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Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 1: A-Maze-Ing Grace

What You'll Need: Chairs, large cardboard box, Hula-Hoop®, masking tape, rope (optional: mask)

PREP: Set up a maze in the classroom using the suggested items above (e.g., have kids walk around chairs, have them crawl through the box, have them jump on an X in the middle of the Hula-Hoop, have them hop over a rope tied between two chairs).

STEP 1: Have each kid go through the maze. If time allows, blindfold a volunteer and ask him or her to choose a guide to lead them through the maze.

Ask: What part of the maze was the most challenging for you?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- A Christian's life is often like a maze. We might not be sure of which decision to make or where to go.
- There will be times in our lives when we are uncertain of our future. We may face hard times and challenges, and we may have difficulty getting along with others.
- We have the grace of God to face any situation, whether it is easy and happy or hard and discouraging. And when we rely on the Holy Spirit's help, we will grow closer to God through His grace.

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of living by grace.

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Introduction Activity (5 Minutes)

Option 2: Gifts of Grace

What You'll Need: Gift bags, tissue paper, paper, markers, *Grace in Action* handbooks

PREP: Write each of the following words on a sheet of paper: What Is Grace? Grace and Law, Grace to Be Humble, Grace to Forgive, Grace to Be Transformed, Grace in Action, Grace to Persevere. Place each sheet of paper in a gift bag and cover with tissue paper.

Set the seven bags in the front of the room.

STEP 1: Ask seven volunteers to choose a gift bag. Give them 30 seconds to pull out the paper and prepare to summarize that lesson and memory verse. Encourage them to seek help from other kids.

After 30 seconds, have kids share their summaries.

Ask the following questions:

- Why is it important to know what grace is?
- What are some key truths we need to know about grace?

STEP 2: Share these key concepts:

- Before salvation, we were sinners and enemies of God. But God offered us grace and forgiveness through Christ.
- When we trust Jesus as Savior, the Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us grow to be more like Christ. He helps us understand God's Word and apply it to our lives.
- As we grow in grace, we are able to love and serve others, forgive those who hurt us, and persevere through hard situations. God's grace is on display in our lives!

STEP 3: Transition into the main lesson by opening in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you and your kids understand the importance of living by grace.

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Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

Option 1: Panel Discussion

What You'll Need: Bible, Panel Questions handout (Resource Bundle), Overview of Grace handout (Resource Bundle), tables, chairs, scissors, plastic cup (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Ask six leaders or other adults to be a part of a panel to discuss grace. Print out seven copies of the Panel Questions handout and six copies of the Overview of Grace handout from the Resource Bundle. Give each panel member a copy of each handout ahead of time. Assign a section to each panel member so that he or she is prepared to answer the questions that correspond to the assigned section. Encourage panel members to be familiar with the information on the Overview of Grace handout and to include that information in their answers. Encourage panel members to keep their answers to under one minute and to consider age appropriateness as they craft their answers for the kids.

Cut apart the last copy of the Panel Questions handout and place the sections in a plastic cup.

STEP 1: Have panel members introduce themselves. Ask a kid to choose a paper from the cup and to read the questions on the paper aloud. Ask the panel member to whom that section was assigned to answer the questions.

STEP 2: After each panel member answers his or her questions, review the memory verse corresponding to the questions. After all the questions have been answered, share these key concepts:

- God's grace is freely offered to everyone. God gives us grace through His gift of salvation. Christ took the punishment we deserve for our sin, and when we place our faith in Christ and believe that He died for our sin and came to life again, then we will be saved from sin's punishment (John 3:16).

- There is nothing we can do to earn grace. It is a free gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 3:2-3).
- When we trust Christ as Savior, we are justified. The Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us learn more about who God is and how we can be transformed to be more like Christ (Romans 5:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:17).
- Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can say no to sin and become more like Jesus (John 14:26).
- God's grace will help us learn to be humble, forgive, help, persevere, and tell others the good news of grace through Jesus Christ (James 4:6, Ephesians 4:32, Galatians 6:9-10, Deuteronomy 31:6, Ephesians 2:8-10).

STEP 3: Conclude by saying that God's grace is so amazing that we should want to tell everyone about the grace we have received in Christ. This is the most important thing that people could ever hear!

STEP 4: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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PANEL QUESTIONS

SECTION 1 — WHAT IS GRACE?

What is grace?

How has God shown you grace in salvation?

SECTION 2 — GRACE AND LAW

When is a time you broke one of God's commands from the Bible?

How is the Holy Spirit helping you choose not to sin and be more like Jesus?

SECTION 3 — GRACE TO BE HUMBLE

How does being humble help you treat others like you should? When is a time you were not humbly submissive to an authority in your life? What happened, and how does (or how could) the Holy Spirit help you be more submissive and humble?

SECTION 4 — GRACE TO FORGIVE

What does it mean to forgive like God wants us to forgive? When is a time you showed biblical forgiveness to someone? Describe what happened.

SECTION 5 — GRACE TO BE TRANSFORMED

How is your life different now from before you were saved? How is the Holy Spirit helping you transform your life to become more like Christ?

SECTION 6 — GRACE IN ACTION

Why is it important to help those in our Christian family? When is a time you saw Christians serving each other well?

SECTION 7 — GRACE TO PERSEVERE

Can you describe a tough situation in your life in which you wanted to quit? How did God give you strength and courage to persevere?





OVERVIEW OF GRACE HANDOUT (1 of 4)

Study the section that your leader assigns you. Please be familiar with the verses, as well as the summary information. During T&T, you will be asked a question with the same number as your section number. Please use the information in your section to help you formulate your answer.

SECTION 1 — WHAT IS GRACE?

ROMANS 8:1

We can do absolutely nothing to earn or deserve our salvation, but God offers us grace. Grace is giving somebody something good that he or she does not deserve. God's grace to us begins with the gift of salvation. Christ took the punishment we deserve for our sin, and when we have faith that Jesus died for our sin and rose to life again, we will be saved from punishment. When we are saved, God says we are justified, which means that God judges us as innocent and righteous. When God looks at us, He sees Christ's perfect righteousness that covers all our sin! We also have peace with God, which means that we are no longer His enemies who deserve His wrath (very strong anger); instead we are friends of God.

SECTION 2 — GRACE AND LAW

GALATIANS 3:11

No human can keep all of God's laws perfectly. If we break one of God's laws, it's as bad as breaking all of His laws. Our good works can't save us, no matter how hard we try. Jesus is the only one who kept the law perfectly and took our punishment for breaking the law. It is through God's grace, by faith in Christ, that we can have salvation and become righteous, but God continues to give us grace after we trust Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit when we place our faith in Christ, and the Holy Spirit helps us to choose not to sin and become more like God's Son, Jesus. This is called sanctification. We could never become like Jesus on our own. We need to depend on God's grace to help us! We will never be perfect like Jesus until we get to heaven, but we can let the Holy Spirit work in us by reading God's Word, believing what it says, and praying.





OVERVIEW OF GRACE HANDOUT (2 of 4)

Study the section that your leader assigns you. Please be familiar with the verses, as well as the summary information. During T&T, you will be asked a question with the same number as your section number. Please use the information in your section to help you formulate your answer.

SECTION 3 - GRACE TO BE HUMBLE

JAMES 4:6

We please and honor the Lord when we are humble and submissive to others, especially those in authority over us. It is not easy to be humble; we must follow the perfect example of Christ, who willingly humbled Himself and looked at us as more important than Himself. We must rely on God's grace to work in our hearts to help us be humble and submissive.

SECTION 4 - GRACE TO FORGIVE

EPHESIANS 4:32

God forgives all our sins — past, present, and future — when we trust that Jesus Christ died for us on the cross and rose again. We should forgive others when we remember the way God forgave us. Biblical forgiveness is choosing to love another person even though he sinned, choosing not to punish someone for her sin, being kind and forgiving to people even if they do not deserve it and they never say, "I'm sorry." Forgiveness is also choosing to forget and stop thinking about a person's sin. Once you forgive, don't remind the person of the bad thing he or she has done to you. When we remember how much God has forgiven us, it is easier to forgive others. The Holy Spirit can help us forgive and change our hearts as we read the Bible and pray. He will help us offer biblical forgiveness to others who have wronged us.





OVERVIEW OF GRACE HANDOUT (3 of 4)

Study the section that your leader assigns you. Please be familiar with the verses, as well as the summary information. During T&T, you will be asked a question with the same number as your section number. Please use the information in your section to help you formulate your answer.

SECTION 5 - GRACE TO BE TRANSFORMED

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

We were once God’s enemy because of our sin, but God gave us mercy and grace instead of the punishment we deserved. When we trust Jesus as Savior, we are a new creation. We are justified, and we are made righteous. The Holy Spirit lives in us and helps us understand God’s Word and make choices that please God. He draws us closer to God, and we are transformed as we become more and more like Christ. Others can see this change in our lives as we are transformed through grace.

SECTION 6 - GRACE IN ACTION

GALATIANS 6:9-10

The memory verses say to do good, especially to those who are part of the household, or family, of faith. All who have trusted Christ are part of one big, Christian family that includes Christians in your church and Christians from all over the world. God wants us to first help those who are in our Christian family, and then help others outside our Christian family. Sometimes we may not feel like helping others, but the Holy Spirit can make us willing and strong to help others. We will receive an eternal reward for doing good when we rely on the Holy Spirit to help us do good to others.





OVERVIEW OF GRACE HANDOUT (4 of 4)

Study the section that your leader assigns you. Please be familiar with the verses, as well as the summary information. During T&T, you will be asked a question with the same number as your section number. Please use the information in your section to help you formulate your answer.

SECTION 7 — GRACE TO PERSEVERE

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

When we trust Jesus as Savior we are justified and we have the eternal promise of heaven, but we are not promised an easy life on earth. Sometimes God allows us to go through painful times in life to prepare us for what He wants us to do in the future. We may struggle when things do not go the way we would like them to go, but the Holy Spirit gives us strength and courage to face each situation. We are never alone; God is always with us. Even through hard times, we can know that God gives us grace to persevere.



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Discovery of... Review



Main Lesson (10 Minutes)

Option 2: Your Pictures of Grace

What You'll Need: Bibles, whiteboard and markers, *Grace in Action* handbooks, pens or pencils, markers (*Leader's Note: Larger clubs may divide into smaller groups to complete the activity.*)

PREP: Write the following titles and references on the board.

What is Grace? (Romans 8:1)

Grace and Law (Galatians 3:11)

Grace to Be Humble (James 4:6)

Grace to Forgive (Ephesians 4:32)

Grace to Be Transformed (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Grace in Action (Galatians 6:9-10)

Grace to Persevere (Deuteronomy 31:6)

STEP 1: Remind kids and leaders that God's grace is offered to everyone and that His grace continues in the lives of believers. As we continue to allow the Holy Spirit to change us to be more like Christ, we will learn to love, obey, serve, forgive, and tell others about God's grace.

STEP 2: Have kids work in pairs or small groups. Assign each pair or group one of the topics and verses listed on the board.

Encourage kids to review that topic and verse in their handbooks and create one or more pictures to illustrate the topic and verses (e.g., the pair with the first topic and verses may choose to picture grace as a gift box; the second group may picture their topic as a cross and a list of rules). Give pairs or groups five minutes to create their pictures demonstrating that topic of grace.

STEP 3: After five minutes, have pairs or groups present their pictures and read their verses in the order listed on the board.

Share these concepts:

- God's grace is freely offered to everyone. God gives us grace through His gift of salvation. Christ took the punishment we deserve for our sin, and when we place our faith in Christ and believe that He died for our sin and came to life again, then we will be saved from sin's punishment (John 3:16).
- There is nothing we can do to earn grace. It is a free gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-9, Galatians 3:2-3).
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STEP 4: Conclude by sharing with kids that God's grace is so amazing that we should want to tell everyone about the grace we have received in Christ. This is the most important thing that people could ever hear!

Close the lesson in prayer, thanking God for His amazing grace.

STEP 5: Follow up with Lesson Application questions and Sum It Up statements from the Large Group Guide.

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