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Romans 5:6-11; 8:1-4; Galatians 3:13-14; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Peter 2:22-24; 3:18; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:9-10

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:15

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus followers have experienced the unconditional love and forgiveness of God.
- Jesus calls us His friends because He made known God's story of redemption to us.
- Friends share the good news of God's story with their friends.
- The most unloving thing we can do is withhold the Gospel.

BIBLE STORY: ACTS 9:1-22; ROMANS 10:14-15

God has given His followers the mission of sharing the good news of the gospel with those who have not heard. Paul set the example of someone who shared the gospel with those who had not yet believed and we are to follow that example in sharing the good news of the gospel.

STORY: NEW CREATION

Part of the beauty of the gospel is that God does not just rescue us from the power of sin, but He is also making everything new. God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus. This newness comes in two ways. The first is that by breaking the power of sin, Jesus is making men and women into brand new people with new identities. Second, God is not only making people new, but He is also going to make a new heaven and a new earth for us to live on and worship Him in.

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that:

- God has given us a holy mission to make Him known to others



Every child should feel:

- Burdened for those in their lives who do not know Jesus



Every child should:

- Share the gospel with someone who does not know Jesus



Every child should want:

- To live faithfully on mission for God and be aligned with His purposes instead of our own

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THE GOOD NEWS

As a family create a megaphone from which you can proclaim the good news of the gospel. Use a poster board or piece of cardstock to create the megaphone. Use markers and other supplies to decorate it. Take turns declaring the truth of the gospel through the megaphone. Remind your child that those who follow Jesus are part of God's mission.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Acts 9:1-22; Romans 10:14-15.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

Before Paul knew Jesus, his life was marked by his pursuit of Christians and his unrelenting persecution of them. He fought against the spread of Christianity and desired to see many of them imprisoned and killed. When Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, his life changed. He saw the light of Jesus and the truth of the gospel was revealed to him. When he believed the gospel, he immediately began proclaiming that very truth. He did not hesitate to tell others the truth that had been revealed to him. Later in his ministry, in his letter to the church at Rome, he asked them how could a person believe the truth if they had not heard it. God's mission is to share the truth with all the world. Those who have believed in Jesus are part of God's mission. When we experience Jesus' forgiveness, we will share that forgiveness with others. In order to be truly loving, we must share the good news of the gospel with all who are perishing. The most unloving thing we can do is withhold this truth from people.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What happened to Paul on the road to Damascus? (He met Jesus and his life was transformed.)
- What is the most loving thing a follower of Jesus can do? (The most loving thing a follower of Jesus can do is share the good news with others.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize John 15:15 by creating a puzzle from the verse. Talk about how true friends do not withhold the truth of the gospel from one another.



DO

As a family make a list of people you know who are unbelievers. Make a plan to have a gospel conversation with some of the people on the list. Talk together about ways to live the gospel and to share the gospel with them. If your child is not a believer, use this time to share the gospel with them.



FEEL

Share with your child about your own salvation story. Explain to your child when you fully understood what Jesus saved you from and how this impacts your relationships with others.



WANT

Choose a time this week to gather as a family. Spend time allowing each family member to share with God's forgiveness means to them. Remind your child that when we experience God's forgiveness, we will share it with others.

Spend some time praying as a family asking God to help your family show love to others by sharing the gospel.