

**BIG TRUTH: WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE**

*Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 15:11; 2 Timothy 1:9*

**BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 15:10-11**

*“Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.
- Our hearts are cleansed by faith, not the law.
- Our belonging is defined by faith, not the law.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: ACTS 15:1-35**

**KNEEL: LIVING ON MISSION**

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

**SERIES AIMS**



**Every student should know...**

- The gospel has the power to turn the world upside down.
- They are empowered and chosen to be a gospel witness in the world.
- Our salvation has come by grace alone.



**Every student should feel...**

- Comfort that the Lord is with them wherever they go.
- Hope in the God of salvation.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.



**Every student should strive to...**

- Read, study, and meditate on the entire book of Acts.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Pray consistently for boldness to make Jesus known.



**Every student should want...**

- To pursue faithfulness in living on mission.
- To share the gospel with people in their lives who do not know Jesus.
- To sacrifice their personal freedoms for the sake of the gospel

**FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that we are saved by our faith alone. We will pray for our son or daughter to trust in faith alone and not their good works. We will lead them to practice trusting in the work of Jesus and not their own good deeds.

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**Read Acts 15:1-35 this week and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal as well:**

- What issue faced Paul and Barnabas? How did they handle this issue? Why is it important to address issues like this one?
- Read Acts 15:6-21. How did Peter address the issue with the entire group? What hope did Peter remind them they had in Christ? Why is it important to remind ourselves of this hope?
- Read Acts 15:22-35. What encouragement did the disciples give the Gentile believers? Why is it important to remind people that salvation is by faith alone?

**Read and meditate on Acts 15:1-35 this week. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter the truth that we are saved by our faith alone. How can you model this truth for them?
- Consider how you can help your son or daughter identify some of their good deeds they trust in over faith alone.
- Ponder how you can help your son or daughter tell others that salvation is by faith alone.



**Pray with your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask God to help them have a heart that trusts in the work of Jesus alone and not in their own works.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to give them a heart that trusts in His work and not their own good deeds.



**Memorize Acts 15:10-11 with your son or daughter this week.**

- Write the verses on an index card and review them daily with your son or daughter.
- Make a list of the ways that you have trusted in your good deeds over trusting in faith in Christ alone. Share this list with your son or daughter and help them identify some of the good deeds that they trust in.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that they can share with others how we belong based upon our faith and not because of our works.