



Slaves vs. Sons (Galatians 3:26- 4:7) - Freedom
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Jesus unifies us as His children

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

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

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**

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

Jesus frees us from slavery

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, **Galatians 4:1**

but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. **Galatians 4:2**

Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. **Galatians 4:3**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **Galatians 4:4**

to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **Galatians 4:5**

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" **Galatians 4:6**

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. **Galatians 4:7**

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

1. *Romans 13*
2. *Romans 14*
3. *Romans 15*
4. *Romans 16*
5. *1 Corinthians 1*
6. *Psalm 69*
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 Pets

Parent Connect: Today we learned God made pets! Have your family pray for your pet, take them on a walk, give them a treat or snuggles. Don't have a pet? Make one! Rocks make great pets. Use markers or paint to design your own pet rock! Don't forget to give them a name!

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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: Share Jesus – Acts 13

Parent Connect: Today we learned that we are all called to share Jesus! Brainstorm fun ways to share Jesus with others – invite a friend to church, make Bible verse rocks and leave them around your neighborhood! Be creative in ways you can share Jesus with others!

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 Trinity – 1 Timothy 2:5

Parent Connect: Think of some different examples of things that have 3 parts in nature, such as water (water, ice, vapor), an apple (core, flesh, skin), or an egg (shell, yolk, white). These are not perfect examples but they help us remember God is 3 in 1.



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: Why do people worship idols? Psalm 115:4-8, Exodus 20:3, Mark 12:29-30, Romans 1:18-23

Parent Connect: What is giving you the most joy in your life? If it's anything other than Jesus, ask Him to help you get rid of your idols and turn to Him.

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: Because of Jesus, we are children of God! (Galatians 3:26-4:7)

Parent Connect:

- Is everyone God's child or only those who receive Jesus as their savior?
- How is being God's child different than being a slave to the law?
- How does the Holy Spirit care for and teach us?
- Can you share the good news that we can be a part of God's family with someone you know this week?