

Devotional #7

"How Can It Be"

READ Romans 6:14

"For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace."

READ 2 Corinthians 12:9

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

READ Romans 3:23-24

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

READ Hebrews 4:16

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

READ Ephesians 2:8

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

These verses can be found in the lyrics of the song "HOW CAN IT BE" that we are learning for the musical. They make some pretty bold statements about God's grace. They say that we are NO LONGER SLAVES to SIN because of God's grace. Wow!!!! Then, the verses say that grace is ENOUGH for us, even when we are weak. In these scriptures it tells us that God's grace JUSTIFIES us and then that grace can actually SAVE us. What is GRACE anyway? God's Riches At Christ's Expense. That means that we are getting something we don't deserve. God's love and mercy and forgiveness is given to us because Christ died on the cross for us. GRACE IS A GIFT FROM GOD!!!!!! Look at this last scripture and memorize it. We will be reading it together in the show. HEBREWS 4:16 *"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."*

PRAY

Lord, thank You for Your grace. We don't deserve Your love and forgiveness but You love us so much you sent Your Son to pay the price of sin for us so we didn't have to. I love You, Lord. Thank you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

HOW CAN IT BE

(Annie)

I am guilty, ashamed of what I've done,
what I've become.

(Brianna)

These hands are dirty.
I dare not lift them up to the Holy One.

KID 7/Thomas:

"For sin shall no longer be your master, because you
are not under the law, but under grace."
(Romans 6:14)

(Choir)

You plead my cause, You right my wrongs.

You break my chains, You overcome.

You gave Your life to give me mine.

You say that I am free; how can it be?

Yeah, how can it be?

2 Bars

I've been hiding, afraid I've let You down.

Inside I doubt that You still love me.

But in Your eyes there's only grace now.

KID 8/Davan:

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for
my power is made perfect in weakness.'"
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

(Choir)

You plead my cause, You right my wrongs.

You break my chains, You overcome,

You gave Your life to give me mine.

You say that I am free; how can it be?

Yeah, how can it be?

Yeah.

ALL:

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with con-
fidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace
to help us in our time of need."
(Hebrews 4:16)

(Choir)

Though I fall, You make me new.

From this death I will rise with You.

Oh, the grace reaching out for me!

How can it be?

How can it be?

(Lily L.)

You plead my cause,

(Anna)

You right my wrongs.

(Chase)

You break my chains,

(Tanna)

You overcome.

(Choir)

You gave Your life to give me mine.

You say that I am free; how can it be?

Yeah, how can it be?

Yeah

KID 9/Ryder:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through
faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of
God."

(Ephesians 2:8)

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WHY TO MEMORIZE?

1. One of the most important reasons is that God uses scripture to speak to us. If we memorize them, then we can quickly bring them to our mind when we need them and He wants to say something to us.
2. Another good reason is to know what to do and what not to do.
3. Memorizing scripture also helps us tell others about Christ when we don't have our Bible with us.

HOW TO MEMORIZE?

1. You can write the verse over and over again and read it back to yourself.
2. Every time you see that card in your room, then read it out loud.
3. Put some of the words of the verse on our bathroom mirror and fill in the blanks and take words away as you begin to memorize until there are no words on your mirror.
4. A fun way is to make up a song like Ms. Christy Semsen has done in STAR QUEST. Memorize your musical songs and you have memorized scripture!!!

VERSES TO MEMORIZE

THIS WEEK

Hebrews 4:16 (EVERYONE)

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

PAST WEEKS

Colossians 3:12-13 (3rd, 4th, 5th ONLY)

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Mark 11:24 (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade ONLY)

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Psalms 46:1-3 (EVERYONE)

"God is my refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and mountains quake."

Psalms 28:7 (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade ONLY)

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trust in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him."

Proverbs 4:23 (3rd, 4th, 5th Grade ONLY)

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Philippians 4:8 (EVERYONE)

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such thing."

1 John 3: 17-18 (3rd, 4th, 5th ONLY)

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

John 3:16 (EVERYONE)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life."

Psalms 119:11 (EVERYONE)

"I have hidden thy word in my heart that I may not sin against thee."

Grace

Come boldly
unto the throne
of grace

Hebrews 4:16

Who sits on the
throne of Grace?

Hint:

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Cut these strips out and use them to help you memorize this verse.

Let us then approach
God's throne of grace
with confidence,
so that we may
receive mercy and find
grace to help us
in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Lessons For the Week

What has God taught you this week?

Have you memorized your scripture this week and how has it helped you?

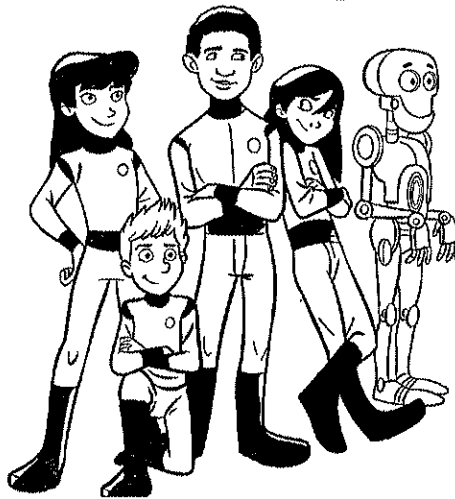
What have you done this week to show God you are becoming more like Christ?

Your prayer for the week:

When you have completed the "How Can It Be" devotional, have your parents sign this page, tear it out and return it to your WoW teacher.

STAR QUEST

**Search for the
Stolen Scriptures**



My Child

Color _____

has completed the devotional for:

"How Can It Be"

Date Completed

Parent Signature