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life on another level

# Student Workbook

**YEAR 3**

**Seasons &  
Celebrations**

**Reconciliation**

**Bible Readings**

Leviticus 16

Romans 5

2 Corinthians 5



### Learning Outcomes

At the end of this week you will be able to:

- Locate the letter to the Romans in the bible.
- Express Christian teachings about reconciliation with God.
- Integrate these concepts by beginning a process of reconciliation within your own broken relationships.

### Notes from Bible Reading

**Scripture** A word or phrase that stood out to me:

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**Observation** What is happening in this Bible reading?

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**Application** Something that I learned about who I am or how I should live:

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**Prayer** What I would like to say to God, ask of God, or what I think God is saying to me:

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**Key Question** What does it take to mend a broken relationship?

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### Engage

Go around the group and share one thing for each heading that has happened since you last met:

- Plus – How have your friends/family built you up?
- Minus – How have your friends/family let you down?
- Reflection – Do you think that they did these things on purpose?

Think of a friendship you have had with someone that has been broken. What do you think it would take to restore it to what it once was?

Broken relationships are everywhere, which means that hurting people are everywhere. Consider these facts about Australian society:

- 30% of families do not have both biological parents in the house.<sup>1</sup>
- 51% of divorces involve children.<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately 16 % of people between the ages of 13 and 15 say that they are hurting deep inside.<sup>3</sup>

### Explore – Locate

- *What stood out to you in the Bible readings this week?*
- *What did you find meaningful or significant?*
- *Is there anything that you didn't understand or found confusing?*
- *Any questions or comments you may have?*

**Read together:** Romans 5:1-11

It is nearly thirty years after Jesus' death and resurrection. The place is Rome – the greatest city in the world. The venue is a large suburban lounge-room packed with people. Looking around, you see the faces – old & young, men & women. Some of them are wealthy Roman landowners, others are poor foreign slaves. Some had come here as skilled migrants. Some had grown up as Jews, in families which proudly followed traditions brought over from the east. Others had been raised as Romans, with childhood memories of visiting local temples and bowing to statues of the gods. So many different stories. But today they were one family.

The prayer was ended and the leader at the front stepped forward. "Dear friends, we have received a letter. It is from a man named Paul, one of the apostles from the east. I believed that a few of you have met him before on your travels. He has addressed it to all you, so we will read it aloud..."

Looking around, you can see faces eagerly taking in what is written. You see the fear when sections

about God's wrath are read out, the joy when the subject changes to God's great mercy, and nods of affirmation when the letter tells the wonderful story of Abraham – a man saved by faith, not by his many good deeds.

The reader continues: "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith...."

### Explore – Express

Working in pairs with an A3 sheet of paper, create a graphic that shows the connections between the following characters: Christ, God (the Father), God's enemies. The descriptions should be based on what is said in Romans 5:6-11.

