

## Preteen (4th-5th grade) Activity - July 5, 2020

**Bible Story:** This Is Amazing Grace (Grace is a Gift) • *Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is a gift for everyone.

**Key Question:** Why do people give gifts?

**Memory Verse:** *God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ. Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift.* Ephesians 2:8 (NirV)

**Life App:** Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

### 1. Bible Story Extension [Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

**What You Need:** "T-shirt Template" (Activity Page attached), markers & Bible

#### What You Do:

- Take the t-shirt template and design a t-shirt that appeals to everyone.
  - Artistic ability doesn't matter. Your shirt can have funny or inspirational sayings with no art on it at all. You can use all parts/sides of the shirt in your design, as well.
  - If you want, you can use magazines, scissors, and glue to get a bit more "robust" with your creation!
- When you're finished, think about these questions:

- How did it feel designing a t-shirt, trying to make it appeal to everyone?
- Did it feel like you had to perform? Did you feel like you had to do it “right”?
- How do these feelings relate to today’s Bible Scripture?  
*(They’re the opposite; God’s grace is free and it doesn’t matter how we try to earn it!)*
- Open the Bible to Ephesians 2:8-9. Either ask yourself the following questions or discuss them with somebody else:
  - We learned about the gift of grace—what do we have to do to earn grace?
  - How much does grace cost us?
  - What do we have to do to keep God’s grace?
  - Can we lose God’s grace by messing up?
  - Who is the giver of the gift of grace?

## **2. Make It Personal [Prayer]**

**What You Need:** Bible

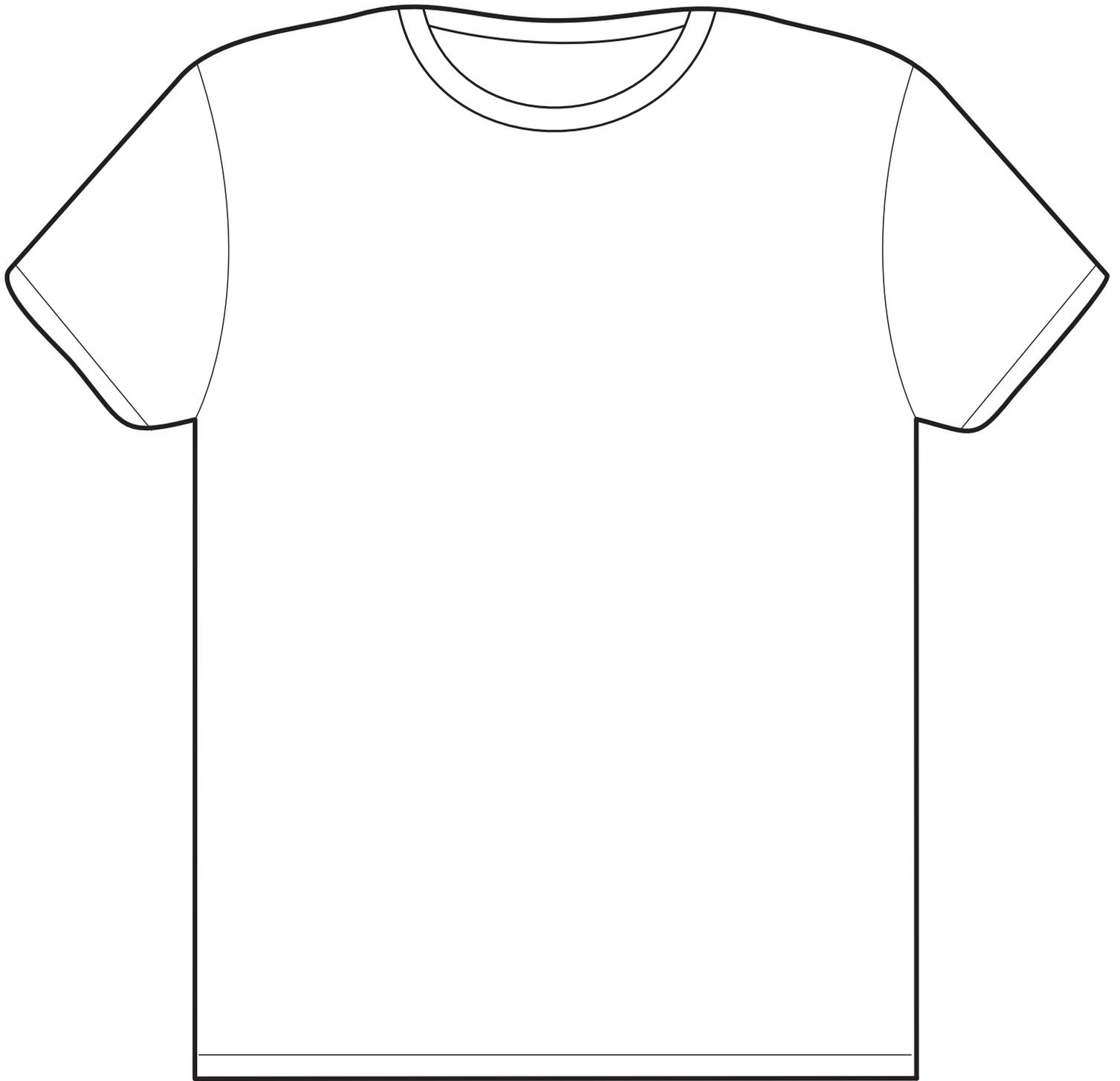
**What You Do:**

- **Read** Ephesians 2:8 again.

- **Encourage** yourself to memorize it...recite it piece by piece.
- **Ask yourself** to summarize the verse in one or two words.
- **Pray** and thank God for His gift.

*Remember these things about grace:*

- We all mess up. No one has it all together.
- We don't have to do good things to make up for the things we did wrong.
- You don't have to do everything perfectly to fit in with God.
- God loves you and accepts you no matter what you've done.
- There is nothing you can do to make God love you more . . . or less!
- Jesus is a gift for everyone!



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**What to Do:**  
Print one for each kid.

**T-Shirt Template**  
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