



Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: 3 "Stories of Grace" cards

1. Getting Started

Encourage kids to discuss this question: What is the best gift you have ever received?

2. Discussion Questions

- How did Gabby show grace to Samantha? (Letting her do the announcements.) How could Gabby show grace to Bowie? (Forgiving him, being kind.)
- Have you ever been given something really good that you didn't deserve? How did you feel?

3. Hands-On Option

Look Up and Read: 1 Timothy 1:13-14. These verses are about how God's mercy and grace changed Paul's life.

Say This: Grace is when we get something good that we don't deserve. Paul, who was also known as Saul, was someone who had done some mean and hurtful things. Instead of punishing him, God gave him another chance and showed grace. Let's take a look at some other people from the Bible who experienced grace and discover how it changed their life.

Do This: Read the "Stories of Grace" to the kids. Halfway through you will ask what they think that person deserves. Then you will read how Jesus shows them grace.

Discuss: If you did something wrong and someone gave you grace, what do you think your response would be? (Thankful, do things differently next time)

The Point: When we follow Jesus, we are given grace for our mistakes and the things we do that we know are wrong. We don't have to do anything to earn it – grace is a gift! God loves us and will always give us a second chance.

4. Wrap-Up and Prayer

Ask: What was the best part of your week? What was something tough that happened this week?

Do This: Pray with the kids.