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# GOD IS GOOD TO GIVE GRACE

PSALM 51



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** As you begin a new day, ask God to help you obey and honor Him today. Take the time to pray for specific struggles or issues that cause you to sin. Ask God to remove those obstacles from your life. How does God's love motivate us to obey Him? How does trusting in Jesus change our hearts?
- **Evenings:** Praise God for the gift of grace which comes through Jesus. Thank Him for loving us while we were sinners and sending Jesus to be the sacrifice that washes away the sin of all who trust in Him.

## >>> MAIN IDEAS:

### CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

DAVID CONFESSED HIS SIN AND ASKED GOD TO CHANGE HIS HEART SO THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT TO SIN AGAIN. WHEN WE REALIZE OUR SIN, WE CAN CONFESS TO GOD AND ASK FOR HIS FORGIVENESS. *JESUS COVERS OUR GUILT AND CHANGES OUR HEARTS SO WE CAN HAVE LIFE WITH HIM FOREVER.*

## BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

### What is grace?

Grace is when God gives us something good even when we do not deserve it.

Dear Families,

Like most kids, you probably have toys, books, clothes, and plenty of other stuff scattered across the room. What if your mom told you to clean your room and you pushed everything into the closet and under the bed rather than actually cleaning up? If your mom is like most, she would not be too pleased with your effort! Pushing the clutter into the closet or stuffing it under the bed only hides the mess rather than cleaning up the mess.

We often try to cover up our sin by ignoring it or lying about it. Sometimes we even try to fix our sin by doing good things to make up for it. Like clothes shoved under the bed, we can try to cover up our sin, but the mess is still there!

David's prayer to God did not ask Him to hide sin or cover it up. David begged God to wash away his sin and make him whiter than snow. David asked God for a clean heart. When people trust in Jesus, Jesus doesn't hide their sin or make them feel better about it. Jesus wipes away every record of wrong and gives believers new life to live for Him!

David confessed his sin and asked God to change his heart so that he would not want to sin again. **When we realize our sin, we can confess to God and ask for His forgiveness. Jesus covers our guilt and changes our hearts so we can have life with Him forever.**

**Pray:** *God, thank You for Your faithful love to us even when we don't deserve it. Help us to confess our sin and trust in Jesus to receive the forgiveness that washes us whiter than snow. We will praise You like David did because You are the God who saves!*

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**For Fun:** Research how to make reverse tie-dye shirts using bleach on solid-color shirts. Make shirts together. Discuss how bleach removes colors and how that reminds us of God removing our sin. Spend time praying as a family and confessing sin to Him.

**To Serve:** Go to a local park to pick up trash and debris. Talk with kids about how the trash reminds us of how sin has ruined the perfect world God created. Remind kids that Jesus' sacrifice will wash away the sins of all who trust in Him, and one day He will make all things new.



### UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

-Ephesians 1:7-8