In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 34
Jesus: Perfect Law Keeper

Themes:

- Jesus is fully God and became fully human.
- Jesus was tempted just like Adam, but did not sin.
- Jesus kept God's holy and righteous commands, succeeding where all other people have failed.
- Jesus was victorious over Satan, fulfilling the Old Testament promises.

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11; 5:17; Romans 5:12

Memory Verse:

John 1:14b (and review verses 1-14a)

Jesus Fulfilled These Old Testament Clues:

GOD'S HOLY LAW, PERFECT OBEDIENCE—LIFE, HEEL AND SERPENT

Home and Heart:

Review the events of Genesis 3:1-19. What was the outcome of Adam's "contest" with the serpent? Read Romans 5:12. How is this verse proven to be true in the world? Was Adam the only one affected by this? Do you think you could have done a better job than Adam? Why or why not? Explain to your child what the word "inherit" means. When Adam and Eve had children, their children inherited their guilt and *sin nature*. Read Romans 5:19a and 3:23. Why is this a problem for us, too? Read Romans 5:18. Does God know and understand our problem? Is there any help for us? Read Romans 5:19b-21. How can Jesus' perfect obedience (righteousness) help unrighteous sinners? Read and discuss 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Review the contest between the devil and Jesus from Matthew 4:1-11. What did Jesus use as a "weapon" to defeat the devil? [God's Word.] Have you ever used God's Word to keep you from sinning in a certain situation? Can you give an example of a verse that has helped you? Are you ALWAYS successful? Why not? Is there a way Jesus' success can also cause you to succeed? For example, what if you are on a team in which only one of the players is able to score runs or goals? Are you still a winner if your team wins, but you fail to score even once? When the first place ribbons are handed out, will you get one along with the other team members? What was the "prize" Jesus earned because of His perfect obedience to God? [Eternal life.] How does a person become a member of Jesus' winning "team"? Read and discuss Ephesians 2:4-9. What does God do for those on Jesus' "team"? Is the prize something we have earned? What is "grace"? [Grace is God's kindness to undeserving sinners. Grace is a free gift from God.] What is "faith"? [Trusting in and depending on Jesus for Who He is, what He has done, and what He has promised to do.]



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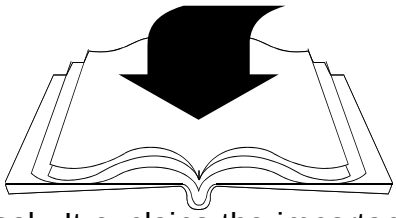
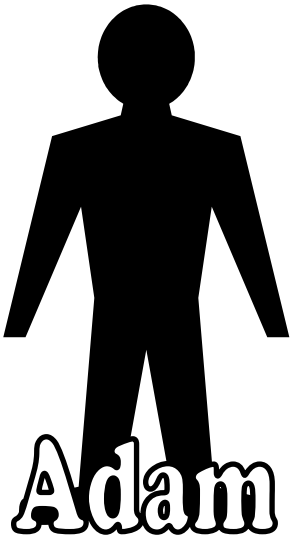


ROMANS

Romans is a very special book. It explains the importance of Jesus' perfect righteousness—His perfect law-keeping—and how this was necessary for Him to save unrighteous people (sinners). This week, read Romans 5 and look at the figures below, representing Adam and Jesus. Read the eight words or statements in the middle box. Draw lines connecting each word or statement to what each man had rightfully *earned*. Then, look at the figure in the box labeled, "A sinner saved by GRACE through FAITH in CHRIST JESUS." According to Romans 5, which underlined words or statements from the middle box would belong to a person trusting in Jesus alone for his salvation? Write the correct underlined answers in the bottom box.



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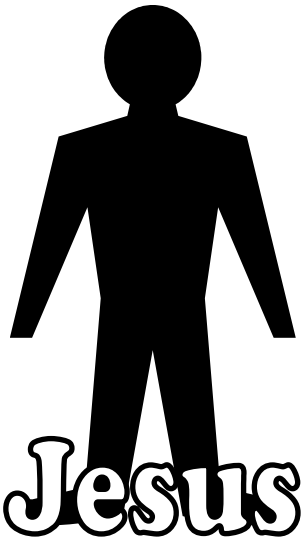

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