

### Start Zone Section 1: The Gospel

Because of His grace, God gave us the gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Since we are sinners, we can't do anything to deserve this gift: to receive it we simply have to trust that Jesus took our punishment for our sin when He died for us.

**Memory Verse:** Ephesians 2:8-9

#### Lesson Objectives:

- Define sin as anything we think, say or do that disobeys God. Sin is also not doing the good things God tells us to do.
- Know that the first humans, Adam and Eve, started out sinlessly good, but made a sinful choice that brought them the terrible punishment of death. Since then, all humans, including themselves, have sinned and deserve the punishment of death.
- Define grace as giving someone something good that he or she doesn't deserve.
- Trust Christ as Savior if they have not already done so.

#### Talk about it:

- Who has sinned?
- Is there anything you can do on your own to save yourself from sin?
- What must you do to be saved from the punishment for your sin?
- Once you trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, where will you spend eternity?



#### Encouragement for you:

Parenting confronts us with our own weaknesses, as well as those of the kids we love so much. God answers our weakness with His grace. He gives us salvation from our sins and He also gives us the ability to live in the confidence that everything in our lives can revolve around His grace and not our "works" or performance and success (see Ephesians 2:8-9). Next time you face something challenging, try to remember that His grace is your starting point, not your current feelings about your successes or failures.

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## Family Activity: Good or Bad List?

What You'll Need:  
White board with dry erase markers

Make 2 columns on your white board:

1. God's Good People List
2. In BIG Trouble List

Write the names of Adam and Eve in God's Good People List. Brainstorm with your kids about the names of other people in the Bible who would be on God's Good People List. Why did you put those names on this list? What did they do that was good?

Now come up with names of people from the Bible who would be on the In BIG Trouble List. Why did you put those names on this list? What did they do that got them in BIG trouble?

Can any of the names be moved from God's Good People List to the In BIG Trouble List? (Example: Adam and Eve)

Talk about the following:

1. What is sin?
2. What is the punishment for sin?
3. What gift does God want to give us?
4. Explain what Jesus did for us when He came down from heaven to become a man and live on earth.

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## Start Zone Section 2: Bible Basics

The Bible is God's message to us. There is no other book like the Bible and it is a gift from God that helps us in many ways. The most important message of the Bible is the good news about Jesus Christ.

**Memory Verse:** Romans 10:17

### Lesson Objectives:

- Understand that the Bible is God's message to us and the written words are just as important as if He said them out loud.
- Recite the amazing Bible facts, which show that the Bible is a very unique book.
- Know that the big message of the Bible is the good news about Jesus Christ.
- Explain what 2 Timothy 3:16 means when it says the Bible is given by inspiration of God.

### Talk about it:

- What does the Bible tell us about God?
- What does the Bible tell us about Jesus?
- What does the Bible tell us about ourselves?
- Why do you think these three things are important for us to know?



### Encouragement for you:

God's Word is special for you as a parent too! It is the one source of pure and unfiltered truth for you. God intends to use the Bible to instruct you and increase your faith in Him. That's why Romans 10:17 says that hearing (understanding) what the Bible says gives us faith. See if you can find a time this week to hear from God by reading the Bible!

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## Family Activity: Note Exchange

### What You'll Need:

Pencils or pens, small sheets of paper, container for notes, Bible

**STEP 1:** Direct everyone to write their name and a short note on a piece of paper sharing something about themselves or something they think is very important for someone else to know or remember, such as advice they want to give related to the topic of school, family, friends, sports, T&T club or their faith. It can be funny or serious.

**STEP 2:** Fold the note and write "From: followed by their name." Collect all the notes and place them in a container. The parents can pull out the notes from the container, one at a time.

**STEP 3:** The parents can read the note to themselves, then out loud to everyone.

**STEP 4:** Explain that sometimes we talk to each other with our mouths and other times we talk by writing words on a paper. Receiving a note from someone is just as important as what the person says to you out loud, but you might remember the words more if they are written down because you can read them over and over again.

**STEP 5:** Hold up your Bible and have your children think of the Bible as a very long note from God to us. Then share these key concepts:

- A. In the Bible, God tells us who He is and why He created us. He tells us about ourselves and what the punishment is for our sin. He tells us about His Son, Jesus Christ, who took the punishment for our sin so we could live forever with God.
- B. God's words in the Bible are just as important as if He said them out loud and right to our face. We need to listen to them and obey!
- C. We can read His words to us over and over again so we remember them always.

**STEP 6:** Spend some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you and your family into a deeper love for God and His Word.