

# The Romans Road

## The Gospel ABCs (Part 3)

**Scripture:** Review of key gospel verses from Romans 1-10 and Romans 11:33-36

**Memory Verse:** Romans 11:36 *“For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”*

**Lesson Focus:** We will review several key verses that we have already learned from Romans and put them together as several “stops” on a journey along the “Romans Road”. The Romans Road is another simple way to walk the kids through the whole story of redemption. We encourage you teachers to try and make this lesson as interactive and fun as you can!

**Activities and Crafts:** Romans Road Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Sheet for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Craft for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Romans Road Booklet

**Starter Activity:** Road Trips

Consider beginning the lesson by talking about road trips. Many of the kids may have some big Summer road trips planned so get them interested by asking a few questions. Consider also sharing some funny stories of road trips that you have taken! \*

Q: How many of you have gone on or are going on road trips this Summer?

Q: Where are you going?

Q: What do you do to pass the time in the car? \*

**Teachers:** At this point, use the questions below to try and steer the conversation into the lesson. \*

Q: What are some places that you might stop at on your way to your destination?

A: Gas stations, restaurants, rest stops, etc.

Q: And what is the driver looking for to know when to get off the highway? A: Signs!

Believe it or not, we are going to go on a special road trip today in kids church! No, not an actual road trip outside the building, but we are going to take you on a journey on the “Romans Road”. Many of the verses that we have already learned in Romans will serve as signs indicating stops along the way. Buckle your seatbelts!

**Teachers:** Try and make this lesson as interactive as possible. We will provide you with several printouts of the verses which are the signs and stops along the way (see sample at bottom of lesson). \* Consider setting them up in your class area and invite one or two kids to “pretend” traveling along the road to each stop. Bring in props like a pretend steering wheel. \* At each stop, have some discussion as you talk about the verses.

## Bible Study:

**First Stop Romans 1:20:** \* As we begin our journey, this stop reminds us of something important: We live in God's world. He is the Maker of all things and He made the rules! He has also left evidence behind in Creation of His existence and power.

Q: What are some things in nature that cause us to marvel? A: The animals, the mountains, the oceans, the stars! Where did they come from? God made them! This is very important to remember as we continue on our journey...

**Next Stop Romans 3:23:** So while God has made us, this verse teaches us something else very important: That this God that made all things is holy and **we are not!**

Q: What does this verse say that all human beings have done? A: Sinned!

Q: What is sin? A: Anything we think, say, or do that disobeys God. \*

Q: What are some examples? \* A: Lying, stealing, hating, disobeying our parents, saying hurtful things to others. When we do things like this we are doing exactly what God hates!

So if the God who made all things is holy and righteous and we are sinners, that means we have a problem. There is currently a separation between us and our Creator because of our sin. We need to continue on our journey to better understand this problem.

**Next Stop Romans 6:23:** This is a serious problem! (**Teachers:** For this one we will give you two signs for the first and second half of the verse. Start with only the first part) \*

Q: What are the wages or "consequences" for our sin? A: Eternal death! Hell is a place of eternal punishment where people receive what they deserve for their sin and rebellion against their Creator. Yikes! But notice this rest stop has a second part to it!

Q: What is the FREE gift of God? A: Eternal life! God has made a way for sinful people to be saved from this eternal punishment they deserve!

**Next Stop Romans 5:8:** This helps us better understand this gift that God has provided for people to be saved.

Q: Even though we are sinners who have rebelled against Him, what does it say God has for us? A: LOVE!

Q: How did He prove He loves us? A: By sending His Son Jesus to pay for our sins in our place! Jesus, the Son of God, willingly went to the cross to pay the price for our sins against God! But how do we receive this gift?

**Next Stop Romans 10:9:** This stop is the cross of Jesus Christ! \* This verse reminds us of the gospel ABCs that we have been learning the last couple of weeks! We ADMIT we are sinners who need a Savior, we BELIEVE in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, and we CONFESS Him as Lord and Savior! This is how we receive this gift!

**Teachers:** Notice the split road sign that we left in your class. \* Use it at this time to highlight that people need to make a choice on which road they will take! Will they continue on the Romans Road to salvation by receiving God's free gift or will they continue in their sin and rebellion leading to eternal death? Talk about the "wrong stop" first (see below).

**Wrong Stop Romans 8:8:** To be in the flesh means to continue in sin and rebellion, denying Jesus as Lord and Savior. This road is a dead end! You cannot please God by \* your own good works, nor can your good deeds outweigh your sin.

**Next Stop Romans 10:13:** Instead, we are to respond to God's invitation by receiving His free gift and surrendering to Him as our Lord and Savior.

Q: What does it mean to surrender? A: It means to give in or to yield. \*

If you believe and trust in Jesus, **you are actually giving Him the steering wheel!** He now takes you where He wants you to go! Some people think that to believe in Jesus means we just grab Him and throw Him in the trunk, continuing on our own way! NO! He is in the driver's seat now! (**Teachers:** If you brought a pretend steering wheel, have the kids leave it behind as they continue down the rest of this road trip trusting in Him).

**Next Stop Romans 8:1:** As Christians, we might still make mistakes and sin, but this verse reminds us of something so very important.

Q: Why is there no condemnation or punishment for Christians who sin?

A: Jesus paid for all of those sins on the cross! We are forgiven! This stop recharges the Christian to continue fighting against sin and walking as a child of God!

**Final Stop Romans 8:38-39:** Here is the wonderful truth that the Christian clings to all through life: NOTHING can separate him/her from God's love.

Once you become a child of God by admitting, believing, and confessing, you are His for good! Jesus said that NO ONE can snatch God's kids from His hand!

**Key Point:** At the beginning of our lesson, we talked about road trips. And I heard several wonderful destinations. But none of those destinations compare to the destination that this Romans Road to salvation leads to.

Q: Where does it lead? A: Heaven! Eternal life and joy and peace with God!

**Boys and Girls:** We don't deserve this! This is what makes the gospel so amazing and so wonderful! God is so good and so wise to offer such a beautiful way of salvation to broken sinners like you and me. The last few verses of Romans 11 capture this so well.

**Romans 11:33-36:** Indeed. We can never fully understand God's ways, but we can rejoice that He is good in being gracious to us. Let's close in prayer to Him!

# BRING IT HOME

Read Romans 11:6  
What is the difference  
between grace and  
works?

Parent Signature:  
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Parent Challenge:  
What is your favorite  
verse in Romans so  
far? Why?

Read Romans 11:33  
How smart do you think  
God is?



# ROMMANS 1:20

