



Unit 11, Lesson 44

## TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: EPHESUS EPHESIANS 4:1—6:18

### THE STORY HOME

A prisoner for Christ! In the letter to the church at Ephesus, Paul is telling others about the good news of salvation, use of spiritual gifts and graces, not saying filthy words, brotherly love, the duties of parents and children. He's teaching about purity and holiness. Paul recognized the Galatians believed they could earn God's favor by obeying certain commandments or rules. Paul is telling the church that the law is important but the law will not save them from their sin. Salvation is only found through the atoning death of Jesus.

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- I wonder, if you were thrown in jail for telling the truth, how would you feel?
- Paul was a letter-writer. If you could pick anyone in the world to write a letter to, who would you pick? Why?
- Paul talks about putting on the full armor of God to protect us from the devil. Can you name some of the pieces of full body armor?
- In the video and the Bible verse, we get the image of sandals of readiness. How do you think you're prepared to walk the talk of God's goodness?

### TOGETHER HOME

These Bible passages in Ephesians are Paul's letters to the people living in Ephesus. Write a letter together. Pretend you're writing a letter of instruction to someone who just learned about Jesus and the free gift of salvation. If you have a young child who cannot write yet, encourage him or her to recite the words to you as you print the letter.

### BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Recite together this month's memory, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) Since the children saw a video on the armor of God, print this Bible verse on a paper cut-out of a breastplate or of a large belt. (You may find patterns for these on the Internet.) Tape up the piece of the armor with the Bible verse so they can see it daily.

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