

UNIT ONE

Lesson Six: The Gospel

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.

LESSON:

Today we will learn that God's Gospel message was written in the Bible to tell us how God saves us. The word Gospel means good news. God promised He would save us and He does. God keeps His promises. There is also good news! God sent His Son Jesus to earth to die on the cross to save us from our sins. Jesus took the punishment we deserve so we can be forgiven. We hear the Gospel in the Bible and we know "God's Word is true!"

When we learned about God's Law, we talked about seatbelts and safety straps and how they keep us safe. Can you remind us how seatbelts and safety straps keep us safe?

What did we say might happen if we did not wear our seatbelt and a police officer saw that we were breaking the law?

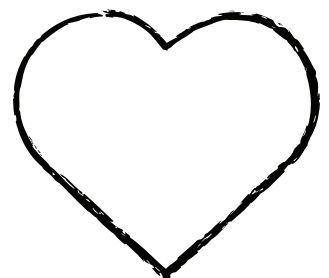
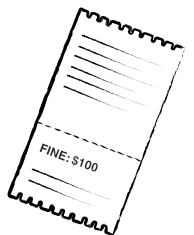
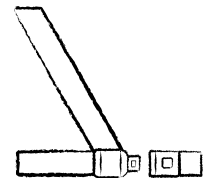
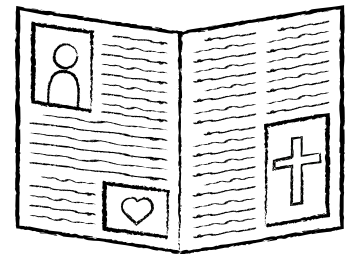
Now picture this. Imagine a police officer pulls you over for not wearing a seatbelt but he does not give you a ticket. Instead, he reminds you how to stay safe and lets you go free. Even though you deserve a ticket for breaking the law, how does it feel to not get punished?

This is like God's Gospel message. Even though we deserve punishment for the sins we do, God forgives us. God forgives us because Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. Jesus took the punishment for us because He loves us and wants us free to live in heaven with Him someday.

MY NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME

Name some presents or gifts you have been given:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



• **Read & Highlight God's promises about saving us and giving us forgiveness.**

- Psalm 103:12: When Jesus died for us, He took all our sins away. They are gone and forgotten.
- Micah 7:19: God loves us; God forgives us.
- 1 John 2:25: God promises us a home in heaven someday.
- John 3:16: Believing in Jesus gives us forgiveness and a home in heaven someday.

• **Read about what happened to Jesus.**

- Mark 15:20, 25, 37-39: Jesus was beaten, hung on a cross and died.
- Mark 15:46: Jesus was buried in a tomb.
- Mark 16:1, 4-6: Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is alive!

• **Read about God's Gospel message.**

- Mark 16:15-16: Jesus says to tell others about Him. Jesus says if we believe in Him, we will not be punished for our sins because He saves us.

• **Read & Highlight about God's Gospel message being a free gift.**

- Ephesians 2:8: The only way to be forgiven is to believe Jesus saves us. The only way to live in heaven someday is to believe in Jesus. Being good does not get us into heaven. Heaven is a free gift from God. We know this because the Bible tells us this, and we know "God's Word is true!"

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.

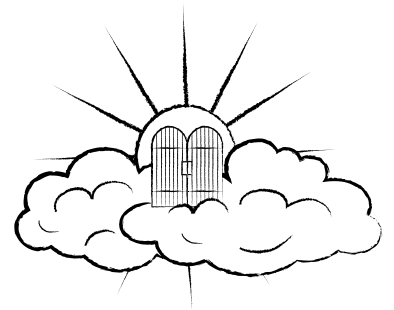
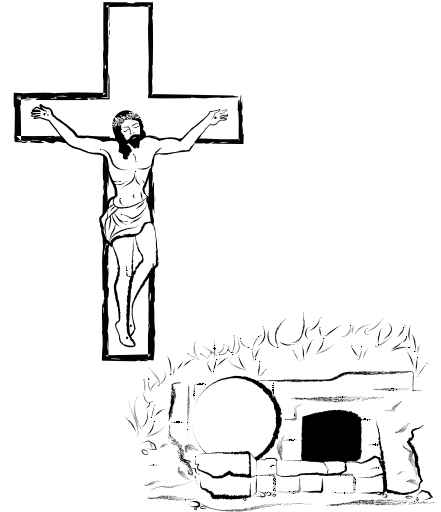
Review

1. God's Gospel is a free gift.
2. God's Gospel message is that Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins.
3. God will not punish us for our sins; He will forgive us because of Jesus.

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 Gospel message. Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross to save us from the punishment we deserve. Thank You for keeping Your promises to us. Today we'd like to pray for *[insert prayer requests here]*.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MY NOTES FOR CLASS OR HOME



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