

# WEEK 3

## GOD SENT HIS SON ROMANS ROAD TO SALVATION ELEMENTARY LESSON GUIDE

### THE FOUR KEYS . . .

## KEY VERSE

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

## KEY IDEAS

1. Admit to God that you are a sinner.
2. Believe that Jesus is God's Son, died on the cross, and rose again.
3. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord of your life.

## KEY PASSAGE

Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 8:1

## KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

that Jesus died for their sins and they can have eternal life in Him.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

encouraged that their sin can be forgiven forever.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

memorize and share the Romans Road.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

# INTRODUCTION

The Romans Road to salvation is a key learning tool for the Gospel. Through memorization, kids can begin to easily recall the Gospel message and share it with others.

## OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Bring in an old Rand McNally map and hold it up for the class to see. Ask them if they know how to read a road map like this one. Say, "Before we had our cell phones, or GPS devices, people only had these road maps. You had to know how to read it to be able to get to where you needed to go." Explain that in order to read a map, you first have to know the purpose of it. Then you need to learn the elements (map key, city names, interstate numbers, distance, landmarks, etc.). Once you understand the elements that make up a map, you can figure out how to get from Point A to Point B. The map becomes your guide. The Romans Road is a map for the Gospel. You first have to know that the purpose of it is how to accept salvation in Jesus Christ. Then you must know the elements, or the Bible verses that make up the Gospel. Then you can know how to be saved.

## KEY IDEAS

Read Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 8:1. Then use the following points for guided discussion.

- Admit to God you are a sinner.
  - What does it mean to admit to God that you are a sinner? You recognize the sin in your life, you repent of it, and decide in your heart that you no longer want to do those things.
- Believe that Jesus is God's Son, died on the cross, and rose again.
  - How is Jesus God's Son? God is Triune, or 3 in 1. This means that He is one God but has 3 separate forms or persons. He is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each one has a different role but they are all connected. Jesus has always been God and existed before time with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus became man when He was born on earth for the purpose of saving us. He is equally God and equally man.
  - Why did He die on the cross? Jesus died for us as our perfect substitute because we can never be perfect and the only acceptable payment for sin is a perfect sacrifice. Jesus took our place and paid the price we could not pay.
  - How do we know that He rose again? Jesus appeared to His followers and there were over 500 eyewitnesses that saw Jesus after He rose (1 Cor. 15:3-8). We have His Word today that was written by His followers and preserved since it was first written. And most of all we can believe because the tomb is still empty today!
- Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord of your life.
  - How do we confess Jesus as Lord? Once we believe and place our faith in Jesus for salvation, the next step is to tell others about what He has done for us and of His love for them, too. (Matt. 28:19-20)

## Activity

Play a game of 'Twister' Romans Road style. Set it up by writing out each verse of the Romans Road (minus the reference) on different colors of construction paper. Cut them out into different shapes and tape them around the room (some on the wall, floor, table, etc.) Use the Twister board provided in the supply closet. The board contains the references for each of the verses. Instruct the kids that when you spin the board, they have to go find the verse that corresponds to the reference the pointer landed on, place their hand on the verse, and the first kid to get to it will say it out loud. Keep going until all verses have been said at least once. You can keep playing with any remaining class time.

## Prayer

Thank God for providing a road map for us to understand how we can be saved. Ask God to help you memorize and understand His word so that you can accept it in your heart and share it with others.

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

## ACTIVITY

Memorize the key verse John 3:16 and each of the verses in the Romans Road.  
Romans 3:10, 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9, 8:1

Create an obstacle course in your home. It can be in one place or in different rooms. Set up challenges at each station such as a Hula hoop station, balance on one foot, cup stacking, etc. At each station, assign one of the verses of the Romans Road. Be sure to have a station for each verse. Instruct your child to work through the obstacle course starting with the first station. At each station, he/she must do the activity until they are able to successfully say the verse assigned to that station (complete with the reference) by memory without looking! Once they complete the course offer them a prize or treat!

## DISCUSSION

In your own words, share the Gospel with someone who has never heard it before. Think about the verses in the Romans Road to help you.

## PRAYER

Thank God that He has given us salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son. Ask God to help you believe in Him and share the Gospel with others!