to be "born again"? Why do we all need a "do over" or a second chance with God?
6. Read [Ephesians 2:8-9](#). What do we have to do to be saved? Why can't we brag about our relationship with God?
7. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Bonus Questions:

1. Read [Luke 19:10](#). Who did Jesus come to save? Why are we lost without him?
2. Read [Romans 5:8](#). Why did Jesus have to die for us? How can you thank him this week for dying for you?

Answers: trusting, Nicodemus, born again

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

BIG IDEA

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KEY QUESTION

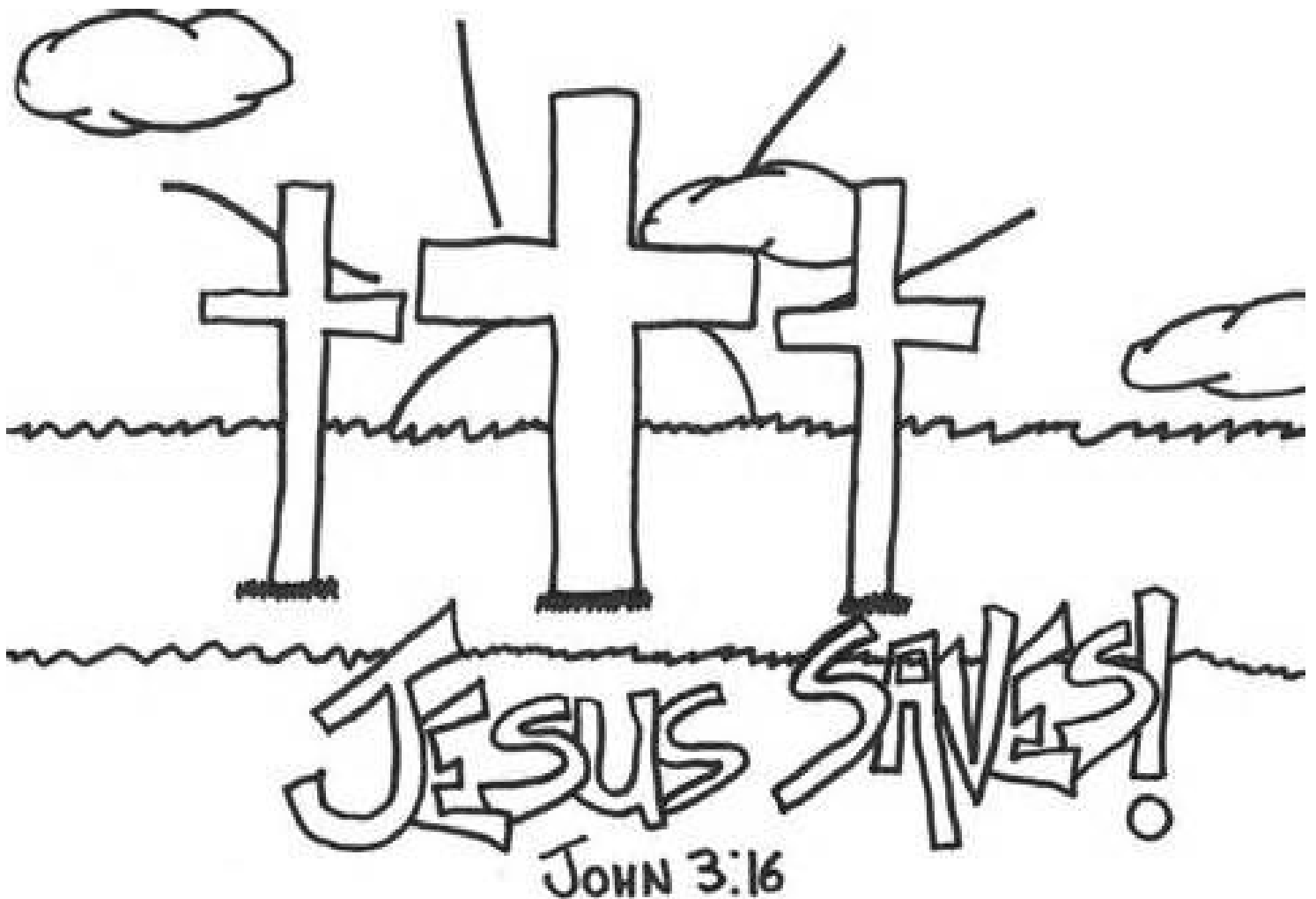
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MEMORY VERSE

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