

Sunday School Lesson: Salvation Belongs to the Lord

Source essay: `Salvation Is of the LORD A Case for Embracing Calvinism.md`

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: Salvation belongs to the Lord from beginning to end.

Memory verse: "Salvation belongeth unto the LORD." - Psalm 3:8, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay defends the doctrines of grace. For small children, the central truth is that God saves sinners by His grace, Jesus does the saving, and we thank God because salvation is His gift.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A gift box
- A heart picture
- A cross picture
- Coloring supplies
- Ribbon or bow

Opening Question

Ask: "Who helps you when you cannot do something by yourself?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn this truth: Salvation belongs to the Lord from beginning to end."

Bible Time

Hold up the Bible and say: "God's Word tells us the truth about Jesus and His saving work."

"Salvation belongeth unto the LORD." - Psalm 3:8, KJV

Explain: "Salvation belongs to the Lord from beginning to end."

Repeat-after-me phrase:

"God saves by grace."

Simple Teaching

1. We Need a Savior

Teacher say: "We cannot save ourselves from sin."

Child repeat: "I need Jesus."

2. God Gives Grace

Teacher say: "God lovingly gives salvation as a gift."

Child repeat: "Grace is God's gift."

3. Jesus Saves His People

Teacher say: "Jesus died and rose again to save His people."

Child repeat: "Jesus saves."

Object Lesson

Show a wrapped gift box and ask: "Do you earn a gift, or do you receive it?"

Say: "Salvation is God's gift of grace."

Hold up the cross picture and say: "Jesus is the Savior God gives."

Movement Activity

- "I need Jesus." Place hands on heart.
- "Grace is God's gift." Hold hands out like receiving a present.
- "Jesus saves." Make a gentle cross with arms.
- "Thank You, God." Lift hands upward.
- "Trust Jesus." Fold hands in prayer.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Owen tried to tie a big bow on a gift box, but he could not do it by himself.

His mother knelt beside him and kindly helped him finish it. Owen smiled because he needed help he could not give himself.

At church Owen learned that salvation is like that. We need a Savior, and God gives His grace in Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main truth today?

Expected answer: Salvation belongs to the Lord from beginning to end.

2. What should we remember?

Expected answer: God saves by grace.

3. Who helps God's people?

Expected answer: Jesus.

4. Is God's Word true?

Expected answer: Yes.

5. What should we do?

Expected answer: Trust and obey the Lord.

Craft or Table Activity

Decorate a paper gift box and write inside: "God saves by grace."

Closing Prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You for Your true Word and for the Lord Jesus Christ. Help us believe Your promises, love what is true, and walk in faith and obedience. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Parent Take-Home Line

Salvation belongs to the Lord, and Jesus saves by grace.