

# God's Grace

## (Water Refraction & Arrow)

### Lesson learnt:

Everyone has sinned and everyone needs grace. We can't earn God's grace through our own strength or suffering or even by obeying all of God's laws! So, what can turn us away from sin and back to God? Only grace!

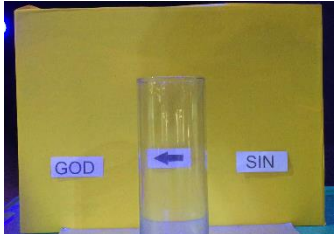
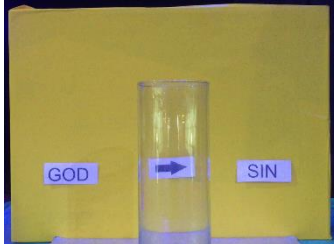
This clever use of water refraction turns an arrow in the opposite direction without anyone touching it! Remember, it's not "magic" it's science!



### Items needed:


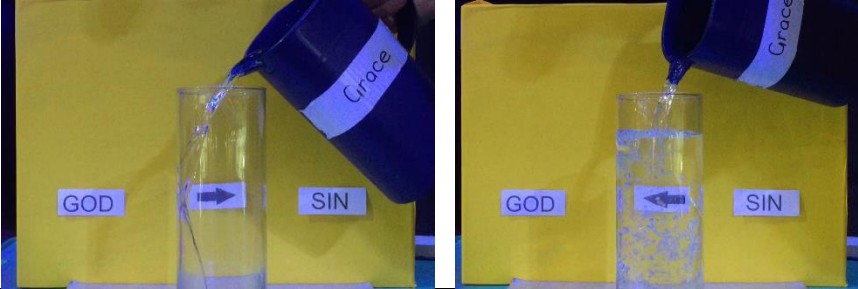
- Signs saying "God", "Sin" and an arrow.
- A jug of water with a sign saying "God's Grace"
- A clear jar/vase
- Book of Laws (any thick book with this title printed on it)
- You may need to set up a live video feed and screen if you are doing this for a bigger crowd, as the refraction cannot be seen from a side view only head on.

### Skit

Link to video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/k8iObDiTbXg>

Leader 1	We know that God created everything, and He created us.	
Leader 2	Right!	
Leader 1	And we also know that God wants us to choose to follow Him. This arrow represents us. <i>(Point the arrow at the "GOD" sign)</i>	
Leader 2	Correct!	
Leader 1	And we know that when we choose to not follow God, it's called sin. <i>(Point the arrow to the "SIN" sign)</i>	
Leader 2	Yeah, sin is not good, we don't like sin at all.	
Leader 1	God, sin, totally opposite.	
Leader 2	Agreed	
Leader 1	So, when we choose to follow sin and not God, that separates us from God.	

Leader 2	Okay, but just turn it back, I don't want sin. Just turn it back.	
Leader 1	Uhm no, I can't do that. We are separated from God. There isn't anything that we can do on our own that can make us be right with God again.	
Leader 2	But we've all sinned. I've done lots of silly things. Just turn it back please.	
Leader 1	But we can't just turn it back. We need <b>GRACE</b> .	
Leader 2	Grace! Oh yes, I know Grace, that little girl in grade 4. I'll give her a call.	
Leader 1	No! Not that Grace. God's grace.	
Leader 2	Oh!! Yes, that's easy! At supper time: Little fishes lick their dishes AMEN!	
Leader 1	No, I think you've missed something, I'm talking about God's Grace. God's grace is God's gift to us. Through His love for us we get what we don't deserve.	
Leader 2	Ok! I get it now. I'm going to earn God's grace. <i>(Calls up another volunteer, another leader who already knows what to do)</i> This guy is strong. I know that if I suffer a lot then I must be able to earn God's grace. <i>("Strangle", push and shove the volunteer)</i>	
Leader 1	<i>(Asks children)</i> Is he turning the arrow? No, unfortunately suffering is not turning the arrow. God's grace cannot be earned by suffering.	
Leader 2	Ok so I have another plan. If we can't get grace by suffering, then what I have here is a big book of the LAW. So, if we obey all the rules, we must be able to earn God's grace? <i>(Starts mock hitting the volunteer with it.)</i>	
Leader 1	No Leader 2, you are going to get in trouble. His mom is here. You cannot earn God's grace by obeying all the laws. God's grace is getting what we don't deserve only because He loves us.	
Leader 2	Wait, I know how to earn God's grace. You are going to work for it!	

	<p>(Starts shouting at volunteer to do exercises like jumping jacks and push-ups)</p> 
Leader 1	Is the arrow turning back to God yet?
Leader 2	Ok now run and do laps around the room. Go faster! Go faster! Is it working?
Leader 1	No Leader 2, it isn't.
Leader 2	Ok volunteer, stop there where you are. Be nice to people. Be kind to people. More people! Faster!
Leader 1	<p>Children, is the arrow changing direction? No.... Leader 2 you can't earn God's grace. You can't earn it by your works or by suffering or by the law. God's grace is a gift we get even when we don't deserve it.</p> <p>So, when we mess up and many of us do, God's grace is the only thing that can turn you back to God.</p> <p><i>(Bring out a jug of water with sign "GOD'S GRACE")</i></p> <p>So now I want you to watch carefully at that arrow and let's see what happens when we have God's grace.</p> <p><i>(Pour the water into the vase)</i></p> 
Leader 2	Woah! The arrow turned!!
Leader 1	Only God's grace can make us right with God.