

God-Parents: Grace

- **Growing up did you have God parents or people who served in a similar role in your life?**
- **Can you remember a time you were on the receiving end of someone else's grace?**

In order to truly understand the grace that God offers, we have to first understand the need and the cost of that grace.

Read Romans 3:10-12 & Romans 5:10

- **Why are people described as “enemies of God?” Are some people worse than others in God's eyes?**
- **What was the cost of God restoring our relationship with Him?**

While grace is a free gift from God, and a command for those who follow Jesus, many times our ability to receive and give it can be a struggle. It can be refreshing to receive grace when we are at fault, yet difficult for us to turn around and offer it to others. Sometimes, it might even be difficult to accept grace because of the guilt/shame we feel due to our actions.

- **Have you ever had difficulty accepting the forgiveness of God or someone else?**
- **Have you ever been reluctant to forgive someone else?**

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give grace to those around us in the same way we have received it. The true goal of loving others and loving our kids the way God loves us, is to create an atmosphere of grace around us.

Read Colossians 3:13

- **What are some ways to create an atmosphere of grace in our homes? (friendships, workplaces, etc.)**
- **A helpful practice is to “view your children (others) the way God views you.” How does that reminder help us to give grace in difficult moments?**