



Devotional #4

"God's Grace"

READ GALATIANS 6:14

"May I never boast except for in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

ROMANS 3:23-24

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ."

EPHESIANS 2:8

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

GRACE is a word you hear a lot in church, but what does it really mean? Grace is defined as the FREE and UNMERITED favor of God. Grace simply means not getting what you deserve. As humans we can give grace to others. Like when we offer other people grace when we don't return a snarky comment. We offer them grace when we forgive them for a wrong done against us. In all of those situations, we don't give the other person what they deserve.

GRACE is important because God offered us grace by sending Jesus to die on the cross. Sin separates us from God. We can never bridge the gap between us and God created by our SIN. However, grace means that God sent Jesus to die in our place and rise again so that the gap between us and God could be closed forever. He has taken our punishment or consequence for all of our wrong doings. We don't deserve for Him to do that, but He loves us so much He decided to give us grace anyway.

We don't live in a world where grace is practiced a lot among people. Because of this, we often don't expect to receive grace from others or from God. In some ways we're right to think of ourselves as unworthy of God's grace. We are sinful and we do mess up again and again. Truthfully, humanity is a mess. But Psalm 103:13 says, "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on his faithful followers." We aren't deserving of God's love, but he lavishes it on us anyway. It's not because of who we are, but because of who He is. We must live our lives in such a way that the world sees God's grace through us.

It is because of God's grace that we can have the Holy Spirit in us, that we can be made strong, that we have God's power in us. Show the world the grace that has been given to you, not by your might but by God's.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for giving us grace even when You know the darkest parts of our hearts. Thank You for dying for us and taking our punishment. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God's Grace

(Choir)

**Challenges as far as I can see.
It's hard to find a way to still
believe.**

**But His grace is enough for me,
His power is perfected when I'm
weak, and then His pow'r will set
me free.**

**His grace in me:
evidence in my life.
His grace in me;
by His Spirit,
not by might.**

**When He changed my life,
He displayed his grace to the
world.**

His grace, God's grace.

(Spoken)

Galatians six fourteen!

**(Girls - Spoken)
May I never boast,
except for in the cross
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**(Boys - Spoken)
Grace, grace.**

**(Girls - Spoken)
Through which the world
has been crucified to me
and I to the world.**

**(Boys - Spoken)
Grace, grace.**

(Girls - Sung)

May I never boast,

(Boys - Sung)

except for in the cross

(Choir)

of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Spoken)

Grace, grace,

(Sung)

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God's grace.**

**His grace,
God's grace.**

**His grace,
God's grace!**

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What Does That Mean?

Here are a few words/phrases you learned in this song and what they mean.

This will help you understand better what you are singing about.

GRACE

God's Riches at Christ's Expense

PERFECTED

To be made perfect

EVIDENCE

Proof of something

NOT BY MIGHT

When something happens not because of strength

BOAST

To brag about something

THE WORLD HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED TO ME

The things that most people worry about, and the material possessions that people want don't matter to me anymore

CHALLENGES

Difficult times and circumstances

Verses to Put in Your Heart

These verses go along with the song to help you know what the Bible says.

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

"But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you. For my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.'"

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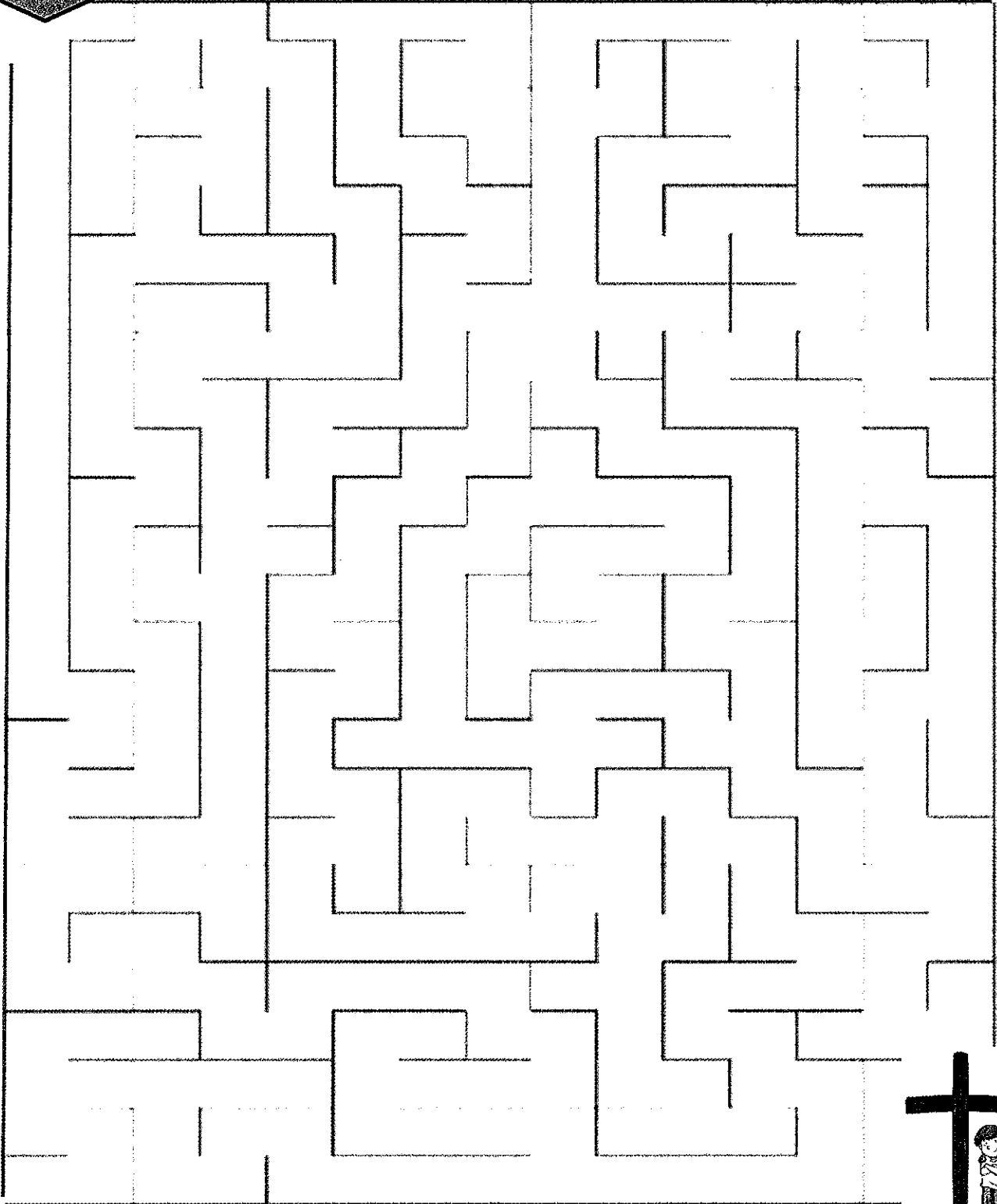
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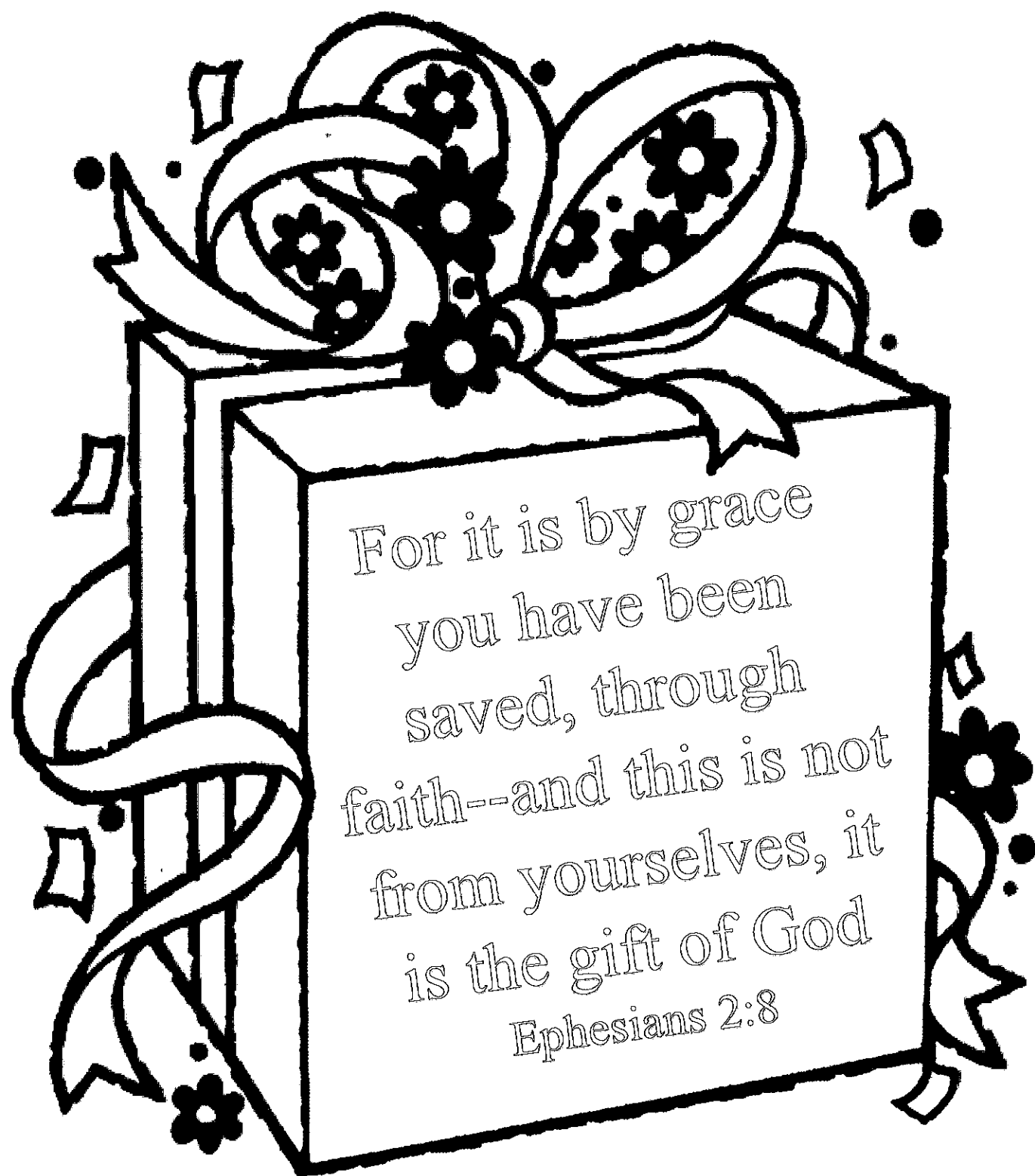
The Grace Race



Can you find your way through the grace race maze to the cross of Jesus?



The Gift of Grace



Lessons For the Week

What has God taught me this week?

What things have pulled me away from being everything that God wants me to be?

What have I done this week to show God I am becoming more like Christ?

My prayer for the week:

When you have completed the "GOD'S GRACE" devotional, have your parents sign this page, tear it out and return it to your WoW teacher.



My Child

Grade/Color

has completed the devotional for:

"God's Grace"

Date Completed

Parent Signature