



**Paul vs. False Ministers (Galatians 4:8-20) - Freedom**  
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But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods.  
**Galatians 4:8**

But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage? **Galatians 4:9**

You observe days and months and seasons and years. **Galatians 4:10**

I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain. **Galatians 4:11**

Brethren, I urge you to become like me, for I became like you. You have not injured me at all.  
**Galatians 4:12**

**The True Gospel has set you free**

You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first. **Galatians 4:13**

And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. **Galatians 4:14**

What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me. **Galatians 4:15**

### **False teachers are trying to enslave you**

Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? **Galatians 4:16**

They zealously court you, but for no good; yes, they want to exclude you, that you may be zealous for them. **Galatians 4:17**

But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you. **Galatians 4:18**

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. **Matthew 18:15**

But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ **Matthew 18:16**

And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. **Matthew 18:17**

### **God calls us to return to the true Gospel**

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you, **Galatians 4:19**

I would like to be present with you now and to change my tone; for I have doubts about you. **Galatians 4:20**

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

1. *1 Corinthians 2*
2. *1 Corinthians 3*
3. *1 Corinthians 4*
4. *1 Corinthians 5*
5. *1 Corinthians 6*
6. *Psalm 94*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

**NURSERY** **GOD MAKES THINGS GROW** CREATION (PART 2) 

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 Makes Things Grow." 1 Corinthians 3:7 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Made Plants Grow

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned how God makes plants grow! As you're outside talk to your kid about all of God's glory in our environment. Play "I Spy" with different flowers, plants, trees and weeds!

**GKJR** **GO!** THE EARLY CHURCH 

The early church brings tons of great lessons on who God wants us to be, and what God wants us to do! More importantly, the early church tells us who Jesus is! Let's pray and be glad for the Jesus saves and helps everyone!

**Memory Verse:** Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son, and the holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus Helps Us - Acts 27-28

**Parent Connect:** Today we learned that Jesus helps us! Jesus helped heal Paul when he was bit by a poisonous snake. Then Jesus helped Paul tell other about Jesus and to help heal their sickness. How do you help others who are sick? Make them a get-well card? Give them soup? A band-aid? Pray together as a family for someone who is sick, hurt or needs healing!

**ELEMENTARY** **KIDS CHOICE** ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE 

Kids Choice gives our kids an opportunity to choose what they want to do. From choosing the worship songs, to deciding on the order they want to do things. Kids also ask a lot of questions and in this series, we will answer two questions that some kids have written in and asked, "What is the trinity?" and "How do we know the Bible is true?"

**Memory Verse:** "But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you." John 14:26

**Heart of the Lesson:** The Bible is True - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Parent Connect:** Did you know the Bible is the most published book of all time? It is more than a story book; it is God's Word. Take some time to read the Bible and see what you learn from it.

**G56** **YOU ASKED FOR IT!** ANSWERING HARD QUESTIONS 

You Asked For It is back and better than ever! We're putting a fun twist on our classic You Asked For It series by watching videos of Tim answering the questions that YOU, the students of G56, have asked!

**Memory Verse:** Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

**Heart of the Lesson:** What does baptism mean? 1 Peter 1:2, Luke 23:32-43, 1 Corinthians 1:17-18, Romans 8:9-10, Matthew 28:19-20

**Parent Connect:** Start a conversation about baptism with a friend or family member. Why do followers of Jesus get baptized?

**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:** There is freedom in being made right in Jesus! (Galatians 4:8-20)

**Parent Connect:**

- Do our good works save us?
- How should we respond when someone corrects us?
- Is there something wrong you have done that you need to apologize for?
- What is something good towards others that you can do this week to thank God for His kindness?