



BIBLE STORY:

Changed by Grace
Acts 1



MEMORY VERSE:

"...live by the Holy Spirit's power. Then you will not do what your sinful nature wants you to do."
Galatians 5:16 NIRV



BOTTOM LINE:

God's grace sets me free, and His Holy Spirit changes me.

INTRO QUESTION: How long could you go without eating candy?

WATCH BIBLE STORY VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/v52cAl2phz8>



FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Say: We can't get free from sin on our own—we need God's grace to forgive us and the power of God's Holy Spirit to change us! Let's play a game where we'll need help to get free. We'll celebrate God's grace at the end!

1. Kids **form** a circle.
2. Kids **put** their right hands in the middle of the circle and **hold** someone else's hand who is not on either side of them.
3. Kids **put** their left hands in the middle and **hold** someone else's hand who is not on either side of them.
4. Kids **use teamwork** to try to **untangle** themselves without letting go of each other.

5. When you get free, **celebrate by saying** the point together. (Printed on the back)
6. **If time allows, play** again.

Choose questions to ask during the activity.

1. **What would have happened if we tried to get untangled without help from each other?**
2. **Who helps us get untangled from sin?** Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **We can't get away from sin on our own. What do we need?** God's grace, Jesus' forgiveness, the power of God's Holy Spirit to help us say no to sin, etc.
2. **Who is God's Holy Spirit?** The invisible spirit of God who fills your heart to lead, teach, help, and comfort you. He changes you to be more like Jesus.
3. **When can you start living by the Holy Spirit's power?** When you choose to follow Jesus
4. **What good things will your life show when you let the Holy Spirit change you?** Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, etc.

PRAY TOGETHER:

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, please teach us how to live by the Holy Spirit's power every minute of our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

OPTIONAL PROPS:

- No supplies needed.