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LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that Jesus + Nothing is the True Gospel

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POP QUIZ: TRUE OR FALSE

E.g.

1. In space, it is impossible to cry.

True (there is no gravity, so tears cannot flow)

2. Slugs don't have any noses.

False (they have four)

3. Most Eskimoes have fridges.

True (to keep their food from freezing)

4. An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

True

5. Thomas Edison, who invented the lightbulb, was afraid of the dark.

True

6. Taphephobia is the fear of losing your teeth.

False (it's the fear of being buried alive)

7. The letter "t" is the second most common letter used in the English language.

True ("e" is the first)

In a world of #FakeNews, it is not always easy to tell what is true and what is false. But it is very important to know which Gospel is true.

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LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

Author: Paul

Date Written: AD 50

Chapters: 6

Summary: The letter to the Galatians was written to Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews, e.g. you and me) who had come to faith in Jesus Christ. They believed in Jesus and accepted Him into their heart as Lord and Saviour. Everybody was happy.

But at that time, some Jewish believers, called Judaizers, insisted that the non-Jewish believers obey the Jewish laws (the Law given to Moses in the Old Testament). They said things like, "Yes, Jesus saved you ... but ... it is not enough just to believe! You still have to keep the 10 Commandments! You need to be circumcised!"

This caused a great tension in the church.

Paul was very angry at this "False Gospel" being taught. So wrote this letter to explain how those who are saved through Jesus Christ are no longer under the Law. All believers, no matter what their background, are justified by faith alone through Christ alone. And this faith in Christ brings freedom from the law of sin and death.

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Q&A

Get the kids to answer from Scripture. Try to encourage all kids (esp the quieter ones) to respond.

1. How did Paul introduce himself in the letter? (v1)
an apostle sent by Jesus Christ
2. How did Paul describe Jesus in v2?
the One who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age
3. How did Paul describe this "False Gospel"? (v6)
a different gospel, no gospel, perverted gospel
4. Did Paul sound happy about the situation? (v6-9)
Not at all! He was "astonished" that the Galatians were deserting the grace of Christ; He said those (even angels) who preached "a different gospel" would be under God's curse (Paul must be very, very mad!)
5. How did Paul know the True Gospel? [show 1 vid of Paul's Conversion:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1gUaLM4dhrQoVmCvgPn6qns_OaB9ORbsR?usp=sharing]
6. Paul went on to explain that after Jesus appeared to him, he did not go to see the other disciples. Where did he go instead? (v17)
Arabia, Damascus
7. Only after 3 years did Paul go to Jerusalem. Which apostles did he meet?
Cephas (Peter) and James (Jesus' brother, who was head of the church)
8. Why do you think Paul wanted to explain all these? (v11-12)
He wanted the Galatians to know that the gospel he preached was not from man but was revealed directly to him by Jesus.
9. What was the biggest testimony Paul had to convince others about Jesus' transformative power? (v23)
"The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

As a recipient of God's grace, Paul, a former Pharisee, knew the value of the freedom in Christ Jesus. That's why he was very protective over this Good News (Gospel). He couldn't let anyone take away from it or change it or pervert it by adding law. The true Gospel is Jesus, and Jesus' finished work on the Cross is ALL we need.

TAKE-HOME LESSON

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REVIEW

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They said you needed: Jesus + something else (Law)

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Q&A

Get the kids to answer from Scripture. Try to encourage all kids (esp the quieter ones) to respond.

1. In Galatians 1, we read that, three years after Paul's conversion, he went to Jerusalem for to meet Cephas (Peter) and James (Jesus' brother, who was head of the church). How long was it before he went to Jerusalem again? Who did he bring along with him? (v1)
14 years. Barnabas & Titus.
2. Who did they meet with and what did Paul want to talk to them about? Why? (v2)
They met with the leaders of the church. Paul presented to them the gospel that he had been preaching to the Gentiles (non-Jews). He wanted to make sure that what he had been teaching them — salvation and righteousness by grace alone — was correct.
3. False teachers had infiltrated the Galatian churches to spy on their freedom and try to spread false teachings. What were the false teachers preaching? (v4)
That Jesus was not enough—that the believers still had to follow the Law, e.g.circumcision.
4. What were the Jerusalem leaders' response? (underline in the text) (v3; v6-10)
 - *they did not make Titus, a Greek (non-Jew), get circumcised*
 - *they didn't add to Paul's message*
 - *they recognised that Paul is sent to preach to the Gentiles, just as Peter is sent to preach to the Jews; God was at work in both Paul and Peter*
 - *they recognised Paul and Barnabas' ministry*
 - *they asked them to remember the poor*

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5. There was some drama when Cephas (Peter) went to Antioch. What happened? (v11-v13)
In Antioch, Peter was happily eating with the Gentiles. Then when some other Jews from Jerusalem arrived, he suddenly stopped eating or even mixing with the Gentiles because he was afraid of what the Jews from Jerusalem would say. Other Jews who saw that, including Barnabas, also stopped eating/mixing with the Gentiles.
6. How did Paul respond when he saw that? (v14-18; 21)
*Paul scolded Peter in front of everyone: "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How can you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?
As Jews, we know that the Law cannot justify us (make us right).
Only faith in Jesus can justify us.
By trying to follow the Law again, then we will really be a lawbreaker.
If we can become righteous through the Law, then Jesus didn't have to come to die for us —
Christ died for nothing!*

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST

Paul went on to share a very important truth in **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Jesus = Righteousness

When we have Jesus, we have Righteousness.

When we believe in Jesus, our old self—the sinful self that tries to be righteous on our own—has died with Christ.

When He died on the Cross, Jesus took all our sin, and His righteousness became our righteousness.

So now when God looks at us, He no longer sees our sin, but Jesus' righteousness.

We did not deserve it. We did not earn it. We cannot get it by keeping the Law. It's given to us by God's grace. We can just receive it by faith in the Son of God.

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SONGS

I have been crucified with Christ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoZWRfXdh4w>

Crucified With Christ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECs6qvl87o>

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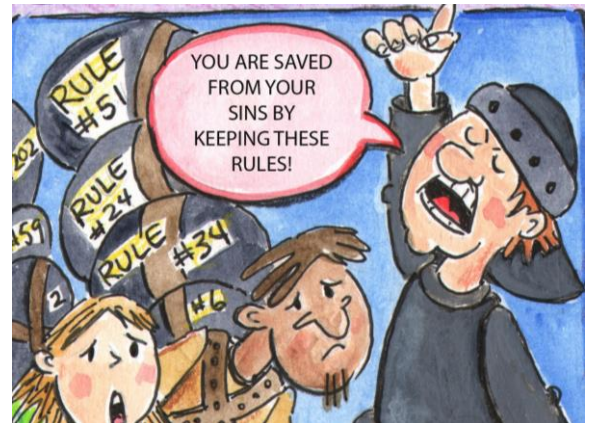
Galatians 2 (NIV)

Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. ²I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain. ³Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. ⁴This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. ⁵We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

⁶As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. ⁷On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised. ⁸For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles. ⁹James, Cephas and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised. ¹⁰All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along.

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Paul Opposes Cephas

¹¹ When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴ When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

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MEMORY VERSE

Write out **Galatians 2:20**

TAKE HOME LESSON

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Galatians 3:6-14

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This little video is adapted from the Bewitched TV show intro, where a man is married to a witch with magical powers.

Bewitched means to have a spell cast over you, e.g. hypnotised, spellbound.

We've been going through the book of Galatians — written by Paul to the church in Galatia.

What was the main problem in the Galatian church?

The Judaizers came in to tell the Galatians that Jesus was not enough. They needed Jesus + the Law.

Paul was very angry.

In today's chapter, Galatians 3, he starts ranting:

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

He goes on to ask.

² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

⁴ Have you experienced so much in vain — if it really was in vain? ⁵ So again I ask, does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you by the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?

* note: Paul used the word "foolish" quite a lot in this letter. He obviously thinks what the Galatians are doing are really dumb — turning away from the true gospel.

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LESSON

ABRAHAM

Paul brought in the example of Abraham — the Father of the Jewish nation.

Abraham was God's special friend and God called him out to be a special people. Remember how God showed Abraham all the stars in the skies? Have you ever tried counting the stars? Impossible, right? God told Abraham that he will have as many descendants as the number of stars in the sky.

This special people (Jews) had many special promises from God: A Promised Land to call home, a great nation, a blessing to all families of the world (Genesis 17)

God told Abraham: *I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*" (Genesis 12:3)

The Bible clearly records for us in Genesis 15:6: Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Even though circumcision was first introduced to Abraham — and it became a sign of God's covenant with Abraham — it wasn't circumcision that made Abraham righteous. It was Abraham's belief and trust in God that made him righteous and qualified him for all God's promises.

THE CURSE OF THE LAW

Abraham was also not righteous because He obeyed all of God's Laws. In fact, the Law (10 Commandments etc) was introduced about 430 years after Abraham through Moses.

The rules of the Law were fairly simple:

Obey fully = blessed

Disobey (just 1 Law) = cursed

Obviously, no one could keep ALL the Law ALL the time. And so, everyone was under a curse.

Galatians 3:10-12 *For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them."*

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JESUS, THE PERFECT MAN

Only a Perfect man could fulfil all the Law. And Jesus is that Perfect man.

But He didn't just fulfil the Law when He lived on earth.

When He died on the Cross, Jesus took all the curses that we deserved and exchanged them for God's blessings — as promised to Abraham. (Remember the Cross Exchange?)

Galatians 3:13-14 *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

The Law was given to protect us from sin until Christ came to save us. The Law was a guardian, a temporary measure — It's like a 'babysitter' taking care of little baby sinners until the Parent (Jesus) finished work and came to pick us up from Law Daycare Centre. Jesus then became a full -time Daddy (by dying on the cross), so we don't have to go back to that torturous daycare centre ever again.

Galatians 3:23-25

²³ *Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.* ²⁴ *So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.* ²⁵ *Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.*

If you know you had a loving Daddy to take care of you, would you want to go back to the Law Daycare Centre?

GOD'S PROMISES ARE FOR US

Now that Jesus has come, God does not look at us as Jews (circumcised) or Gentile (not circumcised). All of us who belong to Jesus are eligible to be His children and received the blessings promised to Abraham.

Galatians 3:26-29

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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Q&A

1. How was Abraham made right with God? By believing or obeying God? (v6)
Abraham was made right with God through his faith in God
2. Are we made right with God by believing or obeying God?
We are made right with God by believing in Jesus
3. Can anyone be blessed by obeying the law? (v10-11)
No, because no one can obey everything written in the law.
4. Isn't Abraham just the father of the Jews? How did people like us who are not Jews get the blessing of Abraham as well? (v13-14)
We, who are not Jews, receive the blessing God gave to Abraham through what Jesus did for us on the cross.

TAKE-HOME LESSON

Because of Jesus, we are included in God's Promises.

MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 3:29 . *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

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God's Story: Abraham & Sarah

Last Sunday, we learned about God's special promise to Abraham:

God told Abraham: *I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*" (Genesis 12:3)

The Bible clearly records for us in Genesis 15:6: Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness. Abram wasn't righteous because he obeyed or fulfilled any Law. He was righteous because He believed in God.

When we believe in Jesus, we receive His righteousness as a gift of grace. We didn't do anything to earn it or deserve it.

However, there were times when Abram/Abraham had his doubts about God's promises. Were God's promises really real? What was not shown in the first video was that Abraham and his wife Sarah decided to take matters into their own hands and "help" God. Sarah gave her maidservant Hagar to Abraham so that she can bear a son for him.

VIDEO 2

Abraham, Sarah & Hagar

All vids are in Google Drive: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TPUhzAPYymrtQ618Td79TI_GB5ul8gKt

LESSON

**ABRAHAM'S FAMILY TROUBLES**

Abraham had two sons — Ishmael from Hagar (Sarah's maidservant) and Isaac from Sarah (Abraham's wife)

But God told Abraham that the Covenant He made with Abraham was for Isaac, not Ishmael.

cref **Genesis 17:18-21**

And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

*Then God said, "Yes, but **your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.**"*

God emphasised very clearly — the child included under His Covenant with Abraham would be the son who is named Isaac and born by Sarah.

Why? Because Isaac was the true son — the son of Abraham's wife, whereas Ishmael was the son of a maidservant.

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HAGAR & SARAH

Get the children to read Galatians 4:21-26, 28-31. Prepare a photocopy of the Gal 4 passage and a blank table (as below).

The incident between Hagar and Sarah (way back in Genesis) has become a picture of us of the difference between a son and a slave.

Q&A

1. What is the main difference between Hagar and Sarah?
2. What's the difference in the way their sons were born?
3. What's the difference in the status of both boys?
4. What covenants do both women represent?
5. When we believe in Jesus, whose children are we? (Gal 4:31)

Get the children to answer and fill in the table accordingly.

HAGAR	SARAH
Slave Woman	Free Woman
According to the flesh (made own decisions – try to “help” God)	According to Divine Promise
Children of slaves	Children of promise
Moses Covenant - LAW	Abrahamic Covenant – GRACE

Let's declare together:

Galatians 4:31 *Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.*

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SON VS SLAVE

Last week, we learnt about the Law Daycare Centre.

In Galatians 4, Paul said those under the Law were “underaged heirs” — subject to guardians and trustees even though they owned the whole estate. They were in slavery to the spiritual forces of the world.

Try to imagine: What’s it like to be a slave? Can a slave or servant act like how you do at home? Can a slave leave his clothes on the floor or jump onto the master’s bed in the morning? Can he take a bite from the master’s burger? Most probably, highly likely NO. Why? Because he is not a son.

“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.”

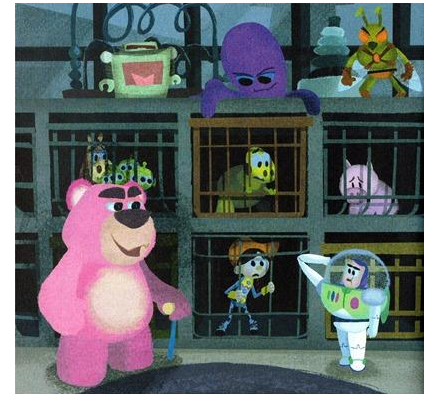
When Jesus came and died on the Cross, He redeemed everyone who was under the law and gave them the right to be adopted as children of God!

We are no longer slaves in the Law Daycare Centre.

We are loved and treasured children of God!

Let’s read **Galatians 4:6-7** together: *“Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.”*

That’s the message of grace, and what Jesus’ finished work on the Cross has done for us — exchanged our slavery for sonship!



MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 4:7 *So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.*

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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

Break the kids into small groups and share what it means to be a child of God. Pray for each other.

THANKSGIVING BOX

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Get them to fold their paper, write their name and date on top of paper and put it into the Thanksgiving Box. The Thanksgiving Box will be opened up on last Sunday of 2019 to recall all that God has done for them.

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LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that we are **FREE** to live a life of faith and love

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Galatians 5:1-15

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INTRO

MERDEKA!

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5W_L6crtJWE

This weekend is an important time in our country when we celebrate the freedom we have in Malaysia. As an independent country, we can govern our country ourselves, choose our own decisions, make our own mistakes. Malaysia is a beautiful country, and we enjoy a lot of freedom here.

But there is an even more exciting freedom that we all have! We can have incredible freedom through Jesus Christ!

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LESSON

Get the kids to read the passage of the day **Galatians 5:1-15**

DON'T BE BURDENED

¹ *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*

Illustrate: Choose a kid to stand in front with arms up in victory pose. Prepare some filled paper bags and cumbersome packages. Start draping/loading the items one by one on the kid's arms until it becomes difficult to keep the same pose. Explain how Jesus has made us free in Him, but by adding the +++ (Laws and its demands), we will only be burdened again and can't stand properly.

⁷ *You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?* ⁸ *That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.* ⁹ *"A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."* ¹⁰ *I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.* ¹¹ *Brothers and sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.*

We were running our race victoriously in Jesus. But we cannot run the race if we are bogged down with all these baggage and burdens.

DON'T FALL FROM GRACE

² *Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.* ³ *Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.* ⁴ *You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.*

Illustrate: put 2 chairs in front, fairly apart. Label 1 chair Law, the other chair is Grace. Get a volunteer to stand on the Grace chair. Say they can only choose to stand on 1 chair. You can't have 1 leg on the other. Get the volunteer try to also stand on the Law chair. By trying to do so, they will "fall" from grace. Remember ... if you want to keep the Law, you have to keep the WHOLE Law, not just pick and choose. It's either WHOLE LAW or JESUS+NOTHING.

As Paul wrote, if we want to follow the Law, then go all the way!

¹² *As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!*

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FAITH & LOVE

⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Life by the Spirit

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

We are free through faith in Jesus.

We show the freedom we have through love for our neighbours.

By loving one another, we fulfil all of God's Law.

Let's live in freedom every day.

MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 5:13 *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

Break the kids into small groups and share how we can share love to one another. Pray for each other.

THANKSGIVING BOX

Let's write down 1 thing we are thankful to God for Malaysia. Paste it on the board.

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LESSON OBJECTIVES

CHILDREN WILL LEARN ...

that Jesus bears fruits in and through us!

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

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HOOK

COCONUT SONG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w0AOGegQnFY>

MATCH THE FRUIT & TREE

Bring a few fruits for show & tell. Can be fresh (can use for snack time) or plastic or picture etc.

Who knows what fruits these are? Which tree do they come from?

Show a few different trees and get the kids to guess.

If I have a banana tree in my garden, and I want it to produce durians, is that possible? No?

I know, let me talk nicely to the banana tree. *Dear Banana tree, I really want to eat durians. Can you please give me some durians? Or just 1? Just 1 will make me happy already!*

Hmph. That's not working. Maybe I'll use my Mummy Voice and command the banana tree to produce durians!

Or let's beg banana tree to give us durians! We have to do it together, then the banana tree may agree. Please, please, pretty please ...

Oh dear. No durians ... Why do you think so? *Because banana trees give out banana fruits!*

If I want a durian, what tree should I look out for? *Durian tree!*

Oh ... so banana trees give out banana fruits. And durian trees give out durian fruits!

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INTRO

We've been going through the book of Galatians over the past few weeks.

We know that we just need JESUS + Nothing. Not Jesus +++.

We learnt about how we are under Grace, not Law.

We know the Freedom we have in Christ.

How then do we live?

Does this mean we can do whatever we want and live however we want?

Last Sunday, we learnt that when we love one another, we fulfil the entire Law (Gal 5:14).

Let's read what the rest of Galatians 5 says. (Print out the portion of Scripture — **Galatians 5:16-26** — for the kids to read)

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

²² *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.*

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LESSON

WALK BY THE SPIRIT

When we believe in Jesus, we are born again as a New Creation.

We are no longer a Sinner living in the Flesh, subject to the Law.

We are a Child of God walking by the Spirit, living by Grace.

We become part of the Jesus' tree and are Jesus' boys and girls. We don't follow our old ways of living and make our own selfish choices — that old self has been put on the Cross of Jesus! We now have the freedom to follow what the Holy Spirit leads us to do.

V18: But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

V25: Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

BEAR THE SPIRIT'S FRUIT

Just like a banana tree can only bear banana fruit, a sinner can only bear sinful fruit.

What are some of the sinful fruit we read about in Galatians 5? *Gal 5:19-21*

Similarly, a Jesus' boy and girl can only bear Jesus fruit.

What are the Fruit of the Spirit? *Gal 5:22-23*

When we look at this list, there are many attributes that we may not display in our everyday life.

For example, I get angry and frustrated very easily — I may not show joy or patience. I always want what I don't have — I may not show self-control.

But when Jesus is in our lives and we are in Jesus, His Holy Spirit bears these fruit in us!

We don't have to try to squeeze a durian out of a banana tree!

We have a Jesus tree, so we bear Jesus fruit!

Thank you Jesus that you bear fruits in and through us!

MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 5:25 *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

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ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

HUDDLE TIME

Break the kids into small groups and briefly discuss each attribute of the Fruit of the Spirit:

- What do they think it means?
- How do they show this attribute in their lives?
- Which attribute is lacking in their lives

Pray for one another.

SONG: Fruit of the Spirit (by Steve Green)

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Overview: Galatians

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WORKSHEET with ANSWER KEY

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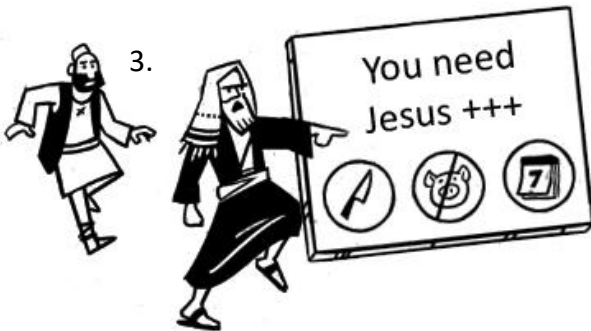
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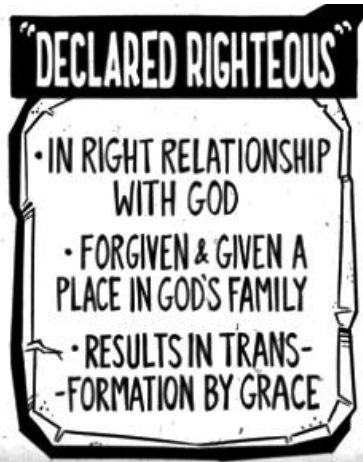
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To warn them against following a

FALSE GOSPEL

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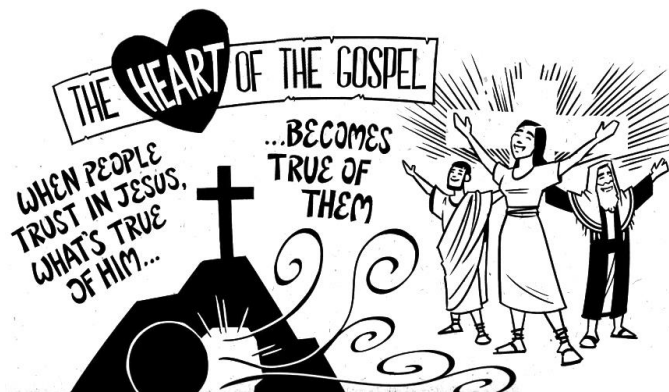
4. How are we **JUSTIFIED** (declared righteous)?

- A. Through obeying the Law
- B. Through Faith in Jesus

Refer: Galatians 2:16

5. Write out **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave His life for me.



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Galatians 3:29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Conclusion ...

Jesus' Finished Work on the **Cross**

(The TRUE Gospel of **Grace**)



Includes me in

God's **Family** & Promises



And transforms me into a **New Creation**

by His Holy **Spirit**



7. Before Jesus came, we were in the "daycare" or custody of the **Law**.



8. Who is the only one who could fully obey the whole Law? **Jesus**



9. When we try to trust in Jesus AND keep the Law, we end up **falling from grace**.

Refer: Galatians 5:4



10. SARAH vs HAGAR (Galatians 4:31)

We are **sons** not **slaves!**

11. Can you name the

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control



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