



# HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE  
July 5<sup>th</sup>

## Life App Definition

Faith — trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

## Main Idea

In Ephesians 2:8-9, we read that God's grace has saved us because of our faith in Christ. Our salvation doesn't come from anything we do. It is God's gift. It is not based on anything we have done. There's nothing we have to do to earn our salvation. We just have to accept God's amazing gift of grace through Jesus. We pray this is a decision every kid will make.

## Memory Verse

"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift" (Ephesian 2:8 NIRV).

## Bottom Line

Jesus is a gift for everyone.

## Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Who wrote the book of Ephesians?
- In Ephesians 2:8-9, we read that it is by what that we have been saved?
- Do you ever mess up or make mistakes?
- What did Jesus come to do for us?
- Name some things that we have to earn (examples: grades, money, approval, a spot on the team, a part in the play, etc.).
- What is one thing that we don't have to earn?
- What is the best gift you have ever received? When was it, and what was the occasion?
- Why can it be hard to receive a gift given for no reason, out of the blue, completely random and free?
- Why is it hard for us to believe that God's gift of grace through Jesus is free?
- What does it mean when someone tries to earn what God's given them for free?

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- > Paper
- > Markers or writing utensils

### Activity

- Lead your family in a conversation about gifts, using the following questions (and others that come to mind).
- What is the best gift you've ever given?
- What is the best gift you've ever received?
- Do you think it's more fun to give gifts or receive them? Why?
- What is the best gift that God has ever given us?
- Share with your family that in Ephesians, Paul teaches us that Jesus is a gift for everyone. God sent His only Son, Jesus, for everyone! God loves us, even though we mess up and aren't perfect. We call that imperfection "sin." And that sin separates us from God because He is holy and perfect. Jesus came to pay the price for sin by dying on the cross and coming back to life three days later. He paid the price for the sin that separates us from God so we could have a relationship with Him. Jesus fixed that separation forever. You don't have to earn your way into a relationship with Him. You don't have to be good enough, or perfect enough, or smart enough. God made you, and He loves you SO much. **Jesus is a gift for everyone.**
- Pass out a piece of paper and a writing utensil to each child.
- Encourage them to write a one- or two-sentence prayer that thanks God for sending Jesus for everyone.
  - For children who can't write, encourage them to draw a picture of their prayer.
- After a few minutes, collect the papers and read two or three of them aloud. Talk about them as a family.

### Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Thank God for the free gift He gave us when He sent His Son, Jesus. Ask Him to help us always remember that He loves us even when we don't deserve it.

Dear God,

Thank You that **Jesus is a gift for everyone**. Help us remember that You love each of us even when we don't deserve it. Help us to love You with all of our heart. In Jesus' name, amen.