

Using God's Special Means of Grace

Lesson 5 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Acts 16:22-34 and Matthew 26:26-30

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **What special means in addition to his saving Word does God use to show us his grace?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. In our last lesson we learned that because God has loved and saved us, we want to thank him in our lives by serving him and others. How did Paul and Silas show thanks to God in their lives?
14. Why was the jailer scared?
15. In a miraculous way, the jailer's life went from despair to joy. How did God change his life?

16. The early Christian church baptized infants. But today some Christian churches do not baptize babies and young children but instead wait until they are older and understand more. Read Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19. How do Jesus' command and the baptisms in today's Bible lesson help us see that Baptism is for all people of all ages?
17. Some Christian churches reason that it's impossible that the bread and wine received at the Lord's Supper are body and blood. But what did Jesus say?
18. Some Christian churches also say there is no spiritual benefit given in the Lord's Supper; they do it only because Jesus commanded it. But what did Jesus say in our Bible lesson?
19. We call Baptism and the Lord's Supper "sacraments." They and God's saving Word are the means by which God works faith in our hearts, gives us forgiveness of sins, and assures us of life everlasting in heaven with him. Who is doing the work through these sacraments? Who is doing the receiving?

Lesson wrap-up

What special means in addition to his saving Word does God use to show us his grace?