



ALL SIN

Disciples & Early Church • U10#2 1st-3rd Gr. • May 4, 2025

Concept

Through Jesus, God has provided forgiveness for the sin of the entire world.

Goal

Students will learn that Jesus is our bridge to God and because of Him we can have a relationship with God forever.

Passage

Romans 3:9-20

Key Verse: "No one is righteous—not even one." Romans 3:10

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
<p>Instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>4 laminated, magnet-backed scripture footprints, 1 set/class</i> • <i>Laminated, magnet-backed "Man" sign</i> • <i>Laminated, magnet-backed "GOD" sign</i> • <i>Laminated, magnet-backed "SIN"</i> • <i>Laminated, magnet-backed cross</i> 	<p>Activity Stations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "It's Impossible?" handout, 1/student • Sandwich bag, 1/student • "Bridge to GOD" & symbols printed on Avery full sheet label, 1/student • Cardstock explanation cards, 1/student • Half sheets of bright colored construction paper, 1/student • Markers, crayons • Scissors • Chenille stem, 1/student

*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

Background Information (for the teacher)

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God is real. He reveals Himself to us and wants to have a personal relationship with each one of us. But sin gets in the way. "It is only as we realise the truth about ourselves and our condition, it is only as we come to realise our ultimate need, that we apply to Christ, who alone can supply it. In other words, there is nothing in our experience that so drives us to Christ as the realisation of our need and our helplessness. ...You never make an application for any kind of healing or redemption or salvation unless you are conscious of your need. And that, of course, is the whole trouble with the world today—it does not realise this need; that is why it does not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"But the same thing is true in principle of the Christian. It is those who realise their condition and their need most deeply who are the ones who apply most constantly to the Lord himself. This is the universal testimony of the saints. It does not matter where they lived, or to what century they belonged. You read the life of any saint of God, anyone who so stood out in saintliness that somebody felt it right and good and fitting that a biography should be written of him or her, and you will find that invariably this has been a characteristic of such a person. If you read their lives and their diaries, you will find that they bemoaned the fact that they were aware of indwelling sin, this 'plague of their own heart' as they called it, this thing in them that so often vitiated their testimony and hampered what they really desired to do and to be for the Lord. ...Indeed the life of the Christian seems to be some sort of an ellipse which runs between these two focal points. At one and the same time you always find in the saint a hearty detestation of, and misery about, self, and yet a rejoicing and a joy in the Lord; and the one of necessity determines the other."^[1]

"We, according to the natural legality of our hearts, are always talking about our own goodness and our own worthiness, and we stubbornly hold to it that there must be somewhat in us in order to win the notice of God. Now, God, who sees through all deception, knows that there is no goodness whatever in us. He says that 'there is none righteous, no not one.' He knows that 'all our righteousness are as filthy rags,' and, therefore the Lord Jesus did not come into the world to look after goodness and righteousness with him, and to bestow them upon persons who have none of them. He comes, not because we are just, but to make us so: he justifieth the ungodly." ^[2]

[1] Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Sanctified Through the Truth, © 1989 by Bethan Lloyd-Jones. Published by Crossway Books, pp. 98, 99.

[2] C.H. Spurgeon, All of Grace, Moody Press, pp. 8, 9, 13.

Instructions: On the white board, place the Man sign at one end and the GOD sign at least 5 feet from it for Introduction, Lesson and Object Lesson.

Activity Stations:

- **"It's Impossible?" Handout**
 - **Suggested questions for discussion while the students work:** "This is really hard, isn't it? Do you think anybody could do this?" Even though you really want to be able to tear it all the way around in one piece, you can't. That's because it's impossible. Just as it is impossible for you to tear this so it stays in one piece, it's impossible for you to get to God by yourself.
- **Craft – "Bridge to GOD"**
 - **Instructions:** Give each student an explanation card and an adhesive-backed sheet printed with all the symbols. Color the symbols as desired. Cut out each part. Cut the chenille stem in half. Fold one half in half and form the head by twisting a circle on top. From the neck (twist) go straight down to form the body, make one twist and stretch arms out. Fold the other stem in half and connect at the arms. Go straight down to form the rest of the body. Make one twist and spread the ends out to make the legs. Turn the ends of the arms and legs out to make hands and feet. Give each student a ½ sheet of construction paper and a sandwich bag. Write his/her name on the bag. Fold the construction paper in half and put it and the pieces in the bag.
 - As the students work, ask them how they think they can become friends with God. Tell them they will learn to use these pieces to tell others about Jesus. They can use the construction paper as the background and stick the pieces on as they give the presentation.

Come sit in a group in front of the Man sign. Who can read the other sign (GOD)? Most people would like to know God and that they will be in heaven with Him when they die, but there's a problem. The Bible says we're all sinners and this keeps us from being with God. Because of sin there is this big space between us and God. Pretend that the space between the two signs is a big, deep hole. The Bible also says that we aren't good enough to get to God by ourselves. There is no way we can fix the space caused by sin without God's help. Fortunately, God has a wonderful plan to fix this problem!

Let's read **Romans 3:9-20**. Our key verse today is Romans 3:10. Read along with me. "No one is righteous—not even one." (Romans 3:10). When it says that "No one is righteous" it means that no one has right standing before God because no one is perfect. How does it make you feel that God would say that no one is righteous?

Lesson Part 1 Continued

What type of choices do you see people make that separate them from God? (Write responses on the board in the space. Be prepared to share an age appropriate example.) We want to think that other people's sin is worse than our own. But the truth is that everyone sins because we are all born with a sin nature. Even very little children sin because we are all born with a desire to be selfish. And because we all sin, we can't have a relationship with God. Does that mean God is cruel and unloving? (No.) God is love and He very much wants to have a relationship with us. But, He is perfect and His character requires that we be perfect if we want to have a relationship with Him. So what are we going to do? (Allow students to give their responses.)

Transition

Maybe if we decide not to sin anymore and try very hard to be good we can have a relationship with God. Everyone get up and stand in line here next to Man and let's see if you can get to GOD by yourselves.

Learning Activity#1 Lg. Group

Object Lesson

Goal: A tangible illustration of the impossibility of getting to God on our own.

Instructions: Make sure the GOD and Man signs are at least 5' apart. Have each student try—in one jump—to jump from Man to GOD. Instruct them to sit by the Man sign if they don't make it or by the GOD sign if they do make it all the way to GOD in one jump.

Debrief: No one was able to jump all the way to God because it is impossible. It's just like that when we try to be good enough or try hard enough to earn a relationship with God ourselves. It is impossible. But the Bible says that God wants all people to be in heaven with Him, so there must be a way.

Transition

Let's learn from the Bible how we can have a relationship with God.

Lesson Part 2 Lg. Group

Visual – "The Bridge to GOD"

Instructions: As you discuss them, place each "bridge" piece and footstep on the white board as illustrated below.

Jesus was the only person who was always good and never sinned. We know He died on the cross. Let's look at why He died and why it is important for us to know.

We have a big problem since we can't get to God on our own. Our problem is that our sin separates us from God. This is us and this is God. We can't get to God because our sin keeps us separated from Him.

- The **first footstep** says, "No one is righteous—not even one." (Romans 3:10). Everyone is a sinner. First we have to admit that, just like everyone else, we are sinners and our sin keeps us separated from God.

Lesson Continued

- The **second footstep** says, "When someone sins, he earns what sin pays—death..." (Romans 6:23). There is a huge gap between man and God because of our sin. The Bible says we are spiritually dead. That means we can't get to God to have a relationship with Him or go to heaven.
- The **third footstep** says, "For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son... so that whoever believes in Him will not be lost but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Because God loves everyone and wants to have a relationship with us, He sent Jesus to die on the cross to take the punishment we deserve for our sin. God punished Jesus in our place. On the cross Jesus paid for our sins. He covered our sins with His blood. So the cross provides the bridge for us to get to God.
- The **fourth footstep** says, "To those who believe in Jesus, He gave the right to become the children of God" (John 1:12). If you believe that Jesus died for your sins and you tell God you know that you sin and want to be forgiven, you become His child. That means you have received Him. Your sins are forgiven and the cross is your personal "bridge" to a relationship with God. And you will go to heaven when you die.

Transition

Let's get into small groups to talk about this bridge. Bring the bridge and person you made at the beginning of class.

Learning Activity# 2 Lg. Group

- Have you seen this illustration before?
- So show me with your little person where are each of you on this bridge. (Take time to discuss this with the students.)
- If you have taken all these footsteps, you have a relationship with God, even though you will still continue to sin. How can this illustration help you when you sin? (Remember that God has already forgiven you because Jesus was punished for all your sins. You can always turn back to Him and build a closer relationship with Him.) As you desire to know God you will decide to learn His Bible so you can know Him better. As you get to know what His Bible says and take steps of faith to do what He tells you, God will change you to become more and more like Him.
- Are there any questions about this illustration?

Missions Prayer: Talk about and pray for the Oasis Giving Campaign.

Let's pray now and thank Jesus for dying on the cross so we can be with God forever. Let's pray that this bridge will help us remember that He will always love us and we can always go to Him.

Have students practice explaining the "Bridge to GOD" with each other. Use this time to answer any questions the kids may have!

Optional Activity