



Unit 11, Lesson 43

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: GALATIA GALATIANS 2:15—3:29

THE STORY HOME

Great news! We're in Galatia with this letter from Paul. It's recorded in Galatians 2:15-3:29 how Paul reminds this baby church that keeping laws only—or doing certain deeds—doesn't save them from sin. It's too easy for many people to believe as they're so used to living by church laws and petty rules. Some people put their salvation security in their behavior but external rules can never make an internal heart difference. Faith in Jesus' love act on the Cross is our salvation.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Some religions teach a set of rules to live by and that the rules will get their followers to heaven. I wonder, if you met such a follower, what you might share with him or her.
- Have you ever thought a chore, job, or homework assignment was too easy? Did you think maybe you misunderstood it because it was so easy?
- Doing good works is a good thing. It's nice to be nice. Will this get you a place in heaven?

TOGETHER HOME

Warm up your vocal chords! If your children don't know the old hymn, Standing on the Promises, teach them the words. If you can find it on a CD or the Internet, encourage them to listen to the song. Then together sing this great hymn of assurance. To engage your children more, add hand and body movements like standing up from a sitting position, or cup your hand by your mouth pretending to shout as you sing.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Recite together this month's memory verse, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) Every morning before leaving for school or other activities, repeat this verse with your children and give them the "gift" of a hug. Make it a week of happiness and rejoicing in God's good gift of salvation.

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