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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 9 • Session 6

GOD TAKES SIN SERIOUSLY

Ephesians 2

WHAT IS THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN? THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH.

Paul wrote a letter to the church in Ephesus. Paul taught that God takes sin seriously.

People are different before they trust in Jesus and after they trust in Jesus. Paul wrote, "Before you knew Jesus, you were dead in your sins. We all lived like that, doing whatever felt right to us."

The Bible says the fair punishment for sin is death. People who do not trust in Jesus face spiritual death too; they are separated from God forever. This is very sad news.

But God's plan for people is good news. Paul wrote, "But God, who is full of mercy, made us alive with Christ! You were saved by grace!" Everyone who trusts in Jesus will have life with God forever!

Then Paul explained, "God raised us up with Christ and gave us a seat with Him in the heavens."

Paul wrote, "For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves: it is God's gift—not from works, so that no one can boast. We are God's masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do the good works God has prepared for us to do."

Christ Connection: God takes sin seriously. People deserve to die for their sins, but God loves us and sent His Son, Jesus, to defeat death by dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the dead. Everyone who trusts in Jesus has eternal life.

God Takes Sin Seriously

Ephesians 2

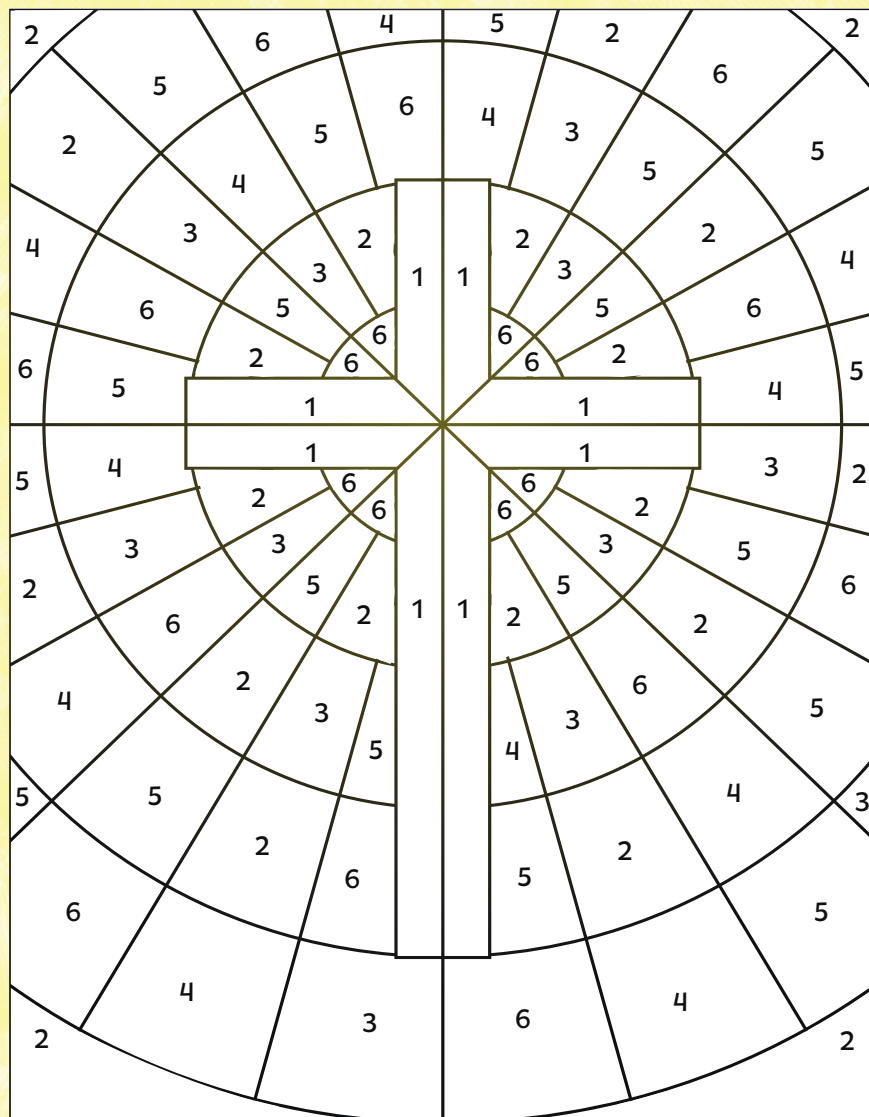
Family Discussion Starters:

- What are some ways God changes people when they put their faith in Jesus?
- What is “spiritual death”? What is “spiritual life”?
- How and why does God save people from sin?

Family Activity:

Work with your family to design and build a contraption that will protect an egg dropped from a height. Talk to your kids about the difference between the consequences of sin (which believers often face) and the punishment of sin (which Jesus saves us from).

The Cost of Sin | Use the key to color in the picture.



Saved by Grace | Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks.

1. Paul wrote the Book of _____ (EPEHNSISA) to a church, teaching them about the seriousness of sin.
2. Before being saved, we were _____ (DDEA) in our sins.
3. Sin has _____ . (CCOUQEENNSSE)
4. God is full of _____ . (RECYM)
5. God has made us _____ in Christ. (VEALI)
6. We are saved by grace through _____ . (THAIF)
7. We are God's _____ (CEPIERESTAM), created in Christ to do the good words God has prepared us to do.
8. God takes sin _____ . (SEIRLYUOS)
9. Jesus defeated _____ (THEAD) by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.
10. Everyone who trusts in Jesus has _____ life. (NALETER)