

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

God loves us no matter what!

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will say, "With God's grace, I know I am loved."

KEY PASSAGE:

Isaiah 6:1-8, Isaiah's Commission

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

Some of us may be afraid that we've made too many mistakes. Maybe we feel like God can't love us or forgive us because of mistakes that we've made. Isaiah was scared and overcome with guilt for the sin in his life when he got a glimpse of how awesome and holy God is. But God showed Isaiah that He is gracious and forgiving and that He had a plan and purpose for Isaiah.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for your love and grace!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

MEMORY VERSE

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"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

See which group can recite the memory verse from memory the loudest - the boys or the girls.

SMALL GROUP:

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SKIT

FEAR TALK: LOVED

ITEMS NEEDED:

A monster mask

An all black costume for The Dark

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

The Monster

The Dark

The stage is set up like a talk show, with two chairs angled toward one another at center. The Monster and The Dark sit in the chairs.

MONSTER: Good morning, and Welcome to Fear Talk. I'm the Monster that lives in a closet.

DARK: And I'm the Dark.

MONSTER: Each week we're going to talk about something that gives us the heebie jeebies.

DARK: That's right, kids. Strange as it sounds, even the big guy and I are afraid of some things.

MONSTER: You know, Dark, for many years there was one thing that scared me more than anything.

DARK: Don't tell me it's the six year old bully.

MONSTER: No, it's not him. Actually, Ted and I have become pals over the last few weeks.

DARK: Really? That's cool.

MONSTER: No, the one thing that scared me more than anything is love.

SKIT

DARK: You were afraid of being in love?

MONSTER: No! I was afraid no one loved me.

DARK: Oh, that is a scary feeling.

MONSTER: Let's be honest, Dark. We're scary guys. There aren't a lot of people who love us.

DARK: Speak for yourself. A lot of people and things love me. Owls. Possums. Raccoons. Bats. (swallows hard) Spiders.

MONSTER: Good for you! But me being a monster, things are a little different.

DARK: I can see that. You're scary. You're ugly. You live alone. Your kind is almost always the bad guy when they show up in movies.

MONSTER: Tell me about it! But you know what changed everything for me?

DARK: I have a good idea, but I'll let you do the big reveal.

MONSTER: It was all God.

DARK: I knew it!

MONSTER: Kids, I learned that God loves me exactly how I am. He loves me in spite of my faults and in spite of my sins. God sent His Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world, and anyone who believes in Jesus can be forgiven and become part of God's family.

DARK: That's such great news, kids. Sin is what separated you from God, and there's nothing you could ever do to make up for it. Jesus did what you could never do because He loves you, and He wants everyone to be forgiven and be part of the family.

MONSTER: I guess the big thing we've learned doing this talk show about fear is... We have nothing to fear! God's got us covered. He can give us courage to face our fears. He can take our fears away. He's always there for us, and He loves us no matter what.

DARK: Whatever fears you may still have, give them to God, and trust that God will look out for you.

MONSTER: That wraps it up for us at Fear Talk. I'm the Monster.

DARK: And I'm the Dark. Do not be afraid, kids, not if you know God!

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A broken dish

Some things can't be fixed, and some things aren't worth the trouble of fixing. A broken dish, for example, usually gets tossed right into the trash. Gluing that dish back together would not make it right. It would look bad and probably break again. Besides, dishes are cheap and easily replaced.

Some things can be fixed, and one of them is our connection to God. When sin entered the world, that connection was broken. When Jesus died and rose from the grave, it was fixed. God sent Jesus to fix that connection because we are not disposable in His eyes. In spite of our mistakes, He loves us dearly. He offers us grace so that we can be forgiven and live forever with Him.

God's grace can fix what's broken between us. If we know God's grace, we will always know that we are loved!!

LARGE GROUP GAME

KEEP IT UP

ITEMS NEEDED:

Two beach balls

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two teams of 8-10 kids. Have the teams stand in separate circles and give each one a beach ball. The teams will compete to see who can keep their beach ball bouncing in the air without touching the ground the longest. Kids can hit the ball with any part of their hands and bodies, but once it hits the ground - game over!

VARIATION:

Instead of beach balls, use regular balloons, but make it 3 balloons per team.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

When we fall, God is always there to lift us up because He loves us!

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KEY PASSAGE:

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INTRO:

Did you know that most scary stories teach the same message as the Bible? It's true. Scary stories almost always reflect the words of James 1:15.

READ JAMES 1:15

Take the story of Frankenstein. Dr. Frankenstein wanted to play God and create life. His desire gave birth to a monster he could not control. The monster then brought death to people close to Dr. Frankenstein and to the doctor himself. Or take the story of the Invisible Man. Once again, a man's desire to create a formula to make himself invisible gave birth to a different monster – one who was consumed by the awesome power invisibility gave him. Soon that monster brought death to others and ultimately, to the Invisible Man himself.

It's cool to see this message play out over and over in horror films, but horror films don't tell us the full message of the Bible. Yes, our desires give birth to sin. Yes, our sin leads to death. But it doesn't have to end that way! Dr. Frankenstein and the Invisible Man died thinking they could never be loved. They died thinking they could never be forgiven. The full message of the Bible is the one Paul wrote in Romans 6:23.

READ ROMANS 6:23

We've all felt the fear of not being loved. We've all had moments when we feel we've messed up so bad, no one will ever forgive us. We've all had moments when we felt that no one could ever love us. God loves us in spite of our sinful desires. He wants to rescue us from sin and give us a new purpose, just as He did for Isaiah.

READ ISAIAH 6:1-8

LARGE GROUP LESSON

MAIN POINT:

The Bible doesn't tell us what Isaiah's sins were, but we can guess Isaiah was a lot like us. He told lies. He was disobedient to his parents. He was at times selfish, self-serving, rude, arrogant, hateful, and mean. Maybe he didn't feel the burden of his sins like Frankenstein or the Invisible Man, but in the presence of God, all those little sins made him feel bad. He felt like he could never be loved or forgiven, not by God!

God shows grace to Isaiah. He shows Isaiah that he is loved, and He shows Isaiah that He can not only forgive him, but give him new purpose. God gave Isaiah a mission: to go and share the same message of love and forgiveness with all God's children. Isaiah's story stands as a reminder that God does love us and can forgive anyone who repents of their sins. With God's grace, we can know that we are loved, and we can receive new life and a second chance.

DRIVE IT HOME:

It is fitting Isaiah's story begins with such a dramatic portrait of God's grace. God's mission for Isaiah was to teach the same message to all of God's people. The nation of Israel had rebelled against God. They had sinned, and God was calling them to repent. If the people had listened to God, He would have forgiven them. He would have given them the same grace He gave Isaiah.

The same cannot be said for poor Dr. Frankenstein and the Invisible Man. They never stood a chance. They were left to die alone in their sin because that's what their creators, authors Mary Shelley and H.G. Wells, chose to do with them. Our Creator chose a different way. When sin entered our world and separated us from God, He sent His Son Jesus to take the punishment for our sins upon Himself. Because Jesus died, we can be forgiven. We can receive God's grace and know we are loved.

If you've never received the grace of Jesus, you can do so today. You can give your heart to Jesus and have your sins forgiven. God is gracious and willing to forgive anyone, no matter how greatly we have sinned or how bad we feel about that sin. God's love is bigger than our sins, and He will not only forgive us, but give us new life.

If you're ready to take that step, come forward and tell us. Let us pray with you and help you begin a new life in Jesus. No matter how unlovely you may feel, God still loves you. He wants to give you His grace and assure you that you are always loved. Jesus died to give you a new life. Receive His grace, and you can start that new life today!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

*Dear Jesus,
Thank you for your love and grace!
In Jesus' name,
Amen*



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What's one thing many people are afraid of that does not scare you at all?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

2 Timothy 1:7

Without putting the verse on display or looking it up, see how many kids can recite the memory verse.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a couple of rounds of Duck Duck Goose.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Isaiah 6:1-8

What did Isaiah see in Heaven?

Why did Isaiah feel unlovable?

What did God say to Isaiah?

What is grace?

How do we know God will always love us?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us even though we are sinners.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

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SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**Read Isaiah 6:1-8**

Why did Isaiah feel unlovable when he had his vision of Heaven?

Why did God respond the way He did?

What is grace?

How does God's grace show us we are loved?

Is anyone ready to receive God's grace by asking Jesus to be their Savior?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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In Jesus' name,

Amen



POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

REVIEW

God used plagues including bugs to set His people free from Egypt. If God is protecting us like He did His people, we do not need to be _____.
AFRAID

_____ can make life hard for us and others at school, but God can help us to take a stand against them in a loving way.
BULLIES

Sometimes we may feel abandoned, but we are never completely alone because _____ is always with us.
GOD

Isaiah felt unlovable when he saw the glory of _____.
HEAVEN

Because of God's love and _____, we can be forgiven and receive new life!
GRACE

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Our God Can Conquer Fear

4 Week Children's Ministry Curriculum

MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Fear<Less Lesson 4

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: NOT BEING LOVED



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kids if they know what grace means. (Hint: it's not the prayer we say before we eat!) Ask them how God has shown grace to us and what that grace means for us.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Isaiah feel like God couldn't love Him?
- Why did God forgive Isaiah and call him to serve as a prophet?
- How do we know God will always love us?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

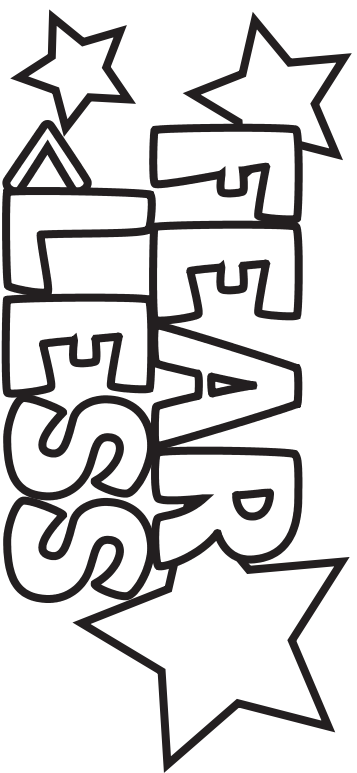
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PARENT TIME:

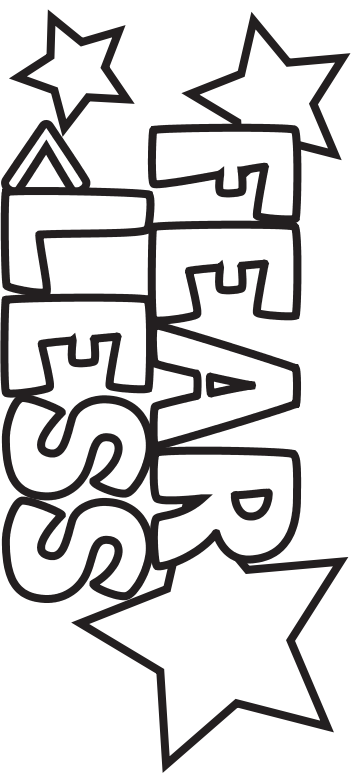
What you need to know:

We all have days when we mess up so bad, we feel like God can't forgive us. God's grace is as boundless as His love. If we confess our sins, He is always faithful to forgive and give us new life!



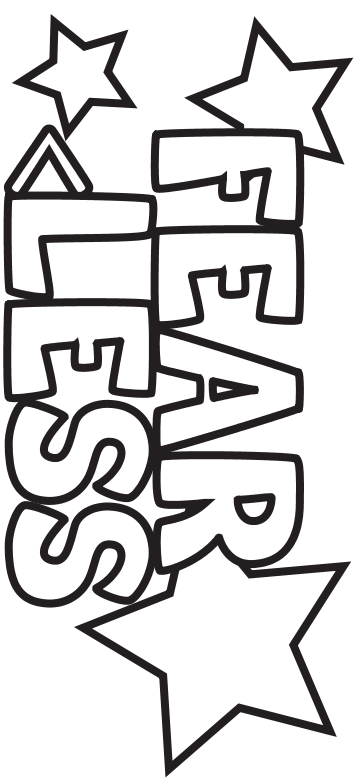
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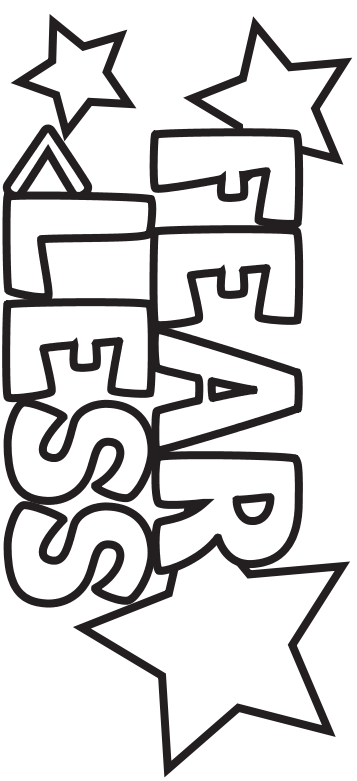
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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids make a bookmark that says, "Because of God's Grace, I know I am loved!"