



**Ministry Partnership vs. Resistance (Galatians 2:6-21) - Freedom**  
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But from those who seemed to be something—whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man—for those who seemed *to be something* added nothing to me.  
**Galatians 2:6 NKJV**

But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as *the gospel* for the circumcised *was* to Peter **Galatians 2:7 NKJV**

(for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles), **Galatians 2:8 NKJV**

and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. **Galatians 2:9 NKJV**

*They desired* only that we should remember the poor, the very thing which I also was eager to do.  
**Galatians 2:10 NKJV**

### **God sets us free to minister in different ways**

Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed;  
**Galatians 2:11 NKJV**

for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. **Galatians 2:12 NKJV**

And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. **Galatians 2:13 NKJV**

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? **Galatians 2:14 NKJV**

We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, **Galatians 2:15 NKJV**

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. **Galatians 2:16 NKJV**

### **God sets us free to live in His freedom**

"But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! **Galatians 2:17 NKJV**

For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. **Galatians 2:18 NKJV**

For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. **Galatians 2:19 NKJV**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.  
**Galatians 2:20 NKJV**

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain." **Galatians 2:21 NKJV**

**If any other faith is true, Jesus' death was a waste**

**This Week's [New Testament+ reading plan:](#)**

1. *2 Peter 1*
2. *2 Peter 2*
3. *2 Peter 3*
4. *Romans 1*
5. *Romans 2*
6. *Psalms 19*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

**NURSERY**

# GOD MADE ANIMALS

CREATION (PART 1)



In this series we'll be learning that God made all of the animals! When your kid encounters a cat or dog at home, animals at the zoo, or animals in your neighborhood take that opportunity to help him/her see God's majesty and creativity! Enjoy this time of wonder and exploration with your toddler!

**Memory Verse:** God made the animals. Genesis 1:25 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Made the Creatures of the Sea

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# HE REALLY IS ALIVE!

EASTER AND THE EARLY CHURCH



What an exciting season! From Palm Sunday to the death and resurrection of Jesus to the start of the church at Pentecost we see the wonderful plan of God unfold. Thank you Jesus that you died and rose again so we can be forever friends again!

**Memory Verse:** For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

**Heart of the Lesson:** Peter and John and the Lame Man – The name of Jesus is powerful Acts 3

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned that the name of Jesus is powerful and the power of prayer! Peter and John prayed to Jesus to help heal the lame man. Us the power of prayer throughout the week – pray with your child at meal times, on the way to school, at bedtime and morning. Remind them that prayer and Jesus' name is powerful!

**ELEMENTARY**

# PRAYER AND PICKLEBALL

LEARNING HABITS OF PRAYER



Sometimes prayer can seem boring and monotonous. In our series, Prayer and Pickleball, we invite kids into a vibrant relationship with Jesus through prayer. We will teach them how to grow their prayer life through things like listening to the Holy Spirit, being honest with God, and keeping track of how God is actively working in their lives through written prayers.

**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:** Use the Playbook: Praying scripture

**Parent Connect:** Have your kids pick a number between 1-150. Open up to it, read what it says, and pray what you can apply.

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# GOT FRUIT?

GOD'S SPIRIT PRODUCES GOD'S FRUIT



God's Spirit produces God's fruit. What are you rooted in? How does the character of Jesus grow in you? In this 3-week series, we're going to look at the Fruit of the Spirit and see how Jesus wants us to stay connected to Him to produce good fruit in our lives.

**Memory Verse:** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23

**Heart of the Lesson:** Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control – 2 Corinthians 1:20, Isaiah 40:11, Galatians 6:1, Proverbs 25:28

**Parent Connect:** How can you see faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in the character of God? How does being rooted in God lead to the fruit of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in you?

**SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS**

## FREEDOM

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:** I can partner with God to share the Good News! (Galatians 2:6-21)

**Parent Connect:**

- Do we have to be perfect to partner with God?
- Do we have to earn God's love?
- Have you chosen to put your faith in Jesus and not your own actions?
- How can you serve God in your life?