

# *Delivered: God's Gifts of Grace*

## Bulletin Notes

The following summaries are intended to provide a Sunday School link to parents and the congregation. These paragraphs can be copied from the Director CD using a word-processing program.

Here are some ideas for how to use these summaries:

- Print them in your congregation's weekly bulletin or newsletter.
- Email them as a weekly encouragement for student and parent Sunday School participation.
- Email them as a follow-up review to Sunday School each week.
- Email them as a "staying in touch" note for students or families who are absent.

### **Lesson 1**

This week, students begin a new Sunday School unit called *Delivered: God's Gifts of Grace*. In this first lesson, "Jesus Welcomes the Children," participants will learn that God wants us to be part of His family. Consider asking: *"How was the welcome Jesus gave the children different from the disciples' reaction? How can the church today show its care for children and families?"*

### **Lesson 2**

The Bible account for this week in Sunday School is "Jesus Gives the Great Commission." Participants will learn how God makes them His children in Baptism. Families can discuss, *"What special memories do you have of your child's Baptism?"* Share any certificates, candles, or other items that relate to your child's Baptism.

### **Lesson 3**

"Peter Preaches on Pentecost" is the account for this week in Sunday School. Students will learn how God washes away their sins in Baptism and gives them eternal life. Your conversation could include, *"How did Peter's message affect the people who heard it? How does God's Word change us?"*

### **Lesson 4**

In Sunday School this week, students will learn how God gives them faith to believe His promises in Baptism as they study the account "Paul Baptizes the Philippian Jailer." As a family, you could discuss, *"How did God use Paul's imprisonment to continue the spread of the Gospel? Tell about a time you had the opportunity to share the message of Jesus with someone."*

### **Lesson 5**

In the Bible account "Ananias Baptizes Saul," students will learn how God helps them live as His children. Your conversation about the lesson could include, *"Why was Ananias concerned about going to see Saul? Why is it sometimes difficult for you to talk with others about your faith in Jesus?"*

### **Lesson 6**

John the Baptist appears in this week's Sunday School lesson, "John Tells People to Repent." As they study this Bible account, students will learn how God wants them to be sorry for their sins

and seek His forgiveness. Consider these discussion questions: *“How did John call the people to repent of their sins? What was John preparing them for? Who calls us to repent?”*

## **Lesson 7**

Parents are encouraged to carefully review this week’s Sunday School lesson, “Jesus Forgives a Woman.” Students will learn that like Jesus forgave the sinful woman, He forgives their sins for His sake. As a family, you could discuss, *“How did Jesus show compassion to the sinful woman? How does Jesus demonstrate His mercy and compassion toward us?”*

## **Lesson 8**

This week’s Sunday School lesson, “Jesus Appears to the Disciples,” recounts the Easter story. Students will discuss how God speaks through their pastor to forgive their sins. Families could discuss, *“How did Jesus’ appearance on Easter evening both encourage and frighten the disciples? Why is it sometimes difficult to admit and confess our sins?”*

## **Lesson 9**

“Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness” is the Bible account for this week. Jesus’ message to His followers reminds us how God wants us to show love for and forgive those in our church family. After Sunday School, you could discuss, *“What plan for dealing with forgiving others did Jesus explain? How can we learn to forgive those who have sinned against us?”*

## **Lesson 10**

The biblical account “Jesus Gives the Lord’s Supper” serves as the focus for Sunday School today. Participants will learn that Jesus gives His true body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. Consider discussing the lesson further: *“Why is it important that Jesus established the Lord’s Supper? What benefits do we receive through the Lord’s Supper?”*

## **Lesson 11**

After meeting someone they thought was a stranger along the the road, two disciples have their eyes opened in this week’s Sunday School lesson, “The Emmaus Disciples See Jesus.” Students will continue their discussion of the Sacrament of the Altar as they learn that Jesus gives the forgiveness of sins in the Lord’s Supper. Your discussion could include, *“Why is it important that believers who are old enough take part in Holy Communion?”*

## **Lesson 12**

Students hear about two miraculous events in “Jesus’ Touch Heals.” Participants will learn that God gives faith to receive His promises in the Lord’s Supper. As you discuss the lesson, you could ask, *“How did the woman demonstrate her faith? How does God provide healing for people today?”*

## **Lesson 13**

Today’s Sunday School lesson, “Jesus Teaches about an Unforgiving Servant,” may be difficult for some students to understand. Through this parable, we learn that God forgives us and wants us to forgive others. As a family, consider discussing, *“How are we sometimes like the unforgiving servant in the parable? How can we respond to God’s great gift of forgiveness?”*

## **Lesson 14**

The final lesson in this unit is “Timothy Lives as God’s Child.” Students will learn how God

strengthens their faith through the Lord's Supper and helps them live as His children. As you review the lesson, consider discussing, *"How does God bless you through faithful parents? How can you share that blessing with future generations?"*