

JOURNEY

ADVOCATES

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 4.1: MORALITY

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 2:1-16

SUMMARY:

Today's passage teaches that the Gentiles, who did not receive the Law from God as the Jews did, were still able to follow His Law. Why? Because everyone has God's moral code written on their hearts. This week students consider the atheist claim that people don't need God to be good. We walk through the argument to its logical conclusions and learn that morality isn't always relative and decided by human constraints. Sometimes things, like murder, are universally wrong across all time and places.

But why is that? If some things are really right and wrong, if there is a moral law that is binding on all people across all time and cultures, then there must be a moral lawgiver. We discuss in this lesson that the best explanation for objective morality is God.

CORE VERSES	CORE CONCEPTS
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 2:14-15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Objective morality points to a moral lawgiver.</p> <hr style="width: 20%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">MORAL: Being concerned with what is right and wrong</p>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How do you determine what's right and what's wrong?
- Are there any generally accepted behaviors in your group of friends that you know are wrong? How do you handle that?
- Is there anything that you're unsure if it's right or wrong?
- Describe your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?