

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **November 14, 2021** Family Theme | **The Curse of Sin** Study Text | **Romans 1:16-32**

Objective: Help children understand they can be saved if they believe the good news about Jesus. However, those who reject the good news of the gospel suffer the wrath of God in a downward spiral of sin. Encourage them to believe in Christ and to tell others about Him.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around AD 57 when Nero was emperor of the Roman empire. Paul and others were taking the gospel to the Gentiles as Jesus had commanded them to do.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer this week and work with family members to do so as well. **What is sin? Answer:** Sin is a violation of the law of God (1 John 3:4). D6 EveryDay teaches kids that sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God's way.

Read the Word: Romans 1:16-32

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand how dangerous it is to reject God and His Word. Rejecting His revealed truth leads to a downward spiral of increasing sin.



Key Truth: Believing the Gospel Brings Salvation (Romans 1:16-17)

One of the great themes Paul wrote about in Romans was the gospel. He was not ashamed of it. He openly proclaimed the gospel because it was God's power for salvation. The gospel was meant for the entire world. It is the only hope for all people of all religions and nations. The gospel reveals the righteousness of God. This righteousness is by faith from beginning to end. We humans have a sin problem. Yet God has provided the solution through the gospel and only the gospel: the good news that we can partake of God's righteousness through faith, because of what Christ did for us.



Key Truth: People Who Reject God's Revealed Truth Make Themselves Subject to His Wrath (Romans 1:18-23)

While the gospel reveals the righteousness of God, there are things people can know about God without it. God's wrath against ungodliness and unrighteousness is revealed from Heaven. People know certain things about God, but they suppress that truth! God has clearly revealed, in the natural world and in the human mind, some of His invisible attributes, notably His eternal power and divine nature. This leaves people who reject God without excuse. They knew about God but did not honor Him. This ungrateful, self-sufficient attitude affected both their minds and their hearts. Their thinking became futile or pointless, and their hearts became even darker as they rejected the light they had received so far. This has left God with no recourse but justified wrath. The rebellious bring destruction, stubbornly insisting they can do as they want in a universe that God designed otherwise.



Key Truth: Rejecting God's Revealed Truth Leads to a Downward Spiral of Sin (Romans 1:24-32)

In these verses, Paul stated three times that God gave them up or gave them over. This refers to those who turned away from Him. Their hearts filled with lust, they naturally ended up dishonoring their own bodies. They exchanged God's truth for a lie. They deliberately worshiped the creature instead of the Creator, and God gave them up to do what they insisted on doing and to suffer the natural consequences of doing so. Having perverted their religion, people went further and perverted their own relationships, redefining the human sexual relationship. God gave them up to unnatural and dishonorable passions. Homosexual activity receives no approval in Scripture. On the contrary, its prevalence in a society likely indicates a society that God has given over to its rebellion. Verse 28 begins a list of depraved acts that touches us all at one point or another. We dare not treat the idolatry and homosexual behavior as warranting special condemnation while downplaying the seriousness of our sins.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why would we say that every person has a sin problem?
- What does it mean that the gospel is the power of God for salvation?
- Why is the gospel the only solution to our sin problem?
- In what way is it our choice whether or not to be subject to God's wrath?
- What does it mean to be abandoned to our sinful nature?
- What are some of the consequences of being abandoned to our sinful nature?
- In what ways is our culture like what Paul described in Romans 1:16-32?
- **For Elementary:** Why would we say that every person has a sin problem?
- **For Elementary:** Why do we all need God's grace?

Everyday Extras

Play together with slime, whether store-bought or made from an online recipe. Have your kids hold it in their hands and watch it roll around. As they are doing this, talk to them about how sin cannot be controlled in our own power and how it gets into every part of our lives, just like the slime. The only way to overcome sin is through salvation in Christ.

You can make this lesson memorable by pouring chocolate syrup in your child's hand. Pour about a tablespoon into your child's open palm and ask him to hold it for a couple of minutes. The syrup will ooze between his fingers and into the crevices of his palm and begin to feel very sticky. Compare this to sin and the way it affects us. Hand your child a napkin to see if it will clean up the syrup. While it might help some, the only solution is to wash it off. Remind your children that Jesus can wash away our sins when we repent.

Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned about another parable where a woman lost one of her ten coins. She searched for the lost coin until she found it, and she told her friends and neighbors. They knew the coins were special to her and they rejoiced with her. **We Are Special to God** and the angels in Heaven rejoice when we choose to follow Him.