

# Acts-Revelation

## Romans

Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10

### Younger Verse

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

### Older Verse

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven. Matthew 5:16

### Welcome Time

Have you ever got a special letter in the mail? It is so much fun to open up a letter from a friend or family member. We're going to talk about a letter Paul wrote today.

### Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

We have spent much time learning about Paul in the Bible. His life was totally changed when he met Jesus and trusted Jesus with all his heart. Paul traveled to many places helping people know and believe in Jesus.

The book of Acts helped us learn much about Paul's journey. Now we are going to continue learning more about the rest of the books of the Bible. The book after Acts is called Romans.

Romans is a letter that Paul wrote to the church in Rome, Italy. Last week you may have remembered that Paul spent the last years of his life in Rome, Italy. Believe it or not, Paul wrote this letter much earlier. Paul wrote this letter when he was traveling. He tells the church people that he can't wait to come and visit. We know from Acts, that Paul did get to go and visit Rome. Paul's trip to Rome was probably much different that he expected since he was chained up to soldiers.

Paul knew it was very important to help the Roman people learn about Jesus and follow God's ways. He wrote 16 chapters in his letter. Now that's a LONG letter! Paul wanted the people to know that there was only one way to go to Heaven. Let's look at some of the verses that Paul wrote in this letter.

Romans 3:23 says that all people have sinned and are separated from God. That means that every one of us has done wrong. Because we have done wrong, we are separated from God who is perfect. Our wrongs have made us dirty on the inside and have caused us to be apart from God.

### Lesson Goals

To learn about a letter that Paul wrote—Romans  
To share how a person goes to Heaven; not by doing good but by believing in Jesus.

Romans 6:23 tells us that our wrongs will cause us to die one day. Paul also tells us some good news. He shares that God has given us a gift to live forever with Him if we believe in Jesus.

Paul tells more in Romans 10 verses 9-10. He shared that if we tell people that Jesus is our Lord and best friend AND we believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus back to life, then we will be saved. That little word "saved" means that God will save us from death and give us a gift of living forever with Him.

Paul loved Jesus so much. He knew that Jesus was the only way to Heaven. He knew that Jesus loved all people and died on a cross to pay the price for ALL the wrongs that we have done. Paul wanted all people to know that if they believed in Jesus and asked Him into their hearts, they would go to Heaven and be with God one day. What a wonderful promise! Paul goes on to tell the people that everyone who calls to God will be saved to go to Heaven.

We come to church a lot and hear about Jesus every week. Paul wanted the people to know that it is one thing to know about Jesus in your head and a big difference to know about Jesus in your heart. For example: I can say that I know the president. However, it is a totally different thing if I really KNOW the president as a friend. Paul is writing to help the Roman people understand that they must know Jesus as a personal friend. The only way to do that is to truly believe in Jesus in your heart, ask Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Jesus will come into your life and help you live God's way. He will clean out all the wrongs and make you clean before God. He promises to take you to Heaven one day, too. Until then, we spend time with Jesus, learning more about Him and becoming even better friends. That means we go to Bible study, read our Bibles, pray, tell others about Jesus and live our lives like Jesus wants us to.

Do you have Jesus in your heart? It is the best thing you can ever do in your whole life! If you want to know more about how to pray and ask Jesus into your heart, talk to us about it.

**Learning Activities**

This lesson is so important to help the kids see that there is only one way to Heaven. Pray and ask God for ways to make the lesson clear to all who hear.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Let the kids write the verse on little paper light bulbs. Talk about what it means to "shine" for Jesus.

**Prayer Time**

Pray silently that today's lesson will impact the kids. Be sensitive to those who may be close to trusting Jesus. Pray together, thanking Jesus for the gift He gave us of life with God IF we believe in Him.

**Clean Up/Snack time**

Share snacks together. Often this is a good time to review the lesson or use it as a teaching moment with a situation that comes up.

Preschool Lesson  
For  
Romans

We have learned a lot about a man named Paul. He walked everywhere to tell people about Jesus. He loved Jesus very much and wanted others to know and love Jesus.

As he walked on his many journeys, he wrote letters to the churches. We are looking at one of the letters that Paul wrote. It is called Romans. It is a very long letter to them. Paul wrote and wrote to help the people know about someone very important.

Paul wanted the people in the town of Rome to know how much Jesus loved them. He shared with them how Jesus died and came back to life to make a way for all people to go to Heaven.

Paul wrote so much because he loved Jesus and knew how much Jesus loved Him. He wanted the people to believe in Jesus and love Jesus too.

Paul explained to the people that to go to Heaven one day, we must believe in Jesus and ask Him to come into our life. We must tell Jesus we are sorry for all the wrong things we have done. Jesus promises to come into our life and help us live and do things God's way.

Let's sing a song to tell Jesus how much we love Him.  
Sing, "O how I love Jesus."

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
Romans

Bring letters and envelopes. Let the kids write a note to themselves. Now, make sure you have correct addresses for everyone (you may need to walk them to their homes to look at the addresses). Mail the letters to the kids this week. It will be sure to make their week great!

Write a letter to someone telling them about Jesus. You may want to share how Jesus has changed your life, like he changed Paul's life. Let them know how they can believe in Jesus.

Often the verses we used today are called the "Roman Road." That means they are verses that help a person know how they can believe and trust in Jesus. Help the kids memorize the verses so that they can help someone trust in Jesus.

Wrap up little gifts and include Romans 6:23 on the gift tag: The gift of God is life forever in Heaven only through Jesus Christ.

Read Romans 12:9-13. It shares many important characteristics of someone who loves Jesus. Look at the list and see what things we need to work on.

In the last chapter of Romans, Paul says "hello" to many of his friends. He asks his friends in Rome to greet them and love them like he does. Take time to be "greeters" today. Say "hello" to everyone—with a smile on your face!

Sing the "Romans 16:19-20" song.

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