



# Looking for LIKES

**PREPARE** 



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

## TALK TOGETHER

**HAVE YOU EVER DONE SOMETHING CRAZY TO GET SOMEONE TO PAY ATTENTION TO YOU? WHAT DID YOU DO OR SAY?**

It feels good to have people pay attention to us. It makes us feel special and like we matter to someone else. We can spend a lot of time and energy to get people to accept us, but that is not how God created us to live.

The Apostle Paul, who wrote the book of Galatians, had something to say about this. **Can you help me find Galatians 1, verse 10? The book of Galatians is in the New Testament.**

**FOR AM I NOW SEEKING THE APPROVAL OF MAN, OR OF GOD? OR AM I TRYING TO PLEASE MAN? IF I WERE STILL TRYING TO PLEASE MAN, I WOULD NOT BE A SERVANT OF CHRIST.**

**GALATIANS 1:10**



**TALK TOGETHER**  
Family conversations with God's Word.



**MORE TO EXPLORE**  
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



**THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**  
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



**COLORING PAGE**  
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.

# TALK TOGETHER

The book of Galatians is a letter Paul wrote to believers who had started to listen to false teachers. These false teachers were teaching it wasn't enough to believe in Jesus and that people needed to earn their salvation and approval of God.

Paul knew how wrong that was. Before Paul believed Jesus had died on the cross for his sins, he tried to earn the approval of both God and the people around him through the things he did.

But Paul was a changed man. He came to know the truth that there is only one way to have a relationship with God, and that is to accept Jesus as your Savior. Paul reminds us in our memory verse that when we have a relationship with God, we should not live to please people.

It can be so easy to look at the people around us and want their approval. We all want to be accepted and know people like us.

We want friends. We want to feel loved and wanted. We can feel insecure when we think other people don't like us. We start to wonder what is wrong with us and what else we can do to get the approval of friends and even strangers.

When you catch yourself looking to other people for approval, remember God created you and God doesn't make mistakes. He doesn't love you because of what you do or don't do; He loves you because God is love and He is our loving heavenly Father.

There is nothing you can do to make God love you more. There is also nothing you can do to make God love you less. The most important relationship you can ever have is a relationship with God, and that comes by believing in Jesus as your Savior. **God's approval is the one that matters most.**



# \* MORE TO EXPLORE

## GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING  
GOD CREATED  
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,  
AND SIN PASSED TO  
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN  
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF  
US ARE SINNERS,  
CHRIST DIED  
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL  
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE:

\* GALATIANS \*

Today's story comes from the book of Galatians. The book of Galatians is in the New Testament and is called an epistle. 21 of the 27 books in the New Testament are epistles. An epistle is a letter that was written to a person or group of people.

HOW CAN I TELL IF I AM TRYING TO PLEASE GOD OR PLEASE OTHERS?

Your life will bear the fruit of what is going on in your heart. **Galatians 5:19-25** lists some of the things that will come out when you seek the world, versus the fruit that will be seen if your heart is seeking to please God. In **Luke 6:45** Jesus says our mouths will speak whatever is in our hearts.

OT-NT CONNECTION

Choosing the approval of people instead of God was not a new thing in the New Testament. People struggled with this in the Old Testament too. Look up **Deuteronomy 8:11-20** to read a warning that Moses gave to the Israelite people.

- What did Moses warn the people to not forget?
- What were the people warned against doing in verse 19?

JOURNAL 

Read **Romans 12:1-2**. How is the world around you telling you what you should do or what you should look like? What would be different in your life if you sought to please God instead of trying to make other people happy?

IS IT BAD TO CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK ABOUT ME? 

Everyone wants to be liked! That in itself isn't a bad thing. But if you are consumed by the likes you get on social media or your day is ruined because someone chose to unfollow you, you may want to pray and think about whose approval you are seeking. We need to live our lives caring more about what God thinks about us than what other people think.

READ 

Take some time to read **Galatians 1:6-17**. As you read, notice what Paul was focused on doing in verses 13 and 14. Verses 16 and 17 tell us that after he met Jesus, he spent time learning from God. How did his focus change?

# ★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

## ♥ MEMORIZE

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**Q: WHO SHOULD I LOOK TO FOR APPROVAL?**

**A: GOD, NOT MAN.**

## SHAPES

While making different shapes with playdough, read Romans 12:2 and talk with your child about what it means to be shaped to look more like Jesus and shaped to look like the world. Remind your child that one of the biggest ways to look more like God is to care about what He says than what the world thinks.

## SHARE

Think back on a time when you cared deeply about getting the approval of someone else.

Share about the experience with your kids, including your journey to care less about what others think about you.

## WATCH



Watch this week's Memory Melody video with your kids to memorize this week's verse!

## PRAY

**DEAR LORD, THANK YOU FOR CREATING ME AND LOVING ME AND WANTING TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH ME. HELP ME NOT TO WORRY ABOUT MAKING OTHER PEOPLE HAPPY, BUT CHOOSE TO LIVE FOR YOU AND MAKE YOU FIRST IN MY LIFE INSTEAD. AMEN.**

## FIND

This week's verse is in the book of Galatians. Help your child find the book of Galatians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

## GOLD STAR

With your child, come up with a list of why God created us or reasons why God loves us. Draw large stars on a piece of paper. Let your child color in the stars as you make your list. Cut out the stars and let your child give the stars to friends or family. With each star handed out they should tell that person something from your list. (Alternately, use gold stickers instead!)

## I APPROVE

Tape down a line on the floor. Make a list of foods, some your children like and some they don't like. One side of the tape means they approve of that food; the other side means they don't like it. Read the list and have your child jump to the side that goes with how they feel about each food. When you've finished the list, tell your child that having opinions about food is one thing; but when it comes to people, the approval we should care most about is God's.

## SING



Listen to this playlist throughout the series as you learn to follow Jesus more closely.

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

# COLORING PAGE

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