BOTTOM LINE: Jesus is a gift for everyone.

Read Ephesians 2:8

The BEST Gift of All

What's the best gift you've ever been given? Find a piece of paper and draw your best gift ever.

This week's verse reminds us that there's one gift that's way more awesome than the one you've drawn. It's Jesus! He is the best gift ever because He made a way for us to be a part of God's family. God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross and be raised back to life so that we could be forgiven.

Spend some time thanking God for the good gifts He gives us, especially the best gift ever: Jesus!

Do you know what grace is? Circle an answer from the list below:

- I. What you say before you eat dinner
- 2. A popular girl's name

GRACE

- 3. A form of transportation on two wheels, used to get around the neighborhood
- 4. God's forgiveness even when we don't deserve it

When you put your faith or trust in Jesus, God gives grace. We cannot earn God's forgiveness. It is His gift to us. Today's verse reminds us that we cannot do anything in our own power to be forgiven. We are forgiven, given grace, because of what Jesus has done.

Can I Have Dessert, Please?

Draw what you had for dinner last night on the plate provided here:

This week's verse talks about grace.
Grace means that
God forgives us even when we don't deserve it.

So, what does grace have to do with dinner? Imagine your mom or dad serves all of your least favorite things for dinner.

Grace is like not eating that dinner and still receiving dessert.

Grace is given to everyone who puts their trust in Jesus, no matter what they've done. It's a gift!

Sing It, Learn It!

This week's verse is our memory verse for July and it's a great one to memorize! One of the best ways to memorize something is to set the words to music. Sing this week's verse to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus" as written below.

God's grace has saved you because of your faith (The wheels on the bus go up and down)

In Jesus Christ (round and round)

In Jesus Christ (round and round)

Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. (The wheels on the bus go up and down)

It is God's gift.

(All through the town)

Ephesians 2:8

(Repeat the same tune: All through the town.)



TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE YOU CAN SEE

BOTTOM LINE: You can help others know Jesus.

Read Mark 16:15

Ways to Help

Circle all the ways you help:

Set the table. Put away the laundry.

Take out the trash. Carry the groceries.

Play with a sibling. Clean up your toys.

Tell others about Jesus.

Did you circle the last one on the list? It's awesome to know that Jesus loves us. And because He loves us, we should tell other people about His love too. Setting the table and putting away laundry is important, but you can also help by telling others about Jesus.

Go & Tell

Ask an adult to help you look up and read Mark 16:15.

Do you know who spoke these words? Yes, Jesus! After He died on the cross, rose again, Jesus gave these instructions to His followers to go into all the world and tell everyone about Him.

Guess what? Because those followers obeyed, people have been telling others about Jesus for over 2,000 years! And you can tell others too.

Pray with an adult today that God would help you tell one person about Jesus this week!

Where in the World?

Do you have a map or a globe at your house? If not, ask an adult to help you look up a map on a computer or tablet. Find the place where you live on the map and put your finger on it.

Fill in the sentence below with an adult's help:

"I live in ______ CITY/STATE
in the country of ______ COUNTRY

Jesus wants everyone to know about His love, including the people in the city or town where you live! One day, you may have the opportunity to go somewhere far away to tell others about Jesus. But today, you can tell someone in your world, in your own city or town, about Him. Who can you tell?

Who Do You Know?

Grab a piece of paper, pencil and ask adult or older sibling to help you. Set a timer for one minute. Name all the people you know (starting with your family) as an adult or older sibling writes them down. Ready? Go!

How many people did you list? Were you surprised that you knew that many people? Did you know that Jesus died so that every person on that list could be a part of God's family forever?

Read through the names on your list and circle one person you could tell about Jesus! You could invite them to church, share your favorite verse or tell them about how much Jesus loves them.

Ask God to give you the courage to help others know Jesus.



BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.

Read Philippians 4:6-7a

You Got a Problem?

Do you know what the word "problem" means? A problem is a question seeking an answer.

In the space below, write down a problem you aren't sure how to solve.

Some problems are small. But some are big. Some seem to have no answer at all. But there is some good news. God has all the answers. And when something happens that we don't understand, we can always trust that He is in control. When we put our trust in Jesus, He is always with us. Because knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems.

My Trust Muscle

Can you plank? Grab an adult or friend. See who can hold a plank for the longest and write your times below.

YOUR NAME TIME ADULT/FRIEND'S NAME TIME

Do you think you could improve your time if you practiced planking every day? Of course! The more your practice, the stronger your muscles become.

Guess what? The same is true when it comes to problems. Every problem you face becomes an opportunity to trust God. And every time you practice trusting God, even when you face a problem you don't understand, your trust muscle grows.

Ask God to help you trust in Him, no matter what problems come your way this week. Thank Him for sending Jesus so that you can have a relationship with Him forever.

Fill in the Blank

Ask an adult to help you look up and read **Philippians 4:6-7a.**

In your Bible, circle all the things this verse tells you to do. Then, write them down on a piece of paper or index card to keep by your bed.

When you have a problem, remember:

- I. Don't worry.
- Tell God about everything.
- Give thanks.
- Have peace.

Paul, who wrote these words, faced so many problems as he followed Jesus. But Paul learned that knowing Jesus changes the way you see your problems. Just like Paul, you can have peace even in the middle of a big problem because Jesus is with you.

Four Steps

Remember the four steps from our verse this week?

When you face a problem ...

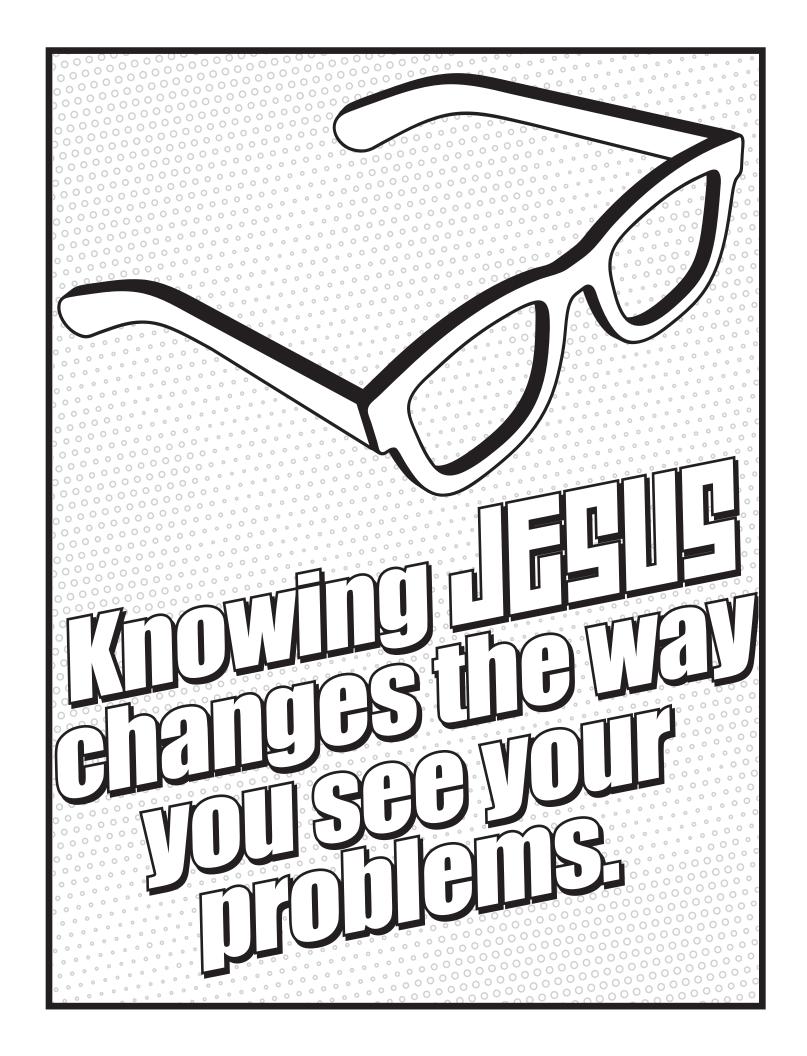
- I. Don't worry.
- 2. Tell God about everything.
- 3. Give thanks.
- 4. Have peace.

When a problem comes, first—don't worry. Worrying about something doesn't change anything, it just makes you feel more nervous.

Tell God. Ask Him to help you face that problem and trust Him.

Give thanks. Saying "thank you" is a great way to remember how God has helped you before and how He will help you again.

What happens next? You have peace! Because knowing Jesus changes how you see your problems.



TRUSTING IN WHAT TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

BOTTOM LINE: Following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine. Read 2 Peter 3:13

The Promise of Heaven

Grab some paper and some crayons or watercolor paints. Spend a few minutes painting or coloring what you think heaven will look like.

God has a made a big promise to us. (And God always keeps His promises.) When we trust Jesus, we can be a part of God's family forever in a place where nothing bad or sad ever happens! We will live with God in a perfect place and it will be more amazingly awesome then we could ever imagine.

Seeds

Have you ever planted a seed and watched it grow? If you look at a seed on its own, it's not all that exciting. But when you check the picture on the front of the seed packet, you see what that tiny seed can become.

It can be hard to wait for good things, just like it can be hard to wait for a seed to grow. But God promises us something we can look forward to when we put our trust in Jesus. One day, we will live with God in a place He's made perfect, forever. And in the waiting, we can choose to follow Jesus everyday knowing that His way is the best! Remember, following Jesus will turn out better than you can imagine.

Fish Talking

Do you have a pet fish? What if you could shrink down, jump into the bowl and talk to your fish? What if you could tell him all about what life is like outside his fishbowl? What would you tell him?

When it comes to heaven and spending forever with God, we're kind of like that fish. We won't be able to understand everything about heaven until we experience it. While we don't know all the details, God has made it very clear how to get there! When we put our trust in Jesus, we can live forever with God in a place full of happiness and joy.

Follow the Leader

Grab a friend or sibling and play a few rounds of "Follow the Leader." Take turns so that you both have the chance to lead and follow.

The best thing about following Jesus is that you can trust Him. He will always lead you in the right direction. When you put your faith and trust in Jesus, you will live forever with Him in a perfect place. Because following Jesus will turn out greater than you can imagine.

Ask Jesus to help you follow Him each day and thank Him for the promise of heaven.

