



Unit 11, Lesson 41

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: ROME

ROMANS 3:22-24; 5:1; 8

### THE STORY HOME

Eager and devoted to God's plan of salvation, Paul explains to the Roman people, "This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:22-24) Most people think they must follow rules to be saved or that they'll never be good enough so they give up trying to please God. Paul assures listeners that Jesus paid their sin-punishment, and faith in His act on the Cross, saves them. The gift of the Holy Spirit helps them avoid sin and to grow in their relationship with God. (Also read Romans 5:1 and 8.)

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- I wonder if any boy or girl—at any age—can share about Jesus. What do you think?
- Some people think they must follow religious rules to be saved. They forget about having faith in Jesus. What do you think?
- The Bible says that there's no difference between Jew and Gentile. Can you explain why you think those two groups were picked out?
- To God, there's no difference between the worst and best people, He'll forgive them all for the asking. How would you explain this to your friends?

### TOGETHER HOME

The trust exercise. One way to internalize the message of salvation through faith is by playing a game where you stand behind your children and as they fall backwards, you catch them in your arms. Play the game several times to reinforce their trust that you'll catch them and won't let them fall. Describe faith as a confidence or belief. They have confidence you'll keep them from falling, so they can have faith—confidence—in Jesus' love act on the Cross that saves them.

### BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." This Romans 6:23 verse is our monthly passage. This week, print out this memory verse and together with your children read it aloud. Then place it in a box. Encourage your children to wrap up the box so it looks like a gift. Place the gift where your children see it as a reminder that salvation is an undeserved, free gift from God.

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