



DIG DEEPER WEEK 3



Take a moment to pray to Jesus as a family and thank Him for paying the price of your sins. Then, live today confidently, knowing you are forgiven!

THE GIFT OF GRACE AND ITS IMPORTANCE IN INDIA

Have you ever said or done something mean to your brother, sister, or friend? Did you get in trouble for it? Maybe you were given a time out or another kind of consequence.

When we do something that God doesn't want us to do, we are sinning against Him. What we really deserve for our sins is death, but thanks to Jesus, we can be forgiven! Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead in order to pay for our sins. Praise Him for being a sacrifice for us! Instead of "owing God" when we sin against Him, we can simply ask Him for forgiveness and know that Jesus paid the price for our sin.

We don't deserve to be free from the consequences of sin, but that's what grace is. We can't do anything to earn it. We just have to receive it as a gift from Jesus.

In India, most people follow Hinduism, which we talked about in our Dig Deeper readings for Week One. Like Christians, Hindus know they need a way to pay for their sins, but unlike Christians, they think they need to pay for their sins themselves. They don't know that Jesus has already paid for their sins, and they just have to receive Him as their Savior.

Hindus believe that they will pay for their sins through karma. Do you remember reading about karma? To refresh your memory, take a look at the reading called "What is Hinduism?" from Week one.

Karma is the Hindu belief that, after a person dies, they will be reborn as a different person or another kind of living thing. If they sin a lot, they believe they will be reborn in a way that will punish them—maybe as a very poor person or even an animal. They believe that they will keep being reborn as something different, over and over again, until they live life "the right way." This cycle sounds so tiring, doesn't it? It's hard to do everything right for a single day, let alone for a lifetime.

When people in India learn about Jesus and receive Him as their Savior, it's such a relief. Finally, they know they can be forgiven right away when they do something wrong. They don't have to anticipate being reborn into a bad life in order to pay for their sins!

This is a big reason why Children's Bible Clubs are so important. At a young age, kids can begin to live a life free of guilt and full of God's grace!

