

Grace

Grace is amazing

Sing amazing Grace “amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Grace covers the worst of our sins

Confess the darkest sins you're struggling with now, ask if anyone is struggling with the same sin

God's grace leads up to a personal relationship with Jesus

Share your lowest & highest points in your relationship with Jesus

God's grace & mercy work when we confess our sins to Him

Lead the group in a time of confessing their sins to God. Lord i need your grace & forgiveness because____

Grace brings joy to our hearts

Do a cheer for the group

Showing grace to others takes some work

Tell of a time you did not extend grace to another person. Did you make it right or do you still need to?

Grace is “unmerited divine assistance”

act out what each of these 3 words mean

Because we are given grace, we also live by grace

Tell a story about how grace inspires you to live for God

Grace is a gift from God

Find 3 items in the room that represent grace & explain why & how

God graciously created the world & us

Share one thing you don't like about yourself & 3 things you really like about you

Grace means we sometime have to be creative

Mime eating your favorite food– let the group guess what it is. Describe how Grace is like your favorite food

We can experience grace because of Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross

Read Luke 23:44–49– then act it out

God has graciously made plans for you

What gracious promises are you praying God will fulfill in your life?

Read Ephesians 2:8–9 Our relationship with Jesus is an extraordinary gift of grace

When was a time when you tried to earn God's blessing? What happened?

Read Ephesians 4:32

Each group member has pen & paper & writes down this list & next to each something about this person:

mom dad brother sister teacher coach coworker

best friend boyfriend/girlfriend classmate teammate neighbor

if any names stir up a negative feeling in their heart draw a frown face if any a good feeling draw a happy face, discuss, pray for God to extend his grace on everyone of these people

Read Hebrews 4:16 We can enter God's presence because of grace. Play “I can only Imagine” by Mercy Me

When was a time you met someone famous or important?

How did you feel? nervous, scared, excited, normal?

What do you think it would feel like to meet God face to face?

Read John 1:14,16

As a group make a list of 15 blessings Jesus has graciously given you

Read Colossians 4:5-6

What's the toughest spiritual question you have ever been asked? How did you answer?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:15

Share what compels you to know more about God

Read Ephesians 6:23-24 We have the awesome privilege to pray for God's grace to show up in other people's lives

Ask for God's powerful grace to work in the lives of _____. Thank God for giving his grace so generously & lovingly

Read Isaiah 30:19

Share: what's an example of something you need God's help for right now?

God is slow to get angry & quick to be gracious

Are you more likely to get angry or gracious first? why?

Read Titus 3:3-5 How do you feel about the way you fit into God's family

Read Ephesians 2:8-10 No one can brag about doing good works or being saved.

Salvation is a gift from God & God pre-prepared the good things we would do.

Instead of bragging or feeling proud, we should just thank God

Share a one sentence prayer thanking God for the free gift of salvation

Act Out Together: a scene with one person acting graciously, while the others aren't

Sketch, Show & Tell: a picture of what heaven & a gracious God will look like

Sculpt: Jesus graciously died for us on a cross. As a group sculpt a cross with everyone contributing **Discuss:** How should we respond to Jesus' grace?

Write: a prayer that your family can say together at the next family mealtime.

Bring it home & say it.

Share: how you feel when you are forgiven

Do something gracious for someone else in the group.

Discuss: how does being treated graciously make you feel?

Sketch, Show & Tell: draw a clock & show when you most like to spend time with God
sculpt together a faith sculpture you have seen

Find & share: a bible verse that talks about grace

Write down & share: One way I can be less judgmental & more gracious is ____

Think about & share: What would the most gracious person in the world say? Say it to the group like they would.

Sketch, Show & Tell: the most gracious person you know

Share: how forgiven do you feel right now.

Pray asking God to help you better accept forgiveness

Brainstorm as a group: all the positive gifts you receive because God is so gracious

Discuss: which of these do you feel most grateful for & why

Discuss: "man is born broken. He lives by mending. The grace of God is glue"-
Eugene 'Neill. Agree or disagree? Why?

Pair up & act out: a powerful scene of a person asking for forgiveness from God

Sculpt: a symbol of your relationship with your parents. **Discuss:** How can grace affect this relationship?

Brainstorm in pairs or as a group: scenes from movies with someone being gracious

Read aloud, reflect & discuss: "I'm going to heaven because of God's grace and mercy in Christ on the cross. I haven't worked for it. It's a free gift from God for me."- Billy Graham. Which part of this quote means the most to you & why?

Act out: phrase "All of us need grace" as funny, serious, curious, thoughtful, happy

Sketch, Show & Tell: draw a treasure map that leads to grace

Sketch, Show & Tell: a picture of John 14:6

Reflect & Share: In what part of your life do you need to show more grace? Sculpt a symbol for that activity or situation

Brainstorm: a list of blessings that can be taken for granted. Discuss: how can we not take God's blessings for granted?

Act out: Read Mark 2:1–12 Act out what you would have done & said if you had just been healed & forgiven by Jesus

Sketch, Show & Tell: a poster that could be used to advertise your group. Emphasize the best things about your group. How would grace be a part of it?

Share: the number of times you need and thank God for his forgiveness throughout the day. Pray thanking Jesus for his forgiveness

Write down & share: the TV show that best represents your life & why you chose it

Reflect & Share: The thing that I am most excited about in my relationship with God is_

Act out: put yourself in the shoes of a troublemaker. What gracious words would you like to hear? Take turns saying them

Sketch, Show & Tell: in pairs taking only a minute draw a picture of grace– the partner tries to guess what it is & what comes to mind

Discuss: How do grace & patience connect?

Brainstorm: at least 10 words that start with the letter “g” in grace

Reflect & Share: I have the hardest time being gracious to__

Sketch, Show & Tell: a cartoon character that is gracious

Pair up: create one descriptive word for each letter in G–R–A–C–E ex. G= gentle

Reflect & discuss: what would it be like to trust in a God who wasn't gracious?

Act out: a funny scene about grace

Sketch, Show & Tell: Using a continuous line (not lifting the pencil for the paper) draw a picture of what grace means to you

Brainstorm: lyrics to an original song about God's grace

Pair ups: create freeze frame scenes that portray grace

Act out: a news show about grace– include broadcasters, weather people, sports etc.

Discuss: How can your group be better at giving grace?

Share: which person from your church has been the most gracious to you? How?

Act out: a reality show about grace

Sketch, Show & Tell: a picture of someone not being gracious

Brainstorm & discuss: 5 things you've learned about grace, share this list with your parents & family **Pray:** Lord thank you for__

Act out: a TV commercial promoting grace

Sketch, Show & Tell: Read Romans 11:6– sketch this description of grace

Sculpt: besides the cross, sculpt what other symbol represents grace

Live: there are people in your life who do not know God's grace– pray for them regularly to be showered with Gods' love

Commit: to spending more time with your gracious God

Reach out: to a person you have been holding a grudge against & not offering grace & ask for forgiveness

List & share with your parents: all the gracious gifts you have in your life

Share: with someone not in your group what you have learned about grace

Challenge yourself: what is another way you will live by grace this week?