

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea:
Being good isn't good enough.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 11:27-32
Genesis 12:1-8
Genesis 17
Genesis 18:1-15
Genesis 21:1-10
Hebrews 11:8-16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Romans 4:1-25

There are three great heroes in the Old Testament for the Jewish people: Abraham, Moses, and David.

Why does Paul choose Abraham as the hero of faith?

If you are a Gentile who knows nothing about Abraham, what questions do you have as you read this?

Why is this so important for Paul's Jewish readers?

What impact is Paul hoping the story of Abraham will have on the relationships between Jews and Gentiles in the church?

Who is the central character in this chapter? ...in the book of Genesis?

If you are a believer in God how should this chapter make you feel?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Dear God, please keep reminding me
that the story of life is always about You.
Your love and faithfulness are my only hope.
Increase my faith so that I will choose
to listen and to follow You.
Help me to trust in the future
that You have for me.

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FAMILY RESOURCE

Big Idea:
Being good isn't good enough.

READ ROMANS 4:1-5

Decide on a chore/s that you will be paid for.
Make a chart to keep track of your chores.

READ ROMANS 4:6-8

How do you know that God loves you?
Make a heart card for God.

READ ROMANS 4:9-12

Plan to put a star on the chart when the chores are done.
BUT, put a star on your shirt now.
What makes you a part of your family?

READ ROMANS 4:23-25

Put stars on the chores chart
in anticipation of their being done.
Then, do the chores together.
That's what Jesus did for us on the cross.

MEMORY VERSE:

_____, then, shall we _____ in _____
to _____?
If _____ is for us, _____ can be _____ us?
He who did not spare his own _____,
but _____ Him up for us all—how will He not also,
along with Him, graciously _____ us all
_____?
_____ 8:31-32

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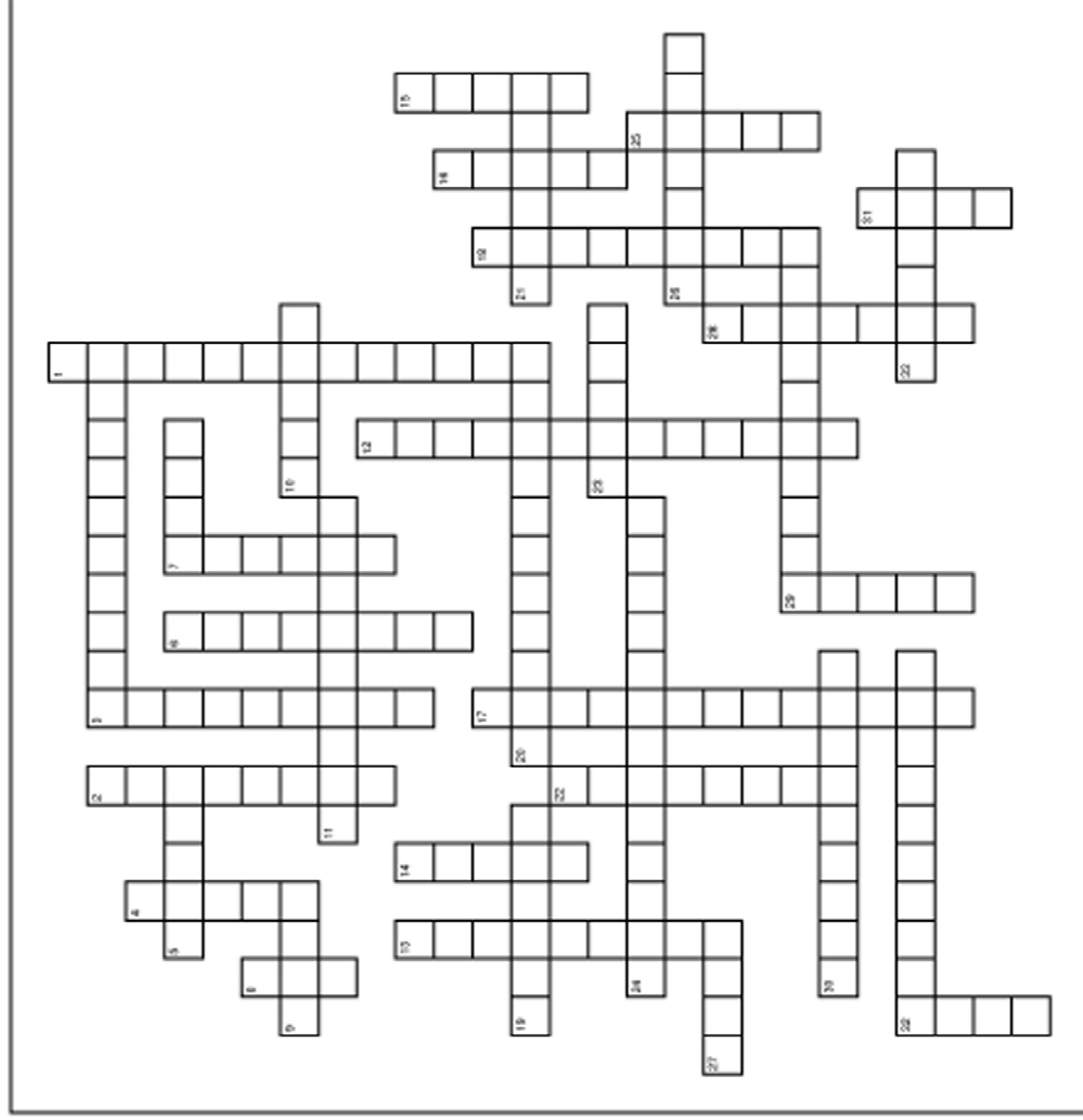
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ROMANS 4

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Across

3. something that is owed (Romans 4:4)
5. might or strength (Romans 4:21)
7. put one foot in front of the other (Romans 4:12)
9. truth (Romans 4:2)
10. worth (Romans 4:14)
11. given (Romans 4:25)
19. dad or patriarch (Romans 4:11)
20. people with God's physical mark (Romans 4:9)
21. in front of (Romans 4:3)
23. anger that leads to punishment (Romans 4:15)
24. God-likeness (Romans 4:5)
26. countries or peoples (Romans 4:17)
27. a title for Jesus (Romans 4:1)
29. found out (Romans 4:20)
30. about (Romans 4:20)
32. made a sure thing (Romans 4:16)
33. lifted up (Romans 4:24)

Down

1. people without God's physical mark (Romans 4:9)
2. pardoned (Romans 4:7)
3. children or descendants (Romans 4:18)
4. brag (Romans 4:2)
6. trusted (Romans 4:3)
7. evil (Romans 4:5)
8. God's rules (Romans 4:13)
12. sin (Romans 4:14)
13. made right (Romans 4:2)
14. earned payments (Romans 4:4)
15. unable to decide (Romans 4:20)
16. praise (Romans 4:20)
17. situations (Romans 4:10)
18. convinced (Romans 4:21)
22. acknowledged (Romans 4:23)
25. effort (Romans 4:2)
28. our forefather (Romans 4:1)
29. a king of Israel (Romans 4:6)
31. one who inherits (Romans 4:13)
32. present (Romans 4:4)

Romans 4

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