

Family Theme | **A Response to Progressive Christianity** Date | **March 2, 2025**
Study Text | **Galatians 1:6–12; 2 Corinthians 11:1–33; Matthew 7:15–20; Acts 20:28–31**

Read the Word: Galatians 1:6–12; 2 Corinthians 11:1–33; Matthew 7:15–20; Acts 20:28–31

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how Progressive Christianity is a different and false gospel, and how we should hold fast to the true gospel of the Bible.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: Guard Against Progressive Christianity's Different Gospel
(Galatians 1:6–12)

APPLY: Let no other teaching draw you away from the true gospel of Christ.

- *What teachings are drawing people away from the true gospel of Christ?*

APPLY: The true gospel of Christ seems to be less and less popular in our culture.

- *What aspects of the true gospel are unpopular in our culture?*
- *Why would many people rather be on the side of the majority than on the side of truth? What role does peer pressure play in this?*

APPLY: A close look at Progressive Christianity shows it is a perversion of the true gospel of Christ.

- *In what ways is Progressive Christianity different from the true gospel of Christ?*



Key Truth: Guard Against Progressive Christianity's False Teachers
(2 Corinthians 11:1–33)

APPLY: False teachers often twist the truth.

- *What are some ways false teachers twist the truth today?*
- *Why are people attracted to things that mix pieces of truth with pieces of falsehood? How might this allow people to justify their behavior or false beliefs?*

APPLY: False teachers often seem pleasant, appealing, and even dynamic.

- *Why are false teachers sometimes hard to identify?*
- *It's easy to think of false teachers as larger-than-life cult leaders we see on TV shows. Why is it important to remember false teachers can also be found in the bookstore bestseller aisle and all over social media?*



Key Truth: Prepare Ourselves and Others to Combat False Gospels and False Teachers
(Matthew 7:15–20; Acts 20:28–31)

APPLY: Learn to identify false teachers and false teaching. Do the teacher and the teaching match what the Bible says?

- *How can we identify false teachers and false teaching?*
- *What should we do if we realize one of our favorite authors, speakers, or preachers is engaging in false teaching?*

APPLY: Make the Bible your final source for what to believe and practice and help others do so as well.

- *Why is it important to spend more time studying the Bible than studying non-biblical views? How does theological training help us stand firm in our faith?*
- *How can we prepare others to stand against false teachers and false gospels?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

Elementary students focused on learning God's Word is true. If you have younger children, read *Can the Bible Be Trusted?* in your child's devotional study guide (*Adventure Guide*). If you have older students, encourage them to read it in their devotional study guide (*Explorer's Guide*) and discuss it with them.

- What are some things you learned about the Bible? (It helps us learn about God and know He is real. It is God's story about how He created and loves us. It is completely trustworthy. It is eternal and it is truth.)
- How can God's Word help us recognize Satan's lies?
- What does 2 Timothy 3:16 tell us about God's Word?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **1 Samuel 12:24**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Protestants recognize 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books as the canon of Scripture. A canon is the standard accepted list.

Everyday Extras:

Show your child a battery, a picture of a (or actual) helium balloon, and a favorite snack. Talk to your child about how the battery will eventually quit working, the helium will slowly leave the balloon causing it to deflate, and the snack will disappear once it's been eaten. None of these items will last forever. Show your child a Bible and read Psalm 119:89 aloud. Emphasize to your child that God's Word is completely true and will last forever. Spend a few minutes naming Bible characters and sharing favorite Bible stories and verses. Close your time together thanking God for His Word and the truth it teaches and asking Him to help each of you understand it and share it with others.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Naomi's husband and sons died. Naomi's daughter-in-law, Ruth, chose to go with her back to Bethlehem. Ruth gathered grain in the field of a kind man named Boaz. He told his workers to leave extra grain for Ruth so she and Naomi would have food to eat. God used Boaz to take care of Ruth and Naomi.

God Takes Care of Me.