

WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2023



PERFECT

PREPARE



BEFORE
YOU BEGIN



TALK TOGETHER

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A FIGHT WITH A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER?

What happened? How did you make up? Did a parent or another friend help the two of you work things out?

When you fixed your friendship you reconciled with your friend. Reconciling is when you fix a relationship that has been broken.

Did you know that because of sin you are born with a broken relationship with God? The bad news is there is nothing we can do on our own to reconcile with Him. The best news ever is that Jesus made it possible to fix our relationship with God.

The apostle Paul helps us understand this. Let's read what he says. **Can you help me find 2 Corinthians, chapter 5, verses 17-21? The book of 2 Corinthians is in the New Testament.**

CONT...



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.



COLORING PAGE

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



THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME. ALL THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; THAT IS, IN CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM, AND ENTRUSTING TO US THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION. THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, GOD MAKING HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE IMPORE YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD. **FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.**

(2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21)

What is Paul talking about? God wants to have a relationship with us and was willing to do whatever it took. And what it took was His Son, Jesus, dying on the cross for our sins.

The only way to have a relationship with God is through belief in Jesus as Savior. Romans 6:23 tells us we deserve eternal death for our sin, but God offers us the free gift of eternal life through Jesus. Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us we are saved through faith and not by anything we can do.

God has done what He needed to do so we could have a relationship with Him. It was a complete and perfect fix. There is nothing we need to add or do. We only need to believe Jesus died on the cross for our sins and trust in Him as our Savior.

When Paul believed that Jesus was the one and only way to have a relationship with God, he became a new man. Instead of fighting people who followed Jesus, he shared Jesus with as many people as he could. Instead of trying to be perfect and holy on his own, he trusted it was only through following Jesus that he could be perfect.

Does being perfect in Jesus mean we will never disobey God and sin? Absolutely not. We will still make mistakes and sin, but if we are a follower of Jesus we can be confident we will one day be perfect in heaven.



* 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: 2 CORINTHIANS

This week's story comes from the book of 2 Corinthians. 2 Corinthians is an epistle, or letter. The book was written by the apostle Paul.

This is the second letter in the Bible Paul wrote to the Corinthian church. This letter reminds the Corinthian church of the truth behind the Gospel, defends Paul's ministry and warns against false prophets.

READ



Read Acts 16:25-34. What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas? What did Paul and Silas say he needed to do to be saved? There is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Salvation is based solely on what Jesus did for us. Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior?

OT-NT CONNECTION

Sin entered the world when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. Every person born since then is separated from God. There are many prophecies in the Old Testament promising a Savior who would die for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God. Isaiah 53:4-6 and 53:10 is one of those prophecies. The New Testament then tells us about the true story of Jesus, our Savior who did in fact die on the cross, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD?

Because of our sin we cannot keep God's law perfectly and are, therefore, guilty. Once you accept Jesus as your Savior you are forgiven. Romans 8:1 says, *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.* We take on Jesus' righteousness and are no longer condemned to hell.

AM I NOT SAVED IF I STILL STRUGGLE WITH SIN?

Being saved does not mean you will never sin again. Before we get to heaven, being perfect is impossible. However, that doesn't give us a license to sin. God is faithful and just to forgive us when we confess our sins. At the same time, we are also called to be diligent about becoming more and more like Jesus and not be a slave to our sin.

JOURNAL



Read Ephesians 2:8-9. We are not saved by anything we do. Salvation is a free gift from God. Write a prayer thanking God that He made a way for you to have a relationship with Him.

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

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♥ MEMORIZE

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Q: AS A FOLLOWER OF
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A: PERFECT.

SHARE

Tell your child what it means to you that because you are a follower of Jesus you will be perfect in heaven one day.

WATCH



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

PRAY

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR
SENDING JESUS TO DIE ON
THE CROSS SO WE CAN HAVE
A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.
HELP OUR ATTITUDES AND
ACTIONS TO REFLECT YOUR
PERFECT CHARACTER. AMEN

METAMORPHOSIS

Watch a timelapse video of a butterfly's metamorphosis. Notice how the butterfly is still the same animal, but it is a new creation. When we trust Jesus as Savior we become a new creation!

WORK OF ART

Tear out colorful pages from a magazine. Cut up the pages into small pieces. Have each person in your family use their imagination to make a new picture by gluing the pieces to another paper. While working on the art, talk about how you are a new creation when you accept Jesus as Savior.

BELIEVE IN HIM

Read John 3:16-18 together. Ask your child what the verse says about people who believe in Jesus? Share an age-appropriate testimony with your child about how you came to know Jesus as Savior.

FIND

This week's verse is in the book of 2 Corinthians. Help your child find the book of 2 Corinthians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series as you learn to treasure God above all else.

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



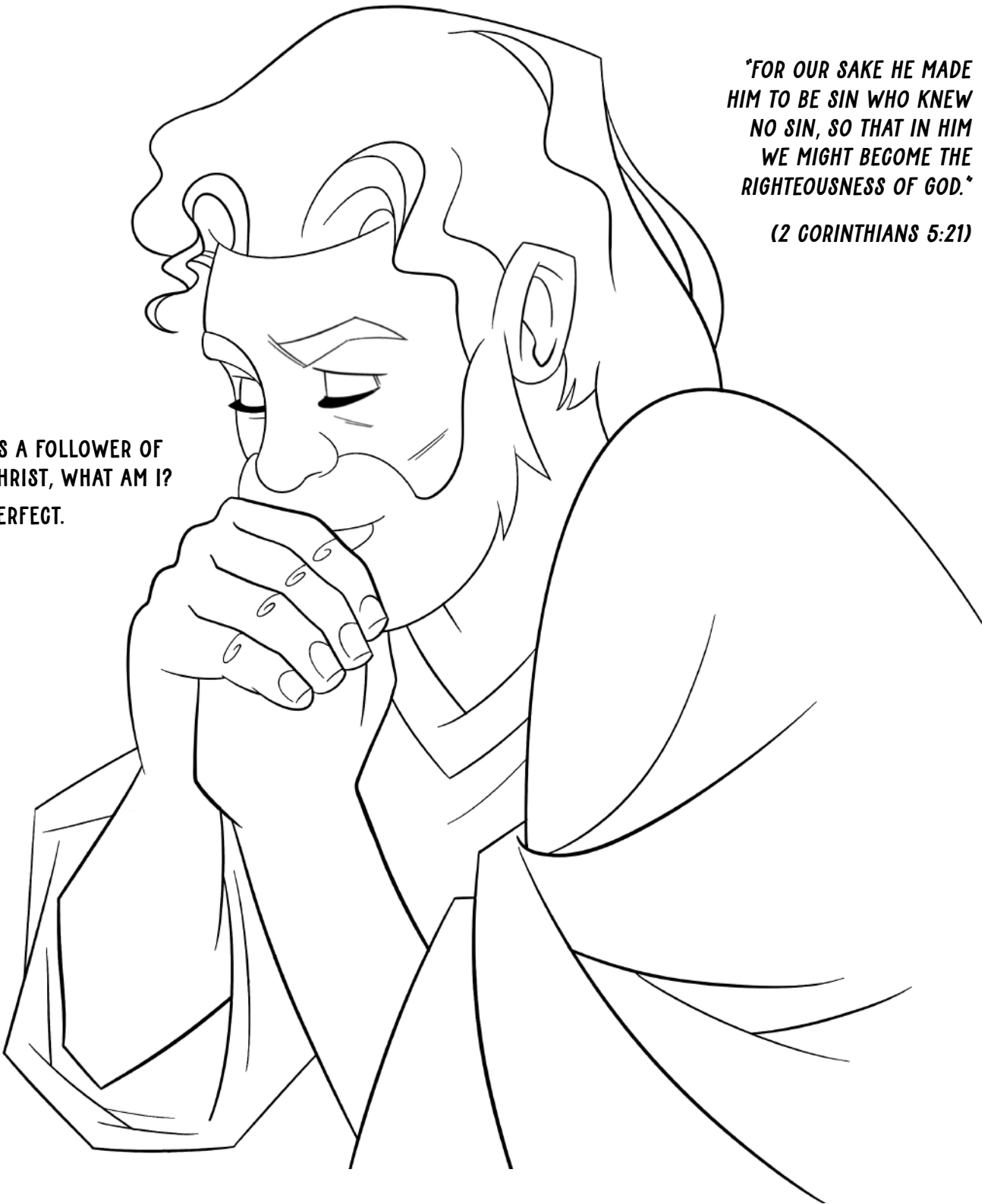
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