

Letters From Heaven



Parents' Page

Lesson 1

Trust and Obey

Your child should understand...

Obedience—Following Christ

Your child should be able to...

1. Tell why letters were written to people and to churches.
2. Identify what the gospel is.
3. Identify which law (Old Testament or New Testament) tells us what to do in order to be right with God.
4. Give examples of using different parts of our bodies in God's service.
5. Identify why we must obey the laws of our country.

Your child should be memorizing...

Romans 1:16

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."
(NIV)

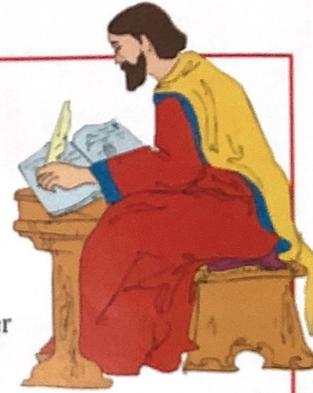
Please help your child read...

- 1 Romans 1:16-18, 20; Romans 3:22-25
- 2 Romans 4:3-5; Romans 5:6-8; Romans 6:4-6, 13
- 3 Romans 8:2, 4-5, 26-28, 31, 38-39
- 4 Romans 10:9-11; Romans 12:1-2
- 5 Romans 13:1, 3-7, 9, 13

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How do you feel when you get a card or letter in the mail from someone you love? Do you want to read it again and again? Think how happy the first Christians felt when they got a letter from Paul or one of the other apostles!



Paul and some of the other apostles wrote letters that are in our New Testament. God told them just what to write. Some letters went to only one person, and some went to a whole church. People shared their letters with other Christians. The letters helped believers to trust and obey God.

The New Testament letters helped believers to _____ and _____ God.

Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in Rome. This letter is the book of *Romans*. In the letter, Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile." The gospel is the good news about Jesus Christ. The gospel tells us how to be right with God. Paul wanted to share the gospel with everyone.

The gospel is the good news about _____.

Paul said not to follow the laws of the Old Testament any more. The Old Testament laws were for God's special people, the Jews. The New Testament tells everyone all about Jesus and His death and resurrection. The book of *Romans* says that Jesus died for everyone—the Jews and everyone else. God wants *everyone* to believe and obey Jesus' new law in the New Testament. The New Testament tells us how to stop doing wrong. It tells us how to be right with God so that we can please Him and make Him happy.

God wants everyone to believe and obey Jesus' new law in the _____.

We can please God and be right with Him by using our hands, eyes, ears, mouths, and feet to do *good* things for God. We don't want to use our hands, eyes, ears, mouths, or feet to disobey Jesus' commandments.

Write some good things we can do for God with our:



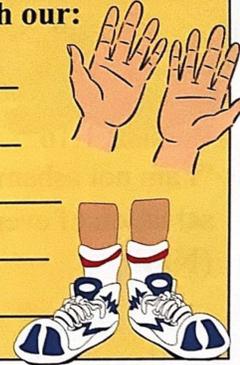
Hands _____

Eyes _____

Ears _____

Mouths _____

Feet _____



The book of Romans also tells us that to be right with God, we must obey our country's laws. Rome's laws were hard, and people had to pay a lot of taxes. We have laws and taxes in the United States, too, don't we? Paul told the believers in Rome that the government of our country comes from God, so God wants everyone to pay our taxes and obey our country's laws.

Why must we obey our country's laws?

Circle the things Jesus wants us to do:



Be kind



Drive too fast



Pray



Steal

The Christians in Rome were so happy to get Paul's letter. *We* can read the letter to the Romans and be happy, too. The book of Romans helps us to trust God and obey Him. It tells us how to be right with God!

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Memory Verse:

You have a **new memory verse** from Paul's letter to the Romans. Practice saying it over and over again with your mother or daddy.

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What is **Matthew** about?
(Jesus the Messiah; Jesus the King)

What is **Mark** about?
(Jesus the Son of Man; Jesus the Servant)

See how fast you can **find these Scriptures:**
Romans 1:1 1 Corinthians 1:1

On your **Bible map**, put your **pointer finger** on **Bethlehem**. Then "walk" **your fingers to Cana**. Now, put your **hand** over the region of **Judea**.

