

# Acts-Revelation

2nd Corinthians

5:17; 5:20; 9:6-7; 12:9-10

## Younger Verse

How can a young person keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word. Psalm 119:9

## Older Verse

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## Welcome Time

It is so much fun to get one letter from a friend. It is even better when you get two letters! Paul wrote another letter to the people in Corinth. Let's see what he said.

## Bible Story

*The following is a summary of the Bible story to help you with your preparation. It is **NOT** to be read to the children. Instead, use your Bible to explain the story. Make a note page to help you remember your plans for the lesson or questions you wanted to ask.*

This book of the Bible is called 2nd Corinthians because Paul wrote another letter to his friends in the city of Corinth. In the first letter, Paul wrote to his friends to help them stop doing wrong things and start living right.

This time in his second letter, Paul shares how much he loves his friends. Paul shares how God had helped him when hard times had happened. He continued to tell his friends that God will help and be there during all our hard times.

Paul shared with his friends the importance of being right with God. In 2nd Corinthians 5:17, Paul shared that when a person believes in Jesus, he is like a new person. That means the old, bad things he used to do are gone. Instead, he wants to do new things—things that are good.

Paul also shared how people who believe in Jesus are ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20). That means a person is a messenger to tell other people about Jesus!

Paul also told his friends how important it was to be generous. That means that they should give to others and not be greedy. Paul was telling the Corinthians that they should be willing to help other

## Lesson Goals

Share what it means to be a cheerful giver  
Explain what it means to be a “new” person

believers who were hungry or needed money. Paul explained that if someone gave little, he would receive little. However, if they gave a lot, they would receive a lot in return. Most importantly, he told them that they should not give because someone is making them give. Instead, they should give cheerfully because they are happily helping others. Paul shared that God loves a cheerful giver.

Paul also told his friends that he struggled. To encourage them, he shared how God's grace was near to him during his weak times. He knew that when he was weak, God was strong.

Paul knew that God would help him no matter what was going on in his life. Paul knew this because he saw how Jesus had changed his life. Paul was a man who was mean and angry. When he believed in Jesus, his life was totally changed. He was so excited, he wanted everyone to know how Jesus could change their lives.

Jesus can change your life too. All you have to do is tell Jesus that you are sorry for all the wrongs that you have done and ask Him to come into your life. Jesus will forgive your wrongs and make you clean before God. He will come into your life and help you do things God's way. He will also take you to Heaven one day. If you want to know more about Jesus, talk to us about it.

**Learning Activities**

Take time to let the kids look up verses and read 2nd Corinthians.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Talk about how God's Word is the Bible. Share favorite verses that have helped you during hard times.

**Prayer Time**

Pray together to be generous and also to be God's ambassadors.

**Clean Up/Snack time**

Share snacks together. Don't forget to clean up!

Planning for August 15th  
Galatians  
The Fruit of the Spirit

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
2nd Corinthians

Paul was a man who loved Jesus very much. He had friends in many places and he loved to talk to them about Jesus.

Paul liked to write letters too. These letters are part of our Bible. God helped Paul know what to write to help the believers in Corinth know more about how to be good and live for God.

Paul shared how we are to share and be kind to others. Paul told his friends that God loves a cheerful giver. That means God loves someone who is happy about giving to others. It is much better to share than keep things to ourselves.

God wants us to share with others. Instead of doing it because we “have to,” God wants us to be happy about sharing and giving to others.

Sing this song to the tune of, “Three Blind Mice.”

I want to share.

I want to share.

I want to share in the morning time. I want to share in the evening time.

I want to share all the time.

I want to share.

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## Hands-On Activities For 2nd Corinthians

In 2nd Corinthians, Paul says that Christians should be a wonderful smelling fragrance for others. That means, when people see us, they should see that we love Jesus and our kindness should show in all we do. It's kind of like a perfume that fills the air. It makes everything smell wonderful. When we are nice to others, it will make them smile and see that we are different.

2nd Corinthians 4:7 says that we have our treasure in jars of clay. Bring little clay or terra cotta pots for the kids to decorate. Share how in Bible times, some people stored special things in their common cooking pots. It is a picture of how we look common on the outside, but with Jesus on the inside, we sparkle!

Many people may know 2nd Corinthians 5:17. An example to help people see how we change is how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly. Share how Jesus has changed your life.

For older students: 2nd Corinthians 6:14. Paul tells his friends that they should not marry someone who does not believe in Jesus. Paul uses the word "yoked" together. In Bible times, two cows or oxen were connected together with something called a "yoke." Paul is saying that when you get married, you are "yoked" together. He shared how hard it is for someone who believed in God to be connected to someone who does not believe. Take time to talk together about this. Share qualities that they believe God wants in a husband or wife.

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