



THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. Unit 31 Lesson 2: Jesus forgives and Restores

Date: Sunday March 17, 2019 **Teachers:** Amberly B, Owen B, Jess L

CIRCLE TIME: (volunteer with little ones, Jess L) (10-1 min)

Welcome kids, sitting on chairs in circle (Lead Teacher)

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Three Chances to Obey (1st. warning 2nd. remove from activity 3. call parent)

INTRO BIBLE STORY: (Amberly, Owen) materials: (sheet with groupings in folder)

We are learning in our class from the letters that a man named Paul who was a teacher wrote to God's people and the first churches in the Bible.

Let's count the groups and write the numbers in the corner, help me count. God's church is made up of all different people groups, young and old, short and tall, different cultures, languages and skin colours.

We are very different, differences are good. Today's story talks about how the church was divided...that means two different views that don't agree. Have you ever had an argument with someone....Let's listen to hear about what Paul tells the church.

THE BIBLE STORY (VIDEO)

BABY GOSPEL GEMS

Paul wrote a letter to the church in Corinth.

Paul told the people to be kind to one another.

Jesus helps us know about God.

SING A SONG:

Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell":

"God helps us obey Him, God helps us obey Him!

We love the Lord and obey Him.

Oh, God helps us obey Him!"

Say: Paul said only Jesus can obey God all the time because He is God's Son. God helps us obey Him by giving us the Holy Spirit.

KEY PASSAGE/BIG PICTURE POINT: (Owen & Amberly) **(play the key passage video- have kids join in with actions)**

"I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

• If we are sinners and cannot obey God's rules, why does God want us to obey Him? **We obey because God loves us.** We don't keep the rules to earn God's love; God already loves us. Jesus kept all the rules for us! We obey because we want to show Him that we love Him back.

ACTIVITY: (Owen, Amberly) **"Follow the Leader" materials: (none)**

Choose a child to be the leader. The rest of the group will line up single file behind the leader. Those behind the leader should mimic her actions as she moves about the room. After a short time, direct the leader to move the back of the line and allow the child now first in line to be the new leader. Continue play until each preschooler who wishes to be the leader has had the chance to do so.

Say • In today's Bible story, the people at the church in the city of Corinth thought that one teacher was better than the others. One group said, "We follow Paul." Another group said, "We follow Apollos." A third group said, "We follow Peter." A fourth group said, "We follow Jesus." Believers should not be divided. Listen for what Paul wrote to the church in Corinth.

(DISMISS TODDLERS TO PLAY AREA)

ACTIVITY: (Amberly, Owen) **"People Memory" materials: (people matching cards in folder)**

Arrange the cards facedown for older preschoolers or faceup for younger preschoolers. Encourage children to take turns choosing pairs of cards to discover a match. Observe and discuss the different types of people as they overturn each card.

Say • The good news about Jesus is for everyone, and we should love everyone. Peter did the wrong thing by hiding his friendship with the Gentiles. He made the Gentiles think they had to obey all the Jewish rules about what to eat and how to live to be saved. Paul wrote that we are saved through Jesus alone. Only Jesus can save people from sin. No matter how hard we try to follow the rules, we will always break some of God's rules and so we need Jesus.

PRAYER: *Father, thank you that you love me and gave your Son for me, help me to obey you because you love me .Amen*

ACTIVITY/SNACK/CRAFT/ PLAYDOUGH/PUZZLES: (Fishy crackers) Activity/Colouring sheet
(last 15-20 min divide time between craft/snack/activities)

The BIBLE STORY
The Church Was Divided
1 Corinthians 1:10-31

Paul started a church in the city of Corinth. He stayed there awhile, and then he traveled on to tell more people about the good news of Jesus. Years passed, and Paul heard some bad news: the church in Corinth was not doing well. The believers there argued and had many other problems. So Paul decided to write a letter to them.

The people in the church should have been like one team working together, but they were divided into different groups. They thought that one teacher was better than the other. One group said, "We follow Paul." Another group said, "We follow Apollos." A third group said, "We follow Peter." A fourth group said, "We follow Jesus." Paul said believers should not be divided.

Paul asked, "Who died on the cross for you? It wasn't Paul. It wasn't Apollos. It wasn't Peter. It was Jesus! Jesus died on the cross for you." The people agreed that only Jesus is Lord, so Paul told them they should get along and love one another.

Paul said that people who do not believe in Jesus think the good news about Him is silly. He said, "Friends, think about this: God chose you to be in His family—not because of what you know or who is in your family here on earth." God saves people who trust in Jesus. No one can brag about being saved because it is not something we can earn or make happen. We should only brag about Jesus and what He has done.

Christ Connection: Paul told believers in the church at Corinth to get along. Paul reminded the people that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus, believers can come together like one big, happy family.