

ENVELOPES OF GRACE

VIRTUE	Grace - getting something great that you don't deserve.
MEMORY VERSE	<p>“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”</p> <p>Ephesians 2:8</p>
BIBLE STORY	The Lost Son - Luke 15:1-2, 11-12
BOTTOM LINE	I should try to love others the way Jesus loves them.

SUPPLIES: 2 blank cards with envelopes, 2 “treats”

Talk with your child about grace -

- grace is getting something great you don't deserve
- God has shown us grace so we can show others grace

Help your child pick two people in his or her life to show grace to. Help them think of someone who it may be hard to show grace to- maybe a neighbor, brother or sister, or someone at school. Think of a nice “treat” to include with the card - maybe a cookie, or coupon, or small toy or trinket.

Have your child write a card to each person they picked. Tell your child that they have a great opportunity to love others the way Jesus loves them by using these two cards. When your child has finished the cards, take the opportunity to pray and thank God for the grace He shows us and the opportunity we have to share His grace with others.

“God we are so thankful for the grace You have shown us. We know that we haven't done anything to deserve it, but it's a gift You've given to us. We also know that You want us to show grace to others. Lord, thank you for the opportunity to show grace and honor to the people in our life. Help us to do what we know is right and what pleases you by loving others the way Jesus does. Amen.”

This week, deliver the cards and treat to the people your child picked to show grace to.