



**The True Gospel vs. Other Gospels – Freedom**  
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Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead), **Galatians 1:1 NKJV**

and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: **Galatians 1:2 NKJV**

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, **Galatians 1:3 NKJV**

who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **Galatians 1:4 NKJV**

to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. **Galatians 1:5 NKJV**

**The true gospel is about God giving Himself & life to us**

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, **Galatians 1:6 NKJV**

which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. **Galatians 1:7 NKJV**

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. **Galatians 1:8 NKJV**

As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. **Galatians 1:9 NKJV**

### **Every other “gospel” draws people away from God**

For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. **Galatians 1:10 NKJV**

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. **Galatians 1:11 NKJV**

For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but *it came* through the revelation of Jesus Christ. **Galatians 1:12 NKJV**

**Am I living to please \_\_\_\_\_ or God?**

### **This Week's [New Testament+ reading plan:](#)**

1. *Mark 12*
2. *Mark 13*
3. *Mark 14*
4. *Mark 15*
5. *Mark 16*
6. *Psalm 22*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

## NURSERY

## JESUS IS ALIVE!

THE FIRST EASTER



Springtime for toddlers is an exciting time to joyfully discover and explore! As you explore, take this opportunity to share with your kids the joyous fact that Jesus is alive! We'll be spending the next several weeks learning all about Jesus' resurrection and exploring what the word "alive" means!

**Memory Verse:** Jesus is alive. Matthew 28:6 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** We Can Tell Others That Jesus Is Alive!

**Parent Connect:** Today's craft shows animals praising with their animal friends that Jesus is alive! We can sing and tell others that Jesus is alive! Use the QR code to sing a song with your friends and family about how Jesus is alive!

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## HE REALLY IS ALIVE!

EASTER AND THE EARLY CHURCH



What an exciting season! From Palm Sunday to the death and resurrection of Jesus to the start of the church at Pentecost we see the wonderful plan of God unfold. Thank you Jesus that you died and rose again so we can be forever friends again!

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

**Heart of the Lesson:** Emmaus and Ascension – Jesus is really alive Luke 24

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned about the disciples' journey to Emmaus and who they met on their way – JESUS! Use the QR code for ways to paint rocks showing Jesus' resurrection. Talk a walk and leave them on the ground for others to see!

## ELEMENTARY

## PRAYER AND PICKLEBALL

LEARNING HABITS OF PRAYER



Sometimes prayer can seem boring and monotonous. In our series, Prayer and Pickleball, we invite kids into a vibrant relationship with Jesus through prayer. We will teach them how to grow their prayer life through things like listening to the Holy Spirit, being honest with God, and keeping track of how God is actively working in their lives through written prayers.

**Memory Verse:** If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." – Romans 10:9

**Heart of the Lesson:** You Need a Partner: The Holy Spirit Helps You. Pray, ask & listen. - Romans 8:26-30

**Parent Connect:** Set time aside and ask your kids, what's something you want to thank God for, something you want to ask God for and who is someone you want God to speak to. Pray those things together in the car, before a meal, and at bedtime.



God's Spirit produces God's fruit. What are you rooted in? How does the character of Jesus grow in you? In this 3-week series, we're going to look at the Fruit of the Spirit and see how Jesus wants us to stay connected to Him to produce good fruit in our lives.

**Memory Verse:** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23

**Heart of the Lesson:** Love, Joy, Peace – 1 John 4:16, John 15:9-11, 2 Corinthians 8:1-2, Romans 5:1, Philippians 4:6-7

**Parent Connect:** How can you see love, joy, and peace in the character of God? How does being rooted in God lead to the fruit of love, joy, and peace in you?

## SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

# FREEDOM

What does it mean to have freedom in Jesus?

We have true freedom in Jesus! But while we have true freedom, we're tempted to make ourselves happy in what the world offers. This series, we're looking at the book of Galatians to remember how amazing and complete our freedom in Jesus truly is!**Heart of the Lesson:** ??

**Memory Verse:** Galatians 5:1 (NIRV) **Christ has set us free to enjoy our freedom. So remain strong in the faith. Don't let the chains of slavery hold you again.**

**Parent Connect:** There is freedom in the Good News of Jesus! (Galatians 1)

- What was the "good news" that the Galatians were following?
- Was this good news? Why not?
- What is the good news?
- How can you share the good news with your friends and family?