

#TargetPractice: ____ came through Adam, but ____ was given through Jesus!

I have a challenge for you. Are you ready? I am going to give you some questions, and I want you to answer them for me. I have a special treat for you if you can answer all of the questions correctly! Okay, now here's a catch: it is a team effort. If one person does not answer the question correctly, no one will get the treat. So be careful! (we are not going to gripe at or make anyone feel bad for missing though)

- $2 + 2$ (4)
- $5 + 5$ (10)
- $10 + 10$ (20)
- $5 - 2$ (3)
- How many legs does a spider have? (8)
- What state do we live in? (*Arkansas*)
- What type of precipitation is white, builds up on the ground, and can be used to build things? (*snow*)
- What is the part of the plant that grows underground called? (*roots*)
- What do you get when you freeze water? (*ice*)
- What is the response to "See you later alligator?" (*After while crocodile*)
- Which Disney movie is Elsa in? (*Frozen*)
- What do caterpillars turn into? (*butterflies*)
- What do bees make? (*honey*)
- How many days are in a year? (365)
- Who built the pyramids? (*Egyptians*)
- Which planet in the solar system is known for having rings? (*Saturn*)
- What is the opposite of 'cheap'? (*expensive*)
- A scientist who studies rocks is called a what? (*geologist*)
- Which place is called "the happiest place in the world?" (*Disney World*)
- What is the largest state in America? (*Alaska*)
- What is the smallest state in America? (*Rhode Island*)
- How many bones do sharks have? (0)
- What is the part of the human eye that controls the amount of light that passes through the pupil? (*iris*)
- Can you name the closest star to Earth? (*sun*)
- What was the last name of the flying pioneers Orville and Wilbur? (*Wright*)
- Can you name the seven dwarves in Snow White? (*Sleepy, Sneezy, Happy, Grumpy, Dopey, Doc, and Bashful*)
- In what country were the Olympic games invented? (*Greece*)
- Who was the 16th President of the United States? (*Lincoln*)
- Who invented the telephone? (*Alexander Graham Bell*)
- Who painted the Mona Lisa? (*Leonardo DiVinci*)
- What's the name of the town where the Flintstones lived? (*Bedrock*)
- How many Great Lakes are there in the US? (5)
- What kind of tree do prunes come from? (*plum*)
- Which state was the 50th to join the union? (*Hawaii*)

Oh no! You missed it...well, you know the rules. Nobody gets the treat now.

Well, you know what? I'm feeling generous right now. You didn't earn the candy, but I think I'm going to give it to you anyway! I care about you enough to let you have this reward, even when you didn't do what I originally asked. Here you go... (*Pass out treats/candy*)

So, instead of getting what you deserved (the punishment I warned), you got something good.

You know what? This is similar to the way it works with **God's grace**. We don't get what we deserve, which is a great thing! The Bible tells us that we are sinful. Because of **Adam**, we are born with sin, and we naturally make mistakes. We do the things we shouldn't. We should be punished for the mistakes that we make. But **Jesus** changes all that.

Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned, because He lived the life we couldn't. He never sinned, but then He took the weight of all our sin, and died in our place. Because of that, the bad things we do aren't counted against us!

That **evil nature** we "**inherit**" from **Adam** gets **replaced** by the **goodness** of **Jesus**. **Sin** came through one person, but righteousness was given through another! God gives us **grace**, which means we get what we don't deserve. He gives us freedom and blessings in the midst of our sin and struggle.

I chose to give you the prize today, even though you didn't "earn" it. We cannot earn salvation. One person messed things up and gave you a punishment, but I chose to give you good things anyway. One person messed up and gave humans sin, but God lets us receive gifts from Him, because of His Son Jesus.

We can't earn God's gift but we do have to accept it. We need to do what Adam didn't: trust God to know what is best. We need to put God's will above our own and yield to His will.

We can thank God every day for His forgiveness and love!

Why don't we thank Him for that now?

Prayer:

(Have kids repeat each line)

Dear God,

Thank you for your mercy and grace

We don't get the punishment we deserve

But the grace you give.

Help us to be comforted by your forgiveness

And to forgive others.

Thank you for your love

We love you, God!
In Jesus name, Amen!

Lesson modified from [Children's Sermon Object Lesson \(Romans 5:12-21\) Adam's Sin and Christ's Gift - Ministry To Children](#)