



# JULY 2020 • Week 1

## K-3 Parent Guide

### BIBLE STORY

Grace is a Gift  
*Ephesians 2:8-9*

### MEMORY VERSE

*God's grace has  
saved you because  
of your faith in Christ.  
Your salvation  
doesn't come from  
anything you do. It is  
God's gift.  
Ephesians 2:8 (NIV)*

### LIFE APP

#### Faith

Trusting in what you  
can't see because of  
what you can see

### BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is a gift for  
everyone.

### BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no  
matter what.

## ACTIVITY: EVERYBODY IN!

**WHAT YOU NEED:** A flat bedsheet

**WHAT YOU DO:**

Round up the entire family and spread out the sheet on the floor. Tell everyone to find a spot to stand on the sheet. Say, "Okay! Everybody in!" See who can strike the funniest pose.

Then tell everyone to hop off the sheet and fold it over once. Instruct everyone to find a spot on the sheet. Call out, "Everybody in" again. This time see who can make the silliest facial expression.

Again, have everyone move off the sheet and fold it to make it smaller. Continue to fold the sheet and issue the "everybody in" challenge until everyone can no longer fit. Challenge your family to get creative, maybe by putting the smallest kid on your shoulders or having a younger sibling get on the back of an older sibling.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

God wants everyone to join Him in heaven someday. That's why He sent Jesus. Even though **[Bottom Line] Jesus is a gift for everyone**, not everyone will believe in Him. But God still loves all people everywhere and offers them the gift of His Son, Jesus—the best gift ever!

**[Make it Personal]** (Tell kids about a gift you once received that meant a lot to you. Compare it with the gift of grace and how much better grace is than any other gift we could receive because it comes from the One who created us.)



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### GOSPEL MOMENT

Jesus is the One who allows us to have a relationship with God. He is the greatest gift we could EVER receive.

Since the very beginning of God's Big Story, people were waiting for a Savior. At just the right time, God sent His Son, Jesus. And when Jesus died on the cross, He paid the price for our sins. He made a way so that everything could be right between us and God and we could be with Him forever.

Remember, salvation is God's gift. God loves you—period. He made you. He has a good plan for your life. There's nothing you can do that will make Him love you any more, or any less. He sent Jesus so that we could have a relationship with Him that will last forever.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your own words, what do you think grace is? (*God's love, God's forgiveness, getting something you don't deserve, a gift*)
2. Who messes up? Who makes mistakes? (*Everyone—moms, dads, stepparents, teachers, etc.*)
3. True or false? God expects me to do the right thing all the time, and then He will let me have a relationship with Him. (*False! Our relationship with God isn't based on what we do. It's based on what Jesus has done. When we understand that Jesus came as a gift, and we put our trust in Him as Savior, we can have a relationship with God forever.*)
4. So, who is Jesus? And what did He do for us? (*Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was sent by God to give His life so that we could have a relationship with God now and forever.*)

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank You that **[Bottom Line]** Jesus is a gift for everyone. Help us remember that You love each of us every day even when we don't deserve it. Help us to love You with all of our heart. In Jesus' name, amen.