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The Romans Road for Children

Introduction: If your parents were going to take you someplace they'd never been before, do you think they'd need some kind of a guide? Sure, they would. Maybe they would use a map or perhaps they'd go to the Internet to see the best way to be able to go from your house to that location, or perhaps you have a GPS and they just program it to find the best way to get to where they're going.

Using a good guide allows them to easily find the place that they're trying to reach. Do you know that you and I have a guidebook and it comes from God? We do! It's God's true book, the Bible. Now the Bible won't tell you how to get to Disney Land or to another vacation place. But it will tell you something even better.

It tells you how to have a friendship with God right now and that someday you can go to live with Him in His home, Heaven. All throughout the Bible we learn how to have this relationship with God, but rather than looking through many books in the Bible, we are going to look at just one book and that is the book of Romans. By reading the book of Romans, we'll find out how to have that special friendship with God. Romans is found in the second part of the Bible. It's the sixth book in the New Testament. Now since we've been talking about finding the way to get to heaven, we're going to call this guide the "Romans Road." Now it's not really a road that you walk on, but it's the way that you and I can have that friendship with God.

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The first stop on the "Romans Road" will teach us about God. Perhaps you already know about God. Did you know that God is the Maker of everything? He made the sun, the moon and the stars that we see at night. He makes the beautiful sunrises and sunsets. He made the huge elephant and those tiny little buzzing mosquitoes. He made majestic mountains and He made the lakes, rivers and oceans that we enjoy swimming in. Yet, as wonderful as all of those things are, you are His best creation. Did you know that God made you special? There is no one in the whole world that has your voice or your fingerprints or your abilities and talents. You are so unique! God knows all about you. In fact, his true book, the Bible says He even knows how many hairs are on your head! Do you know? I don't either, but God does. You see, when God made you, He was pleased with His work and that's because He loves you. Let's see what God says on our first stop on the "Romans Road."

It is found in **Romans 5:8** (*Read the first part: It says, "But God commendeth His love toward us..."*) We don't hear that word, "commendeth" very often, but it means to show or demonstrate. In a few minutes, you'll learn how wonderfully God has shown you His love. His love for you is perfect because He's perfect, or holy. To be perfect, or holy, means that He never does anything wrong. That's hard to imagine, isn't it? But God is one hundred percent good. He cannot think or say or do anything that would be wrong. Because God is holy, His home, Heaven, is perfect, too. And He wants you to live with Him someday in His home.

Link: God is different from you and me because He's holy. Let's see how God's Word, the Bible, describes us.

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We find this on the next stop on the “Romans Road” in **Romans 5:12**. Let’s read it right from God’s Word. *(Read verse from the Bible.)* This verse says all have sinned. That means all people in the world are sinners, including you and me. You see, ever since the time when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, every single person who is born on this earth is born with a desire to do what is wrong. Sometimes we call that desire a “want to.” Because you were born with that “want to” to have your own way, you do many sinful things. Well, what is sin? Sin is choosing your own way instead of God’s way.

Perhaps you’ve cut in line, pushing aside someone so that you could be first. That’s being selfish and that’s sin. Or maybe there’s someone at school who you don’t like very much and so you talk badly about him or her. That’s unkind and hurtful. Or perhaps you do a job your parents have asked you to do, but you slam things around because you’re angry. It shows you have a wrong attitude in your mind even though you’re doing the job they gave you. Being selfish or unkind or having wrong attitudes are some of the ways in which boys and girls choose to do things their way instead of God’s.

Sometimes you may only think the mean thoughts on the inside, but did you know God knows your very thoughts? Each of these wrong things reminds me that you and I are sinners. We do many sinful things that don’t please our perfect God and we deserve to be punished for our sins. This is found in Romans 6:23, the next stop on the “Romans Road.”

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Let’s read Romans 6:23. *(Read **Romans 6:23**.)* It says, “For the wages of sin is death.” Wages is what you earn—death the payment you deserve for sin and death here isn’t talking about your physical body dying. It’s talking about being separated from God forever and ever in a place of punishment. I want you to look at this gold circle. This reminds us of God because God has no beginning and no end. That means He’s eternal. But I want you to look at this dark symbol that separates us from God. This reminds us of our sin.

Sin cannot be with God because it’s so terrible it would spoil His perfect home, Heaven. As sinners, we can’t get to God on our own. If we looked at only the first part of that verse, “for the wages of sin is death,” then we would be really sad. But the verse also says that God offers us a gift.

Link: Because of God’s love for you, He made a way that your sins could be forgiven.

(Unfold 4th flashcard.)

Listen to **Romans 5:8**, the next part on our “Romans Road,” to see if you can hear the way that God made so that your sins could be forgiven. We’re going to read the whole verse this time. It says, *(read verse from the Bible)*.

Did you hear the way He showed His love? We have already said that He demonstrated His love, but now the verse says while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. That means that Jesus, God the Son, who had never done anything wrong, died for you and me. Although Jesus was born as a baby just like us, He grew up never thinking wrong thoughts, never fighting or disobeying His parents. He was the only completely perfect man who ever lived. Yet He died in your place.

“Why would Jesus die for me?” you might ask. It’s because He loves you so very much and He wants you to have a friendship with Him, but He knew you could never come to Him on your own because of your sin. Since Jesus was without sin, he could take the punishment we deserve. He allowed men to put nails into His hands and feet and He hung on a cross for all the wrong things we have done.

Before you were ever even born, Jesus knew that you would do many sinful things and that, in order for your sin to be taken away so you could have a special friendship with God, a perfect sacrifice had to be given. Jesus was the only one who could take the punishment and make the way to God the Father, so He bled and died on the cross for you and me. After He died, He was placed into a tomb, kind of like a cave. He was buried there, but guess what? On the third day, He came back to life!

After He came back to life, He walked on the Earth for forty whole days and lots of people saw Him before He went back to Heaven to be with His Father, God. That’s where He is living now, in a place of high honor. He is getting a place ready for those who believe on Him.

Link: Have you believed on Him?

(Unfold 5th flashcard.)

If you haven’t believed on the Lord Jesus, then today is the day you could do that. Our last stop on the “Romans Road” tells us what you must do in order to be saved from your sin and to have that special friendship with God. We find this in **Romans 10:13**. Listen to what it says, *(read verse from the Bible)*.

Whosoever simply means you—it says if *you* will call on the name of the Lord...

To call on the name of the Lord means you are putting your trust in Jesus Christ alone to save you from the punishment of your sin. Do you know that you’re a sinner? Do you believe that you can’t do anything to get rid of your sin yourself? Do you believe that Jesus is the perfect Son of God? Do you believe He was the only one who could make a way for you to have a special friendship with God and He did that by dying on the cross to free you from your sin?

When you believe that Jesus is the only way to God, you simply need to call on Him. When you call on Him, God promises right here that He will save you from the punishment of sin—you won’t have to be separated from Him forever. Instead, you’ll be able to have a special friendship with God, beginning today. And right now, His Holy Spirit will come to live in the real you—where you make your choices, where you’re happy and sad. He will help you get to know God better and learn how to love God and live His way. Then someday, you’ll be able to live with God in His home, Heaven.

Calling on God is a very serious decision that you must make for yourself. I’d like you to bow your heads and close your eyes, so no one is looking around. Perhaps today you have made the decision to call on God to save you. Or perhaps you still have questions about what it means to be saved. If you made that decision or you have questions, would you please show me by putting up your first finger? When I see your first finger, I’ll know you want to talk with me about calling on the Lord Jesus as your Savior. All of you who have put your first finger up, as soon as class is over, I’d like you to come sit on a chair in the front row. I’ll bring my Bible and we’ll talk together about what it means to be saved.