

Lesson 4.6 - The New Covenant: Covenant Making Part II

Topic: Peace with God

Subtopics:

2D: Sin

3C: Reconciliation

Class:

IV (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Objectives: **Knowledge:** Students will understand that the New Testament is about the New Covenant that God made with Christians. They will be able to explain the Romans Road to Salvation.

**Attitude:** Students will desire a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. They will recognize the seriousness of that commitment.

Scripture: Genesis 15

*Memory Verses:* Romans 5:8

Materials:

Chalkboard and Chalk

Exercise book and pencil

*Optional Activities:* Construction paper, scissors, glue and pencils and small paper sack

### Teacher Activities

**Introduction:** *Review the Romans Road Illustration. Review last week's story:* 1. What are the two parts of the Bible? 2. The Old Testament covenant is about God's Covenant with Abrahams' family. What do you remember about that from last time?

**Bible Story:**

- Share about the New Covenant. (See Teacher's Notes)
- Complete a Concept Map together.

**Application:**

Have students explain how the Romans Road gives the steps to Covenant making with God.

**Evaluation:** Did students understand that God's New Covenant is his promise that he will forgive our sins if we will turn away from sin and make Jesus Lord of our lives? Are students learning both the Bible stories and the concepts?

### Student Activities

**Introduction:** Four children draw the four parts of the Romans Road illustration. Four different children read and explain the verses.

Answer questions: 1. Old and New Testament 2. [Review of last week's lesson]

**Bible Story:** Listen as the teacher explains the New Covenant.

Complete a Concept Map together.

**Application:** Students will explain how the Romans Road and the New Covenant are related. They will be able to explain how the Jesus' death on the cross replaced the animal sacrifices.

**Evaluation:** Can students explain the Romans Road of Salvation? Can they express in words how our relationship with God is a covenant relationship?

Extension Activities:

*Art.* (This requires the optional art materials.) Students take a sheet of construction paper and cut 4 large stone shapes. On another sheet of construction paper, of a different color, they draw four stones so they look like a path. They write Romans Road at the top. They may want to decorate their page with flowers, trees, birds and so on. Then they write one verse on each of four stones that they cut out. They write the reference (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8 and Romans 10:9) one on each stone. On the back they write the complete verse for that stone. They try saying the verse while looking at the reference. They turn it over to see if they were correct. If they were, they can place it on the road. If not they need to try again.

*Review:* Students number one to ten on their papers. You read the questions and they write the correct name on their paper. Review previous lessons by using these questions. Go over the answers together. Was anyone able to get all 10 correct? You can make this a game by having two teams and seeing which team can get the most correct.

1. He tempted Eve to sin. (Satan)
2. She was Abram's wife. (Sarai or Sarah)
3. She was Adam's wife. (Eve)
4. He left his family and his home to obey God. (Abraham or Abram)
5. He died for your sins. (Jesus)
6. He promised Abram the land of Canaan would be home to his descendants. (God)
7. He was Abraham's nephew (Lot)
8. Who is in the second circle on the Peacemaking Circles? (Family)
9. Who wants you to be His friend? (God)
10. He had many animals and children but they all died. Then God gave him more children and animals. (Job)

Notes for Teacher

This is the last lesson in the series on Peace with God. It builds on ideas from previous lessons. Take time to review The Romans Road to Salvation and Abraham's Covenant with God before explaining the New Covenant. Then help them see connections between Old and New Testament covenants.

Main Idea: The Old Testament is God's covenant with Abraham's family (Israel) and the New Testament tells about our covenant with God. It tells what God promises if we will obey Him and what we need to do if we want to be His friends.

Introduction:

*Review the Romans Road to Salvation. Let's review what we learned by drawing it on the board.* Have children come to the board and draw the diagram as you did during the Romans Road Lesson. (They should have a copy of this in their exercise book.)

- a. One student draws the two cliffs with God on one side and the man and woman on the other. Read or have a student read Romans 3:23.
- b. A second student draws the flames and a student reads Romans 6:23.
- c. A third student draws the bridge (cross) that connects us to God. A student reads Romans 5:8-9
- d. A fourth student draws a stick person crossing the bridge as someone reads Romans 10:8-10.
- e. Discuss this diagram with the students until you feel that they understand it.

*Review of Old Testament Covenant:*

1. The Bible is divided into two main parts (Old Testament and New Testament). Another word for testament is Covenant.
2. The Old Testament is the story of God's covenant with Abraham's family, the Jews. When God made covenant with Abraham he made a promise to him. God promised to give Abraham many descendants and the land where Abraham lived would belong to his descendants. He promised to bless Abraham's family.
3. The four things that showed that a covenant was being made: Vows or Promises, Blood, Gifts or Signs, Eat a meal together.

Bible Story: Today we are learning about the covenant God makes with us, his friends. The New Testament is all about the covenant God makes with us. *Use the questions below to guide the discussion.*

**1. How was there shedding of blood for the New Covenant?** (Instead of sacrificing an animal, Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He shed His blood to make covenant between us and God.)

**2. What are the promises of the New Covenant?** (God promises to forgive our sins and be our friend. We promise to obey God and be His friend.)

**3. What are the signs of the New Covenant?** (There is no outward sign but there should be an inward sign. God says our hearts must be circumcised. That means the old things like selfishness and unkindness must be done away with and we must become new—kind and unselfish. We learn to be like Jesus as we read the Bible, pray and learn to trust God. Christians should act differently because they are trying to be like Jesus. God can fill our hearts with His love and change us from the inside out.)

**4. Is there a meal that Christians eat with God?** (Some churches have communion with bread and juice as a sign of the covenant with God. Friends believe the true communion is when we spend time praying and talking to God, having fellowship with Him.)

**5. Because Jesus already died on the cross for us, we do not need to kill an animal sacrifice like Abram did. Look at the Romans Road verses. The last two verses sum up God's promise to us. Jesus died for our sins because God loves us. If we believe in our heart that Jesus died for our sins, and confess him as our Lord and Savior, God will forgive our sins. He is their loving Father and Jesus is the best friend you will ever have.**

*Concept Chart:* Repeat the Frayer Model but this time fill it out for the NEW Covenant (our covenant with God). See the example on the next page.

