

Family Table Talk

for the week of March 4, 2018

Opportunity
Christian Fellowship

Read it . . .

Ephesians
2:1-10

Discuss and apply the truth of God's Word as a family.

To Know God Who Saves

Have you ever murdered someone or robbed a bank? Congratulations! You are not a bad guy. You aren't evil. On the other hand, we've all told lies. There are times we haven't shared, times we've disobeyed mom, times where we've lost our temper and said things to hurt other people's feelings. We've all sinned.

Even little sins, like complaining (as we'll read about in one of our passages this week) are like little snakes that poison our souls and kill our spirits.

As we get ready for Easter we need to remember that Jesus didn't die to make bad people good. He died to make dead people alive again. (No! not like zombies!)

That's what we mean when Christians talk about Jesus saving us. Laziness, hate, greed, and envy kill our souls (that's why they're called "deadly sins"). They start to control the way we think and act. Jesus frees us from things like that and frees us to be the kind, giving, loving people God created us to be.

<p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>Read Numbers 21:4-9</p> <p>Poisonous snakes are pretty nasty. What is so bad about complaining that God punishes the Israelites like that?</p>	<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Read Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22</p> <p>What difference has knowing God made in your life? Ask your parents that question! Do you know anyone who needs God to make a difference in their lives? Pray for them.</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>Read John 3:14-21</p> <p>There is that bronze snake we read about in Numbers! How is Jesus like that snake? Aren't snakes supposed to be a symbol of sin? (Hint: look up 2 Corinthians 5:21)</p>
<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p>Read John 3:14-21</p> <p>Make a John 3:16 poster for your room. Everybody ought to know John 3:16 by heart.</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Read Ephesians 2:1-10</p> <p>Look back at Psalm 107:1 and John 3:16 and our memory verse this week. What do they all say about how God feels about you?</p>	<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Read Ephesians 2:1-10</p> <p>Verse 10 says you are God's "masterpiece" or "workmanship". The Greek word there, "<i>poema</i>" means a work of art. Tell each other, "You are a work of art by God!"</p>

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:4-5

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

Coming Up Next Week:

To Know God
Who Gives Us New Hearts