Jesus and The Family

BIBLE PASSAGE: Galatians 3:23-33

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's your favorite board game?
- Why are rules important?
- Where can we find God's rules? (the Bible)
- Why did God give us rules? (to help us see how much we need Him and because He loves us)
- Do we have to follow all of God's rules in order to be in His family? (No- we follow the rules because we are in His family. Nothing that WE do can make us a Christian. Ephesians 2:8)
- When God looks down at His children is he disappointed because of your sin? (No- He looks down and sees Jesus in you and is truly pleased)
- What did today's story teach you about Jesus and who He is?

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

*Recall the Bible Story

Things you need: People of all kinds coloring page and crayons

As your child colors, ask them the discussion questions. Help them answer any questions and see if they have any additional questions for you. Remind them that God loves all people no matter the color of their skin, if they are a boy or girl, if they have red hair or blonde hair. He loves everyone. We can all be one family; joined together by our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Righteousness of Christ

Things you need: Both Righteousness coloring pages, scissors, glue and crayons

Have your child color the boy and girl and talk about self-righteousness. That's when we do things that we know we should, but we do them so that we will get the praise. Doing the things that are listed is good but we can never do enough "good" things to earn our way into God's family. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." This means that we don't have to try to be "good" people so that we can be in God's family. When we are a child of God, we are clothed in Jesus' righteousness. So when we do "good" things, it's not our own doing, but it is God working in us. Next, color the coats and then cut them out. Finally, glue them over the kids. Now they are clothed in Christ's righteousness. There is nothing good in us except for Jesus!

*Family Rules

Things you need: Sequence sheet, scissors, and crayons

Sit as a family and talk through some of your family rules. Does everyone have jobs that they do that help the family? If not, make a list of ways you can help each other by taking care of your house or yard together. Remember, in your family and in God's family... "you're not family because you follow the rules, you follow the rules because you're family."

*Activity sheets

Print the activity sheets. Have some fun reinforcing what the Bible taught us today. We cover some great gospel topics today. Help your kids understand the best and most perfect gift that God gave us when He sent Jesus to Earth. Remind them what it means to be justified. When we are His children, he looks at me "JUST as IF I'D never sinned."

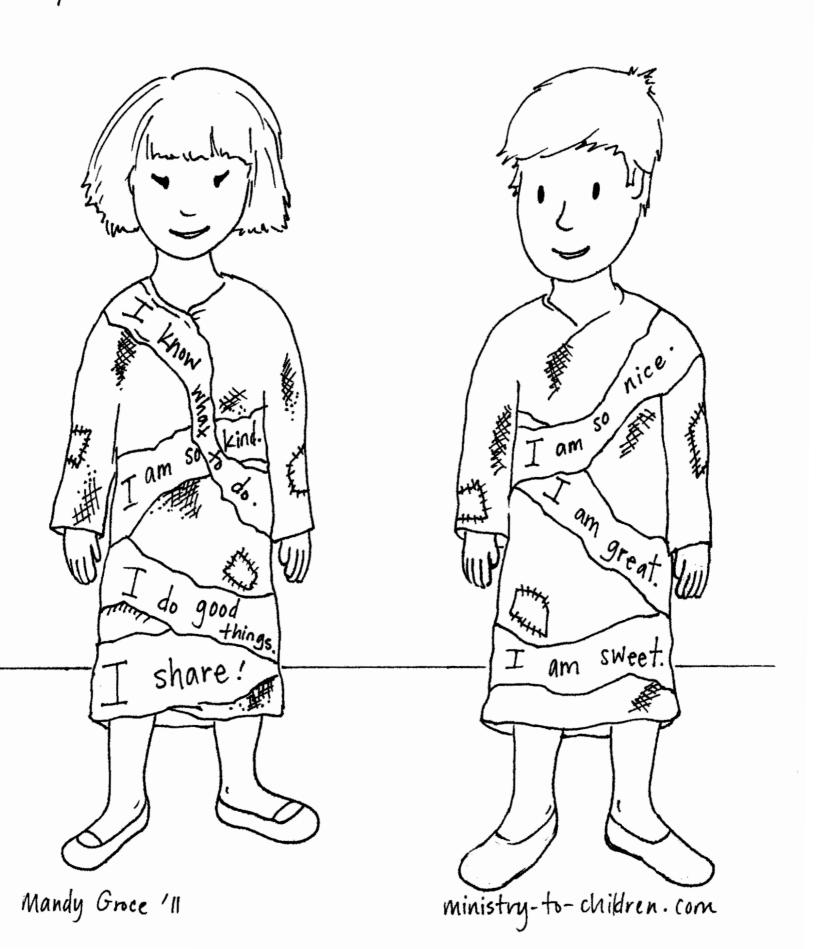
*Pray

Things you need: Nothing

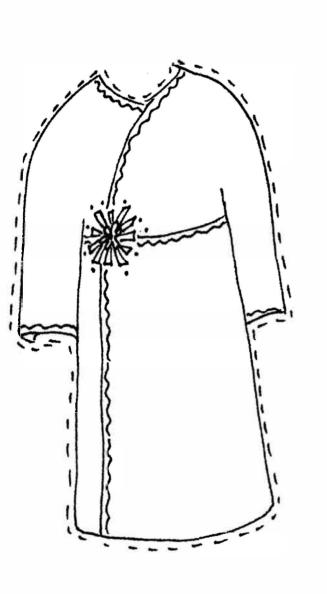
Following rules can be so hard! We should be so thankful that we do not have to do everything perfectly to be a follower of Christ. Jesus did everything for us when He died on the cross for our sins. All we have to do is place our faith in Jesus and truly believe that He is God's Son; sent to save us from the weight of our sins. When we believe in Jesus and have faith in Him, then we can live our lives honoring Him and singing His praises. Pray together as a family. Thank the Lord for the gift of His Son. Pray that your children understand God's love for them and that He rescues their souls. Thank God for His amazing grace that is given to us, His family.

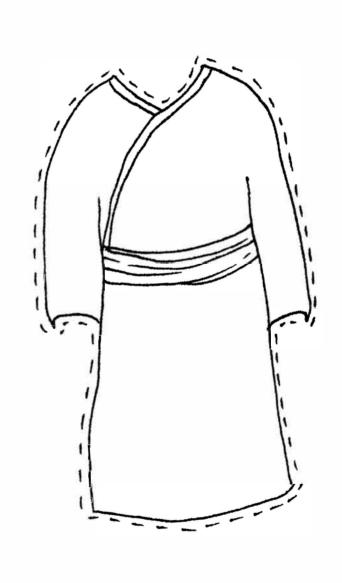


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Christ's righteonsness covers me!

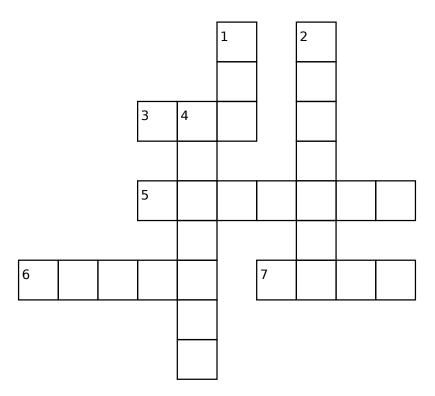




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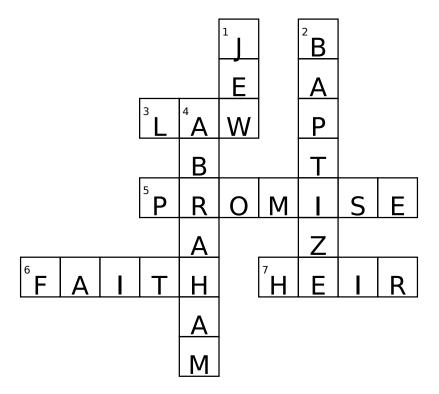
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