My Sunday School Lesson Plan - Older Grades Book of Romans

DATE: November 10, 2019

Preparation: (What I need to do and items to gather before I begin to teach.)	Bibles to use in class			
Lesson Title:	The New Testament Book of Romans Continue your Old Testament Wall display by hanging the " ROMANS " wall card.			
Scripture Reference(s):	Romans 12:9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Romans 12:12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.			
Emphasis or Theme:	SAVED BY FAITH ~ LIVE RIGHT!			
Introducing the Story: (What you might say or do before the story to help create an interest or curiosity.)	(Hang your "ROMANS" slip under your "Books of the New Testament" wall display.) SAY: Remember when we discussed the Book of Acts, Luke described the spread of the gospel by focusing primarily on two apostles, Peter and Paul. The next book in the Old Testament is the book of Romans, which was written by the apostle Paul in Corinth, which is a city in Greece. Paul was one of the leaders of the first generation of Christians and an important person after Jesus in the history of Christianity. Paul's message was that all people, Jews and non-Jews, were sinners, and all needed to be saved from their sins.			
LESSON: Telling the Story Through the Bible: (Outline the story here. Then describe the method you will use to tell the story. Examples might include showing pictures, props, visuals, drawing as you tell, using puppets, costumed characters, dramatic story-telling or any number of other methods.)	SAY: The Book of Romans was written by the apostle Paul. Paul was both a Jew and a Roman citizen, so he took advantage of his status to spread the Word of God. ASK: Who are Romans? Where do Romans live? Where is Rome? (Pause) SAY: Romans are people who live in Rome. Paul begins his book, "to all God's beloved in Rome." This would clearly indicate that Paul was addressing the Christian church in Rome! SAY: Remember after the Pentecost, the apostles went out into the world to spread the Good News about Jesus. ASK: Does anyone know the meaning of the word "GENTILE?" (Pause) SAY: A GENTILE is a non-Jew; a person who is not Jewish. Paul was called by God to bring Christianity to the gentile (non-Jewish) world, and to establish churches for worship and ministry. Rome was the capital of the gentile world and a city of great beauty and riches. A church had developed there. Most of this group of Jesus followers were gentiles, but there were also some believers who were Jewish. Paul begins his book by reminding them that all are loved by God. Paul no doubt knew the strategic value of strengthening the believers in Rome by laying a strong teaching foundation. While preaching to the believers, Paul was continually challenged by the Jews. But he taught that everyone because all people sin, everyone needs Jesus. Over and over again, the book of Romans says that only through Jesus can people be made right with God. Through faith in Jesus' life and death, people who were sinners become clean. Jesus Saves! ASK: Do you agree that all people struggle with sin? (Pause). Do you sometimes struggle with knowing what is right, but not doing the right thing? (Pause) SAY: Paul presents the great human problem: the struggle between a sinful nature, which wants to go its own way, and a spiritual nature, which wants to obey God. People know what is right, yet they sin. People want to obey God, but they don't always do it. This even happened to Paul!			

	READ: (Romans 7:24) - In this verse, Paul expresses how terribly he had failed at obeying God. READ: (Romans 7:25) - Then in this next verse, Paul shares the happiness he discovered in the salvation Jesus offered. SAY: The Book of Romans has so many wonderful messages! (Read and Discuss with students as many of the following as you wish.) • (Romans 8:14) For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. • (Romans 10:13) For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. • (Romans 12:9) Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. • (Romans 12:10) Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Paul is very clear. We should be thankful for God's grace - the gift of salvation - and believers should do everything in their power to live right. Some additional Teachings in Romans: 1) Everyone Has Sinned (Romans 3:9-20) - (Older aged students) 2) Living for God (Romans 12:4-8)			
Learning Activities: (Games, crafts artwork, songs, memory verses, or other activities that bring fuller meaning to the scripture or make application to the lives of the students.)	3) Loving Others (Romans 12:9-12) ACTIVITY: 1. Rome Wasn't Built in a Day craft 2. Here's the Church craft 3. Bible Scripture Relay activity			
Review: (Solidify learning by repeating facts, themes, or even the story itself through games, crafts, activities, or visual aides.)	 The Book of Romans was written by which apostle? PAUL. What is the word that means a person who is NOT Jewish? GENTILE Where did Paul go to spread the Word of God? ROME What are some of the important teachings in the book of Romans? Everyone has sinned; God's plan is to save people from their sins; Salvation; Live Right! 			
Closing: (Prayer, last song,)	Practice LIVING RIGHT this week! Before speaking or acting, think about what Paul instructs us in the Book of Romans. Then do the RIGHT thing! (Allow students to share how they plan to do this.) Recite: Hayr Mer			