

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: JULY 5

Bible Story: Freedom in Jesus *John 8:34-36*

Big Idea: Jesus frees us from sin.

Memory Verse: "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!" *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read John 8:36, Galatians 5:1, Isaiah 61:1, Romans 6:22.

July 4th is the day we celebrate our freedom in the United States. 250 years ago our country adopted the Declaration of Independence. Since then, we have experienced freedom, but at the cost of American lives who have died in war for our freedom.

As much as we should celebrate the birth of our country, we want to celebrate the freedom we have in Jesus. Just like America's freedom cost people their lives, our freedom in Jesus cost Him his holy perfect life. Jesus died so we could live and have true freedom that frees us from sin and guilt. In Christ, we can truly be free.

Today we will celebrate the freedom of America, but more importantly the freedom we can have in Jesus.

He Question: How does Jesus set us free?

He paid the death penalty for our sin when He died on the cross. He gave His life for our freedom.

We Question: How can we experience freedom in Jesus?

We can only be free by accepting the free gift of salvation and making Jesus Lord of our lives.

Me Question: How is God inviting me to respond?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



While you are eating, grab an extra empty plate. Swap out their full plate of food and place it at the table in front of your child. Ask your child how it feels to look at everyone else's good food while they have nothing. Then give them back their full plate of food and explain that is exactly what Jesus did for us. Our mistakes left us with a sad heart and an "empty plate". Jesus took our plate of mistakes to the cross and died to give us a full plate of freedom, love, and life forever!

July 5 | 2nd-4th

WEEK 1

God TIME

DAY 1

READ *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NirV)*

It's a new month! You get to learn a new verse. Grab some chalk and go outside! Begin by writing the verse on the sidewalk one word at a time. Try to create a hopscotch with the words. After you have it all written out, grab a rock. Start at the beginning of the verse and roll the rock trying to land on or close to a word. Then while you hop to the rock, say each word of the verse. Play again and see if you can get your rock all the way to the last word of the verse.

How many times did it take you to get all the way through the verse? _____

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that Jesus frees us from sin

DAY 2

READ *Romans 6:22 (NirV)*

Close your eyes and pretend you are a tiny little seed planted in the dirt. If you stay in the dark ground, you can't grow. You need the warm sunshine and water to begin to grow. Jesus saves you and sets you free! Just like the warm sunshine and water are needed for the seed to grow, you need Jesus. He takes care of you and helps you grow beautiful things.

Draw a flower in the summer sun to remind you that Jesus rescues you and takes care of you.

KNOW that Jesus frees us from sin

DAY 3

READ John 8:34-36 (NirV)

This week you learned about freedom. You learned that you can't free yourself from your own sin. Jesus loves you so much that He left heaven and came to the world to free you of your sins. When you ask Him to be your forever friend and ask Him to forgive you of your sins, you are free to be in God's family! Answer some questions that relate to the verses you just read.

What traps you and makes your heart feel like it's locked in a dark room?

Can you pull yourself out of a trap? Yes **OR** No

Who is the special Helper who has the key to unlock our hearts?

BE THANKFUL that Jesus frees us from sin

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ Isaiah 61:1 (NirV)

Imagine you are riding your bike. You fall off and scrape your knee. You are bleeding and pretty banged up. Just as you start to cry, your mom or dad runs over and picks you up, gives you a big hug and helps you clean up your knee and puts a bandaid on it. Jesus came to this earth to fix our broken hearts with his giant love! When you feel sad, lonely, or trapped by bad choices, Jesus hugs you close. He loves you and if you let Him, He will take away the sadness and fill you with joy.

Take a moment and pray. Thank God for sending His son to this earth to die for you. Thank Him that He takes your sadness and fills you with joy. Ask Him to help you remember that you are free from your mistakes and never alone.

PRAY and thank God that Jesus frees us from sin

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

August 1-2	3rd Grade
August 8-9	2nd Grade
August 15-16	1st Grade
August 22-23	Kindergarten
August 29-30	4th Grade

The Bibles-N-Bucks Shop will be closed during July for renovations.

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Bring a friend 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
- UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



Child's Name: _____