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## What Is the Gospel?

### Key Themes

- God is merciful toward sinners.
- God provides salvation from sin through Jesus.

### Key Passages

- 1 Corinthians 15:3–5; Revelation 4:11; James 2:10; Romans 3:23; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:8; Mark 1:14–15; Acts 16:30–31; Luke 13:3

### Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Define what the gospel is.
- Explain why the good news only makes sense in light of the bad news.



## Lesson Overview



### Come On In

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Students will mark verses in their Bibles according to the reference you give them and read the verse when called on during class.  
Students will practice placing all the books of the Bible in order.



### Studying God's Word

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Students will get a glimpse of the good news—the gospel of Jesus Christ—the central theme of the entire Bible. Salvation can only come from the forgiveness freely given to those who repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ.



### Activity 1: Good News/Bad News

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Students will be given Good News or Bad News cards and will need to find the student in the class whose card (news) relates to theirs.



### Activity 2: Share the Gospel

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Students will role-play sharing the gospel using the Share the Gospel cards that recap the important points of the good news.

# Lesson Preparation

## WHAT YOU WILL DO

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED



### COME ON IN

- Print and cut out one set of Scripture Strips from the Resource DVD-ROM.
- As children come in, hand one strip per student. Have them mark the appropriate passage in their Bibles.
- Pass out the books of the Bible cards. See the template on the Resource DVD-ROM, Lesson 3.

- Scripture Strips cut apart
- Books of the Bible cards—one set for each group of 3–5 students
- Optional: minute timer or stopwatch



### STUDYING GOD'S WORD

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.
- Print one Lesson Board Work outline from the Resource DVD-ROM.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Lesson Board Work outline



### GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

- Print and cut one set of the Good News Bad News cards from the Resource DVD-ROM.

- Good News Bad News cards—16 cards total



### SHARE THE GOSPEL

- Print and cut the Share the Gospel cards from the Resource DVD-ROM onto cardstock. One card for each student.

- Share the Gospel card for each student



## Memory Verse

**Psalm 119:89–90** Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.

➤ **Pace your lesson!** You can use the provided clocks to indicate the time each section should be completed to keep the lesson on schedule. While teaching, you can compare your anticipated times with the actual time and shorten or drop sections as necessary.





# Prepare to Share

## SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

In past lessons we have introduced our students to the Bible—where it came from, how to study it, why we can believe it. These are all critical areas of learning for all of us, but what is the central message of the Bible? Let's start at the beginning. What happened long ago in the Garden of Eden—Adam's fall into sin—has affected us all.

God's first proclamation of a coming Redeemer who would crush the serpent's head appeared in Genesis (Genesis 3:15). And the death and Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah fulfilled this prophecy—revealing God's plan of redemption.

To truly understand the good news of the Bible, we must grasp the bad news of the Bible first. Because God is a holy God—righteous and separate from sin—He cannot dwell with sinful man, and His perfect justice demands that He punish disobedience. The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), and that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). This is the bad news—that all people are separated from God, born spiritually dead (Ephesians 2:1), under His just penalty, and destined for an eternity in hell.

There is absolutely no way that we can work our way to God or ever be good enough to merit eternal life. In fact, the Bible makes it clear that there are no good works that will commend us to God.

**Isaiah 64:6** – But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

**Ephesians 2:8–9** – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Titus 3:5** – Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us . . .

God sent His own Son, Jesus, to become a man, live a sinless life, and then die on the Cross, paying the penalty of death that we all deserve. “God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” (2 Corinthians 5:21). In the death of Christ we see the justice of God satisfied and the love of God demonstrated (Romans 5:8).

So, what do we need to do to receive forgiveness for our sins against God and inherit eternal life? The apostle Paul makes the essential elements of the gospel clear.

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received

and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:1–4).

Jesus's death for our sins, His burial, and His Resurrection are the heart of the good news. And what are we required to do to spend eternity with our Creator?

**Mark 1:14–15** – Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

**John 3:16** – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Acts 16:30–31** – And he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”

**Acts 20:20–21** – I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 10:9–10** – That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Repentance of one's sin, and trust in Christ as Savior are all that is required to be saved. And when that occurs in our hearts, we are adopted by God as sons, joint heirs with Christ (Ephesians 1:5; Romans 8:16–17); we are born again to a new and living hope (1 Peter 1:3); we become new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17); and we have the sure hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2). It is not until we grasp the bad news—we are sinners in desperate need of a Savior—that we will appreciate the good news—we can be reconciled to God by the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Praise be to God for His grace and mercy demonstrated in the good news of the gospel—the central theme of the Bible!

## APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

In today's pluralistic society with its many religions and insistence on tolerance for all views, it is important that we understand that the good news of the Bible is not just

one way among many. Rather, Jesus and the apostles make it abundantly clear that faith in this gospel message is the **ONLY** way to be reconciled to God. Jesus is the **ONLY** mediator between man and God (1 Timothy 2:5).

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name [Jesus] under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12).

Why is Jesus the only way? Because, as Dr. Bruce Ware puts it:

1. Christ alone was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin and as such, He alone qualifies to be Savior (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–25; Luke 1:26–38).
2. Christ alone is God incarnate and as such, He alone qualifies to be Savior (John 1:1–18; Hebrews 1:1–3; 2:14–18; Philippians 2:5–11; 1 Timothy 2:5–6).
3. Christ alone lived a sinless life and as such, He alone qualifies to be Savior (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15, 7:23–28, 9:13–14; 1 Peter 2:21–24).
4. Christ alone died a penal, substitutionary death and as such, He alone qualifies to be Savior (Isaiah 53:4–6; Romans 3:21–26; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
5. Christ alone rose from the dead, triumphant over sin and as such, He alone qualifies to be Savior (Acts 2:22–24; Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8).<sup>1</sup>

No other person, and no man-made religion, offers the true path of salvation and reconciliation with God. Merely acknowledging that God exists, or believing there is a God, does not save anyone. Scripture tells us that even the demons believe that (James 2:19). It is only through repentance and faith in Jesus and His work on the Cross that anyone can be saved.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The early church preached the true gospel amidst much opposition. For the first two centuries, Christians were persecuted, killed, ostracized, and considered second-class citizens. Yet, the gospel spread and the blood of the martyrs only seemed to validate the message, increasing its power.

It was in AD 312 that the Roman Emperor Constantine was converted to Christianity and, as a result, he commanded official toleration of Christianity and other religions. And then, in 380, Emperor Theodosius made Christianity the official religion of the empire. From this point on, Christians could worship openly, and they enjoyed the protection and favor of the government.

Throughout the following centuries, segments of the

<sup>1</sup> Bruce Ware, “Only One Way? The Exclusivity of Jesus Christ and the Gospel,” <http://www.christianity.com/christian%20foundations/christianity%20main/11602124>

church began to include doctrines and practices that were not found in the Bible nor were part of the early church’s beliefs and traditions. These included the special authority of the Pope, the concept of purgatory as a place for after-life purification of sins, the immaculate conception and assumption of Mary, the doctrine of transubstantiation (that the bread in the Eucharist becomes the true body of Christ and the wine becomes His blood), and the general belief that one’s good works had to outweigh the bad in order to attain eternal life.

While the true gospel had been corrupted by officials in the church, God always preserved a remnant who believed the truth of His Word. And in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, this remnant courageously began the movement known as the Reformation. God used these believers to restore the gospel of justification by faith in Christ alone, by grace alone—through the truth of the Bible alone.

Today, we again find the professing church corrupted and moving away from the truth and simplicity of the gospel message according to God’s Word. Many churches are distorting the Word of God in hopes of attracting more people to their services. These false messages can range from prosperity preaching (that God wants us all to be healthy and wealthy), to easy believism (just say a few words and you will be saved for eternity), to counseling sessions based on secular psychology (come see us and we can fix your life right up), to universalism (anyone can get to heaven as long as you are sincere in what you believe), and the list goes on—as far as man’s corrupt mind will take it.

The message of the gospel is clear. We are saved through repentance and faith in the God-Man, Jesus Christ, who came to earth, died for the sins of His people, and rose again from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3–4). He is the only Mediator and He sits at the right hand of God the Father waiting to make His enemies His footstool (Hebrews 10:13).



## BEFORE THE THRONE

Lord, what could be more important than this lesson on the gospel—presenting your good news to these children. I ask that you would have mercy on me as I try to adequately explain the truth of your word and what it could mean to them. That you would provide a way for sinful man to spend eternity with you is breathtaking. And that I would be privileged to share this truth and plant its seeds in these young minds is humbling and overwhelming to me. I cannot do it justice on my own. I only pray that I will speak your words and by your mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the truth of this lesson will find fertile soil and begin to grow into a tree that will bring forth its fruit in season and whose leaf shall not wither.



## COME ON IN

As students arrive . . .

- Hand out the Scripture Strips marked with the following passages: 1 Corinthians 15:3–5; Revelation 4:11; James 2:10; Romans 3:23; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:8; Mark 1:14–15; Acts 16:30–31; Luke 13:3. Ask them to mark the passage in their Bibles. Because of the number of passages today, students will only mark one verse. Each student will then read the verse he or she has marked when you get to it during the class.
- Provide envelopes containing cards with the names of the books of the Bible for groups of three to five students. Students are to place the books in the proper order. They can use the Books of the Bible poster or their own Bibles to confirm the right order. If time allows, have them do it a second time without looking at the poster or their Bible. You may want to time them and determine who finishes first.



After all the students arrive, pray with them before beginning the lesson.



## REVIEW

Using the Lesson Theme Posters provided with each lesson, quickly review the previous lesson(s) with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Theme Posters. Reflect briefly on the passages you read, bringing the objectives and themes back into focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



## Studying God's Word

### READ THE WORD

We have been talking a lot about the Bible—where it came from, how to study it, why we can believe it. This is all really good stuff and we need to know it and trust it.

- ? But why is this an important book to study? What is the main message of the Bible? *Allow children to answer.*

The main message of the Bible has to do with Jesus Christ and what He did when He came to earth. The main message of the Bible is the gospel.

### EXAMINE THE WORD

#### Observe the Text

- ? First of all, who can tell me what I mean by the gospel? *Allow children to answer.*



► Print the Lesson Board Work outline from the Resource DVD-ROM for easier planning.

## **Euangelion:** gospel or good news

### 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Some people think the Bible is the gospel. Some people say that the books of the New Testament—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the gospels. Both of these answers are right to a point.

? **Have any of you ever seen this word?** Write “euangelion” on the board.

This is a Greek word. The very first manuscripts ever found of the New Testament were written in Greek. This Greek word *euangelion* means “good news.” We use the word gospel, which comes from an Old English word that meant good news—*god spell*. So, gospel means good news. Next to the word “euangelion” write, “means gospel. Gospel means good news.”

? **What do you think this good news or gospel is?** Allow the children to answer.

Let’s see what God’s Word says.

? **Who has 1 Corinthians 15:3-5? Please read that for us.** Have student read the passage.

? **These verses tell us a little bit about the gospel. Who is this verse talking about?** *Jesus Christ.*

? **Now look closely at the verse and tell me the four things that Jesus did.** *Jesus died, was buried, rose from the grave, was seen by others.*

? **This is the gospel. But there is more to learn about it. We need to start with our Holy Creator. Who is that?** *God.*

? **That’s right. We start with God. Who has Revelation 4:11? Please read that for me.** Have student read the verse.

? **What does this verse tell us about God?** *He should receive all glory and honor and power because He created all things.*

God is the sovereign Creator of all things. Because of that He deserves our perfect obedience—He is holy. He is perfect. He has never sinned. Refer to the Attributes of God poster to remind the students just how magnificent God really is. He truly deserves all glory and honor and power.

God wants us to be holy, too.

? **What do you think it means that God wants us to be holy?** Allow answers.

God wants us to obey His commands. These commands are in the Bible. We know some of His commands from the Ten Commandments. Briefly go over the Ten Commandments from the Ten Commandments poster.

? **But can we obey all of the commandments all the time every day for our whole lives? Are we always content—or do you sometimes want what your friends have (10th Commandment)? Have you ever stolen anything (8th Commandment)? Have you ever thought you hated someone (6th Commandment)? Have you ever told a lie (9th Commandment)? Have you ever used God’s name in a way you shouldn’t have (3rd**

### Revelation 4:11

## HOLY

(Refer to Attributes poster).

Commandment)? Have you always honored your parents with perfect respect and obedience (5th Commandment)?

? This isn't easy! And maybe you can keep some of God's law. But do you think God would be happy with just a few sins? Let's see. Who has James 2:10? Will you read that for us please? *Have student read the verse.*

? Who can tell me what this verse is saying? It has to do with the Ten Commandments and obeying God's laws. *If we disobey even one part, we are guilty of all of them.*

Wow! That is bad news! And I'm afraid there is more bad news!

? Who has Romans 3:23? Will you read that? *Have student read the verse.*

? And what does God's Word tell us here? *We have all sinned. None of us give God the glory He deserves.*

We are all sinners. And because God is just—He must punish sin. *Refer to the Attributes of God poster.*

? Who can tell me what the attribute "just" means when we are talking about God? *Have a student read the definition from the poster. God must punish all sin because He is holy.*

Even one sin is not okay with God. God is perfectly right to punish all sin. Remember what James 2:10 said? If we disobey even one part, we are guilty of all of them.

The Seven C's of History tell of three events where God had to punish the sin of the people. Look up here at the Seven C's Timeline and see if you can find them. *Corruption—Adam sinned and God cursed the earth and sent Adam and Eve out of the garden. Catastrophe—the global Flood destroyed every living thing except Noah and his family. Confusion—God confused the language and the people scattered.*

That's right. God had to punish the wickedness of the people. They were disobedient to His commands—just like we are when we don't obey His law and the Ten Commandments. This is really bad news. What can we do? God must punish us because it is not possible for us to be perfectly sinless. This is our biggest problem. We sin and we know God hates sin. But we can't help it! And, we know that we must be punished for our sin because God is holy.

But there is good news, too! God is good and He loves His children. He is merciful.

? I'd like someone to read what we mean by God's love from the Attributes of God poster. *Always wants what is best for His children.*

? And who will read what we mean by merciful off of the poster? *Kindness to those in misery, distress, suffering.*

James 2:10

Romans 3:23

JUST

*(Refer to Attributes poster.)*

LOVE

*(Refer to Attributes poster.)*

MERCIFUL

*(Refer to Attributes poster.)*

Even though God is right to punish us because of our sin, He still shows love, mercy, and kindness to us. He knows we can't help ourselves. He knows we can't be perfect.

### John 3:16

- ? Let's see what God did for us. Who has John 3:16? Will you read it? *Have student read the verse.*
- ? What did God do for us? *He sent Jesus Christ, His Son, to earth. If we believe in Him we will have eternal life in heaven.*
- ? That's right. Did Jesus ever sin? *No.*
- ? And how did He die? *Crucified on a Cross.*

That's right. Jesus never did anything wrong—yet He was punished—put to death on the Cross. He was punished for our sins. This is how God showed His love and mercy to us. Jesus, by His death, saves us from that terrible punishment we deserve. That is good news!

### Ephesians 2:8

- ? Who has Ephesians 2:8? Will you read that? *Have student read the verse.*
- ? We are saved by what? *Grace.*
- ? And we are saved through what? *Faith.*

This verse also tells us that this is a free gift given to us by God. And that we can't be saved by anything we do by ourselves. Our good works cannot get us into heaven. We are saved by God's grace through faith. And because Jesus never sinned, His sacrifice was perfect so that God could accept it as payment for us.

### Romans 5:8

- ? Who has Romans 5:8? Will you read it? *Have student read the verse.*

Do you see? This verse tells us that God shows His love for us in Jesus Christ. While we were still helpless sinners—and we are all helpless sinners—Jesus died for us. This is truly good news—this is what we mean by the gospel! It is not about us. It is about what God did for us through Jesus Christ.

So how do we receive this free gift? Let's read a few more verses.

### Mark 1:14–15

- ? Who has Mark 1:14–15? Will you read it? *Have student read the passage.*
- ? Who is preaching the gospel in these verses? *Jesus.*



- ? What did Jesus tell the people to do? It is at the very end of verse 15. *Repent and believe in the gospel. Write "repent and believe" on the board.*
- ? Who has Acts 16:30–31? Please read those verses. *Have student read the passage.*
- ? What was the question asked in verse 30? *What must I do to be saved?*
- ? And what is the answer? *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Write "believe in Jesus" on the board.*
- ? And let's read Luke 13:3. Who has it? *Have student read the verse.*
- ? What does this say we must do? *Repent. Write "repent" on the board.*
- ? And what if we don't repent? What will happen? *We will perish.*

Acts 16:30–31

Luke 13:3

### Discover the Truth

That is the gospel. We started with lots of really bad news about our sin but ended with really good news about God's free gift of forgiveness through His grace. The Bible says to be saved we need to repent and believe.

- ? What does repent mean? *Allow children to answer.*

When we talk about repentance, we are talking about how you feel about your sin. Repentance means you hate your sin and you know that when you sin against God He is perfectly right to punish you forever—even for one sin—because all sin is terrible to God. If you repent of your sin, then you want to turn away from your sin and turn to Jesus and His free gift of forgiveness.

- ? The Bible says you need to repent and believe. What does it mean when the Bible says you must believe to be saved? What must we believe in? *Jesus.*

Right. You need to believe in Jesus. Believe that He is the sinless Son of God who died on the Cross and took the punishment for your sins. He is the only one who can save you because of what He did on the cross.

Jesus did it all. He took all of the punishment for us. No one else can help us to get to heaven and God. We need to turn from our sins, turn to Jesus, and believe what the Bible tells us about Jesus. Then we will be forgiven and won't have to bear the punishment we deserve.



**Repent:** turn away from our sins to Jesus and His free gift of forgiveness



# Good News/Bad News

## MATERIALS

- Good News/Bad News cards

## INSTRUCTIONS

*Have all the children get up and gather in a circle. Pass out one Good News or Bad News card to each student. When everyone gets a card, the students will quickly find the person whose news relates to theirs. When everyone has paired off, the children can read their cards. If you have time, you can shuffle the cards and do it again. Option: have student read the card out loud and have student with opposite news read their card.*

I'm going to give you each a card. It has either good news or bad news on it. When I say "go," you are to find the person in the room who has news that relates to yours.

For example, someone might have the bad news that if you don't get the dishes finished, you can't go to the movie. That would match with the good news that Mom did the dishes tonight.

## CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

We deal with good news and bad news all the time. And our cards showed different ways that people could forgive, or pay your penalty, or show grace to you in a situation where you didn't really deserve grace.

It is hard to get bad news. And the worse news ever has to do with our sin. God hates it. He must punish it. We cannot live perfect, sinless lives. God's punishment for sin is death—separation from Him forever—in hell.

But there is good news—it is the best news ever—the gospel. God is loving and merciful and provided a way for us to be forgiven of our sins. Jesus Christ came to earth to live as a human and He died for our sins. Because He was perfect and lived a sinless life in all ways, His death was payment for our sins. If we repent from our sins, turn from them, believe in Jesus and all He did, and turn to Him for the forgiveness of our sins, we will be saved. That is the gospel. That is the good news we find in the Bible through Jesus Christ.





## Share the Gospel

### MATERIALS

- Share the Gospel card for each student

### INSTRUCTIONS

*Pass out a Share the Gospel card to each student. Ask the students to role-play telling a friend about Jesus using the main points on the cards. Encourage them to add their own words to the points on the card. You may want to present the gospel yourself using the cards to give them an idea of how to conversationally discuss salvation. You can have the students do one point each from the card or have them do their own presentation using all of the points.*

Sharing the good news with your friends is very important. I have these cards here that may give you some help when you are asked

about Jesus and the forgiveness He offers. Using these cards, we are going to practice telling our friends about Jesus.

### CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

It is important to know the good news—the gospel—about Jesus, believe the good news yourself, and share the good news with your friends and family. Remember, it is the best news you can ever tell anyone. Take these cards home and share the good news with someone this week using the information here.



## Applying God's Word

### WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

What a great lesson. What good news the gospel is! The word gospel actually comes from a Greek word that means good news. And in order to know and understand the good news, we need to know what the bad news is.

? Who can tell me what the bad news is? *We are all sinners and helpless to get to God.*

Because God is holy and just, He must punish sins—all sins. And that means all of us deserve to be punished by God.

? But that leads to the good news. What is the good news? *Allow answers.*

Right! The good news of the gospel is God's plan to provide us a way to be forgiven of our sins through Jesus Christ. The good news is about God's love and mercy to save us from our sins. It is about Jesus living a sinless life, dying on the Cross, rising from the dead, taking the punishment for our sins, and offering forgiveness to those who repent and believe—all according to God's eternal plan.

## GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

This good news is worth sharing with those who don't know it or believe it. One thing your friends may not like to hear is the bad news—about their sin and God's punishment. But in order to really appreciate and understand the good news—the forgiveness God provides through Jesus—they must know what the bad news is. None of us can know that we need good news if we don't understand that there is bad news.

How would you share this news with your friends? A lot of people don't think their sin is that bad. They don't think that God would really punish anyone for all eternity because of a few sins. They might even think that they can work or do some good things and that will make up for the bad things they do. But they don't understand God as the Bible reveals Him! And they don't know how angry God gets when it comes to sin.

So, if you are talking to your friends or neighbors about Jesus, try to remember to tell them that they do sin—the Bible says everyone does.

And that sin separates us from God. We will be separated from God forever because of our sin unless we repent of our sins (and that means to admit we do sin and turn away from our sin) and turn to Jesus Christ in belief, trust, and faith. Then the free gift of forgiveness will be theirs because of Jesus's death on the Cross.

Be ready to share the good news about Jesus with your friends—it is the most important thing you could ever tell them!



► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



### MEMORY VERSE

**Psalm 119: 89–90** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.



### GROUP PRAYER TIME

Be sure to pray with your class before you dismiss them.

- Thank God for the gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for the forgiveness He offers to all sinners who will repent and believe in Him.
- Pray that the Lord would be pleased to open the minds of these children to His truth and that they would come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God would give the students opportunities to tell their family and friends the good news of the gospel.