

Sunday School Lesson: We Need God's Grace

Source essay: `Sovereign Grace and the Bond Will.md`

Age: 3-6 years old

Length: 25-35 minutes

Main truth: Our hearts need God's grace so we can gladly come to Jesus.

Memory verse: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." - John 8:36, KJV

Teacher's Big Idea

This essay teaches that the human will is morally bound by sin until God gives grace. For little children, the lesson is not philosophical. It is simply that sin traps us, Jesus sets us free, and God's grace changes our hearts.

Supplies

- A Bible
- A tied ribbon or knotted string
- A heart picture
- A cross picture
- Coloring supplies
- Safety scissors for teacher use

Opening Question

Ask: "Have you ever needed help opening something stuck shut?"

Let children answer. Then say: "Today we will learn this truth: Our hearts need God's grace so we can gladly come to Jesus."

Bible Time

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

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." - John 8:36, KJV

Explain: "Our hearts need God's grace so we can gladly come to Jesus."

Repeat-after-me phrase:

"Jesus sets us free."

Simple Teaching

1. Sin Traps Us

Teacher say: "Sin keeps us from loving God the way we should."

Child repeat: "Sin is a sad trap."

2. God Gives a New Heart

Teacher say: "God changes hearts by His grace."

Child repeat: "God changes hearts."

3. Jesus Sets Us Free

Teacher say: "Jesus saves us and makes us free indeed."

Child repeat: "Jesus sets us free."

Object Lesson

Show a knot tied in ribbon and let the children see that it is stuck.

Untie it and say: "We need help when something is bound up."

Hold up the cross picture and say: "Jesus sets sinners free by His grace."

Movement Activity

- "Sin is a sad trap." Cross wrists gently.
- "God changes hearts." Touch heart with both hands.
- "Jesus sets us free." Open arms wide.
- "Thank You, Lord." Lift hands upward.
- "Follow Jesus." Take a step forward.

Repeat once with the children.

Short Story Illustration

Ava could not open the knot on her ribbon no matter how hard she pulled.

Her grandmother carefully loosened it and smiled when the ribbon opened up.

At church Ava learned that sinners need even more help than that. God's grace changes hearts, and Jesus sets us free.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the main truth today?

Expected answer: Our hearts need God's grace so we can gladly come to Jesus.

2. What should we remember?

Expected answer: Jesus sets us free.

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

Glue a small paper heart inside a cut paper ribbon loop and write: "Jesus sets us free."

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

Our hearts need God's grace, and Jesus sets sinners free.