

New Covenant vs. Old Covenant (Galatians 4:21-31) - Freedom June 4, 2023

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Genesis 15 – God's promise

Genesis 16 – Ishmael's Birth

Genesis 21 – Isaac's Birth

Genesis 17 – God's Blessing

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? Galatians 4:21

For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. **Galatians 4:22**

But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, **Galatians 4:23**

Abraham lived two stories – ignoring God & believing God

which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— **Galatians 4:24**

for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— **Galatians 4:25**

but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. Galatians 4:26

For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband." **Galatians 4:27**

Abraham's stories represent the two Testaments - Old & New

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. Galatians 4:28

But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. **Galatians 4:29**

Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." **Galatians 4:30**

So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. Galatians 4:31

Abraham's kids represent two types of people – Christians & Not

Is your story about you or God?

Are you a "Christian" or a Christian?

This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:

- 1. 1 Corinthians 7
- 2. 1 Corinthians 8
- 3. 1 Corinthians 9
- 4. 1 Corinthians 10
- 5. 1 Corinthians 11
- 6. Exodus 32
- 7. Prayer & Reflection

NURSERY

GOD MAKES THINGS GROW



CREATION (PART 2)

In this series we'll be learning that God made plants, animals and people to grow! He cares and wants all living things to grow! We can be glad that God makes things to grow!

Memory Verse: "God Makes Things Grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Made Animals Grow

Parent Connect: Today we learned that God makes the animals grow! We learned baby cats are kittens and grow up to be big cats! Talk to your kid about different baby animal names! Example – puppies to dogs, cubs to bears! Use the QR code to sing a song about different baby animals!

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BIBLE STORY REVIEW



Reviewing and highlighting big points throuhout God's Word! How God loves us, how we should love others, be thankful and always be brave as God is with us!

Memory Verse: Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

Heart of the Lesson: God loves us and He is powerful! - John 2; Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 23-24; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:50-53; Matthew 28:18-19

Parent Connect: Today we learned about several stories where Jesus showed examples that God loves us and He is powerful! One story of Jesus' first miracle; the Wedding at Cana. Use the link for a fun activity you can do at home turning water into "wine". https://youtu.be/3IUE5uC4DDQ

ELEMENTARY

TORCHLIGHTER



HEROES OF THE FAITH

Heroes of the Faith: For the month of June, we are highlighting people whose stories show tremendous faith in the Lord. We are kicking our feet up for summer and learning with these engaging videos, discussion time in groups, and a fun game to round it all out. Prepare your hearts to be inspired and to have a fun time with the kids together.

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: The Augustine

Parent Connect: Pick a place to write your prayers. Could be a bathroom mirror, a whiteboard, or a chalk wall. Somewhere you will see it every day and be reminded to be praying for those things.

CHICK PICS OF G56 BRIDGE THE GAP FROM WONDER TO PASSION

At Grace 56, we exist to bridge the gap from wonder to passion through discovery and community. In this month-long series, the new students will be welcomed into G56, and everyone will have the opportunity to get to know each other, and learn what we're all about in G56!

Memory Verse: Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Heart of the Lesson: Bridge the Gap – 1 Timothy 4:12

Parent Connect: Use your new binder ring to practice memorizing 1 Timothy 4:12. What does this verse mean?

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

FREEDOM

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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. In this series, we're looking at the book of Galatians to remember how amazing and complete our freedom in Jesus truly is!

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.

Heart of the Lesson: The Good News means we don't have to be perfect! (Galatians 4:21-31)

Parent Connect:

- Can anyone always follow the ten commandments?
- Trying to please God by our own efforts is like what?
- · What does God give us when we trust Jesus?
- Do you want to live by rules or by God's gift of salvation?