

Lesson 8

NT Book: Galatians

Book Theme: The Gospel Sets Us Free

Key Verse: Galatians 5:13

Summary: Paul wrote Galatians as a letter to the churches he had established on his first missionary journey. Even though Paul had seen them recently, he felt compelled to write because they had quickly turned away from the gospel message. The Galatians were not turning to wild and godless ways of living like the Corinthians. Instead, they were giving in to the temptation of trying to gain God's approval by appearing more religious! This was a problem, too! Paul insisted that no one is justified by works of the law, but only through faith in Jesus Christ. Period. (2:16) He reminded them that "neither circumcision nor uncircumcision accomplishes anything; what matters is faith working through love." (5:6) Paul uses much of this letter to help the Galatians understand why God gave the law and how it relates to Christ. Most of all, he assures them that they were called to be free...free to love and serve others the way Christ loved and served them (5:13).

Video: Foolish Galatians!

Teaching Points: Freedom from the Law

Class Time

Review Activities

- Review flash cards
- "Dot-the-Verse" - Print the verse to be learned in a random fashion on a sheet of paper with a dot in front of each word. Make a copy for each child. Connect the dots in the proper order. Kids can rewrite the verse to make a new design for you to complete.

Small Group Activity

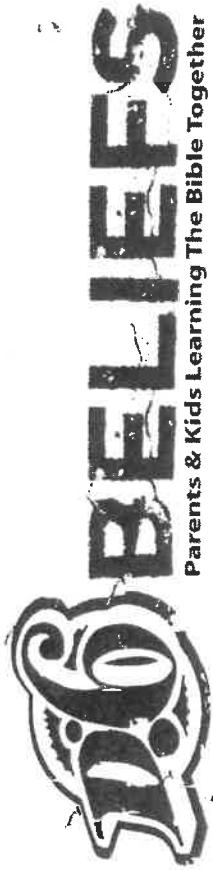
- Work together to define Justified, Faith, Grace, Law, and Free (using worksheet). Skim through Galatians, and identify verses in Galatians containing each term.

Large Group Game

- Quickly go over the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) and play FRUIT bingo. Consider using fruit snacks to cover squares.

Take Home Page

- Send a take home page with each child and encourage them to spend time with God during the week.



New Testament - Lesson 8

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Key Verse: For you were called to be free, brothers, only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love.

Gal. 5:13

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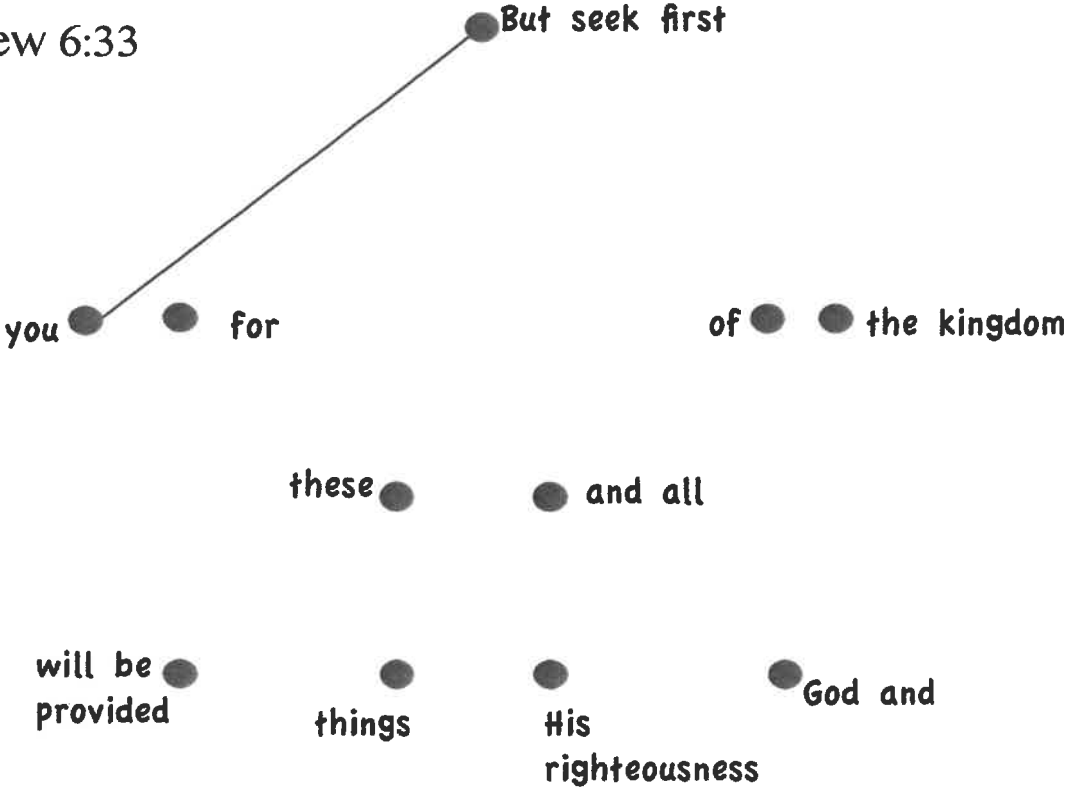
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This Week

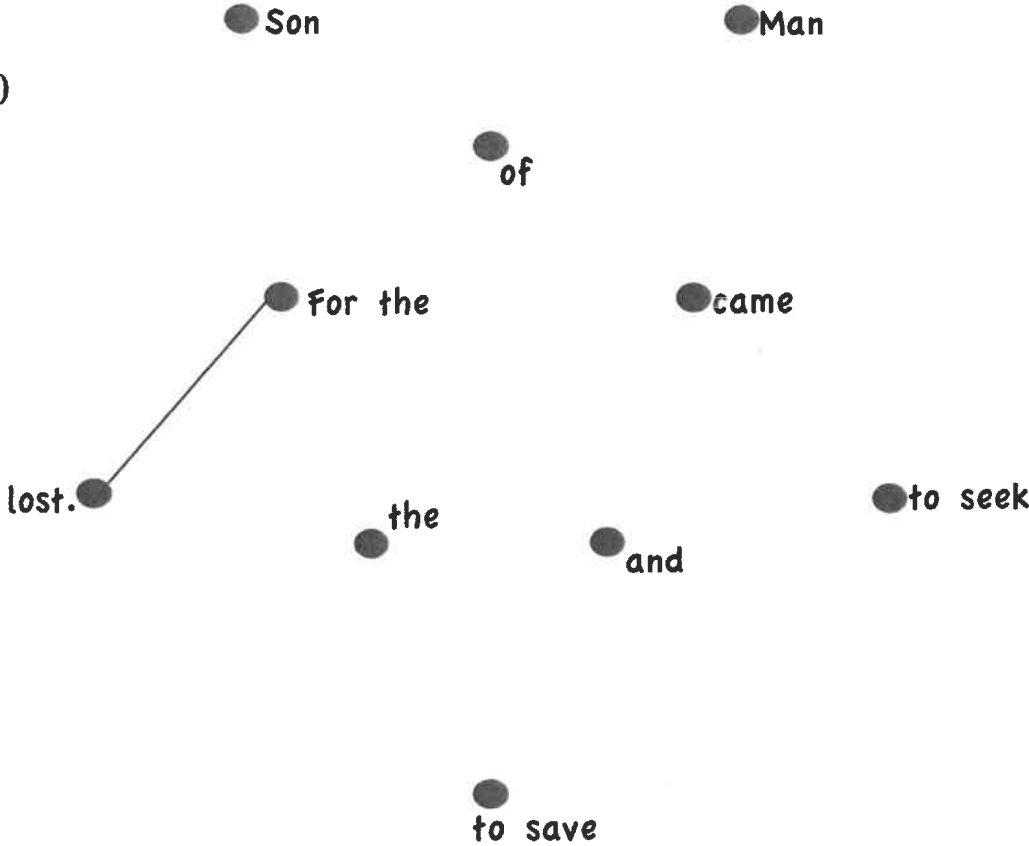
Read Galatians 5:13-15.

1. What are we "free" from in this passage?
2. What is the "flesh" in this verse?
3. What is the difference between serving as a slave and serving out of love?
4. What does Paul mean by, "bite and devour one another?"

Matthew 6:33



Luke 19:10





Match the term to its definition. Then see how many times you can find each word in the book of Galatians.

Justified__

A. Undeserved favor

Faith__

B. Declared innocent or guiltless

Grace__

C. Able to do something at will; at liberty

Law__

D. Confidence or trust in a person or thing

Free__

E. A system or collection of rules

Make tally marks under each word as you see how many times can you find each word in the book of Galatians?

Justified

Grace

Law

Faith

Free

F	R	U	I	T
Patience	Gentleness	Peace	Joy	Faithfulness
Love	Patience	Faithfulness	Love	Peace
Goodness	Joy	FREE	Goodness	Gentleness
Self-Control	Faithfulness	Love	Patience	Self-Control
Faithfulness	Self-Control	Goodness	Faithfulness	Patience