

**Week 2 Sunday School Activity Suggestions: Real Grace**

*Resources adapted from ministry-to-children.com*

**Memory verse: “**God loves us deeply. He is full of mercy. So he gave us new life because of what Christ has done. He gave us life even when we were dead in sin. God’s grace has saved you.” (Ephesians 2:4-5 NIRV – shorten if necessary, depending on the ages of the children)

**Bible Story Videos**

Jesus’ Rescue <https://crossroadskidsclub.net/gods-story-jesus-rescue/>

**Songs**

*Amazing Grace*

Modern version with animation and lyrics <https://youtu.be/EX8ktVVpOFk>

Traditional hymn with animation and lyrics <https://youtu.be/fLBR1aB7Z9I>

**Group Activities**

*Amazing Grace*

Talk through the lyrics, explaining any old-fashioned words that are unfamiliar (e.g. wretch)

Share the story behind the song: author John Newton owned a slave ship and had wandered far from his faith prior to experiencing an amazing deliverance and writing the beloved hymn. After becoming very sick on one trip across the sea, he gave up being a slave trader, and devoted himself to living for God. He became a priest and wrote many hymns, including *Amazing Grace*. He later helped to abolish the African slave trade.



**Craft activities**

*Forgiveness Erases Wrong*

To help children understand what God’s grace and forgiveness does for us.

Supplies:

* Glue and/or tape
* Construction paper or cardstock
* Scissors
* Caption or verse (Optional)
* Markers or crayons
* Pencils with erasers

1. Cut the paper into a heart shape.

2. Decorate the heart with verses (use the memory verse if possible), stickers, colours, or other items as desired.

3. Cut a slit in the back of the heart, and insert a pencil with eraser.

4. Give the heart away as a gift, or attach a hanger to use as a reminder that forgiveness “erases” sins!