



GOD'S GRACE IS GREAT!

CHILDREN'S SERMONS
for the **SIX WEEKS** of **LENT**
and **EASTER SUNDAY**

with Reproducible Activities and Coloring Sheets

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How Sweet the Sound

A Children's Sermon for the First Week of Lent

—Ephesians 2:1-10—

Hello, boys and girls. Welcome to the season of Lent. Lent is a time for us to remember the grace that was poured out for us by Jesus on the cross. We pray, we meditate, we repent of our sins and we sing during these forty days leading up to Good Friday and Easter, when Jesus died and was raised again to save us and forgive us. There is one song we like to sing that can remind us of what Lent is all about. The song is called “Amazing Grace.” Many of you probably already know it. Sing the first line of the first verse with me now if you know it:

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

The reason why the word *grace* is such a sweet sound to our ears is that it reminds us that our salvation in Jesus is a gift. It is free. It is nothing that we have earned or deserve. It is not something that we had to do anything to receive. Jesus did it all by living a sinless life and taking our place on the cross for our sins so that we might live forever with him in heaven. Pretty amazing, isn't it?

The man who wrote “Amazing Grace” called himself a wretch. That is just an old-fashioned word that simply means a bad or awful person. Without the grace of Jesus, we are all wretches, bad and awful people because of our sin. But with the grace of Jesus, we are all loved and blessed and forgiven people because of our Savior.

The Bible puts it this way in Ephesians 2:4-5:

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

We have new life in Christ because of grace. Lent is a time for us to remember that. Our life in Lent should be spent giving thanks to God for sending Jesus to save us. We should use our time in Lent to sing the praises of God and his grace to the people around us. Everyone we know needs to know the sweet sound that they are saved by grace through Jesus.

We can say to our classmates, friends and family, “Jesus loves you, no matter what!” We can say, “God's grace is so amazing!” We can shout to the rooftops, “Jesus did it all so that we don't have to.” We can live in that amazing grace every day of Lent and every day of our lives.

Dear Jesus, fill us with your grace in this season of Lent, and let us be amazed every day that our salvation is found only in you, free of charge. By grace we are saved. Amen.

Activities for the First Week of Lent

How Sweet the Sound

Hidden Words

Find the hidden words in this puzzle from the list below.

C T N E L F N W R
Q A D O W M B O G
A I S E S A F P N
T T I M W D O E I
M A G T E P U N Z
Z F T O E E N D A
I O S T T L D E M
N J G R A C E R A
G I D N U O S B V

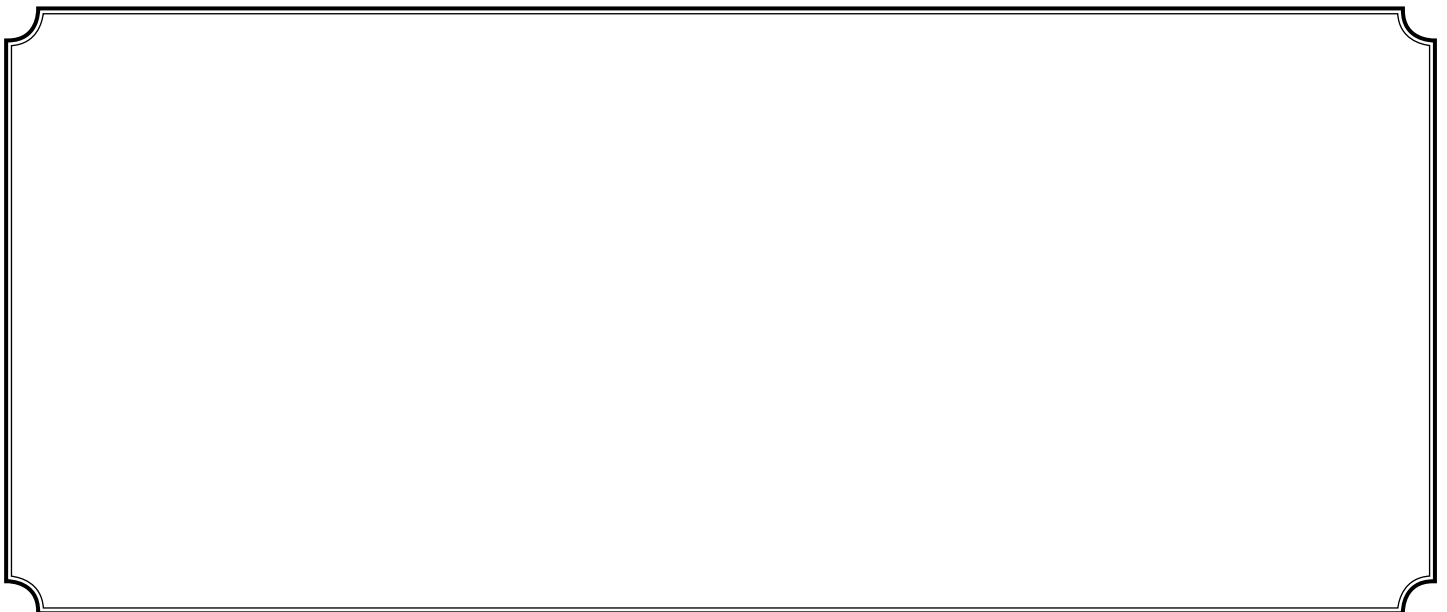
AMAZING + OPEN + LOST + FOUND
SWEET + GRACE + LENT + SOUND

This Lent we celebrate the amazing grace God offers us through Jesus. How many words can you make from the letters in Amazing Grace?

A M A Z I N G G R A C E

Amazing to See

What is the most amazing thing you have seen (or heard) in nature? Draw it here.

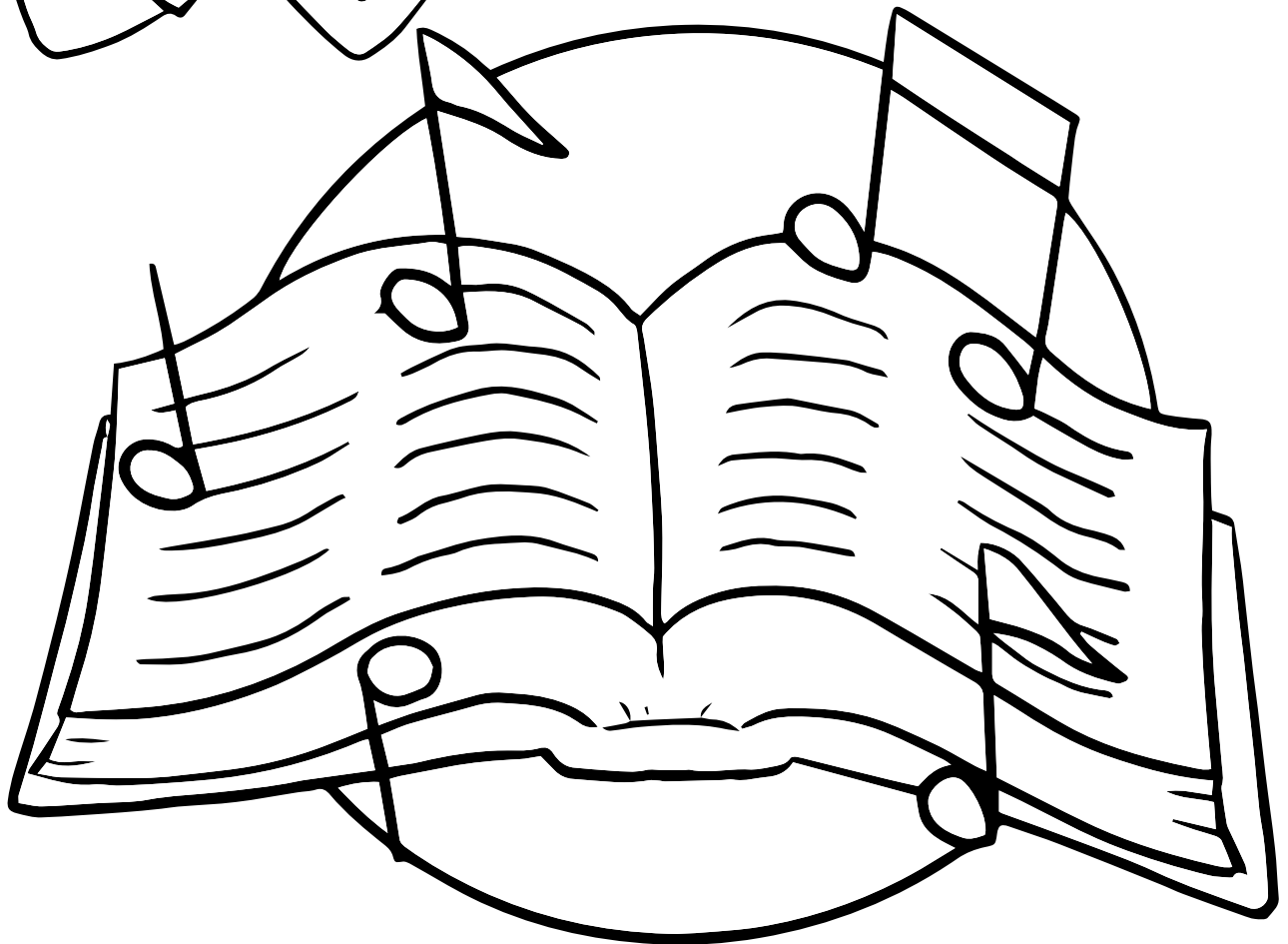


Coloring Page for the First Week of Lent

How Sweet the Sound



*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*



Read Ephesians 2:1-10,
and color the picture.

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Once Lost, Now Found

A Children's Sermon for the Second Week of Lent

—Luke 15—

Hello, boys and girls. In this season of Lent, we are focusing on God's grace in Jesus. God's grace is so great that one songwriter called it amazing. You know the song. It goes like this (sing it with me if you know it):

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.*

Last week we talked about the first line of that verse, so today we are going to focus on the second line, about being lost and then found, about being blind but now able to see.

There is a whole chapter in the Bible about being lost and then found. Jesus tells us in Luke 15 about a shepherd who lost a sheep. That shepherd left the 99 other sheep he had to go find that one lost sheep until he found that sheep. Pretty amazing that this shepherd would do all that for one sheep, isn't it?

Next Jesus told the story of a woman who lost one of her ten coins and searched and swept her house until she found it. Amazing that this woman would go to all this trouble for one little coin, don't you think?

Then Jesus told the tale of a man who had two sons. The younger one asked his father for his share of the father's inheritance. That son then took that money and spent it on partying and wild living. When the money ran out, the son was lost and didn't know what to do, so he went back to his father to ask to become one of his servants. But the father welcomed him with open arms and said he was so glad his son was found again. The father was so glad that he threw the son a party. How amazing is that? You would think the father would be mad, but he was so happy to see his lost son again.

These stories remind us that we all have been lost in our sins, but our gracious Father finds us wherever we are and wants to bring us home to him. That is why God the Father sent Jesus to save us lost sinners so that we might live with him forever in heaven.

We who have been blinded by sin can now see God's free plan for us in Jesus. God's grace so amazing that his Son Jesus brings us back to where we belong: with God for all eternity. There we find forgiveness, new life and a special place in the arms of our Father.

O great God, thank you for searching and finding us when we were lost in sin, and thank you for opening our eyes to your grace that welcomes us back, no matter what we have done. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.