

# Connecting Church and Home

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Quarter 1, Week 1 :: **God's Righteousness and Man's Sin**

**Treasure Story:** Romans 1:1-23

Many people throughout the world strive for acceptance. It could be acceptance from a father, spouse, or even a supervisor. This week's Treasure Story teaches that when we put our faith in Christ, our sin is removed and we are accepted by God. Then we are able to take on His righteousness through the work of Jesus on the cross.

## Connect

"The gospel of justifying faith means that while Christians are, in themselves still sinful and sinning, yet in Christ, in God's sight, they are accepted and righteous."

– Timothy Keller, *Paul's Letter to the Galatians: Living in Line with the Truth of the Gospel*

Paul's main point in his letter to the Romans was to encourage believers in Rome and to lay out the entire revelation of God's plan of salvation. Paul wanted to make it clear that we are all unrighteous because of our sin, but we can receive God's righteousness through faith in Christ. Think on these truths as you participate in the following activities:

- **Letters to Encourage:** Paul wrote to the Romans to thank them for their service and to offer encouragement as they live for Christ. He encouraged them to continue to share the Gospel and to remember that we are saved from our unrighteousness through Christ. This week, write a letter to someone who may need encouragement to fight the good fight and preach the Gospel. This letter can be to your pastor, a missionary, or even a friend who is a believer.
- **Putting Off False Worship:** At the core of today's Treasure Story, Paul talks about how some people worship the created and not the Creator. They become like Adam and think they are wiser than God. As a family, discuss things that you may have worshiped instead of God. Then look for ways you can put those things aside and worship God instead, such as being too focused on having a nicer house or going somewhere on vacation together.

## My Mission As Parent

- Do you see that without Christ you are unrighteous and full of sin? Have you understood fully the wrath that you deserved was fully taken by Christ on the cross? Just as you experience the grace of God through Christ, practice giving grace to your spouse, children, and co-workers.
- Are you worshiping the created over the Creator? You could be worshiping acknowledgment from your spouse or worshiping your children and the activities they participate in. Pray that God would reveal those areas of sin and turn them over to Him.

## Prayer Points

- Pray that you would have a desire to spread the Gospel just as Paul does.
- Praise Jesus for taking the wrath that you deserved so that you might become righteous through Him.
- Pray that you would not fall prey to worshiping a created thing, but that you would have a heart of worship for God alone.