

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: Grace is a fancy word for being kind and forgiving.

Key Question: Why do we need God's grace?

Memory Verse: *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.* **Ephesians 2:8**

Overview: We're finishing our series called the Grid. Grid is just a fancy word for how you look at life. We've been learning what it means to have a Christian Grid-seeing life like Jesus does. Here's what we've learned so far: We need God's **Truth** to help us to know a good idea from a bad idea. We need **Love** for God and for others. We need **Faith** in Jesus to be saved and we need to be **Obedient** to God and our parents. Today, we're finishing up with the last thing we need for a Christian grid. We need the gift of **Grace**. Grace is a fancy word for being kind and forgiving. God has been very gracious toward us. He has shown us his kindness by sending Jesus to save us. He has been forgiving because Jesus died to pay for OUR sins, not HIS. Grace is a gift God gives us. We can't earn it by doing good things. And, guess what? God continues to be gracious to us even when we mess up. He continues to love us and help us. We need to remember God's grace as we interact with our friends and family. When they mess up and hurt our feelings, we need to be kind and forgiving toward them. We need to show them grace just like Jesus has shown us grace.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

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

5 min **WARM UP:** What's the nicest thing someone's ever done for you? How did it make you feel?

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 [Hebrews 4:16](#). How do we bring our concerns to God? What does he promise to give us when we do?

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.

It's so nice when people do nice things for us or buy us a gift unexpectedly. It communicates that the other person loves us and cares about us. The best gift we can ever receive is God's gift of grace.

Answer: We have a sin problem that needs to be fixed.

The Bible says we all have a sin problem. Sin is going our own way instead of God's way. We just naturally want to choose to do what we want even when God says not to do it. Sin keeps us from having a relationship with God. But, Jesus came to fix it. He came to show us kindness and forgiveness by dying on the cross for OUR sins. He took our punishment on himself so we could have relationship with God again. What a gift!

Bonus Questions: What is sin? What did Jesus do to fix our sin problem?

4-5th: What does grace mean? How can you show grace to your friends when they mess up?

God wants us to bring our fears and concerns to him through prayer. He wants us to talk to him like we would talk to our parents. And, God promises to give us **mercy** (protection) and **grace** (kindness and forgiveness) to help us in our time of need. In other words, he will be there for 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

King of the Hill Series Review

- Tape a square onto the floor. This will be the king's throne.
- Choose one kid to start as the king. Have them stand in the square.
- Have all the other kids line up single file facing the king.
- The first kid in line will face off against the king. You will ask a question from below. The first to answer correctly wins. If the winner is the king, he gets to stay on the throne. If the winner is the kid in line, they get to replace the king and face off against the next kid in line.
- The loser of the round goes to the back of the line.

Questions:

1. What is a Christian grid? (see world like Jesus does)
2. What book is our memory verse from today? (Ephesians)
3. What does faith mean? (trust in Jesus)
4. Who should we obey? (God and parents)
5. What book helps us to know if something is a good or bad idea? (Bible)
6. Who should we love? (God and others)
7. What is grace? (kind and forgiving)
8. Who died for us? (Jesus)
9. True or False: We can earn God's grace. (F)
10. What is the Big Idea today? (see teacher's notes)

Supplies needed

- Tape

Bonus Activity:

Play **Telephone**.

Have the class sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** in the ear of one kid. Have them whisper it to the kid on their right. Continue around the circle. Last kid has to say what message they heard.

Option #2

Amazing Grace Cross

- Give each kid a Cross template (**page 5**).
- Have kids cut out the cross and the letters.
- Have kids glue the letters G-R-A-C-E going across the cross.
- Have them glue the letters A-M-Z-I-N-G going down the cross. Make sure to tell the kids that the "A" in grace is the "A" in amazing so they need to make sure those line up correctly.
- Allow kids to color and decorate.

Supplies needed

- Cross template (pg 5), 1 per kid
- Scissors
- Glue
- Crayons

Bonus Activity:

Play **Memory verse game**.

Say the memory verse as a class. Say it again while **spinning** around. Say it again while **marching** in place.

The Rock of Grace | The Grid Day #28 (Kids)

 www.pursuegod.org/the-rock-of-grace-the-grid-day-28-kids/

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. [Ephesians 2:8](#)

Hey kids, today we are finishing up our series on the grid for kids. We have been learning about how to see the world like Jesus does. Each week, we've been adding to our good idea rocks that help us to live life with a Christian grid. So far, we have talked about truth, faith, love and obedience. And today, we are going to add just one more rock to our pile. Grace.

Grace is a fancy word for being _____ and _____

If you've been going to church and learning about a Christian grid, that is great! But we don't want you to go back to school or to your neighborhoods and start pointing fingers at everybody, making them feel like losers.

Jesus shows us grace when we _____

Aren't you glad he does that? Jesus doesn't make fun of us when we mess up. He comes alongside to help us. This is important for us to remember: Jesus doesn't accept us as his sons and daughters because of our good looks. And he doesn't accept us because we're such good people. The Bible says that Jesus makes us acceptable to God. We can't earn our way to God. Only the grace of Jesus can make us right with God.

If we _____ grace, we gotta _____ grace

When we understand how grace works, it will totally change our attitude. Instead of thinking that we're so great, we realize how great God is. We choose to live to honor him because we understand all he's done for us.

Questions:

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned from the video?*
2. *What's the nicest thing someone's ever done for you? How did it make you feel?*
3. *What is grace? Why do we need God's grace?*
4. *How can you show grace to your friends when they mess up?*
5. *Read [Hebrews 4:16](#). How do we bring our concerns to God? What does he promise to give us when we do?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Bonus Questions: Use these verses to have more conversations this week.

1. *Read [Romans 3:23-24](#). What is the problem that we all have? What did Jesus do to make us right with God again?*
2. *Read [Titus 2:11](#). Who died for us? Why did Jesus do that for us?*
3. *Read [James 4:6](#). Why can't we brag about our relationship with God?*

Answers: kind, forgiving, mess up, got, give

ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

BIG IDEA

Grace is a fancy word for being kind and forgiving

KEY QUESTION

Why do we need God's grace?

MEMORY VERSE

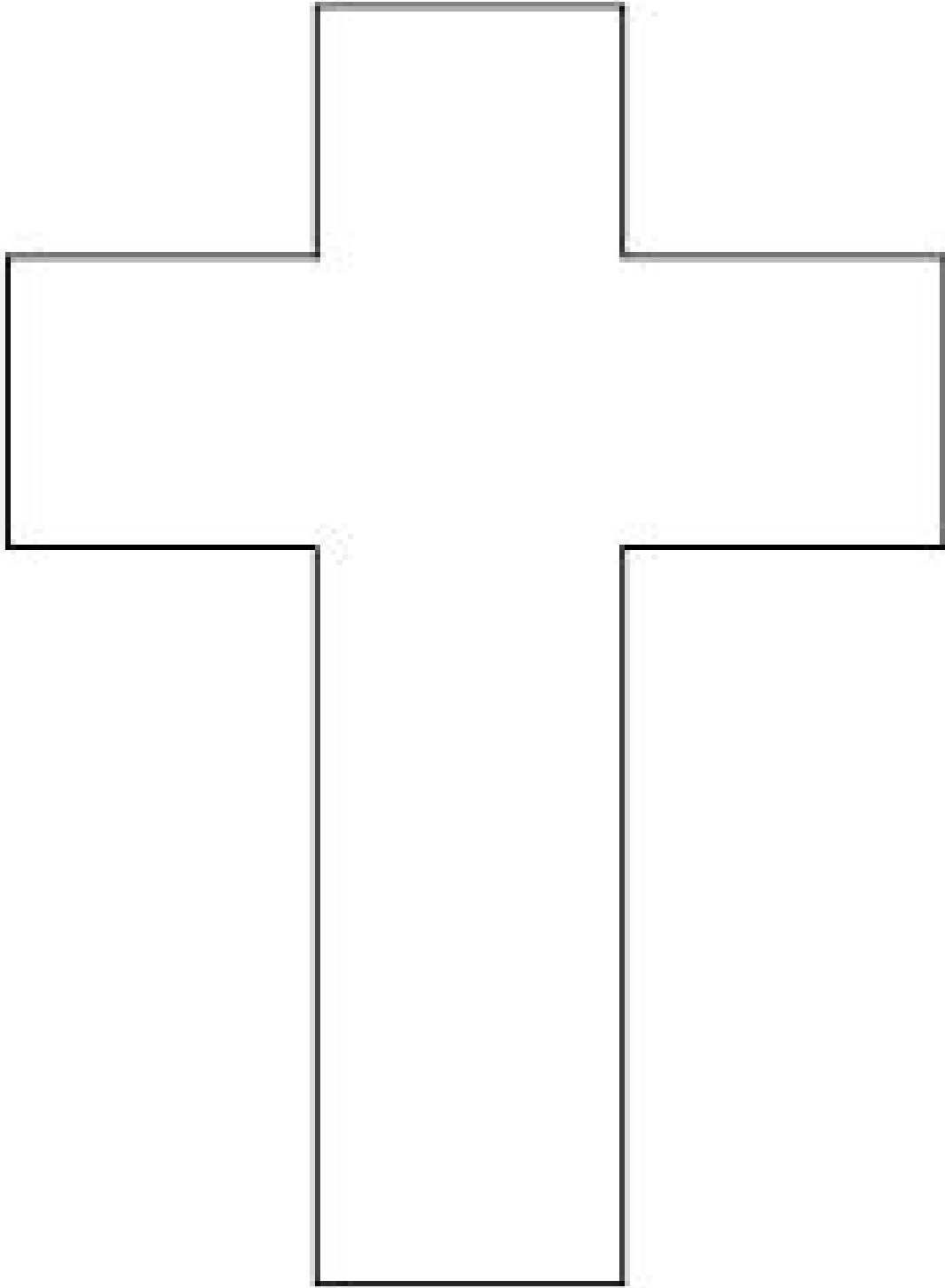
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GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE



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