

# EPHESIANS

## A New You

Main Scripture: Ephesians 2:7-10

God's grace gives us a new

- Position = In Christ Jesus
- Frame of Mind = Humility
- Perspective = His Artistry
- Responsibility = Good Works
- Outlook = Reconciliation

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# Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

November 21-22, 2020

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## Grace

- What is grace? Grace is God's love for us, all in one word! When Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins so we could be with God, *that* was grace.
- Ephesians tell us that through God's grace we are saved. We can't save ourselves. So, how do we receive God's grace? Ephesians tell us this happens through **faith**.

## Faith

- Faith is when we believe the Bible is true and trust the promises God made in the Bible. Faith is what lets us receive God's grace!
- Faith and grace together make us a new person in God. It changes us and gives us a new position, or a new way of thinking and seeing the world.

## Our new position

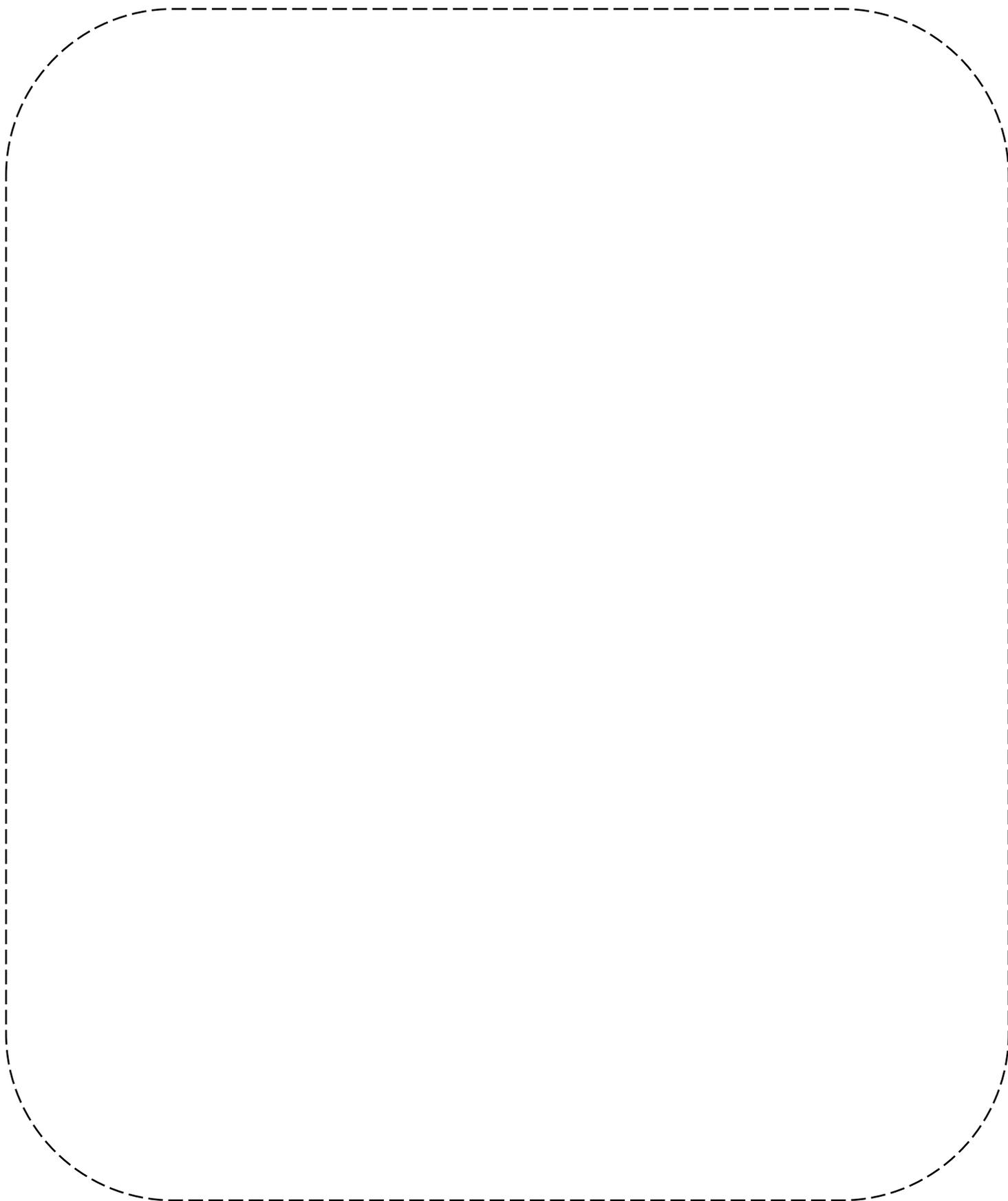
- Since God freely gives us His grace, our new position starts with **humility**. Humility is understanding we can't boast or brag about our new life with God because He is the one who does the work for us. It would be like telling people how tidy your room is, even though it was cleaned by someone else!
- Verse 10 says, "For we are his **workmanship**" which means we are God's art or creation! Our new position tells us that God created us to be like Him.
- Our new job, when we accept God's grace, is to do **good works**. We didn't earn grace by doing good works, but God wants us to show others His grace by living like Him.
- The last thing our new position with God means, is that we are to be **peaceful** people – not fighting with each other but showing everyone God's love.

## Some questions to discuss as a family:

Does my life show God's grace and love to other people?

What kind of **good works** can I do to show other people my new position in life?

**DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU LEARNED TODAY**



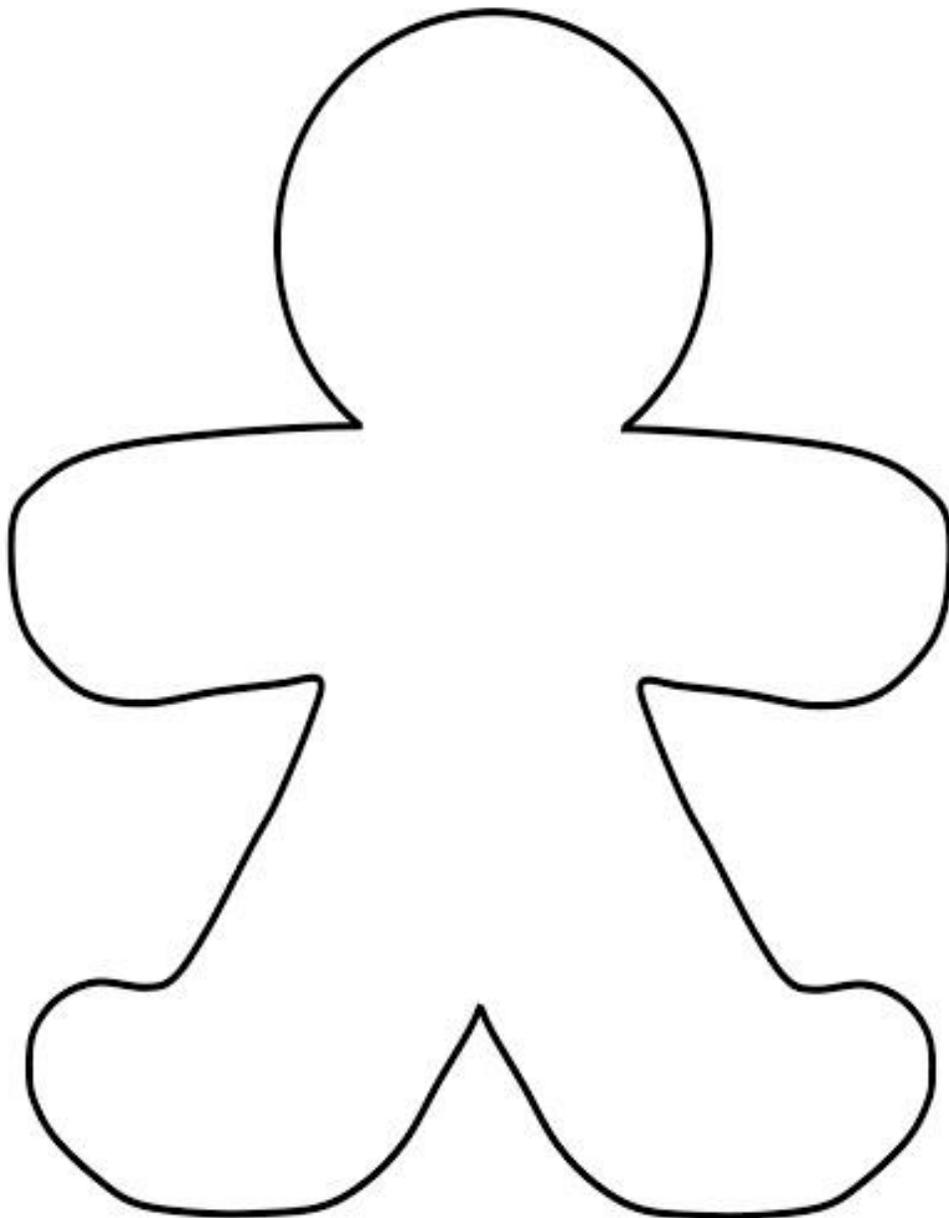
## Family Challenge

Be peacemakers this week! Play a game together and show good sportsmanship. Don't fight with your siblings all day. Watch a movie or TV show someone else would like to see. Discuss different ways you can be peaceful people, like God calls us to be, as a family and then practice, practice, practice!

## Workmanship

We are God's workmanship! That means we are created by Him. Fill in the figure below with all the attributes (skills, talents, abilities) God gave you! You can draw something that represents a talent; for example, if you're a good dancer you could draw on tap shoes or a tutu. Or you can fill in the figure with words that describe your abilities, like *happy*, *friendly* or *loves to bake*.

Send us your finished figure! We would love to share in your attributes and see what God has blessed you with.



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The Small Group Sermon Study  
Ephesians 2:7-10



**Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.**

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?
  
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
  - a. How have you experienced the grace of God?
  
  - b. How has our small group demonstrated these “NEW” characteristics to one another and to the world around us?
    - i. A new position:
  
    - ii. A new frame of mind:
  
    - iii. A new perspective:
  
    - iv. A new responsibility:
  
    - v. A new outlook:
  
  - c. Identify one thing our small group could do in each category of “NEW” above, to grow in living this out just a little bit more than we do right now?

***Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.***

3. What is God saying to you about your faith and His grace?
  
4. How will you respond to what God is showing you?
  
5. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week?

***Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).***