

Promises vs. Law (Galatians 3:16-29) - Freedom
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Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. **Galatians 3:16 NKJV**

And this I say that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. **Galatians 3:17 NKJV**

For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. **Galatians 3:18 NKJV**

The law has not changed God's promise

Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. **Galatians 3:21 NKJV**

But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. **Galatians 3:22 NKJV**

But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. **Galatians 3:23 NKJV**

Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **Galatians 3:24 NKJV**

But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. **Galatians 3:25 NKJV**

God had a purpose for the law

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:26 NKJV**

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **Galatians 3:27 NKJV**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:28 NKJV**

And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. **Galatians 3:29 NKJV**

Through Christ the promise is yours

This Week's New Testament+ reading plan:

1. *Romans 8*
2. *Romans 9*
3. *Romans 10*
4. *Romans 11*
5. *Romans 12*
6. *Isaiah 53*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

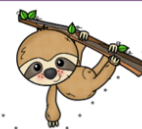
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NURSERY

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 Farm Animals

Parent Connect: Today we learned God made farm animals! Talk about places you have seen farm animals? Petting Zoo? Deanna Rose Farmstead? On a drive through the countryside? Sing 'Old McDonald Had a Farm' and list out your favorite farm animals!

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IN THE BEGINNING

EARLY STORIES OF THE BIBLE



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 Saves - Acts 9

Parent Connect: Today we learned how Jesus saves! In our story we learned how Saul was saved by Jesus' grace and has a new name...Paul! Discuss how accepting Jesus in our heart makes us a new person in Christ – just like Saul was changed to his new name, Paul! Use the QR code to listen to the lyrics of 'Amazing Grace' and how Jesus saves!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EX8ktVVpOFk>

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: Doubles: praying for each other.

Parent Connect: When everyone is together, go around and share one thing you are praying for. Then after everyone has shared, pray for the person on your right.



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 do you do when you get tired of praying or things get so hard you want to give up? Luke 18:1-8, Matthew 7:7-8

Parent Connect: Start a prayer journal to look back and see how God how God has been faithful in your life.

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 God's Promise! (Galatians 3:16-29)

Parent Connect:

- Who is the seed mentioned in the promise God made to Abraham?
- What was the purpose of the law?
- How can we "put on" Jesus?
- Who can you show God's love and forgiveness?