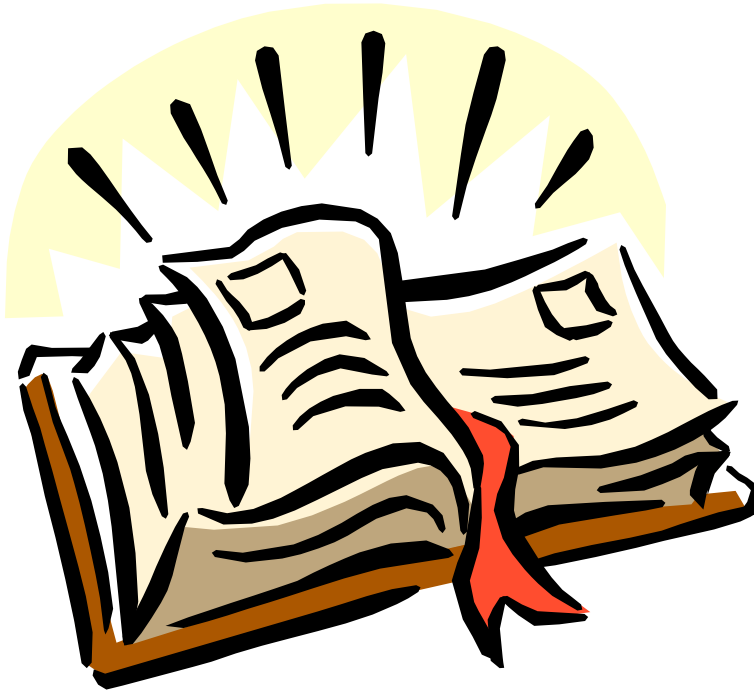


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF:



Dear Parents...

LESSON TITLE: Heirs of Grace

THEME: We are saved by God's grace.

SCRIPTURE: Titus 3:1-8

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! This is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together

This week we learned about being **Heirs of Grace**. The theme was "**We are saved by God's grace.**" What does it mean to be an heir? An heir is someone who will inherit something from a family member when they pass away.

As Christians we have a promise of inheritance from God. He has promised us salvation for eternity through the death of His son Jesus Christ. God's grace is something that we don't deserve, but He loves us so much He made a way for us to be with Him forever!

The section of scripture that we studied was **Titus 3:1-8**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

The Inheritance

Text: Galatians 3:29 – “And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Also read Titus 3:7

Michelle's mother had always promised she would give her fine dining china to her daughter when she passed away. The promise has continued from one daughter to the next. The china set has been in the Johnson family for many years now. In fact, Michelle's grandmother received it from her grandmother. The china set dated back to the 1700's. It wasn't a very attractive set but it had a lot of value because it was owned by family members that she respected and loved. Michelle would not use it for entertaining guests. She would only keep it in her glass hutch so others could see it. Michelle also wants to pass it down to her daughter and hopes that she will pass it on to her daughter when she dies. It is interesting how that someone she never even met promised the inheritance to her. And one day children she has never met may receiving it.

There are many people who receive an inheritance in their lifetime. An inheritance can come in many shapes and forms. It could be money, furniture, property, pets, clothes, cars; the list can go on and on. An heir is the person who receives the inheritance. In the above story, Michelle was the heir of her great-great grandmother's china set. The china set was the inheritance. This week we will be learning about how, as believers in Jesus, we are heirs of His grace. God has promised us an inheritance of everlasting life.

An inheritance is a nice thing to receive here on earth. The only problem is that the inheritance on earth is temporary. You can only enjoy it while you are living here on earth. But the inheritance we receive from God is eternal. We are heirs of God's grace! That is something to rejoice about. Let's remember to thank the Lord continually that we are His heirs and will receive everlasting life.

- Have you ever received an inheritance from someone else?
- Can you think of some other things we receive from God?
- What do you want your children to receive from you?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Heir: A person who inherits something from someone else.
Inheritance: Something of value passed on to another.

Day Two

His Promise and His Oath

Text: James 2:5 – “Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?”

Also read Hebrews 6:17, 18

The witness came into the courtroom and sat down to wait for the attorney to call his name. When his name was called he walked up to the front of the courtroom and stood next to the witness chair. The officer of the court asked him to raise his right hand and place his left hand on the Bible. “Repeat after me,” replied the officer. “I promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God.” The witness repeated word for word what the officer had told him. The witness promised to tell the truth in front of God, the judge and the others in the courtroom; he was under “oath.”

When the witness took this oath, he made a promise that he would tell the truth. He is supposed to tell the truth no matter what. If the witness took the stand and lied when he answered the questions then he could go to jail himself. When a promise or an oath is broken, it causes serious problems for the person telling the lie as well as the person who is being lied to. The Bible teaches us that when we give our word, we need to keep our word.

The Bible tells us that our yes is to mean yes and our no means no. This means we can't say one thing and then do something else (Matthew 5:37). God has taken an oath and has made a promise to us. He has said that those who receive His grace and salvation can be absolutely sure that He will never change His mind. He will never lie or go back on His word. So God has given us both His promise and His oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:17,18).

- What oath has God made to you? (Hebrews 6:17,18)
- Have you ever made an oath to someone else?
- Why is it impossible for God to lie?

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Promise: A written or spoken agreement to do or not to do something

Oath: A serious promise; often carries with it a punishment that would be given if the promise is not kept.



Day Three

Heaven's Best for Earth's Worst

Text: Romans 6:14 – “For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

Also read John 1:17

The two bank robbers jumped into their boat and sped off! As they went farther and farther out into the ocean, a large wave struck their boat filling it with water. Their boat was sinking! Did they deserve this? They were criminals but did they deserve to die like this? One of the robbers shouted out to the other robber, “We need to start praying! God will hear us and He will take care of our needs.” Both of the robbers began praying and asking God if He would save them from the depths of the ocean. But one thing they didn't do was to ask God if He would forgive them for their sins.

A few minutes went by and the men began to hear and then see a boat traveling in their direction. The captain of the boat noticed the two men were in the water. He threw the men a life preserver, but both of the men refused to grab onto it. They did not trust in the one who threw out the life preserver; they thought they would have to go to jail. Once again, the captain of the boat threw the life preserver towards the two men. One of the men grabbed it and threw it back to the captain. The captain couldn't believe his eyes. These two men didn't want his help, so he took off and left the two men in the water.

Once again the two men began praying and crying out to God for His help. A few more minutes went by and a helicopter flew overhead. The two men were spotted and the pilot of the helicopter positioned the chopper over them. One of the rescuers from the helicopter lowered a rescue basket into the water. Both of the men just stared at the basket but didn't move. The helicopter pilot called out to them using his loud speaker. He told them to swim to the basket. Both of the men refused because once again, they did not trust in the one who was trying to save them. The helicopter pilot couldn't believe these men wouldn't take advantage of being saved. **Continued on Day Four...**

- Were these men guilty of sinning?
- Did God try to help them?
- Does God want to help us even though we are sinners?

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Faith: Believing without question what God says about Himself and about what He will do.

Some Restrictions Apply

Text: John 3:18 – “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

Also read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Continued from Day Three... Unfortunately, the two men became too tired from swimming and ended up drowning. Both men were now standing in front of the Lord. One of the men asked God if He had heard their prayer for help. God responded, “Yes, I did.” The man replied, “Well, then why didn’t you save us?” God then answered them, “Who do you think sent the boat and the helicopter?”

Unfortunately, these two men were looking for something other than what God had provided to save their life. God makes it very clear that He has provided salvation for all of mankind. He sends out the life preserver to those who are drowning in their sin and are seeking salvation. The life preserver represents Jesus Christ. Jesus came to save the world, not to condemn it. God had so much grace on these two men that He gave them plenty of opportunities to be saved, even though they did not deserve it!

We too do not deserve any of God's grace. We are sinners! God is not a harsh, cruel ruler who is just waiting to pour out His anger on mankind. His heart is filled with tenderness toward man and He has gone to the greatest expense in order to save men. He could have sent His Son into the world to condemn the world, but He didn't do it that way. He sent His Son here to suffer, bleed, and die in order that the world might be saved if they would receive Him.

- Have you received Jesus Christ as your savior?
- Why don't we deserve God's grace?
- Can you believe that there is a God and still not be saved?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Grace: God giving me what I do not deserve

Condemn: Declaring someone guilty and deserving of punishment

Day Five

Growing in Grace

Text: 2 Peter 3:18 - "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

Also read Titus 2:11-14

We learned this week that when we accept Jesus as our Savior, we inherit eternal life. We are saved by God's grace not by our works. Grace is getting something good when we don't deserve it! Have you ever received something from your parents when you didn't deserve it? As Christians, we need to grow in God's grace and in the knowledge of Him. Just as you grow from eating the right foods, exercising, and getting rest, we need to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Growth in grace is not just putting more facts about the Bible into our brain or doing things until we wear ourselves out; it means that we are looking more and more like Jesus every day. As you continue in your relationship with Jesus, you need to read, pray, and spend time with other believers. Just like when you eat, sleep, and exercise, your body grows and matures into adulthood; when you spend time reading God's word, praying to Him, and being with other believers, you grow to be more and more like Jesus. This takes place on the inside and then works its way out. Others around you then see the light and the fragrance of Jesus. The fragrance of Christ draws them to want a personal relationship with Jesus for themselves. God receives the glory when you grow in His grace.

When we grow in Jesus' grace, He receives the glory both now and forever. The biggest reason that we are here and God gave us life is to glorify Him! Let's remember to always grow in His grace and follow His plans for our lives.

- How do our bodies grow up to be healthy and strong?
- How can we grow in grace to become a strong Christian?

Kid's Prayer Time



This week we learned that we are saved by God's grace. When we come to Christ we inherit eternal life. Salvation is something we don't deserve, but God loves us so much that He gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross for the sin of this world. All we have to do is believe in Him, and we receive the grace of salvation that has been promised to us!

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade (paraphrased)

**"We are saved by God's
grace and heirs of
eternal life."**

Third Grade and Above

**"that having been
justified by His grace we
should become heirs
according to the hope of
eternal life."**

Titus 3:7