

Power of the Gospel: Our Identity in the Gospel Brian Gann January 15, 2023

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. - **Romans 1:16 NLT**

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Paul's one message was Jesus Christ and the cross

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **1 Corinthians 2:1 NKJV**

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **1 Corinthians 2:2 NKJV**

Paul was confident in the Spirit, not himself

I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 1 Corinthians 2:3 NKJV

And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **1 Corinthians 2:4 NKJV**

Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. **2 Corinthians 5:11 NKJV**

For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; **2 Corinthians 5:14 NKJV**

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV**

Paul wanted people to trust God, not him

that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 1 Corinthians 2:5 NKJV

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, **1 Corinthians 15:1 NKJV**

by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. **1 Corinthians 15:2 NKJV**

This Week's <u>New Testament+ reading plan:</u>

- 1. John 11
- 2. John 12
- 3. John 13
- 4. John 14
- 5. John 15
- 6. Psalm 118
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

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Toddlers are just beginning to discover a new world of friends outside of their homes! Sharing, caring, and helping become important elements in learning how to socialize with new friends. What better friend to learn from that Jesus? In this series we will be introducing our very special friend Jesus! This might be the first time that our little toddlers hear that Jesus wants to be their friend!

Memory Verse: Jesus is our friend, John 15:15 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: Our Friend Jesus Helps Us When We're Sick

Parent Connect: If you have a toy doctor kit at home, let your kid pretend to be a doctor and take care of you (or let them stick a band-aid on your pretend owie). While pretending to be a doctor, have your kid practice telling you, "Our friend Jesus helps us when we're sick."



This month we will be living in the wonder of the miracles of Jesus. We want our kids to be in awe of our awesome and all powerful Savior. He can change water to wine, heal the sick AND Jesus loves kids!

Memory Verse: You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the people. Psalm 77:14

Heart of the Lesson: Faith Is Believing What You Can't See – Luke 7:1-10, Matthew 8:5-13

Parent Connect: Today we learned about a Roman soldier that had <u>faith</u> that Jesus would do something. Ask your kid what the Roman soldier believed Jesus would do. Can your kid retell today's story?



As followers of Christ, we are His ambassadors to share His message of the gospel. One way we can do that is through Romans Road. Having a tool to share the gospel will give us courage to share with all those we meet.

Memory Verse: For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23

Heart of the Lesson: God Gives Us the Tools We Need

Parent Connect: Today we learned about God equipping Moses and Paul even though they felt like they were not good enough to share the gospel. Share a time when God helped you do something He asked of you.



The word "gospel" is used over 75 times in the New Testament! "Gospel" is translated from Greek and means Good News! What is this Good News? Join us the next five weeks as we learn the Good News, and how to share it with our friends.

Memory Verse: For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. Romans 1:16

Heart of the Lesson: Man Sinned – We all sin and need a Savior. Genesis 3:1-8, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 3:16

Parent Connect: Write a letter to God thanking Him for saving you from your sins. Pray together as a family for specific requests!



The Gospel is Good News that Jesus came and died to take away our sins! But what does the Good News mean for us when we follow Jesus, and how should we share it with others? This series, we are learning all about the Good News of Jesus!

Memory Verse: Romans 1:16 (NIRV) "I want to preach it because I'm not ashamed of the good news. It is God's power to save everyone who believes."

Heart of the Lesson: Our Identity is in Jesus' Good News (1 Corinthians 2 & 2 Corinthians 5:20)

Parent Connect:

- Where did Paul put his identity?
- Whose strength did Paul rely on?
- How can you put your identity in Jesus?
- Who can you trust to help you share the gospel with others?