

**2ND/3RD GRADE**

**CHRIST FIRST  
OTHERS SECOND**

**I AM THIRD  
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**CENTENARY**

**Memory Verses for the 2nd/3rd grade Romans Road**

1989 NRSV

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## What is I AM 3RD?

I AM 3RD is based on a simple belief that Jesus Christ is first, others are second, and I am third.

We strongly believe that Jesus Christ is the most important person in our lives. (Matthew 25:40)

Do our best in everything: We want to work at everything with all our hearts, as if we are working for the Lord.

(Colossians 3:23-24)

Studying Scripture: We believe all Scripture is God-breathed (from God) and is useful for teaching, correcting, and training in goodness, so that through studying Scripture we may be equipped (ready) for every good work.

It is our prayer that we would gain a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Christ through our weekly devotions and times of prayer, in order to help us learn more about Jesus Christ and His importance in our lives.

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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## Week 1:

Romans 3:23 ...since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

This soccer season we will memorize the Romans Road. This group of verses is great to have memorized because it summarizes the Gospel story. Romans 3:23 begins the Gospel story by reminding us where we begin. Every person has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. We are all equal in that we are all sinners and cannot overcome our sin by ourselves.

### Questions:

What is sin? How do we know when we have sinned?

### Memory Verse:

Romans 3:23 ...since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.



## Week 2:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death...

One way to describe sin is wanting our way instead of God's way. Have you ever earned money from an allowance or doing a chore? When we earn money for doing a job, that money is called a wage. When we sin all that we are owed is death. We see this in the story of Adam and Eve. When they eat the forbidden fruit it results in the loss of their eternal life. From that point on this same pattern has existed in all humans. Because of sin, we cannot live forever as God intended for us. Sin has separated us from God and prevented us from gaining access into His Kingdom.

### Questions:

How do you feel after you have sinned? How do you think God feels after you sin?

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### Week 3:

Romans 6:23 “...but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

While sin leads to death, God offers us the free gift of life forever. God offers us eternal life through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Last week we learned that the result of sin is death. Jesus chose to die on the cross on our behalf so that we no longer had to die. When Jesus rose from the dead he showed that death no longer had a hold on humanity. Because of the free gift of Jesus, we no longer need to fear death. Jesus has shown that death is defeated and that we too can defeat death through God’s gift.

### Questions:

On what holiday do we celebrate God’s gift of Jesus?

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#### Week 4:

“Romans 5:8 But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.”

God loves us. He has proved His love for us by sending his Son to die for us. This was not a love that we earned. We didn't work hard enough, or do enough to deserve God's love. There is nothing that we can accomplish to deserve this love. This may sound harsh, but it is good news! Because even while we were still sinners and didn't deserve it, God radically showed how much He loves us by saving us from the sin that separated us from Him.

#### Questions:

What is the best gift you have ever received?

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## Week 5:

“...because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord...”

Saying “Jesus is Lord” is no small thing. It is language used to pledge our allegiance to a King. When we say “Jesus is Lord” we declare that Jesus is above everything and everyone else and we are loyal to him. Being loyal to Jesus requires that we change the way we think, feel, and act in the world. Rather than focusing on ourselves we declare that we are servants of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Questions:

How can you accept the greatest gift ever given?

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Romans 5:8 But God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9-10 ...because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord...



## Week 6:

“...and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead...”

What does it mean to believe in something? It is more than just saying that something is true or correct. Belief changes how we act. If you believe your teammate has an opportunity to score a goal, you will pass them the ball. If you didn't believe that they could score you might not pass them the ball. When we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, that completely changes our lives. When we believe that Jesus rose from the dead we also believe that we are free from the powers of sin and death. We are no longer bound to serve sin, instead we are bound to serve Jesus.



## Questions:

What does it look like to be free from sin?

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## Week 7:

“...you will be saved.”

Being “saved” is a concept we hear a lot in church. To be saved is to be rescued from some danger or problem. The same is so when we talk about being saved in church. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus we have been rescued from our captivity to sin and death. All we need to do to be rescued is to acknowledge what Jesus has done for us and pledge our allegiance to him as Lord. God has taken care of all the hard work. All you need to do is respond to the work that Christ has already done.

### Questions:

Have you asked Jesus to save you? If you have not and would like to, ask your coach to pray with you.

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## Week 8:

“For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.” This soccer season we have memorized the Romans Road. These verses tell the whole story of the Gospel. That is, while we did nothing to earn it, Jesus rescued us from sin and death. In order to receive that salvation we must believe in what Jesus has done for us. Belief is not just thinking about what Jesus did, but letting what Jesus did change how we think, feel, and behave. The same is true of proclaiming that Jesus is Lord. We cannot serve two masters. To say Jesus is Lord means that no one else is above him. He comes first, others second, and we are third.

### Questions:

What does the Gospel mean for you? What was your biggest takeaway from this seasons memory verse?

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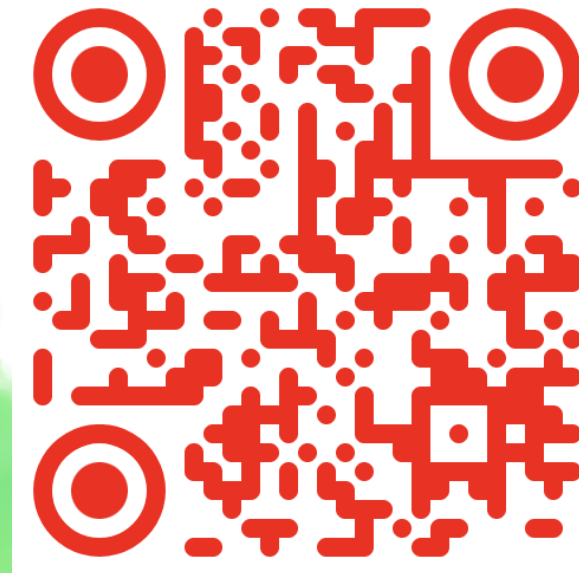
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