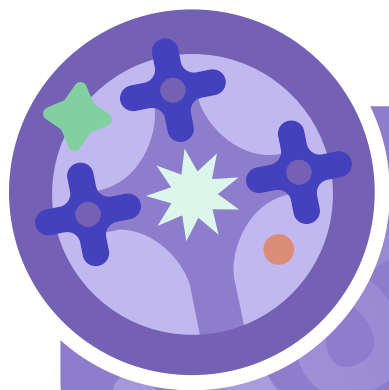


WEEK OF JULY 30, 2023



BROKEN

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN



TALK TOGETHER

HAVE YOU EVER SORTED THINGS INTO GROUPS?

Maybe you've separated your dirty clothes from your clean clothes or separated your markers from your crayons.

When you separate things out, they are no longer together. The groups don't belong with one another.

Did you know when you were born you were separated from God? We all think, say and do things that disobey God. Those things are sin, and our sin separates us from God. There is nothing we can do on our own to fix that.

There is good news though! God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. If you believe Jesus died for your sins and trust Him as your Savior, you are saved and no longer separated from God. **You belong with Him.**

In a letter the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, he asked a question about this. **Can you help me find Romans 8, verse 35? The book of Romans is in the New Testament.**



TALK TOGETHER

Family conversations with God's Word.



MORE TO EXPLORE

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



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Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL TRIBULATION, OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION, OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS, OR DANGER, OR SWORD?

ROMANS 8:35

Paul knew believers would face hard times. But Paul also knew God is always with believers because NOTHING can separate God from His people. **Let's read what Paul wrote in Romans 8, verses 37-39.**

NO, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US. FOR I AM SURE THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS NOR RULERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT NOR THINGS TO COME, NOR POWERS, NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:37-39

There is nothing in all of God's creation that can separate us from His love. There is nothing bigger or more powerful than He is. We can be convinced absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love!

Think about it this way, have you ever made chocolate milk?

Once you mix the chocolate with the milk can you separate them back out? You can't take the chocolate out of the milk or the milk out of the chocolate. When you accept Jesus as your Savior you belong to God, and you can't be separated from Him.

Does that mean life will be easy and everything will always go our way? Unfortunately, no. There will be times when life will be hard. Someone in our family may get sick. It may feel like everything is going wrong, and you may wonder why God would let these things happen.

But we can have hope. We are not alone. Nothing can separate us from God and His love. Every struggle we have, every tear we cry, every time we are left out or feel alone, God is with us. God is a good and loving Father, and He has promised He is for us and with us ... always. **As a child of God, NOTHING will ever be able to separate us from God's love.**



* MORE TO EXPLORE

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GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: ROMANS

This week's story comes from the book of Romans. Romans is an epistle, or letter. The book was written by the missionary Paul. In this letter, Paul writes to the Romans and presents a detailed explanation of the Gospel.

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOD IS WITH ME OR LOVES ME?

There are times you may feel like God is far away. Try reading your Bible, talking with God or journaling. Sometimes the things we watch (live movies or social media) or listen to can affect how we feel too. Remember, if you are a child of God, He is always with you! But sometimes we need to turn off distractions and spend time with Him!

OT-NT CONNECTION

The book of Psalms is full of the prayers of people thanking God for His presence. It is a good place to go when we aren't sure what to pray.

- God is faithfully with us (**Psalms 23**).
- God is with us and is our refuge (**Psalms 46**).
- We can trust God and know He with us in trouble (**Psalms 91**).

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Psalms 62:8 says: Trust in [God] at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. David was facing serious trouble, and yet he knew God was a safe place to pour out his heart. Write an honest prayer to God, pouring out your heart and your feelings to Him.

I STILL SIN EVERY DAY; DOES THAT SEPARATE ME FROM GOD?

We are imperfect humans who sin every day. If we have accepted Jesus as our Savior we are a child of God. When we sin, we remain God's child, but our closeness and fellowship with God suffer. We can have confidence God will forgive us when we ask Him to, and that He will restore our fellowship with Him. **1 John 1:9** says: *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

READ



Read **Ephesians 1:3-6** and **John 1:12-13**. Be encouraged God chose you before the foundation of the world. When you trust Jesus as your Savior, God accepts you as His son or daughter. He loves you with a love that can never be taken from you.



THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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MEMORIZE

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JESUS OUR LORD.**

(ROMANS 8:38-39)

**Q: WILL ANYTHING
EVER SEPARATE ME
FROM GOD'S LOVE?**

A: NO

SHARE

Tell your child about a hard time when you needed God to remind you He was with you. How did knowing God loved you help you get through that hard time?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

**DEAR GOD, THANK YOU THAT
YOU ARE WITH US ALWAYS,
EVEN WHEN WE ARE LONELY
OR HURTING. HELP US TO
REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOU
LOVE US AND THAT NOTHING
CAN SEPARATE US FROM YOU
AND YOUR LOVE. AMEN**

SCRAMBLED EGGS



Let your child separate an egg, putting the yolk in one bowl and the white in another. What does the white look like? How is the yolk different? Have your child pour the yolk into the white and whisk them together. Can you tell the white from the yolk? You can no longer separate the whites from the yolks. Tell your child once we accept Jesus as our Savior, nothing can separate us from God's love. Cook up the eggs with your child and enjoy!

FAMILY PLAYDATE

One way God reminds us He is for us and loves us is by giving us a family. Spend time together playing or having a dance party as a family. At some point during your play, take a minute and tell your children that your family is a safe space for them when life is hard. Pray and thank God for giving you each other.

HIDE AND SEEK



Play Hide and Seek with your child. After a few rounds, tell your child that if they have accepted Jesus as their Savior, there is nothing that can separate them from God. They don't have to go looking for God because He is already with them and is found in the Bible and through prayer.

WORK OF ART



Let your child draw or paint a picture of themselves in a place where they may feel lonely or have a hard time. Somewhere on the paper write, "Nothing Can Separate Me from God!" Hang the art in the house where it can remind your family God loves you and is with you wherever you are.

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series as you learn that God loves us and is with us.

**SCAN HERE TO LISTEN
WHEREVER YOU ARE!**



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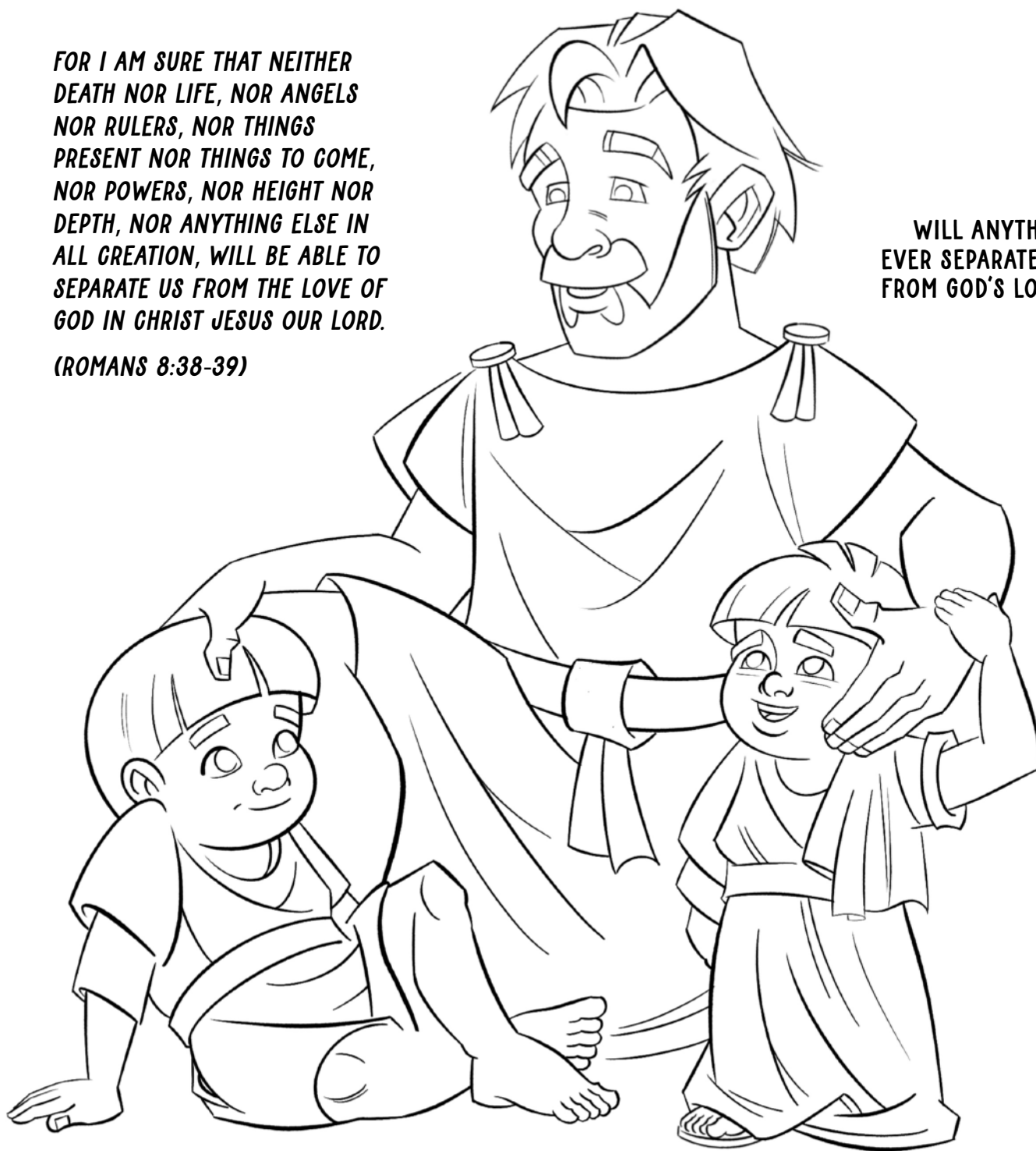
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