



**Zacchaeus (Luke 19) – The Grace of God**  
Tim Howey – Sunday, September 28, 2025

Grace is God's gift  
of an unending supply  
of undeserved favor  
through Jesus Christ

Mephibosheth  
(2 Samuel 4, 9)

Zacchaeus  
(Luke 19)

Are you a recipient (thankful & undeserving) of God's amazing grace?

What is grace?  
(Ephesians 1:3-10)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

**God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.**

**So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.**

**He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.**

**He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.**

**God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan.**

**And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.**

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Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Luke 19:1 NKJV

Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. Luke 19:2 NKJV

And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. Luke 19:3 NKJV

So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. Luke 19:4 NKJV

“Tax collectors had a reputation for living excessively immoral lives. Religious Jews considered them to be worse than thieves and murderers... A modern-day parallel might be a pimp, who is also a drug dealer, who runs a porn studio on the side, and funnels his profits to support terrorism around the world.” (Preston Sprinkle)

And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” Luke 19:5 NKJV

So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. Luke 19:6 NKJV

But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.” Luke 19:7 NKJV

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.” Luke 19:8 NKJV

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; Luke 19:9 NKJV

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10 NKJV

### **Like Zacchaeus, Jesus called us to open the door to Him**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. Revelation 3:20 NKJV

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. John 10:27 NKJV

### **Like Zacchaeus, we did nothing to deserve God’s amazing grace**

For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6 VNKJ

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. Romans 5:7 VNKJ

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 VNKJ

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Romans 5:9 VNKJ

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Romans 5:10 NKJV

### **Are you a recipient (thankful & undeserving) of God’s amazing grace?**

### **This Week’s OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:**

Sept 28 - Eph 4, Family Focus – Eph 4:7-16  
Sept 29 – Psa 68, Family Focus – Psa 68:17-20  
Sept 30 - Reflection & Prayer  
Oct 1 – Eph 5, Family Focus – Eph 5:6-17  
Oct 2 – Eph 6, Family Focus – Eph 6:1-9  
Oct 3 – Phil 1, Family Focus – Phil 1:2-7  
Oct 4 – Phil 2, Family Focus – Phil 2:1-11

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**NURSERY**

# GOD MADE FAMILIES

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

In this series, we will learn that God made our families and that He cares so much for them! We learn about the story of Abraham and Sarah, and how God gave them a family with their son Isaac.

**Memory Verse:** “God made families.” Genesis 1:26a (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** I’m Happy That God Made Families

**Parent Connect:** Look through pictures of your family with your toddler and ask them “Who made our family?” (God). Tell them how happy and thankful you are that God made each member of your family. Help them think of ways their family makes them happy.

**GKJR**

# GOD IS MIGHTY

In this series, kids will discover that God is mighty- stronger than sickness, armies, fear and even enemies! Through the stories of Elisha’s miracles, Jehoshaphat’s victory through praise, Naaman’s healing, and Hezekiah’s trust in God, kids will learn that God helps His people in powerful ways.

**Memory Verse:** Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God.” Isaiah 41:10a

**Heart of the Lesson:** King Hezekiah | 2 Kings 18-19, Isaiah 36-37

**Parent Connect:** Scan the Qr code and rewatch our Lego version of the story from this week with your kid. What happened in our story?

**ELEMENTARY**

# KIDS CHOICE

ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE



The Kid’s Choice series gives our kids an opportunity to choose what we talk about. In this series, we will answer three big questions all about the Bible. Who wrote it? How do we know its true? Why should I read it? All of this and more will get answered.

**Memory Verse:** “Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.” Luke 18:16

**Heart of the Lesson:** The Bible is our instruction manual for life! | Ephesians 4

**Parent Connect:** The Bible gives us lots of instructions on how to live our lives. Grab your Bibles and look up the following verses: Exodus 20:1-17, Luke 12:31, Matthew 22:36-39 Talk as a family about how you can apply these verses to your lives and how they act as our instruction manual for life.

# GRACE

Grace is God giving us what we don't deserve: kindness, forgiveness, and a place in His family. In this series, we'll learn how to see grace the way that God does. We will explore what grace looks like, how it shows up in the Bible, and how it changes our everyday lives.

**Memory Verse:** "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God." Ephesians 2:8

**Heart of the Lesson: God's Grace to Zaccheus: Salvation - God's grace saves us. (Luke 19:1-11)**

**Parent Connect:** Invite your student to share a moment when they realized they needed help or a second chance. Discuss how God's grace meets us where we are, even when we feel far from Him. Encourage your family to think about ways they can point someone toward Jesus or show grace to someone struggling with mistakes or rejection.