

UNIT ONE

Lesson Five: God's Law, Part 2

OBJECTIVES:

- Convey the truth that the Bible is God's Word.
- Understand how the Bible came to be.
- Know why the Bible is important in our lives.
- The Bible points us to Jesus, from Genesis through Revelation.

LESSON SUMMARY:

- Know that the Law comes from God.
- Know that the Law was written so we know what God wants us to do.
- Know that when we don't keep the Law, we deserve punishment.
- Know that the Law points us to Jesus.

Materials Needed:

- A Bible for every student
- Colored pencils or Bible highlighters
- Picture cards: map, traffic ticket, judges mallet, newspaper, heart, world, Jesus on cross, tree of knowledge/sin, tomb, empty tomb
- Follow-up Worksheet-God's Law, points us to Jesus!

Notes:

- > There are stickers for this lesson: Romans 6:23, John 3:16.
- > There are memory-helpers listed at the end of this lesson that can be inserted throughout the lesson.
- > The closing prayer includes prayer requests from the group.

Possible Adaptations:

- Preprint stickers: Romans 6:23, John 3:16.
- Preset location of verses in students' Bibles using sticky notes.

LESSON:

Have a Bible available for each student in your class. Encourage them to see it, feel it, write or draw in it, and make it their own during the lesson. The suggested version is NlrV.

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us learn about Your Holy Word, the Bible. Teach us that the Bible is Your true and only Word and there is nothing else that can take its place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Name some things God wants us to do:

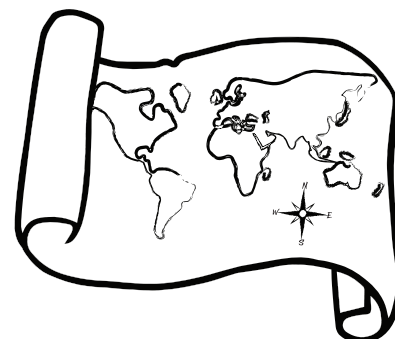
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INTRODUCTION:

Today we will learn that God's Law was written to point us to Jesus. God's Law is like a map (Show picture card of map,) or a GPS; it gives us directions. When we don't keep God's Law, we deserve punishment but the Bible says we are forgiven because of Jesus. We know "God's Word is true!"

Let's talk about driving or traveling again. What happens if you speed or go too fast when you are driving on your street?

(Show picture card of traffic ticket.) Discuss—include getting a ticket.

What might happen if you got caught speeding or going too fast down your street over and over and over again?

Discuss—include going to court in front of a judge. Sometimes, when people do really bad things, or they break the same law over and over again, they have to go to court and stand in front of a judge. A judge is someone who says whether they are guilty, did something wrong, or not guilty, did not do something wrong. Sometimes we picture a judge using a mallet and saying, "Guilty!" (Show picture card of a judge's mallet.)

Raise your hand if you have ever said something mean.

"Guilty!"

Raise your hand if you have ever thought something mean.

"Guilty!"

Raise your hand if you have ever hurt someone.

"Guilty!"

Raise your hand if you have ever sinned.

"Guilty!"

When we sin, do something wrong, we are guilty. (Show picture card mallet.) Since Jesus never sinned, Jesus is perfect. None of us is perfect because we have all sinned. Because none of us can do exactly what God wants us to do, we all deserve to be punished. This is really bad news!

(Show the picture card newspaper.) In the Bible it says, "When you sin, the pay you get it death." (Romans 6:23a NIV) But the good news is God's Word does not stop there!

- **Read & Highlight Romans 6:23** (Show picture cards and retell the verse.)

What is the good news in this Bible verse?

- **Read & Highlight John 3:16.**

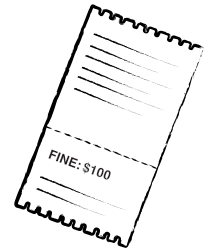
God loved (heart) the world (world) so much that God let His Son Jesus die on the cross (Jesus on the cross) in our place. We are guilty (mallet) and full of sin (serpent) but Jesus didn't stay dead (tomb). Jesus rose from the dead (empty tomb). Even though Jesus was perfect and did not sin, Jesus was punished.

Have you ever gotten in trouble for something you did not do?

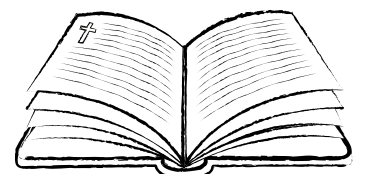
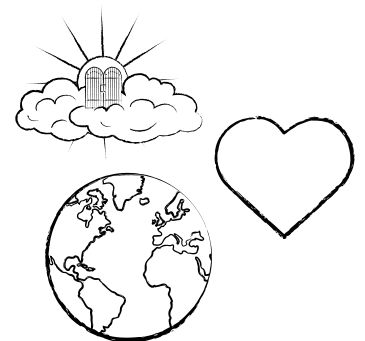
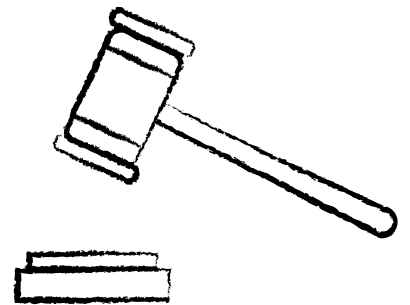
Discuss.

If so, how did it feel to get in trouble?

Have you ever let someone else get in trouble for something you did?

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GUILTY



God gives us the Law so we know what God wants us to do. We cannot always follow the Law; only perfect Jesus was able to follow the Law. Because we are so bad at following the Law and Jesus was so good at following the Law, the Law helps point us to Jesus. We are reminded that the only way we can be forgiven and live in heaven someday is to believe in Jesus.

REVIEW

1. God's Law is what God wants us to do.
2. When we break God's Law, we deserve punishment.
3. Jesus died on the cross to save us from our punishment.
4. The Law points us to Jesus.

(Before praying, take prayer requests from the group.)

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for the great gift of Your Bible. It helps us learn about You and how You want us to live our lives. Help us remember Your Law so we can know what You want us to do. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross to save us from the punishment we deserve. Today we'd like to pray for *[insert prayer requests here]*. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Tune of Thank You

Thank You, for giving me the Bible
Thank You, because I know it's true.
Thank You, for giving me the Bible
I know that it's true.

God's Law Chant

God's Law (clap, clap)
Was written (clap, clap)
So we know (clap, clap)
What to do (clap, clap)
God's Law (clap, clap)
Was written (clap, clap)
To point us (clap, clap)
To Jesus (clap, clap)

NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME



PRAYER REQUESTS

UNIT ONE**ALTERNATE LESSON**

Lesson Five: God's Law, Part 2

OBJECTIVES:

- Convey the truth that the Bible is God's Word.
- Understand that God's Word is true

LESSON SUMMARY:

Know that God's Law was written so we know what God wants us to do.

Materials Needed:

- Bible, rhythm instruments or noise makers, a green go sign, a red stop sign

If applicable: consider having the original student worksheet available for staff or volunteers who may be assisting the group. It is a good source for background knowledge, especially if questions arise at a later time.

Note: Pre-print the stop and go sign patterns. Print on colored paper, or color stop sign red and go sign green. It may be easier to use during the lesson if printed on a harder stock paper and/or attached to a paint stick to make actual signs.

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us learn about Your Holy Word, the Bible. Teach us that the Bible is Your true and only Word; there is nothing else that can take its place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

Today we will learn about God's Law and how it was written so we know what God wants us to do. God's Law is in the Bible, and we know that "God's Word is true!"

LESSON:

(Hand out rhythm instruments or noise makers. Use the stop and go signs to help with statements below.)

This is a go sign. It is green and it says, "Go!" This is a stop sign. It is red and it says, "Stop!"

Let's play a game! When you see the go sign, use your instruments to make a lot of noise. When you see the stop sign, you must stop making the noise. *(Play this game several times.)*

(Use stop sign to help with the statements below.)

Let's think about this stop sign. Where have you seen this sign before? Yes!—there are stop signs on our streets. Stop signs keep us safe when we are driving. Stop signs tell us what to do; they say, "Stop!"

What might happen if we didn't have stop signs on the roads and we were allowed to just drive anywhere or at any time we wanted to drive? Yes!—we might crash into other cars. Sometimes people are in a hurry. Sometimes people want to go first. Sometimes people are driving but thinking about other things. If we didn't have stop signs, there could be a lot of accidents.

God wrote the Law in the Bible. God's Law was written so we know what God wants us to do. God is not being mean by giving us rules. God is giving us rules to help us live the lives God wants us to live. Let's use our instruments (or hands) to learn about God's Law.

God's Law (clap,clap)

Was written (clap, clap)

So we know (clap, clap)

What to do (clap, clap)

CLOSING PRAYER: *(Before praying, take prayer requests from the group.)*

Dear God, thank You for the great gift of Your Bible. It helps us learn about You and how You want us to live our lives. We know the Bible is true; thank You! Today we'd like to pray for [insert prayer requests here]. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.