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Zacharias and the Birth of John

Luke 1:5-25, 57-80



The Story

Have you ever made a promise to someone? Today's story is about a very important promise that God made to all people! Because of sin, all people need a Savior. God promised to send a special person to tell people about the coming Savior, Jesus.

Once there was a priest named Zacharias who was married to a woman named Elizabeth. They worshiped and loved God, but were sad because they had no children.

One day, Zacharias was doing his work in the church, when suddenly he saw an angel of the Lord! Zacharias was very scared, but the angel told him not to be afraid. The angel said that God had heard Zacharias' prayers and would send him a son! The angel also told him to name his son John.

Zacharias wondered how he could have a son since he was so old. The angel said to him, "God sent me to tell you this good news! Because you did not believe me, you will not be able

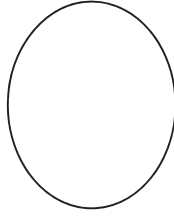
to speak until the baby is born." At that moment, Zacharias lost his voice and was not able to speak. Finally, the time came for Elizabeth to have the baby. Since it was a boy, all the friends and relatives wanted to name him Zacharias after his father, but Elizabeth told them his name would be John. The relatives asked Zacharias what to name the baby. Because he could not talk, Zacharias wrote on a tablet "His name is John." Suddenly he was able to speak again! Zacharias thanked and praised God.

Everyone was amazed at the birth of John, for they knew that he was a special baby. Do you know why John was so special? The Lord chose him to tell people about Jesus. The people were excited because they knew that Jesus would be coming to save them from their sins!

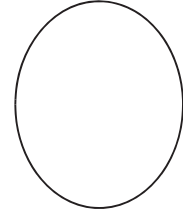
God kept His promise to send a special person to tell people about Jesus. We know God always keeps His promises to us!

Something to Think About - On each circle, draw Zacharias' face to show how he felt...

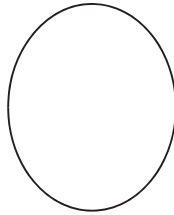
when he saw the angel.



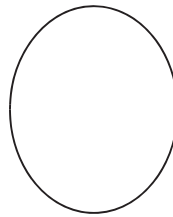
when he heard that Elizabeth would have a baby.



when the baby was born.



when God let him speak again.



Recalling the Story - Circle the word that belongs in each sentence.

1. Zacharias was a (king, priest, baker).
2. Zacharias and Elizabeth thought they were too (young, old, poor) to have a baby.
3. The angel told Zacharias to name the baby (Zacharias, Jesus, John).
4. God took away Zacharias' voice because Zacharias (doubted God, got angry at God, believed God).
5. John's important job was to (rule people, raise animals, tell people about Jesus).
6. God always (keeps, breaks, forgets) His promises.

Passages

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

Jesus said, "Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:20

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

We are happy You always keep Your promises. Thank You for sending John to tell people about You. Thank You for coming to die for our sins so we can be with You in heaven. Amen.

Announcing A Miracle Child

Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-25



The Story

We know nothing is too hard for God to do. Today we will read about a special miracle which reminds us that God can do anything!

While Zacharias and Elizabeth were waiting for John to be born, God sent another angel to deliver a different message. The angel Gabriel visited a young woman named Mary. The angel had very good news for Mary. He told her she would have a son and call His name Jesus.

Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph and didn't understand how she could have a baby, since she was not yet married. The angel told her Jesus would be the Son of God. He also told her about her relative Elizabeth. Even though Elizabeth and Zacharias were old, they were going to have a baby. There is nothing God cannot do!

After the angel left, Mary hurried to visit Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth could feel John leap for joy inside her womb.

Mary was excited. Jesus,

the Savior from sin, would be born. She sang a song praising God for all His blessings to her.

Joseph was a good man. When Joseph heard Mary was pregnant, he did not know the baby was Jesus. He decided to send Mary away to have the baby instead of marrying her.

An angel came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said that Joseph and Mary should still get married because the baby to be born to Mary was the Son of God, Jesus, who would save all people from their sins.

When Joseph awoke from the dream, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. He took Mary home, married her, and took care of her. Joseph and Mary believed and trusted in God. By faith, we also trust and believe in God's promises.

God announces the miracle of Jesus' birth.

Activity One - Fill in the blanks to complete the following sentences. A letter has been given in each word.

God sent the angel _____ E _____ with a message to Mary.

When Mary greeted Elizabeth, J _____ leaped in Elizabeth's womb.

An angel came to _____ S _____ in a dream.

Mary sang a S _____ praising God.

By faith we _____ U _____ and believe God's promises.

Now unscramble the letters that were given to show the name of the miracle child.

Activity Two - Find the following names in the puzzle. Can you tell how each one is part of the miracle in today's story?

Jesus	John
Mary	Gabriel
Joseph	

B	M	K	D	A	J	L	P	O
G	A	B	R	I	E	L	E	R
F	R	V	J	O	S	E	P	H
C	Y	O	O	R	U	W	M	L
E	Q	A	H	B	S	F	I	D
T	N	M	N	E	P	R	A	Y

Believers show faith in the miracle within Jesus' birth.

Activity Three - Color over each "X" in the puzzle to show a very important message!

"FOXR WITXH GXOD NOXTHINXG

WILLX BXE IMXPOXSSIBLEX." (Luke 1:37)

Passage

She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. Matthew 1:21

Hymn - TLH 95 v. 1-4

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh —
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Tho' by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heav'n enthroned.

From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell —
High the song of triumph swell!

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for doing what seemed impossible - becoming true God and true Man. Please strengthen our faith through the study of Your Word. Help us to show our love for You in everything we think and do. Amen.

The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20



The Story

The time came for Jesus to be born on the earth. The Bible told that He would be born in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph lived a long ways away in Nazareth. What would happen? Listen to the Bible lesson from Luke 2.

The king wanted his people to pay taxes and be counted. They had to go to the city of their family. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because they were from King David's family. Mary was about to have a Baby, but she needed to go also.

There were so many people in Bethlehem that no room in the inn or hotel was found for Joseph and Mary. They had to stay where animals were kept. The time came for Jesus to be born. He was born in Bethlehem. Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and placed Him in a manger where hay for the animals was laid.

That same night Jesus was born, an angel came to shepherds who were watching their sheep in the field. The angel said, "Do not be

afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. Today in Bethlehem a Savior, Christ the Lord, was born. You will find the Baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was full of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Then the angels went away.

The shepherds said to each other, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this Baby."

So they hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby Jesus Who was lying in the manger. There they worshiped the Savior of all people.

After they had seen Jesus they returned to their sheep. They gave praise to God for sending the Savior Jesus. They also told other people about the wonderful Child they had seen. Those that heard it were surprised at what they had been told.

Mary thought about all that had happened and remembered it again and again.

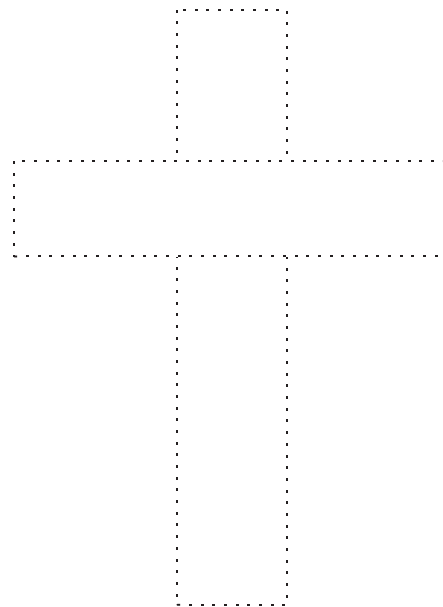
Jesus our Savior is born.

Rejoice, your Savior is born!

Activity One - If the following sentences are correct, write YES in the blank. If they are not correct, write NO in the blank.

1. _____ Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem.
2. _____ They got to stay at a fancy hotel.
3. _____ Jesus was born in a hospital.
4. _____ The shepherds were watching their sheep.
5. _____ The angels told them that Jesus was born!
6. _____ The shepherds went to see Jesus after a few days.
7. _____ The shepherds kept Jesus' birth a secret.
8. _____ Mary knew that Jesus was very special.

Activity Two - Many people give gifts at Christmas, but God gave us a Christmas present that is more special than any that we have ever been given. Trace over the dots and then color the symbol meaning that gift.



Passage - Fill in the blanks of this passage with the words from the box.

you	Lord	born	Christ	day	Savior	city
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“For there is _____ to _____ this _____
in the _____ of David, a _____, who is
_____ the _____.” Luke 2:11

Prayer/Hymn - TLH #85 v. 2, 13

“This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen.

The Wise Men and Flight to Egypt

Matthew 2:1-23



The Story

What gift would you give Baby Jesus if you could have visited the newborn King? Today we will hear about some wise men who came from very far away to praise the Savior, Jesus, and to bring Him gifts. Those costly gifts would also help Joseph, Mary and Jesus travel and live in far away Egypt. Why did they go to Egypt? Listen and you will learn.

After Jesus had been born, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem and said, "Where is the King of the Jews who was born? We have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Herod the king did not like to hear this. Would this King take over his job? Herod called the people who knew the Bible together and asked them to find where the Christ was to be born.

The Bible in Micah told them that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem.

Herod secretly found out when the wise men had seen the star and he told them to go to Bethlehem where they would find the Child. Herod lied to the wise men and said, "Go and find the Child and come back and tell me where He is so that I can go and worship Him also."

The wise men left and the star which they had seen in the East went ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was

living. The wise men were very happy to see the star and follow it!

They came to the house where Jesus was now living and they fell down before the Savior and worshiped Him. They also gave Him expensive gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God sent a dream to warn the wise men not to go back to tell King Herod where Jesus was living. They went home a different way.

An angel also came to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the young Child and Mary and go to Egypt and stay there until you are told to return. King Herod is going to try to find Jesus to kill Him." Joseph, Mary and Jesus left right away at night to go to Egypt.

King Herod also realized the wise men were not going to come back to tell him where Jesus was living. He had all baby boys who were two years old and younger put to death.

After King Herod died an angel told Joseph it was safe to go back home. They moved to Nazareth, just as it told in the Bible.

God led the wise men to Jesus.

Activity One - Use the words in the box to help you answer the riddles about today's story.

King Herod	wise men	Egypt	house	Nazareth
Jesus	gifts	star	killed	Bethlehem

1. _____ I shone brightly in the sky.
2. _____ We came to see the King of the Jews.
3. _____ I did not want another king besides me.
4. _____ I am the Savior.
5. _____ The wise men found Jesus in this town.
6. _____ Jesus and His family were staying in this.
7. _____ The wise men gave these to Jesus.
8. _____ This is what King Herod did to all the baby boys.
9. _____ This is where Joseph took Jesus for safety.
10. _____ This is where Jesus went at the end of the lesson.

Activity Two - The wise men followed God's special star to find Jesus. How can we help lead others to find Jesus? Write your ideas by the star.



Passage - God tells us in His Word to...

“Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:5

What are some ways you trust Him? Draw a picture showing one of them.

God reveals the Savior of all people.

Hymn Study - TLH 127 v. 1-4

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee!

As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heav'n and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercyseat!

As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy.
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!

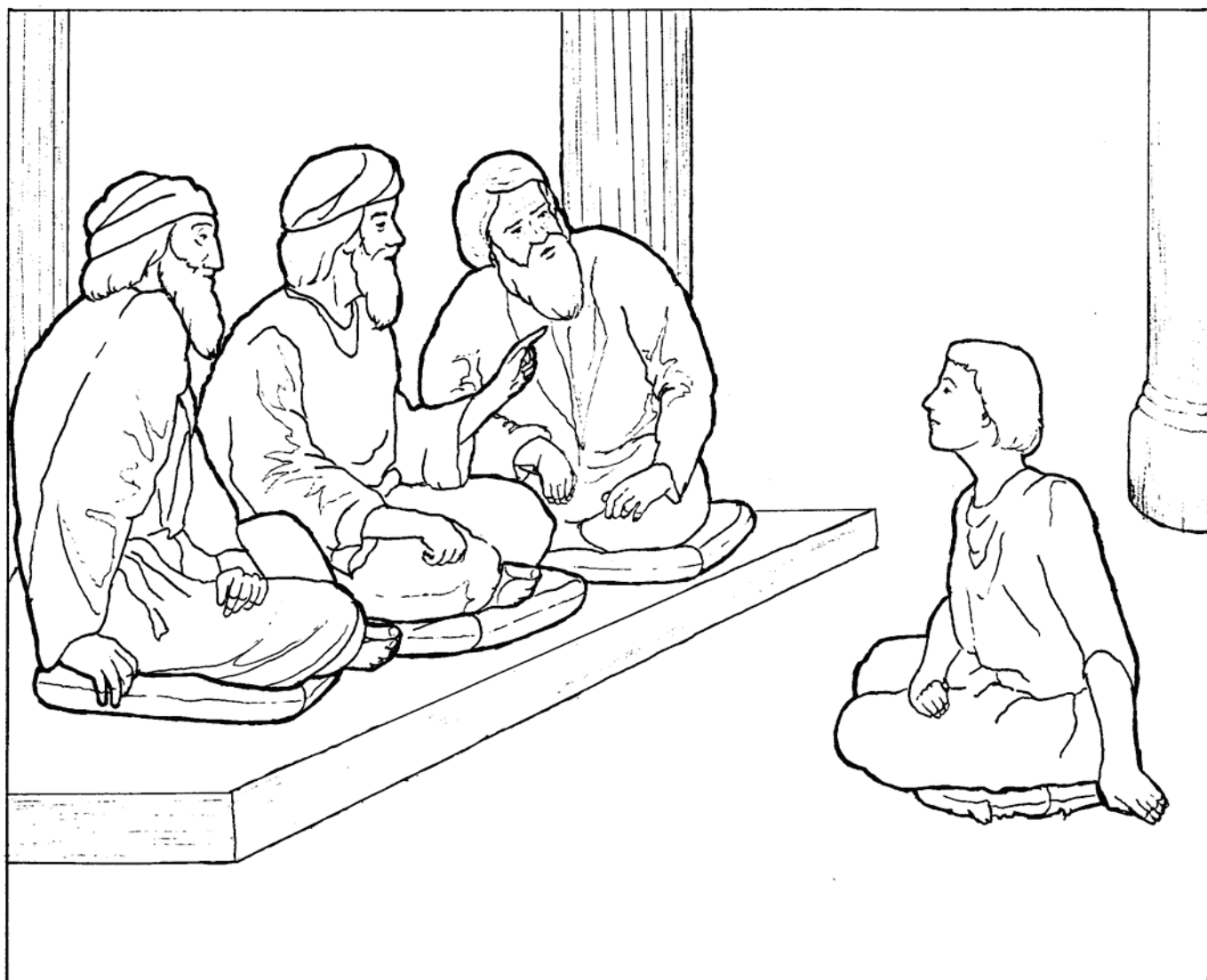
Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
You are so special to us. Please help us shine for You and to trust in You always.
Amen.

Twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple

Luke 2:40-52



The Story

The Bible tells us that as a child Jesus grew strong in His body and spirit. He became very wise and God's grace was upon Him. Today we will read the only story in the Bible about Jesus as a child.

Every year Jesus' mother and father would travel from their town Nazareth to a city called Jerusalem. They went to the Passover feast. When Jesus was twelve years old He went with His parents, Mary and Joseph, to Jerusalem for the feast. They went because God wanted them to go.

After the feast was over, Mary and Joseph started traveling back to Nazareth with all the other people from that city. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His mother and father did not know Jesus had stayed in Jerusalem. They thought He was traveling with other friends and family.

Mary and Joseph traveled for a whole day before looking for their Boy. When they could not find Jesus, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.

They looked and looked for Jesus. After three days, they found Him. He

was in the temple. The teachers were all around Him. Jesus was listening to the teachers and asking them questions. Everyone who heard Him could hardly believe how much Jesus knew.

When Jesus' mother and father saw Him they were very surprised. His mother said to Jesus, "Son, why have you done this to us? Look, your father and I have been very worried while we looked for you."

Jesus told His mother and father He did not know why they were looking for Him. He thought they knew He would be doing God's work. He thought they knew He must be learning God's Word. But Jesus' mother and father did not understand what Jesus said to them.

Jesus went back to Nazareth with His parents and obeyed them always. Mary kept all the things she had seen and been told in her heart. Jesus kept growing wiser and stronger, and God and men admired Jesus very much.

The boy Jesus came to do His heavenly Father's business.

Activity One - Choose from the following words to finish the sentences below. Then put the words in the correct places in the crossword puzzle.

Nazareth, Son, three, Temple, Passover, Jerusalem

ACROSS

1. Jesus was talking with the teachers in the ____.
3. Joseph and Mary looked for Jesus for a long time in the city of ____.
4. Joseph, Mary and Jesus lived in ____ .

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3							
4							
5							

DOWN

1. Joseph and Mary looked for Jesus ____ days.
2. Jesus and His parents went to the feast of the ____.
4. Jesus is God's ____.

Jesus willingly treasured God's Word perfectly for us.

Activity Two - Use the 3rd Commandment to help answer the questions.

3rd Commandment - Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

How did Jesus show He loved God's Word?
 How can you show you love God's Word?

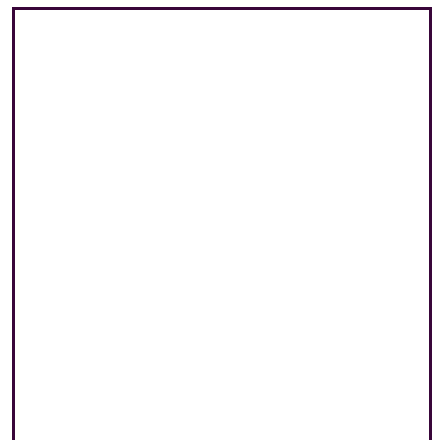
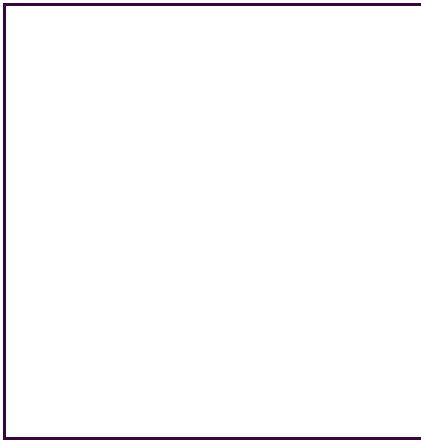
Passages

Psalm 122:1 - I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Luke 11:28 - (Jesus said) "Blessed are those who hear the word of God
and keep it!"

Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Draw pictures of three places where you can learn God's Word.



Hymn - TLH 297 v. 1, 3, 4, 6

The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That man might thus be justified.

It brings the Savior's righteousness
Our souls to robe in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith, which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.

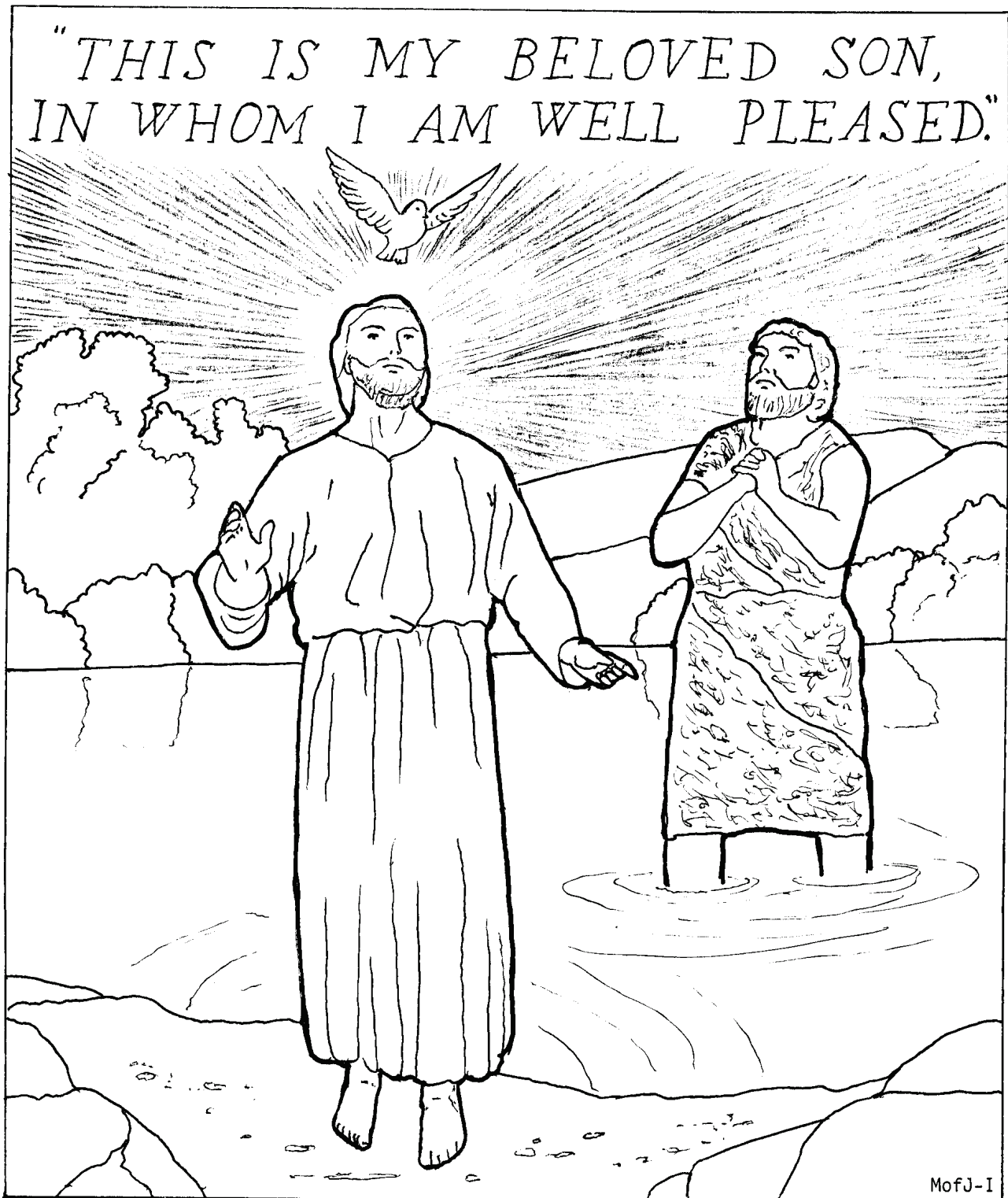
May we in faith its tidings learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord our Righteousness!

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for giving us Your Word. Help us to love Your Word and gladly learn it
like You did when You were a child. Help us when we let other things become
more important than You and Your Word. In Your name we pray. Amen.

The Ministry of John and the Baptism of Jesus

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22; John 1:19-34



The Story

Do you know when you were baptized? Why are we baptized? Today we will see that Jesus is baptized, not to wash away His sins, but to keep the commands of God perfectly for us.

Jesus had a relative named John. When John grew up he lived in the wilderness. He wore a belt and a camel hair coat. He ate wild honey and grasshoppers.

John preached God's Word. He told people to admit their sins. He wanted people to be sorry when they did something

wrong. He told people Jesus was coming to save them. John baptized people in the Jordan River.

One day Jesus came to see John. John called Jesus the Lamb of God. Jesus wanted to be baptized. John did not feel worthy to baptize Jesus, but John did baptize Jesus in the Jordan River. A miracle happened after Jesus was baptized. The Holy Ghost came down to Jesus. The Spirit was in the shape of a dove. He landed on Jesus' shoulder. God the Father said, "You are My Son; in You I am well pleased."

Activity One - Use the words in the box to answer the questions. Write the letter of each answer on the line.

1. ____ What did John eat?
2. ____ What did John wear?
3. ____ Where did John live?
4. ____ Where did John baptize people?
5. ____ What did John speak?
6. ____ Who came to John to be baptized one day?
7. ____ Who said, "This is my son"?
8. ____ Who came in the form of a dove?

A. A camel hair coat
B. grasshoppers
C. God's Word
D. God the Father
E. God the Holy Spirit
F. in the wilderness
G. in the Jordan River
H. Jesus

Jesus was baptized to publicly begin His ministry as our Savior.

Activity Two - Use the words to complete the sentences.

1. God's _____ was spoken at my baptism. **child**
2. Some _____ was put on my head. **life**
3. I became a _____ of God. **sins**
4. God's Son gave His _____ for me. **water**
5. God took away all my _____ . **Word**

Passages

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

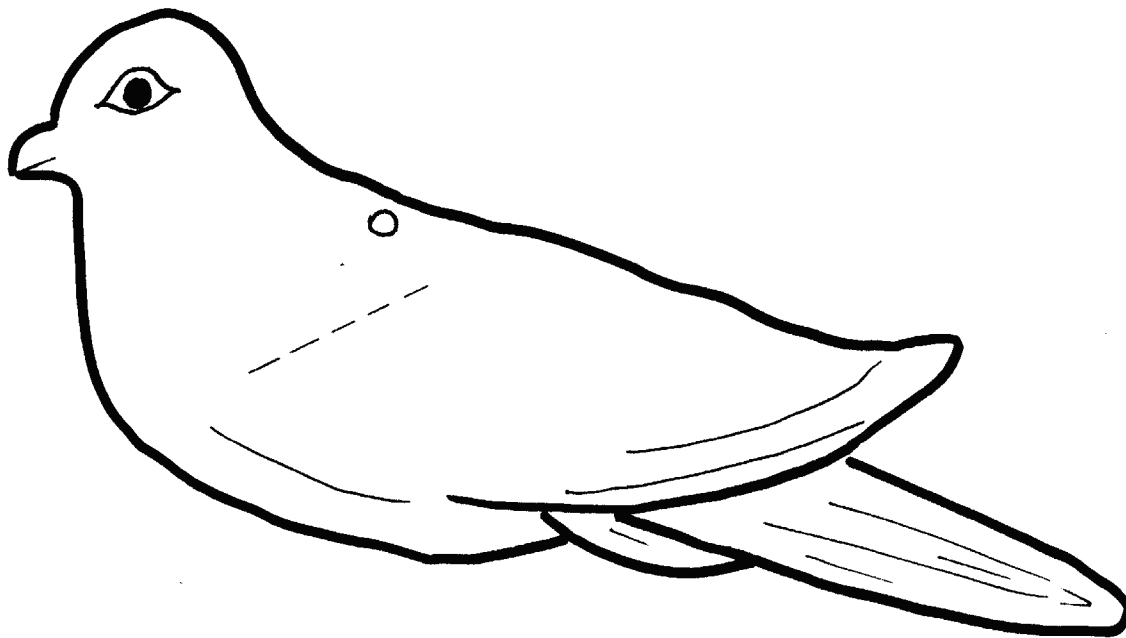
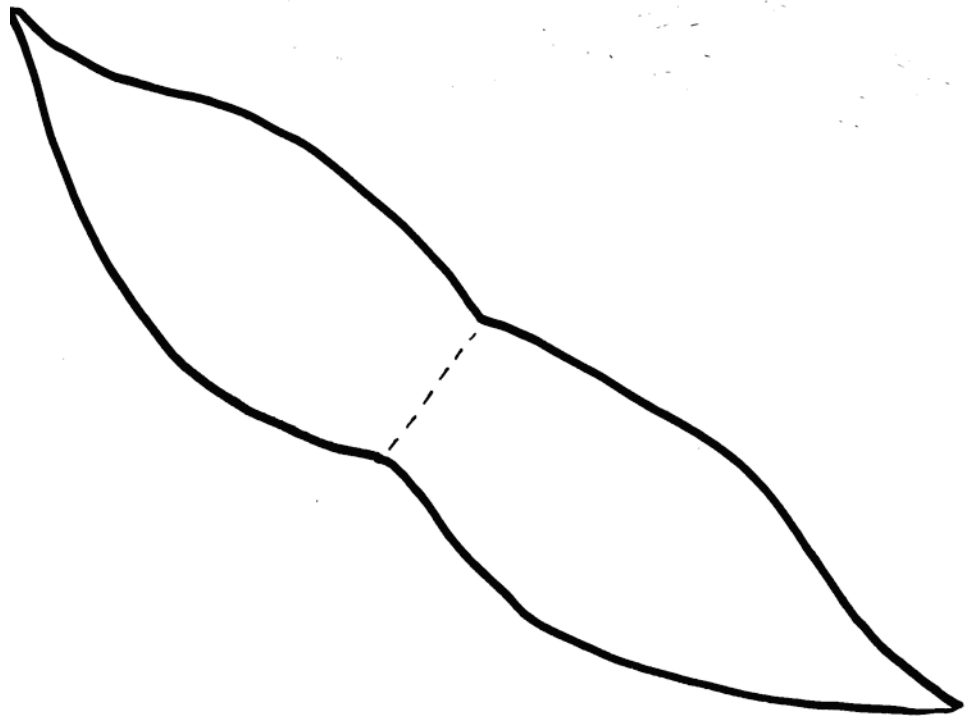
The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7b

Hymn - TLH 63 v. 1, 5

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come, then, and hearken,
For He brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore
And Holy Ghost
Forevermore.

Activity Three - Cut out the dove and wings along the outer lines. Slit dotted line in the dove and insert wings. Hole punch the small circle and draw a piece of yarn through. The Holy Spirit came down from heaven as a dove and landed on Jesus.



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for showing us that, through His baptism, Jesus is Your Son sent to be our Savior. Help us to picture in our hearts Jesus' baptism and how He kept the law for us to be our perfect Savior. When we sin, call us to repentance and faith that Jesus Christ, Your Son, washes us clean from all our sin, just as our baptism reminds us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Temptations in the Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13



7-2

The Story

How can we fight against the Devil's temptations? Jesus will show us in today's lesson how we will use a very special weapon. Can you think what it is? (God's Word)

Jesus went into the wilderness. He stayed for forty days and nights. He didn't eat anything the whole time. He was very hungry.

The devil was also in the wilderness and wanted Jesus to sin. If the devil could make Jesus sin, Jesus would not be our Savior. He told Jesus to do a miracle to feed Himself. He told Jesus to turn stones into bread. Jesus did not want to sin. He told the devil a Bible passage, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The devil tried again to make Jesus sin. He took Jesus to the top

of the very tall temple. The devil told Jesus to jump down because angels would catch Him. Jesus knew this would be a sin. He did not jump. Jesus told the devil another Bible passage, "You shall not tempt the LORD your God."

The devil would win if he tricked Jesus into sinning. He showed Jesus every country in the whole world. The devil told Jesus to worship him. He said if Jesus did, the devil would give the whole world to Jesus.

Jesus knew He should only worship God. Jesus did not want to sin against His Father. He said an important Bible passage, "You shall worship the LORD your God and Him only shall you serve."

Jesus did not sin. He used the Word of God against the devil. Jesus told the devil to leave. Angels then came and took care of Jesus.

Jesus did not sin when the devil tempted Him.

Activity One - Find the answer in the box. Put that letter into the 🏠 house.

- 🏠 1. The devil wanted Jesus to _____ .
- 🏠 2. The devil wanted Jesus to make stones into _____.
- 🏠 3. Jesus used _____ against the devil.
- 🏠 4. The devil wanted Jesus to jump from the _____.
- 🏠 5. Jesus stayed in the wilderness _____ days and nights.

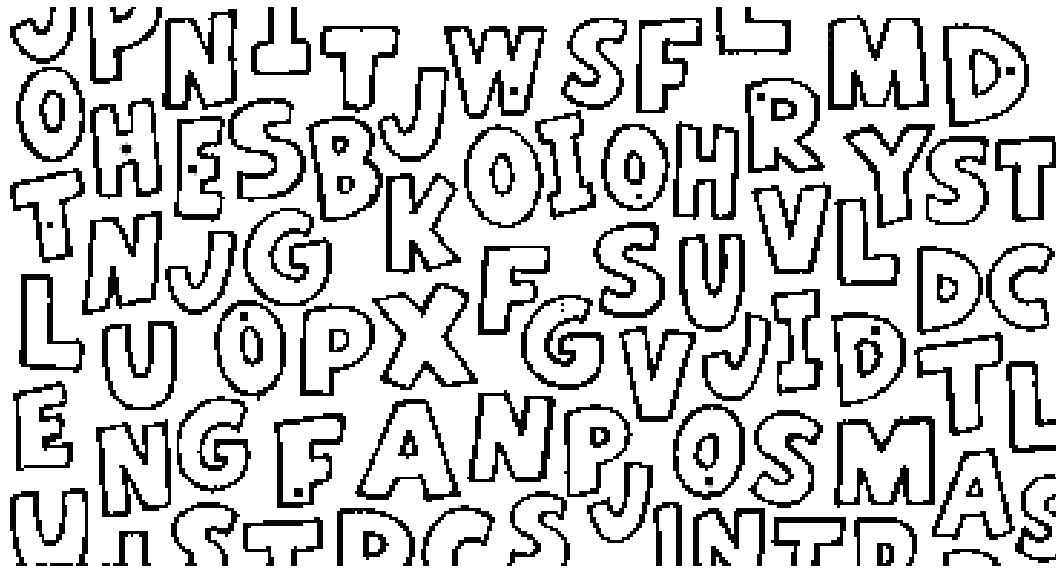
A. bread
B. God's Word
C. forty
D. sin
E. Temple

Activity Two - Circle the "T" if the sentence is true. Circle the "F" if it is false.

- T F 1. The devil told Jesus to worship him.
- T F 2. Jesus told the devil that we are to worship only God.
- T F 3. The devil tempted Jesus three times in the wilderness.
- T F 4. Jesus spoke God's Word to the devil.
- T F 5. If Jesus had sinned, He still could be our Savior.
- T F 6. God's Word will help us say, "No," to sin.

Jesus overcame the devil for us.

Activity Three- Find the weapon we can use when Satan tempts us. Color only the letters with dots inside them.



Passage

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

Hymn - TLH 5 v. 1

Lord, open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,
Let me Thy child and heir remain. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for not falling into sin. Help us to use the Bible to fight against the Devil and sin. Amen.

The Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-12



The Story

Have you ever gone to a wedding? Imagine having Jesus be a guest. Today we will read how Jesus helped at a wedding.

Once there was a wedding in a town called Cana. Since Mary and Jesus knew the bride and groom, they were invited to the wedding. Jesus' disciples were invited, too. Everyone was happy to see the bride and groom get married.

All the guests went to the groom's house for a big celebration. In those days wedding celebrations would sometimes last several days. At the wedding dinner, they ran out of wine long before the celebration was over. Now all the guests would have to drink water.

Mary knew Jesus could help. She told Jesus, "There is no wine."

Jesus assured Mary that God provides for all needs when He knows the proper time to help has come.

Mary told the servants, "Whatever Jesus says to you, do it."

Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots with water. This was a big job. There were six huge water pots and each one would hold as much water as a bathtub. The servants did as Jesus said and filled each pot to the very brim with water.

Then Jesus said, "Take some out now and take it to the master of the feast." The servants obeyed.

Something wonderful happened to the water. It turned into wine! The master of the feast tasted the wine. He did not know where it came from. The servants knew that it had come from the stone pots that they had filled with water. They knew that Jesus had changed all the water into wine.

The master called the bridegroom and said, "Every man serves his best wine first, and then later serves the cheaper wine, but you have kept the best wine until now!"

This was the first miracle Jesus performed. He changed the water into wine to show His glory as God's Son. His disciples believed in Him as the Son of God.

Bible Passages

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

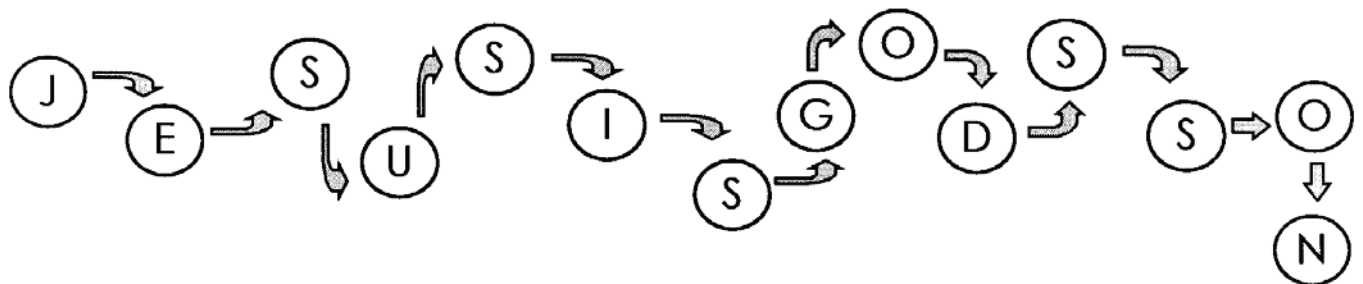
Recalling the Story - Fill in the blanks with the missing words, then copy the underlined words in order below. Find out who the disciples believed Jesus was.

1. When I am in need, I pray to _____, Lord Jesus.
2. Our prayers _____ always heard by Jesus.
3. Jesus has _____ power to answer our prayers.
4. Jesus _____ is our Lord and Savior.
5. Jesus came into _____ world to save sinners.
6. God's _____ died on the cross to take away our sins.
7. Jesus' death paid for all _____ our sins.
8. Because He is God, Jesus rose again on _____ third day.
9. Some day we will be _____ with Jesus in heaven.
10. Praise _____ from whom all blessings flow!

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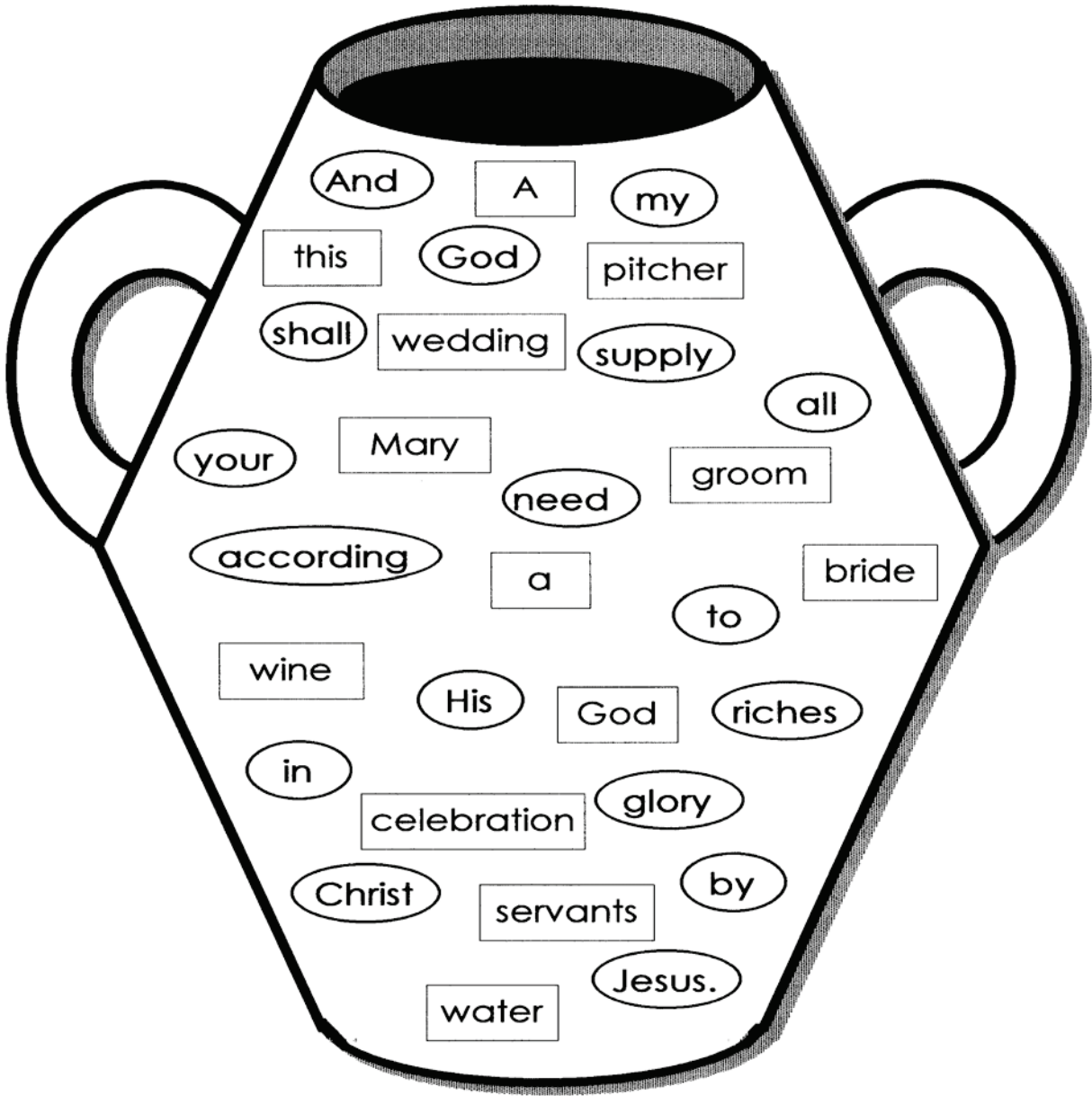
“ _____,
 _____.” Matthew 16:16

Something to Think About - Follow the arrows that lead to each letter. Write the letters in order in the blanks below.



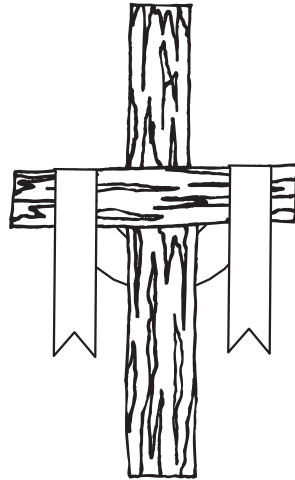
_____!

Activity - Starting at the top of the jug, write only the words that are circled in the blanks below the jug.



Philippians 4:19

Color the Gifts from God



Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

We thank You for showing us by Your miracles that You are God. Help us to pray to You about all our needs. Help us to trust that, as God, You can always help us. Thank You for taking away our sins. We are so happy You have promised to take all Your children to heaven one day. Please keep us faithful until that day. Amen.

Peter's Catch of Fish and Jesus' Call of the Apostles

Luke 5:1-11 and 6:12-16



MofJXI

The Story

Jesus often traveled from town to town, telling people God's Word. He knew how important it was for people to know that He was their Savior whom God the Father had sent. He had come to take away their sin.

Everywhere Jesus went, big crowds of people gathered to hear Jesus. In today's story Jesus was preaching beside a big lake. People were crowding closer and closer, trying to see and hear Jesus. It must have been hard to hear Jesus' with so many people crowding around Him.

Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John had their boats at the edge of the lake and were cleaning their nets. Jesus got into one boat and asked Simon to row Him a short way out into the lake. Now everyone could sit down on the shore and see and hear Jesus easily. Jesus preached to them from the boat. Jesus wanted everyone to know that He is God's Son and their Savior.

When Jesus was done preaching, He said to Simon, "Row out into the deep water and put your net into the water to catch fish."

Simon said, "Master, we have fished all night and haven't caught any, but I will obey Your word and let down the net."

When Simon and Andrew put their nets in the water, they caught so many fish that their nets were breaking. They called to their friends in the other boat. "Help us!" Together, they filled both boats so that

they began to sink. They were all amazed to catch so many fish.

Simon Peter realized that Jesus helped them catch so many fish because He is God. Simon also knew that he was a sinner and God doesn't like sin. He said, "Go away from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

Jesus wanted Simon and the other disciples to know that He forgives our sin. He said, "Do not be afraid. Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

So Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their boats and everything they had and followed Jesus.

On another day Jesus knew it was time to choose all twelve disciples. Jesus had many followers, but only twelve would be chosen to be apostles. Since this was such an important decision, He prayed all night to His Heavenly Father.

In the morning Jesus called all His disciples together. From them He chose to be His apostles, Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot; Judas, the son of James; and Judas Iscariot who also betrayed Him. Since these men followed Jesus for several years, they heard His message and saw His miracles. They saw Jesus die on the cross and rise again. Jesus wanted them to go and tell others all about Jesus, the world's Savior.

Review - Use the words on the right to complete the sentences. Place only the letter of the answer on the blank.

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 1. ____ Many ____ came to see Jesus. | T. fish |
| 2. ____ The people ____ around Jesus. | G. people |
| 3. ____ Jesus sat in a ____ so everyone could see and hear Him. | L. Jesus |
| 4. ____ Jesus preached to them God's ____. | E. Simon |
| 5. ____ Jesus told the disciples to cast their ____ into the water. | L. men |
| 6. ____ The disciples caught many ____. | D. nets |
| 7. ____ ____ Peter confessed he was a sinful man. | O. crowded |
| 8. ____ ____ said, "Do not be afraid." | N. Word |
| 9. ____ "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of ____. | A. boat |

The letters in the blanks on the left spell a message.

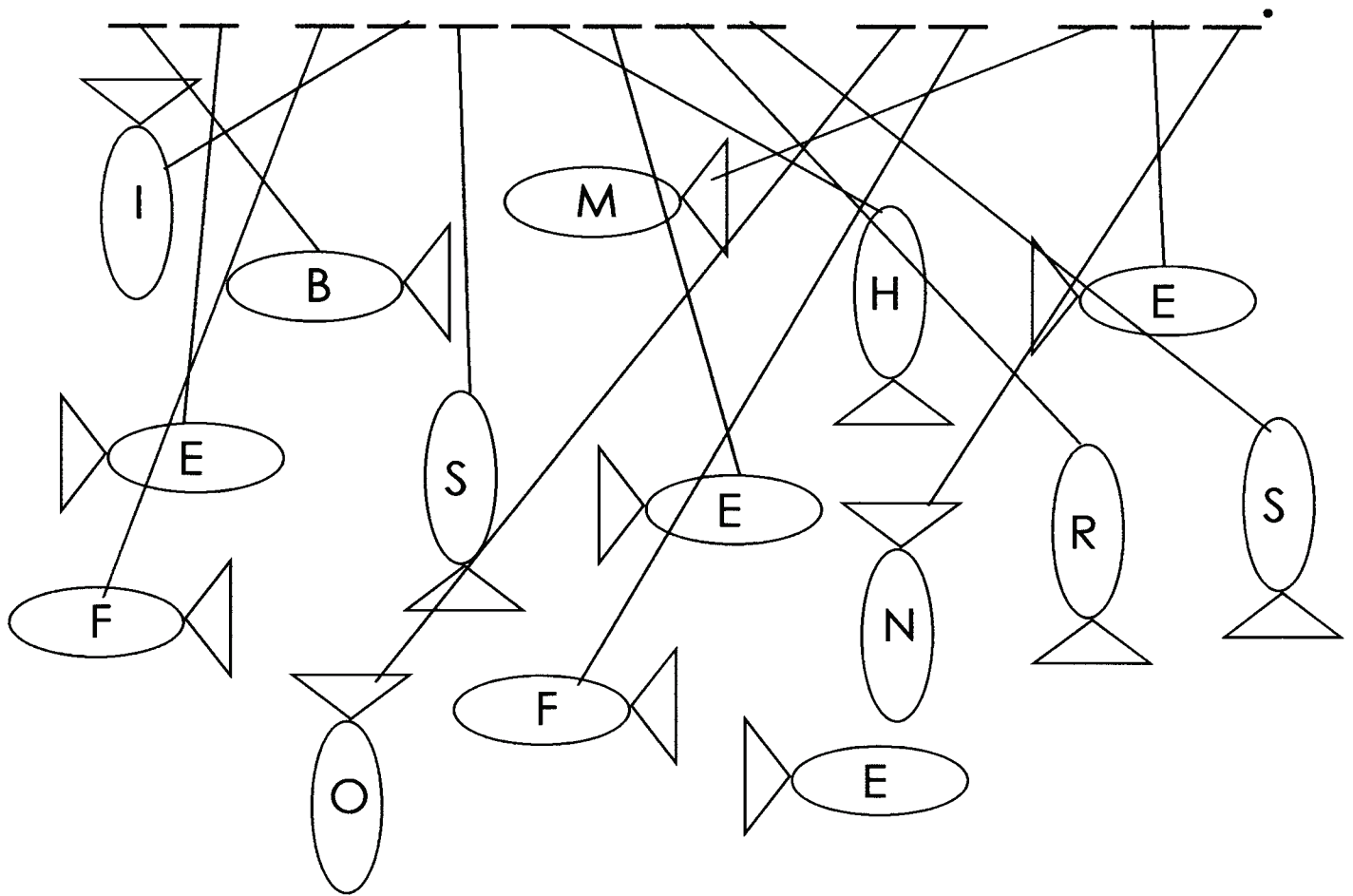
“ _____ .”

Puzzle One - Go across the rows and cross out all the Q's and Z's. Write the remaining letters in order in the blanks below. Check your message with Matthew 28:19.

Q	G	O	Q	T	Z	Q	H	Z	E	R	E	Z	F	O	Q	Q	R	E	Z	A	Q	Z	N	Q	D
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“ _____ .”

Puzzle Two - Follow each fishing line to the correct fish and write its letter in the blank.



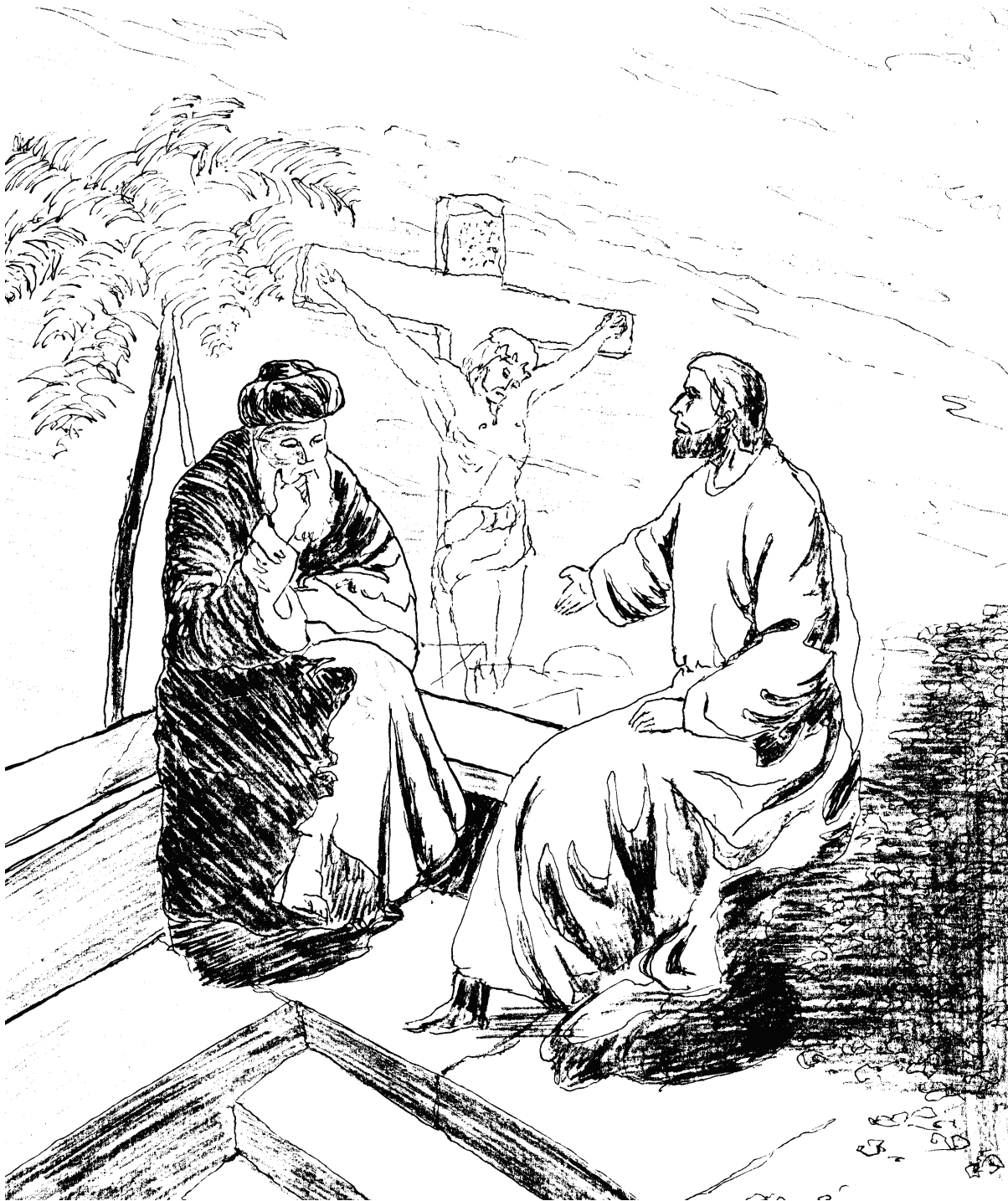
Closing Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You so much for directing someone to tell me about You so I can know You as my Savior. Help me to tell other people about You. Help me to remember that You are always with me, helping me to tell others the good news about You. Amen.

Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3



Jesus reveals the nature of the Kingdom of God to Nicodemus.

The Story

What do you think a kingdom is?
What would it be like to live in a palace?

Well, people in Jesus' time thought that Jesus had come to live in a palace and have a kingdom on earth. But Jesus came for a different reason and His kingdom was not in any place we could visit or see. In our story today, Jesus shows Nicodemus what the Kingdom of God is really like.

Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. Many saw the miracles He had done and believed in Him. There was a Pharisee in Jerusalem named Nicodemus. He went to see Jesus at night. Nicodemus was afraid to be seen with Jesus because most of the Pharisees did not like Jesus. Nicodemus said to Jesus, "We know you are a teacher who has come from God. No one can do these miracles you do unless God is with him."

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Unless a man is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Nicodemus did not understand what Jesus meant. He asked, "How can anyone be born when he is old? He cannot go back into his mother's womb and be born a second time, can he?"

Nicodemus was right when he said he couldn't be born again from his mother. Jesus wasn't talking about that kind of birth. He told Nicodemus, "No one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born again of water and the Spirit." Jesus was talking about baptism when he said, "born of water and the Spirit."

We are "reborn" or born again as God's child when we are baptized. Through baptism, God the Holy Spirit, uses God's Word to make people into believers. Once they believe that Jesus died to take

away their sins, they are, "born again." This is Jesus' Kingdom. He lives and rules in our hearts by the power of His Word.

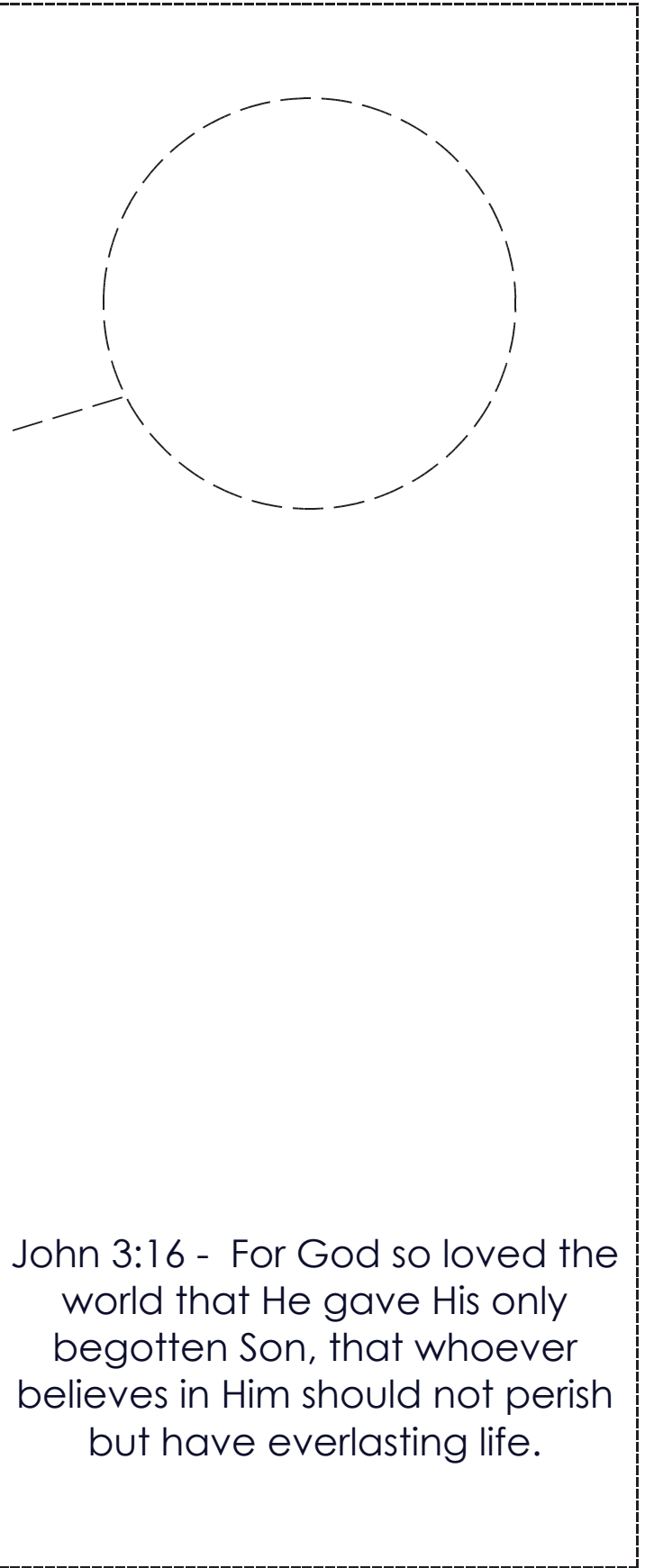
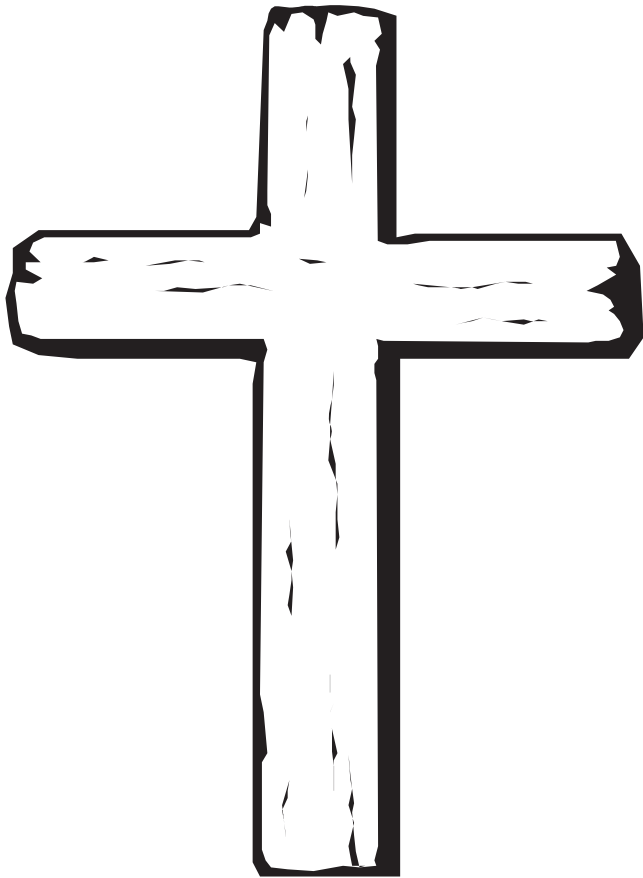
Nicodemus still did not understand what Jesus was trying to teach him. Jesus reminded Nicodemus how God told Moses to raise a bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness. When the people who were bitten by the poisonous snakes looked at the bronze snake, God promised they would not die. The people looked to the snake and were saved from dying.

In the same way, Jesus was going to be put up on the cross so that He could die to pay for the sins of the world. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Everyone who looks to Jesus and believes He is the Son of God who died for the sins of the world, will be saved from the poison of sin. We may die on earth, but through faith in Jesus we will not die forever in hell. All who believe in Him will live with Him forever in Heaven!

Jesus made me a part of His Kingdom by baptism and the Spirit.

Activity One - Color and cut out the pictures and doorknob hanger below. First glue the cross to the hanger and then glue the world on top of the cross.



John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Activity Three - Complete the CROSSWORD PUZZLE below. Use the Word Box for the answers.

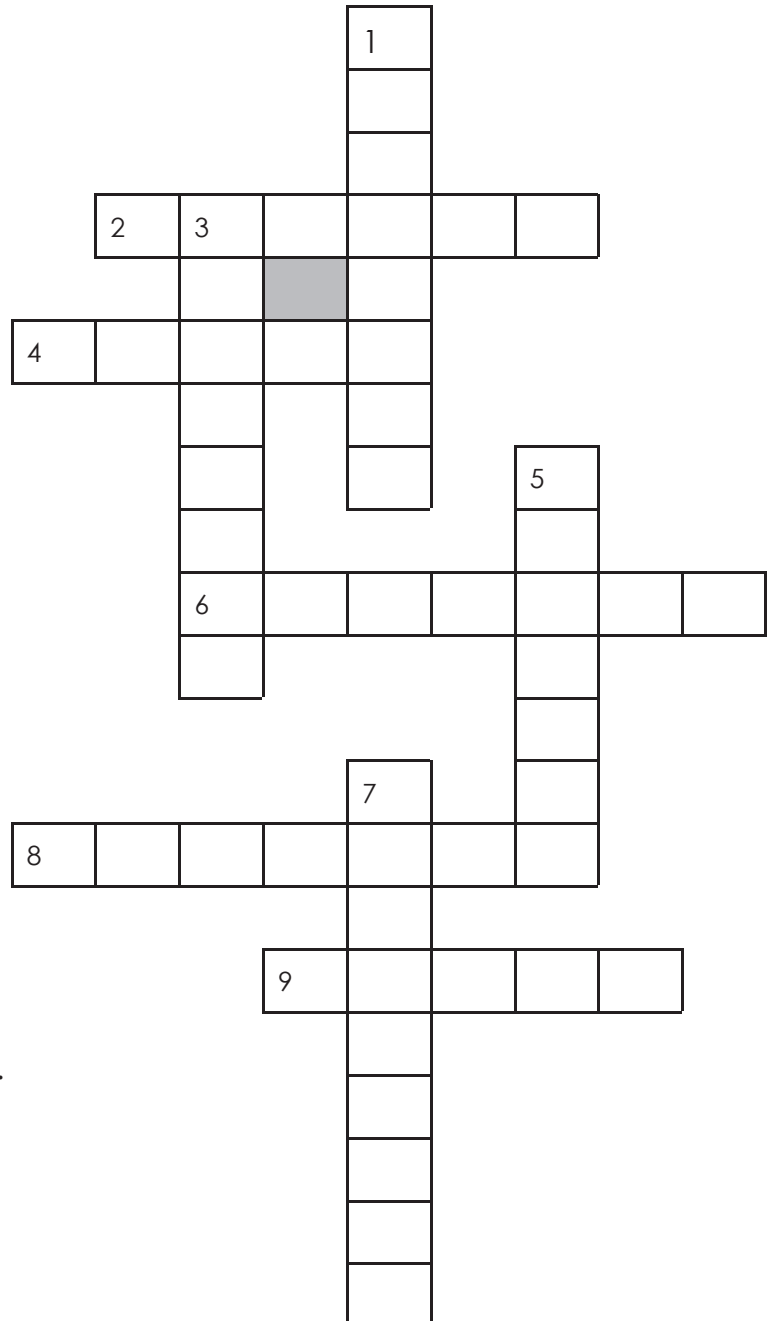
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ACROSS

- Jesus told Nicodemus to be born of water and the ___.
- Who died so we might enter God's Kingdom?
- We have ___ life through faith in Jesus.
- Through this we are born again and made a child of God.
- Who put the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness?

DOWN

- The job Nicodemus had.
- For what celebration did Jesus come to Jerusalem?
- The ___ of God is in our hearts.
- Who came to see Jesus?



Prayer

Dear God,
 Send Your Holy Spirit to us. Jesus come, as You came to Nicodemus and show Yourself to us as the Promised Messiah. Thank You for having made us Your children by baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit. May we learn that You so loved us that we should not perish but have everlasting life. Be with us today and always as we learn of You, the Triune God. Amen.

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4



The Story

Jesus and His disciples were traveling to Galilee. They walked through Samaria to the town of Sychar. Jesus was tired and sat at the edge of Jacob's Well. The disciples went into the town to buy some food. A woman also came to the well to get water.

Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

The woman was surprised that Jesus would even talk to her. The Jews, which Jesus was, usually hated the Samaritan people and thought they were better.

"If you knew who I am, you would ask for living water," Jesus said to her.

"Sir, You need something to get water out of the well, for it is deep," she told Jesus.

"If you drink water from a well you will get thirsty again. But I can give you living water and you will never thirst," continued Jesus.

"Please give me some of that water," she begged. "It is hard work

carrying water every day." She didn't know that "living water" is belief in Jesus as Savior.

"Go and get your husband," Jesus commanded.

She answered, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right, you have had five husbands and now you are living with a man that is not your husband!" Jesus said.

"You must be a prophet because You know all I have done!" exclaimed the woman. "I know the Messiah is coming and He will tell us all things."

"I am the Messiah," Jesus said.

The woman was very excited and ran into the city. She said to her family and friends, "Come see a man that told me everything I have done. Is this not the Christ?"

The Samaritans heard Jesus and stayed two days. He preached and many more believed.

They said, "This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, even the Samaritan woman and other Samaritans.

Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, even me.

Activity One - Complete the CROSSWORD PUZZLE with the words from the Word Box.

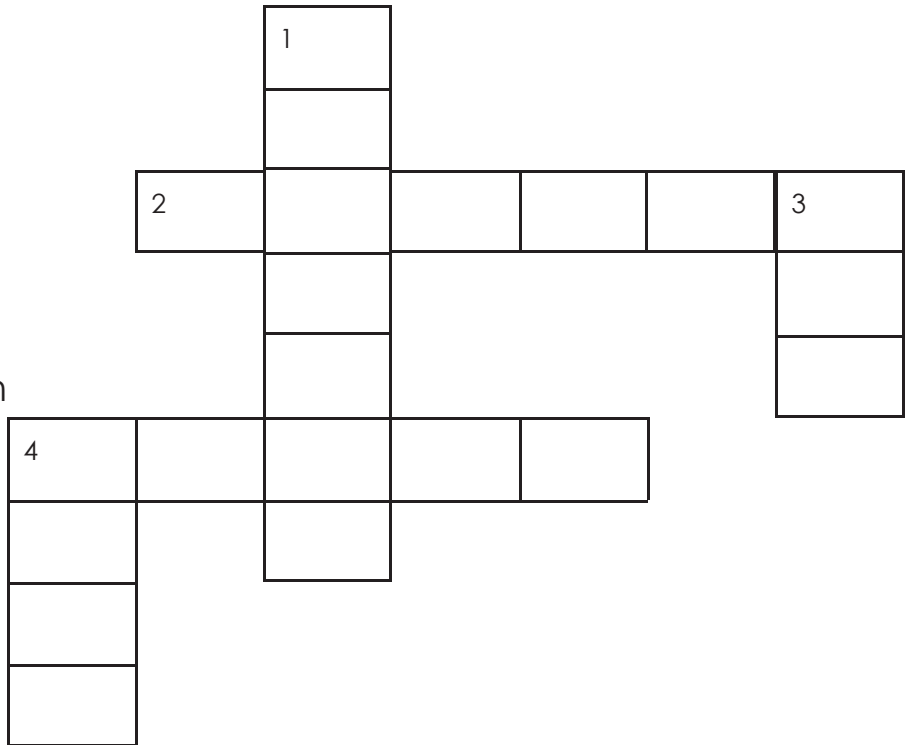
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Across

2. Jesus said He would give the woman _____ water.
 4. We need _____ to live.

Down

1. When you need a drink you are ____ .
 3. _____ our Savior wants all men to be saved. 1 Timothy 2:4
 4. A _____ is a hole in the ground from which to get water.



Activity Two - Cross out 2 letters, let the third one stand, then cross out 2 more and continue until you have completed the passage . The first three have been done for you.

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Luke 19:10 "F O R _____

 _____."

Activity Three

 - Match the correct letter to the answer.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. _____ Jesus was a ____. | A. Savior |
| 2. _____ The woman was a ____. | B. Samaritan |
| 3. _____ The woman knew she had ____. | C. Jew |
| 4. _____ She needed a ____. | D. Missionaries |
| 5. _____ Jesus gives us ____. | E. Sinned |
| 6. _____ We will want to be ____ to tell about Jesus and salvation. | F. Living Water or Faith |

Passage

1 Timothy 2:4 - God our Savior ... desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Hymn

 - TLH #277 v. 2

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

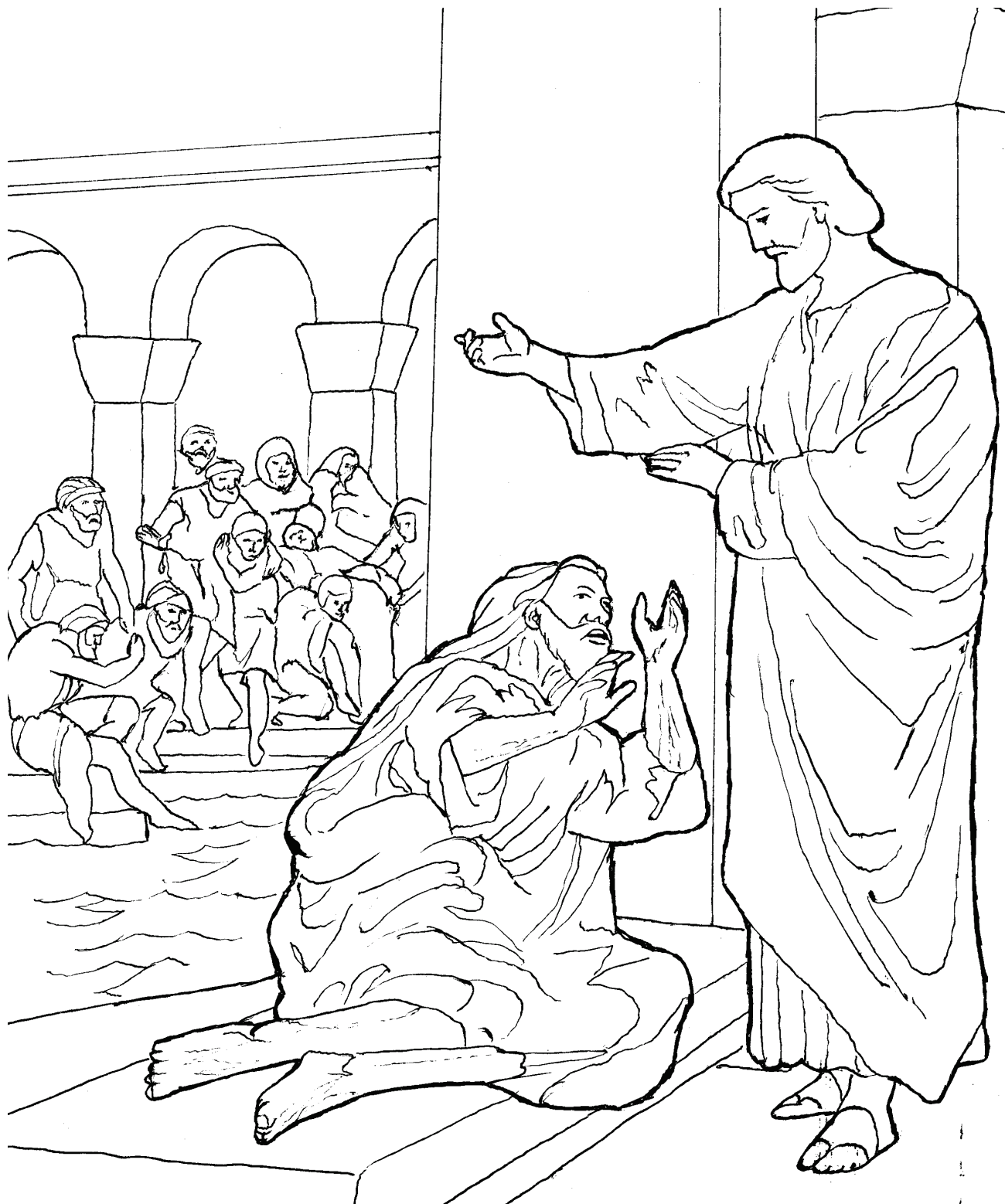
Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

We do not always love our neighbors or tell them of You. Help us be more like You, loving all people. Help us be like the Samaritan woman, telling others of Your perfect life, death and resurrection. Thank You for loving and saving us. Amen

Jesus Heals the Man at Bethesda

John 5



The Story

There was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem there was a pool called Bethesda. It had five porches around it. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water. Then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

Now a certain man was there who had a sickness for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there Jesus knew that the man had been sick a long time.

He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up. While I am coming, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

Immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. That day was the Sabbath.

Some of the Jews said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath. It is against the law for you to carry your bed."

He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"

But the man did not know who had healed him.

Afterward Jesus found the man in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Jews were angry with Jesus and accused Him of breaking the Sabbath law and calling God His Father. They wanted to kill Jesus.

Jesus answered the Jews and said, "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him."

Jesus also told them that whoever hears God's Word and believes will receive everlasting life. Jesus told the Jews He was doing His Father's will. He knew that these Jews did not believe any of this and though they had the writings of Moses, they would not believe Moses' words or Jesus' words.

Jesus took away the man's sickness and revealed Himself as the Son of God.

Jesus takes away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.

Activity One - Review the lesson by matching the questions with the answers.

1. ____ What was wrong with the man at the pool of Bethesda?
 2. ____ Why is there sickness?
 3. ____ Who healed the man?
 4. ____ Why did the enemies want to kill Jesus?
 5. ____ Where do we find out that Jesus is the Son of God?
- A. The enemies wanted to kill Jesus because he healed on the Sabbath and He called Himself the Son of God.
 - B. We find about Jesus in God's Word, the Bible.
 - C. Jesus healed the man
 - D. He was sick.
 - E. There is sickness because of sin.

Activity Two - Trace each child's path to find out where they hear about Jesus.



Passages

John 5:39 - You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

2 Timothy 3:15-16 - And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Hymn - TLH #290 v. 1, 4

We have a sure prophetic Word
By inspiration of the Lord;
And tho' assailed on ev'ry hand,
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure
The teachings of the Word endure.
Blest he who trusts this steadfast Word;
His anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.

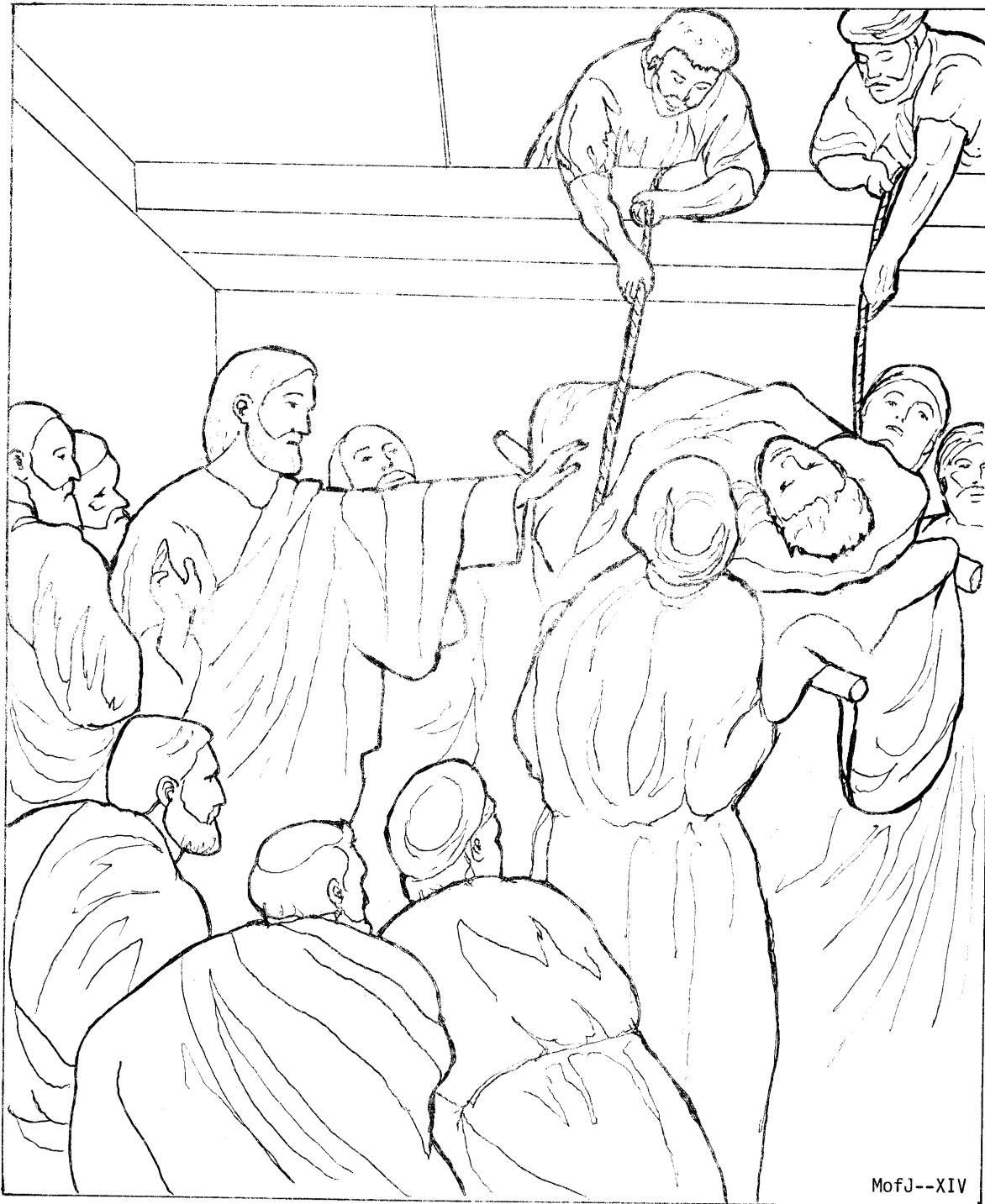
Prayer

Dear Son of God,

You have saved us from our terrible sickness of sin. Please help us to study the Scriptures and be strengthened in the knowledge of Your work of salvation. Lead us to praise You in thanksgiving, now and in eternity. In Your Name. Amen.

Jesus Heals the Paralyzed Man

Mark 2:1-12



MofJ--XIV

The Story

One day Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee and came to the city of Capernaum. Here He preached to many people and told them the way to salvation. So many people came to the house to hear Jesus that they filled the house. Four men came to the house carrying a man who was so sick he could not walk. They knew Jesus could heal the sick man.

When they came to the house and saw they could not get inside, they carried the sick man to the top of the house. There they made an opening in the roof and let the sick friend down right before Jesus.

Jesus was happy to see the faith these men had in Him. He said

to the sick man, "Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven.

Some enemies of Jesus were also in the room. They heard Jesus speak of forgiving sins. "Only God can forgive sins," they said to themselves.

Jesus knew what they were thinking. To show them the power of the Son of Man, and also that He is the Son of God, He said to the sick man, "Arise, take up your bed and walk." Immediately the sick man was able to stand. He picked up his bed and went home.

The people who saw this were surprised. They praised God for the miracle performed by Jesus.

Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

Review - Circle the correct answer.

1. Jesus came to (Capernaum, Jerusalem) to preach God's Word.
2. The room where Jesus preached was (full, empty).
3. (Two, four) men came to Jesus carrying a sick friend.
4. They knew Jesus had power to (help, hurt) the sick man.

5. Jesus saw that His enemies had (hatred, faith) in their hearts.
6. Jesus (did forgive, did not forgive) the sins of the sick man.
7. Then Jesus made the sick man (well, sad).
8. The people (praised, surprised) God for healing the sick man.

Activity - Use the picture on page one to help with this activity.

1. Color the man who needed help.
2. Tell what you do when you are sick or need help.
3. Color the person who helped the sick man.
4. How does Jesus help you?
5. Color the people who praised God.
6. What do you do because Jesus helps and blesses you?

Jesus has the power and authority to forgive sins.

Passages

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

God tells us to take all our troubles to Him in prayer. Why?

The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:17

How did Jesus wash away all sin?

Hymn - TLH 515 v. 4, 6

If worn with pain, disease, or grief
This feeble body be,
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief;
Dear Lord, remember me.

And when before Thy throne I stand
And lift my soul to Thee,
Then with the saints at Thy right hand,
dear Lord, remember me.

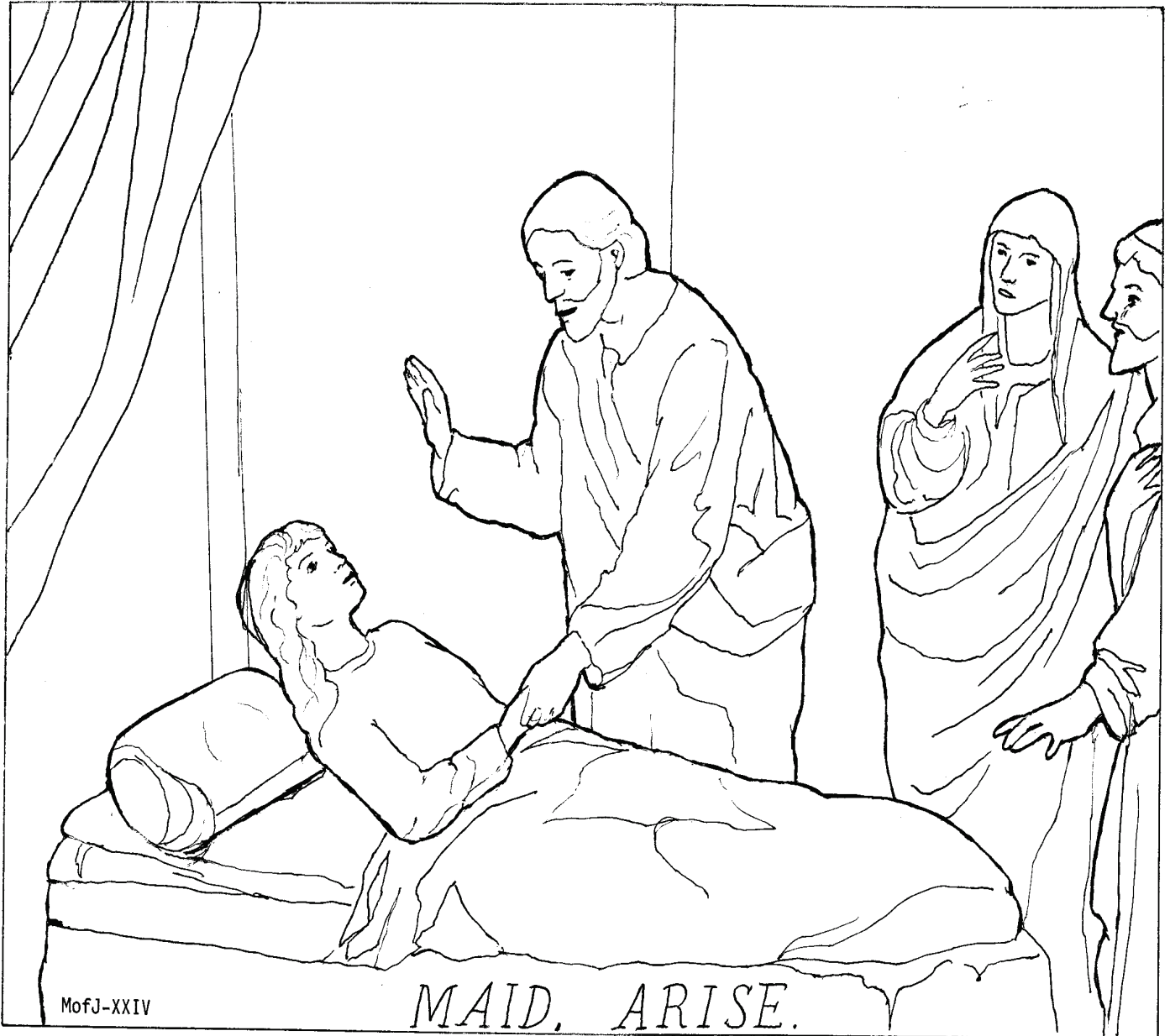
Prayer

Dear Jesus,

We thank and praise You for making people well and taking care of us.
You died on the cross to bring us forgiveness of sins. Thank You for this blessing,
Jesus. Amen.

Jesus Raises the Daughter of Jairus

Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56



The Story

Jesus had just returned to the city of Capernaum. Many people had gathered to see Him. Then a man named Jairus who was the leader of the church came and fell at Jesus' feet. Jairus begged Jesus to come to his house. His twelve-year-old daughter was dying. She was his only child. Jairus believed that if Jesus would just come and touch his daughter, she would be healed.

Jesus felt sorry for Jairus and went with him. While they were on the way, a messenger came and told Jairus that his daughter had died. He said not to bother Jesus because it was too late to heal the girl. But Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. Just believe and she will be made well."

When they arrived at the house, they found that it was already full of people. Everyone

was crying. Jesus said, "Stop crying. She is not dead; she is asleep." Jesus often spoke of death as being like sleep because for the believer, dying is like going to sleep and waking up in heaven. The people made fun of Jesus because they knew that she had died.

Then Jesus told everyone to go outside. He took the girl's parents and Peter, James, and John into the room with Him. Jesus took the girl by the hand and said to her, "Little girl, get up!" As soon as He said this, the girl got up. She was alive and completely healed. Jesus told her parents to give her something to eat.

How happy the girl's parents must have been! They were amazed that Jesus had power even over death.

Jesus made Jairus' daughter alive. Jesus will take all believers to heaven to live forever.

Recalling the Story - Put the story facts in order by putting the correct number in each blank.

1. _____ A messenger told Jairus that his daughter had died.
2. _____ Jesus took the parents and three disciples into the room.
3. _____ Jairus asked Jesus to come and heal his daughter.
4. _____ Jesus said, "Little girl, get up."
5. _____ The girl got up and walked.
6. _____ The daughter of Jairus was very sick.
7. _____ Jesus went to the house of Jairus.

Something to Think About

1. How do you feel when someone you love is sick?
2. Who can help us when we are sick?
3. Why did the messenger think it was too late for Jesus to help?
4. Why was Jesus able to make the little girl alive again?
5. Why can we say that death is like sleeping?
6. Why don't we have to be afraid of dying?

Talking With God - Write a prayer that you can use when you are sick.

Hymn Study - WS 785 v. 3, 4

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Talk about these words:

sever -

grace -

sorrows -

Memory Passage

John 11:25-26 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

We are glad that we can come to You whenever we are sick or have any kind of problem. You have the power to help us and You will always take care of us because we are Your children. You know what is best for us. Thank You for dying on the cross for our sins. Now we don't have to be afraid of dying because You will take us to heaven to be with You. Help us to trust You always. Amen.

The Centurion's Servant

Matthew 8:5-15; Luke 7:1-10



The Story

Did you know that there were armies in Jesus' day, just like there are armies today? One day in a city called Capernaum a leader from the Roman army came to Jesus for help. Do you know why he came to Jesus? He believed that Jesus could help him with a problem. His problem had to do with his servant. His servant had become very sick. He could not walk because he was paralyzed, and he was in a lot of pain.

It was good that this army commander called a centurion had come to Jesus for help. This centurion was the leader of one hundred men. While a centurion is an important man and gives orders to other people, he is not as important and powerful as Jesus. No man is as important and powerful as Jesus. This is true because Jesus is the very Son of God.

The people of the city liked this Roman centurion because he cared about the people. He even built a church or synagogue for them in which to worship.

This centurion came to Jesus and said, "Lord, my servant is very sick. He is paralyzed, and he is in a lot of pain." Jesus told the army

leader, "I will come and heal him."

Now we see how much the centurion believed in Jesus, and how humble he was in the presence of Jesus. He said, "Lord, I am not worthy enough to have you come to my house. I am under the authority of those above me in the army, and I am the leader of some who follow my orders. But I know you only have to speak a word, and my servant will be healed."

Jesus was surprised by how strongly this man believed in Him. This Roman centurion had a very strong faith in Jesus the Savior, while many people from Israel, Jesus' own country, did not believe in Jesus at all.

It is a good thing the Roman army leader believed in Jesus and came to Him for help. Did Jesus help him? Yes, He did! Jesus said to the man, "Go on your way; and just as you have believed it would happen, your servant shall be healed." The servant did recover from his sickness, right at that very time.

Jesus heals a Centurion's servant.

Activity - Word Search - Find the words from the Word Box in the puzzle below.

SYNAGOGUE
CAPERNAUM

HEALED
HUMBLE

SERVANT
FAITH

CENTURION
PARALYZED

C A P E R N A U M H
E D A K S W G H Y U
N V R H E A L E D M
T Y A P R V O Y L B
U P L E V X P P K L
R S Y N A G O G U E
I Q Z O N E B L S W
O W E P T N F M E O
N E D R X T E E C R
P I P F A I T H G T

Review - Now use the words in the Word Box to answer these questions.

1. Jesus came to the city of _____.
2. A _____ was a soldier in charge of 100 men.
3. His _____ was sick and _____.
4. This soldier built the people a church or _____.
5. The soldier was _____ before Jesus.
6. Jesus said he had great _____.
7. The servant was _____ at that very hour.

Passage

*Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me."*

Circle the words that tell what God promises to do for us when we need help.
Underline the words that tell how will we show our thanks.

God gives faith to trust in Him.

Hymn - TLH#428 v. 1, 2, 6

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

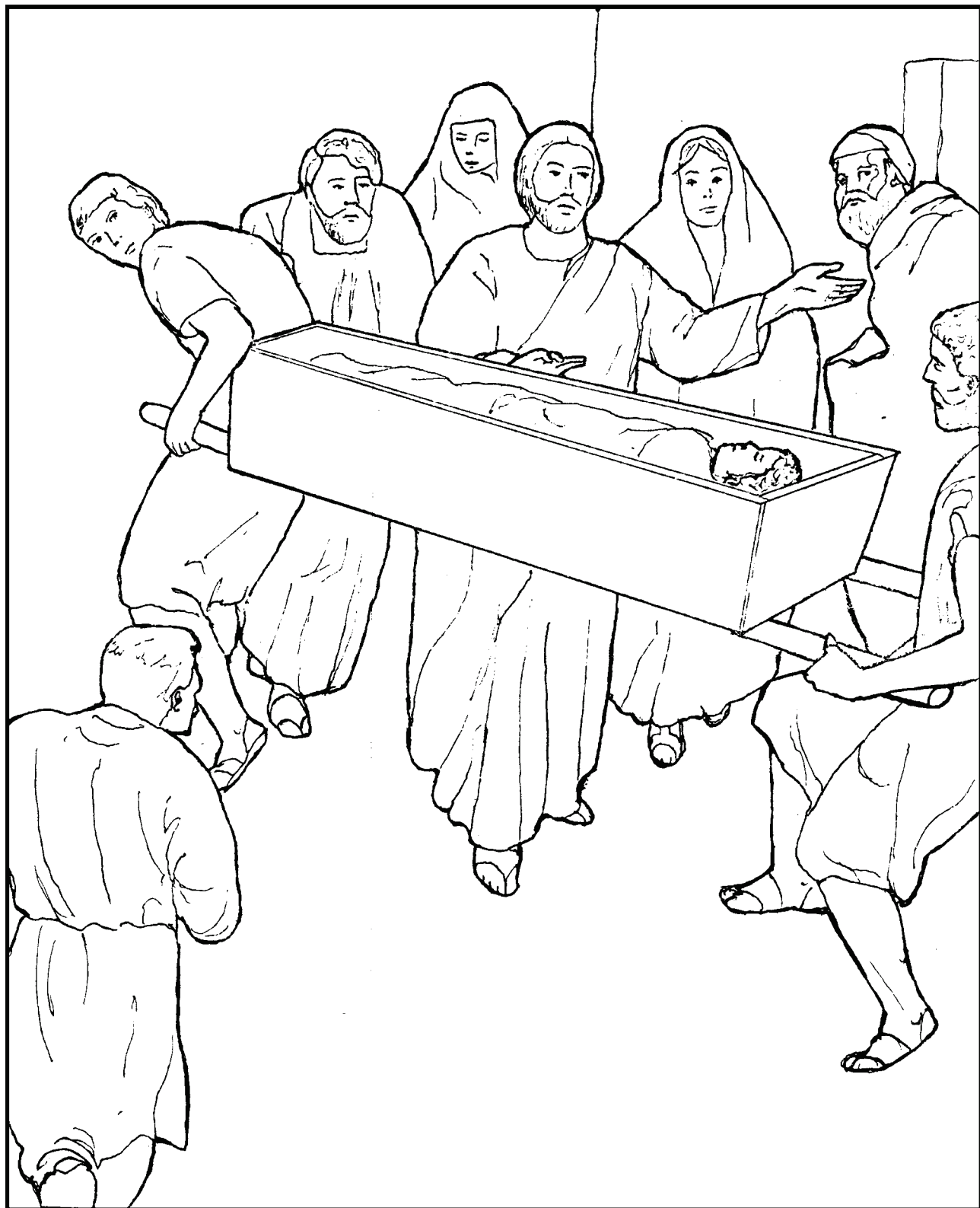
Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You for teaching us in Your Word about how much Jesus loves us, how powerful He is, and how willing He is to help us. It is comforting to know that He will help us and be with us when we are sick, and in all our times of need. We ask that Your Holy Spirit will ever make our faith stronger so that we will always strongly believe in Jesus like the Roman army leader did. Thank You especially for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior from sin, so that we know that we will be in heaven forever because He has gained eternal salvation for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen!

The Young Man of Nain

Luke 7:11-17



The Story

After Jesus started preaching, many people started to follow Him. Some of them wanted to see Him do miracles. He had just healed the servant of a Roman soldier. Today we will hear that Jesus did an even more amazing miracle.

One day Jesus was walking with a big crowd of people. They came to a city called Nain. Walking out of the city was a group of people. Many of the people were crying because someone had died. A young man had died. His mother had no one else left in her family so she would be alone. Many people were sad. The mother was crying.

When Jesus saw the people carrying the young man to bury him, He felt sorry for the mother. Jesus told the people to stop. Then He talked to the dead man. He said, "Young man I say to you, arise." The man who was dead, got up. Jesus took the young man and led him over to his mother.

The people who saw Jesus do this, were very surprised. They thought that Jesus was a great prophet because He could do great things. They didn't all know that Jesus was God's Son. He is the Savior of the world and He is more powerful than even death.

Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead.

Review - Use the picture on page one to help with the review.

1. Color the building and the ground on the bottom.
2. These things were in which town?
3. Color the person who was sad.
4. Why was she sad?
5. Color the person who died but was raised from the dead?

6. Did the young man do anything to raise himself?
7. Color the person who can make dead people become alive again.
8. What is His name? How did He raise the young man?
9. Color the rest of the people in the story.
10. What did they think about Jesus after He raised the young man from the dead?
11. Which person in this story is the most powerful?
12. Why do you think so?

Puzzle - Find the words in the word search puzzle.

WORD
JESUS
SAD
ARISE
NAIN
CRY
DEAD

J	E	S	U	S	Y	R	A
E	W	A	R	E	S	T	R
N	Q	D	E	A	D	N	I
A	D	I	O	P	Z	D	S
I	G	W	O	R	D	G	E
N	H	S	I	E	R	S	X
B	L	T	C	R	Y	V	W

God knows all of our troubles and promises to help us through all of them, even death.

Passages

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4
God says that even if we are close to dying, we don't have to be afraid. Why not?

Because I live, you will live also. John 14:19

Jesus raised the young man of Nain. Jesus later raised himself from the dead. When will Jesus raise us from the dead?

Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. John 11:26

What does God mean when He tells us that we shall "never die?"

Hymn - TLH 193 v. 1, 4, 5

"Christ the Lord is ris'n today,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O Grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

You made the sad woman happy. You raised her son from the dead. We know that You will take care of us our whole life. If we do die, You will take us to heaven to live with You forever. Thank You so much, Jesus. Amen

The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Matthew 13:1-23



BEHOLD, A SOWER
WENT FORTH
TO SOW,

The Story

Jesus was speaking to a large group of people. He wanted to tell them of different ways that some people lose their faith. Jesus knew that this was hard for them to understand, so He told them a story, or parable, that would make it easy for them to understand. The parable went like this:

One day there was a farmer who went out and was planting his field by throwing seeds on the ground. Some of the seeds that he threw landed on the hard path and birds came down and ate those seeds.

Some of the seeds landed on ground with lots of rocks. Those seeds grew at first but because there wasn't much dirt they dried up and died when the sun came out.

Some of the seeds landed in thorns and when these plants started to grow the thorns choked them and they died.

Some of the seeds landed on good ground and when they grew they made many plants which then

made more and more seeds.

Jesus disciples didn't know what Jesus meant when He told the story, so He told them its meaning.

When somebody hears the Word of God and doesn't understand it, the devil will take them to be his in unbelief. This is what Jesus meant by the seeds that fell on the path.

When somebody hears the Word of God but loses it again when he has troubles, or when people make fun of him for believing, then this person is like the seeds that fell in the rocky dirt.

When somebody hears the Word of God and believes it for a while but then falls away because this person wants to have things in the world like money, or this person wants to be famous, he is like the seeds that were choked by the thorns.

When somebody hears the Word of God, understands and believes it, these people are like the seeds that fell on good ground.

Jesus told a parable that describes the enemies working against the Word of God.

Activity One - Match what happens to the seed sown in each place. Write the correct letter next to the number.

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|------------------------|--|
| 1. ____ Path | A. The seeds grow very well and make many more seeds. |
| 2. ____ Rocky Soil | B. The seeds start to grow, are choked and die. |
| 3. ____ Thorns | __C. The seeds are eaten by birds. |
| 4. ____ Good Ground | D. The seeds dry up from the sun. |

Activity Two - Fill in the blanks of the meanings of the parable. Use the words in the Word Box.

Devil	money	God's Word	believe	troubles
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1. _____ is the seed.
2. The birds eating the seed from the path is the _____.
3. The seed on the rocky soil are like those who hear God's Word until _____ come then lose their faith.
4. The seed in the thorns are like those who hear God's Word until _____ and being famous get in the way.
5. Good ground are those who _____ the Word of God.

Jesus has taken away my sins and reveals Himself through the Holy Scriptures.

Passages

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!

Hymn - TLH #49 v. 1, 2

Almighty God, Thy Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

Let not the foe of Christ and man
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

We ask You for a strong faith which grows in a heart filled with Your love like the seed that fell on good ground. Thank You for sending Jesus to forgive our sins and for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts through Your Word. Please help us spread the Word of forgiveness to others. In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:34-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15



The Story

One day, Jesus and His disciples needed rest, so they traveled in a boat across the Sea of Galilee to a place where not many people lived. They hoped that by doing this they would be able—at least for a little while—to avoid the large crowds of people who always gathered around Jesus in other parts of Galilee.

Jesus had become very popular with many of the people of Galilee, but His popularity was mostly because of the miracles He performed. This was not what Jesus wanted. He wanted the people to understand about the Kingdom of God, and about how He would suffer and die to pay for the sins of all people. Most of the people, though, were much more interested in what Jesus would do for their physical needs than in what He would do for their spiritual needs.

When Jesus and His disciples arrived at where they were going, they found that many people had followed them there, too. Jesus and the disciples would not be able to rest, as they had hoped; but instead of becoming angry, Jesus taught the people about the Kingdom of God, and He healed those who were sick.

Jesus knew that soon the crowds of people would be very hungry, so He tested the faith of His twelve disciples by asking them where they could get food, so that all these crowds of people

could eat. The disciples knew that they couldn't buy food for that many people, but they should have remembered that Jesus is the Son of God, and then turned to Him in faith to meet whatever the needs might be. Instead, their faith was weak, and they thought there was no way to solve the problem.

Jesus knew all along what He would do. He performed a miracle. He took five loaves of bread, and two broiled fish, and had the disciples pass them out to the people. Jesus caused the bread and fish to increase, so that when they were all finished, 5,000 men had eaten all they wanted, and there were still twelve baskets full of fish and bread left over.

By performing this miracle, Jesus not only gave His disciples a lesson about faith, He also proved that He is the Son of God, the Messiah promised in the Bible, who would save us from our sins. This is what Jesus Himself says about the purpose of His miracles:

The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. John 10:25

Because the works done by Jesus prove that He is the Messiah (the Son of God, promised as the Savior of the World), we can believe His Word, and trust Him to forgive our sins, and to also meet all our true needs.

Jesus feeds five thousand men.

We can trust Jesus to provide food for us.

Activity One - Who remembers the story? - Read the following questions and answers. Circle the letter of the right answer.

1. Jesus and His disciples needed rest, so they went to
 - A. Disneyland.
 - B. bed.
 - C. a place where not many people lived.
 - D. Jerusalem.
2. When Jesus and the disciples got to where they were going,
 - A. they spent the day resting.
 - B. many people were already there.
 - C. they became lost.
 - D. they went for a hike.
3. Which of the following things did Jesus **NOT** do?
 - A. teach the people about the Kingdom of God
 - B. heal those who were sick
 - C. perform a miracle to feed all the people
 - D. tell the crowds to go away, so that He could rest
4. What mistake did the disciples make?
 - A. they couldn't catch any fish
 - B. they tried to sneak away, to get some rest
 - C. they brought too much food
 - D. they didn't simply trust Jesus to be able take care of any need, including this one (feeding the people)
5. What great truth should we remember from this lesson?
 - A. The works Jesus did prove that He is the Son of God.
 - B. Always take extra food when you go on a trip.
 - C. The disciples always applied their faith in the right way.
 - D. Jesus was not popular with the people of Galilee.

Passage - Fill in the blanks in the Bible passage, using the words in the box.

Father's

Me

works

witness

The _____ that I do in My _____ name, they bear
_____ of _____. **John 10:25**

Activity Two - Art work; draw a picture showing one of the following.

1. Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 people, using only five barley loaves and two fish.
2. Jesus and His disciples crossed the Sea of Galilee in a boat.
3. The disciples didn't know how to solve the problem of feeding so many people.
4. In feeding 5,000 people, Jesus used two fish and five loaves of bread.

Hymn - TLH #644

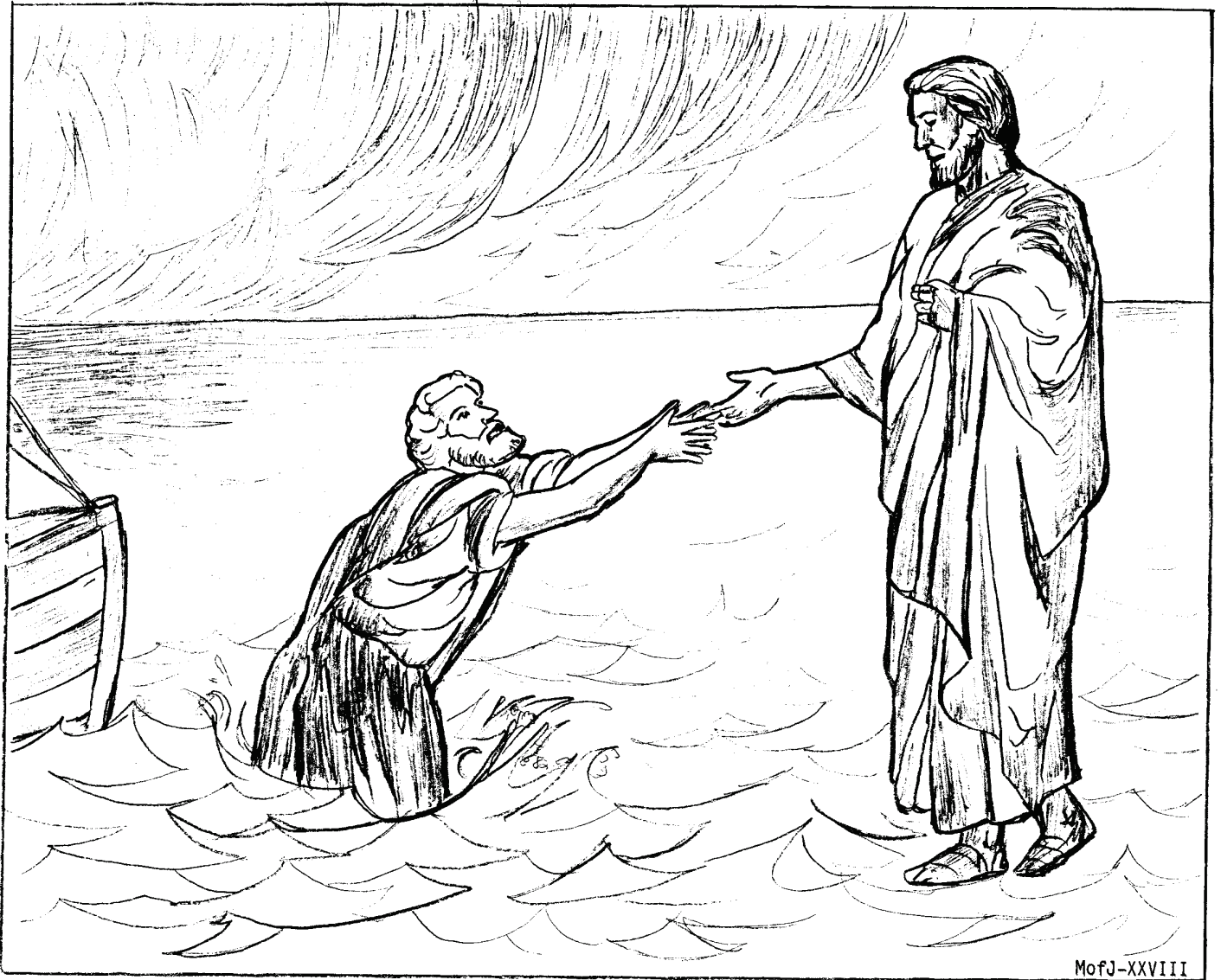
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, help us always to remember that You are the promised Messiah, Who has saved us from our sins, as Your miracles prove. We pray that You will send to us the Holy Spirit, to make us strong in the faith as we study Your Holy Word, so that we will always trust in You to meet all our needs, no matter what the situation may be. Amen.

Jesus Walking on the Sea

Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21



The Story

Jesus had just finished feeding the 5000 people. The people wanted to make Him king. But this is not what Jesus wanted. He had His disciples get into a boat to go to the other side of the lake. He told the people to go home. He went up on a mountain to pray by Himself.

When it was evening the disciples in the boat were in the middle of the lake. They were trying to row across, but a storm came and the wind was so strong they couldn't. Jesus was not with them, but He was alone on the land.

Jesus did not stay on the land. The disciples needed His help. In the middle of the night, Jesus walked on the water toward the boat. When the disciples saw Him coming they were very scared and said, "It is a ghost."

But Jesus spoke right away and told them not to be afraid. He said, "Be happy. It's Jesus. Do not be afraid."

Peter answered Jesus. "Lord, if it is You, tell me to come to You on the water."

And Jesus told Peter to come. So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

But then Peter saw the big waves and became scared. He started to sink. He called out to Jesus to save him. Jesus reached out His hand and helped Peter. He asked Peter why He had doubted Him.

Then Jesus stepped into the boat. As soon as He did the storm stopped—the wind stopped blowing and the lake was calm. The boat was also at the other side of the lake. The disciples weren't out in the middle any longer.

The disciples worshiped their Savior in thankfulness. "Truly You are the Son of God."

Jesus walked on water to help His disciples.

Review - Use the picture on page one for this activity.

1. Color the water in the picture blue.
2. What body of water is this?
3. Color the man who was sinking?
4. What was his name?
5. Why is he sinking?
6. Color Jesus.
7. Why can Jesus walk on the water?

Activity One

- ▶ Re-enact the story.
- ▶ Have some children be disciples on the boat rowing hard.
- ▶ One can be Peter.
- ▶ Another student can be Jesus.
- ▶ Review the sequence of events, showing all the miracles Jesus did.

Believe in Jesus without a doubt.

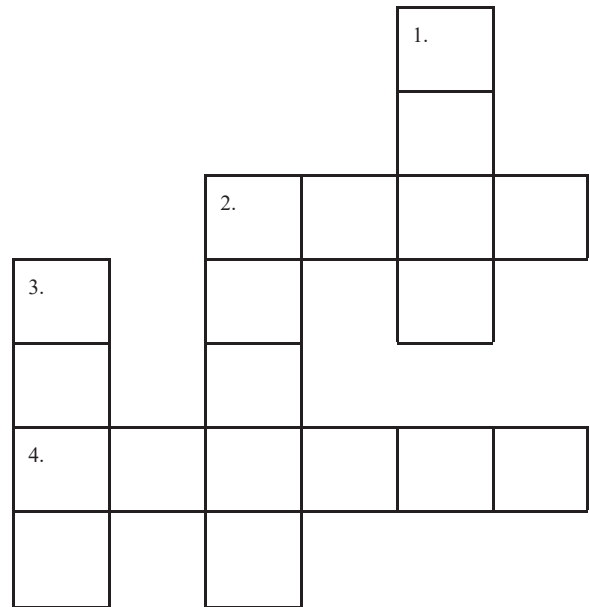
Activity Two - Fill in the crossword puzzle.

Across

2. After Peter saw the waves he started to _____.
4. Jesus said, "Do not be _____."

Down

1. This stopped blowing when Jesus stepped into the boat.
2. This came upon the disciples in the middle of the night.
3. What Jesus did on the mountain alone.



Passages

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me. Psalm 50:15

Why can we always call on God?

God is our refuge and strength, a very present
help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Have you ever been in trouble? What should you do if you are in trouble?

Hymn - TLH 396 v. 1, 3

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Tho' pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe;

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without;
That when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

You saved the disciples when they were in a storm. You will save us when we are in trouble too. Thank You, Jesus, for taking care of us. Amen.

The Woman of Canaan
Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30



The Story

Jesus went to the country of Tyre and Sidon, so He could be alone. The people in this place were Canaanites. Many did not worship the true God. One of these women came to Jesus for help. She had a daughter who was very sick. Even though she was a Gentile, she had learned about Jesus. She knew Jesus was the Savior and cried to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me O Lord, Son of David!" Then she asked Jesus to make her daughter well.

At first Jesus did not answer the woman. He wanted to test her faith. The disciples wanted to

send her away. The woman kept praying for Jesus to help her.

Then Jesus told the Gentile woman that He was sent first to help the lost sheep of Israel. The woman worshiped Jesus and said, "True, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from the masters' table." She was certain Jesus would answer her prayer.

Jesus saw the great faith of the Gentile woman. He said, "O, woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you ask." When the woman returned home she found her daughter had been healed in that same hour.

A Gentile woman persevered in seeking help from Jesus.

Review - Use the picture on page 1 for some of numbers below.

1. Color the woman who showed great faith.
2. How did the woman show her faith in Jesus?
3. How do we get strong faith?
4. Color Jesus.
5. How did Jesus answer the woman's prayer?
6. How does Jesus help us?

Activity One - Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

mercy well Jesus Gentiles faith praying Savior

1. A _____ woman came to Jesus for help.
2. She knew Jesus is the _____.
3. The woman prayed to Jesus for _____.
4. _____ did not help the woman right away.
5. She kept on _____ to Jesus.
6. Jesus said the woman had great _____.
7. Jesus made the daughter _____.

Hymn - TLH 457 v. 1, 2

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a Friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness —
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Our faith looks expectantly to God for all of our needs.

Passages - Use the words from these Bible passages to help you make a get-well card for someone who is sick.

**Psalm 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you,
and you shall glorify Me.**

**Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.**

**1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him for He
cares for you.**

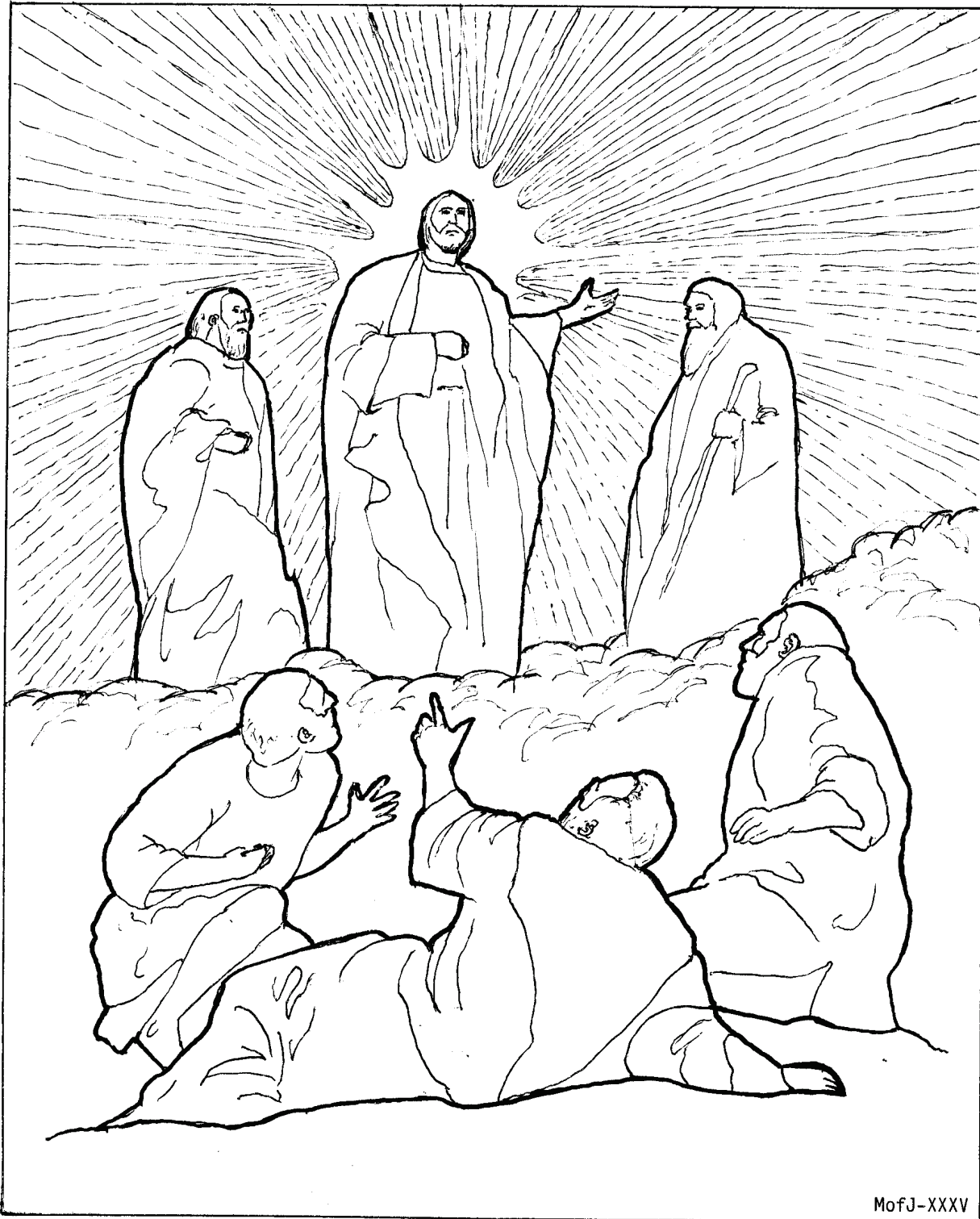
Prayer

Dear God,

You have shown us in this story that even though You may severely test our faith in You, surely You desire us to keep our faith. Help us always to strongly and faithfully trust and hope in You to the end, so that by faith in Your Son, Jesus', saving work, we may enter Your everlasting home and be with You forever. Amen.

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36



MofJ-XXXV

The Story

Jesus is God. Some people wanted Him to make this earth better. People could not understand when Jesus spoke about heaven. Jesus showed that he was God.

One day, Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him. They went up a high mountain to pray. Jesus started to pray. He started to shine. He was transfigured. His clothes became white like snow.

Elijah and Moses suddenly were by Jesus. They talked about when Jesus would die and rise.

Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, can we make three tents for Moses, Elijah, and you?"

Suddenly, a cloud came and covered the disciples and Jesus. God said, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

Peter, James, and John were afraid. They covered their faces. Jesus touched them and said, "Do not be afraid."

The cloud, Elijah, and Moses were all gone. Jesus told His disciples to not tell what they had seen. They kept the secret until Jesus went back to heaven.

Review - Use the picture on page 1 to complete this review.

1. Color Jesus so that He is shining.
2. Why was He so white?
3. Color the disciples who were afraid.
4. Why were they afraid?
5. Color Moses and Elijah.
6. How were they different from the disciples?
7. Color the cloud.
8. Who spoke from the cloud?
9. Circle the person in the picture that is God?

Activity - Have students act out the story.

Characters:

- Jesus
- God's voice
- Moses
- Elijah
- Disciples (Peter, James, and John)
- Props: Flickering lights

Jesus: Let us pray

(Lights go on)
(Moses and Elijah stand by Jesus)

Moses: Jesus, You must soon die.

Elijah: Yes, You die in Jerusalem

Jesus: I must do this for My people.

James: I am afraid.

John: So am I.

(Disciples fall asleep)
(Moses and Elijah walk away)

Peter: Let us make tents for you three.

God: This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, listen to Him.

Jesus: Don't be afraid.

(All walk off.)

Jesus: Don't tell anyone what you have seen.

Disciples: We won't.

Passage

John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Who laid down his life?

Why did he lay down his life?

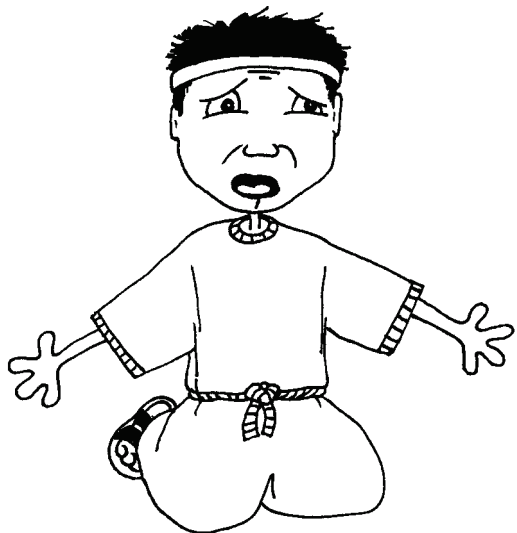
Talking to Jesus

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank You, God, for showing us that Jesus is Your Son. Thank You for sending Him to save us from our sins. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for us. Help us to always show that we love You for what You have done. Amen.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21-35



Servant 1 Begging



King

The Story

Introduction:

What if one of your friends or your brother or sister took your place in line? Or perhaps you color crayon? Or sat down first on the chair you wanted to sit on? Or maybe took the last cookie? What would you do? Would it be hard to forgive them? Should you forgive them? Today we are going to learn about a man who had the chance to forgive. I want you to all listen very carefully and tell me if the man forgave his neighbor.

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven, Let us receive Your Word today with listening ears and open hearts. Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to take away our sin. Help us show our love for You by forgiving those who sin against us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Have the students act out the story. King - bathrobe and paper crown; Servant 1 & 2; Jailers - sword and shield made of cardboard; Group of Servants. Tell the story first using the paraphrased version below. Then retell the story stopping at the appropriate times to direct the students in their roles.)

While Jesus lived on this earth He told many stories to His disciples and those who followed Him. These stories were used to teach Jesus' followers about the Bible. These stories were called parables. (Students can repeat this word slowly along with the teacher.) Today we are going to hear one of these stories that Jesus told.

One day there was a king who had servants who owed him money. One of these servants owed him a very large amount of money. He owed the king 10,000 talents, that is equal to millions of dollars today.

The servant did not have the money to pay. Because he could not pay the debt the king decided to sell the man's wife, children and all the servant owned. The servant got on his knees and begged the king saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all."

The king felt sorry for him and said he would not have to pay back any of the money. The king cancelled the debt.

That servant left the king and went out and found a fellow servant that owed him money. That other servant only owed the first servant 100 denarii, which is a few dollars. This was a very small debt compared to what he had owed the king. He grabbed his fellow servant and began to choke him demanding, "Pay back what you owe me!"

This other servant got down on his knees and began to beg saying, "Be patient with me and I will pay you back."

The servant refused to listen. He had his fellow servant thrown into prison until he would be able to pay back the few dollars.

Other servants saw what this servant did to his fellow servant and they went and

told the king. The king was angry. The king said to the servant, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all your debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?" The king now had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

After Jesus was done with the story He said that this is how our Heavenly Father will treat us if we do not forgive our brothers.

This story was told by Jesus in answer to a question that He had been asked by Peter His disciple. Who was Peter? (Peter was the disciple who had walked on water toward Jesus.) Today the question Peter asked Jesus was, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

Peter wanted to know how many times he should forgive his brother and he thought maybe up to seven times. That seemed like a lot of times to forgive one person.

(How many times do you think we should forgive those who sin against us? More than seven times? Less than seven times?)

Jesus answered him, "I do not say to you up to seven times, but seventy times seven." (How many of you know what seventy times seven is? This equals 490!) Was Jesus saying that you should count every time you forgive your brother and when you get to the 491st time you should quit?

Do you think Jesus really wanted you to count every time you forgave someone? Jesus was saying that you should not count the number of times you forgive but you should always forgive no matter how many times someone sins against you. Forgiveness should be without an end.

Jesus told a parable about the forgiveness of sins.

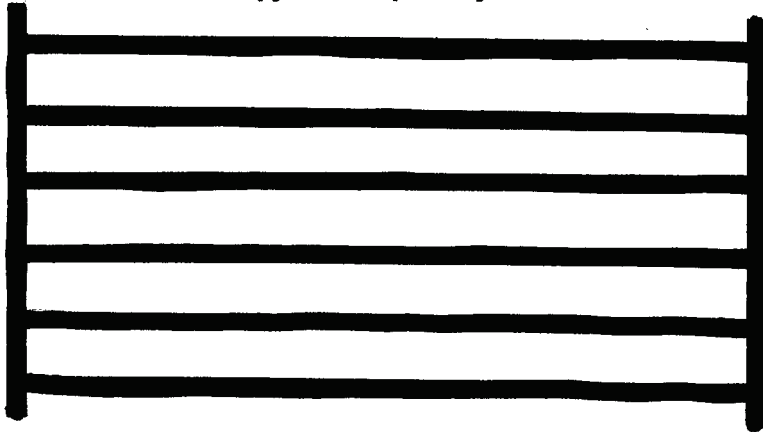
Activity One

- Answer these questions together in class.

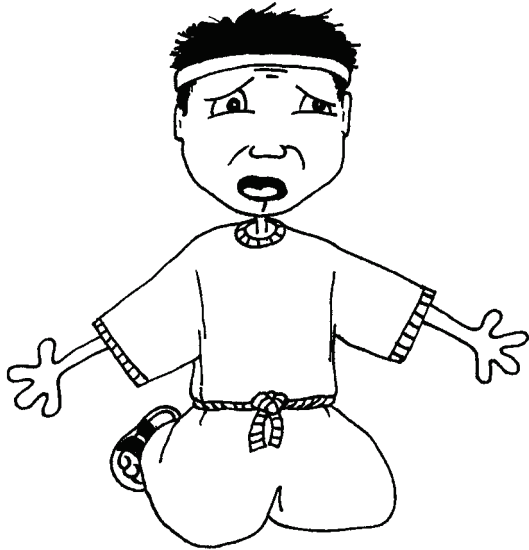
1. What did the one servant not do to his fellow servant?
2. What did he do to the servant instead?
3. What should have the servant done?
4. Who is our fellow brother?
5. How many times should we forgive them?
6. Why should we forgive?
7. How many of our sins did Jesus (the King) forgive?
8. What did we do to get this forgiveness?
9. How do we receive this forgiveness?

Activity Two - Have the students color, cut out and glue the figures, found on pages 3 and 4, to popsicle sticks. As the students are working on the figures, the teacher could discuss and review the story. If time allows the teacher should give some of the students a chance to retell the story using their own figures.

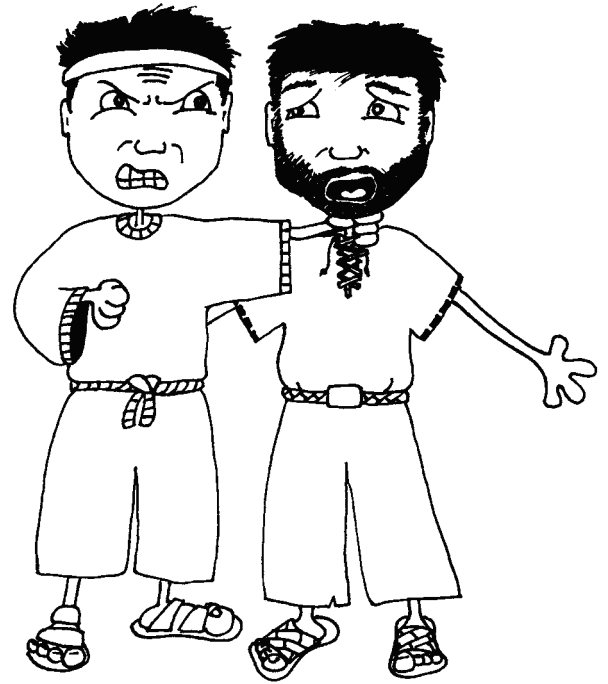
Jail Bars - Copy on transparency material



King



Servant 1 Begging



Servant 1 Choking Servant 2

We are to forgive others as God in Christ has forgiven us.

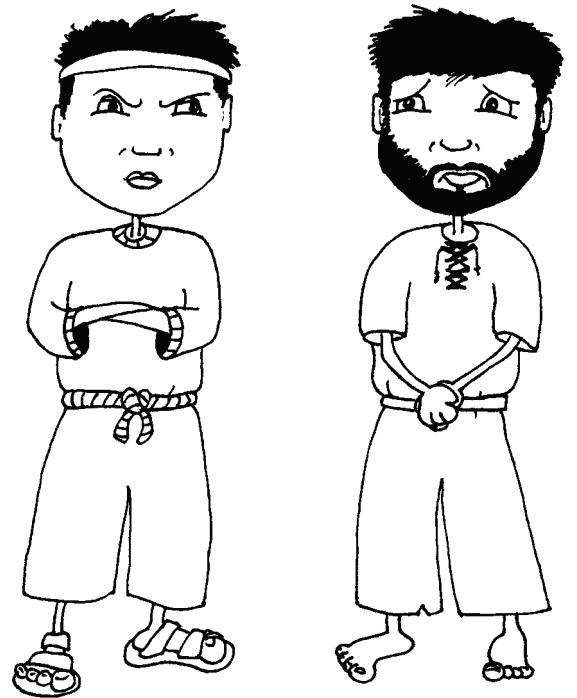
Passages

Luke 23:34 - Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Matthew 5:44 - But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

Hymn - TLH #412 v. 1

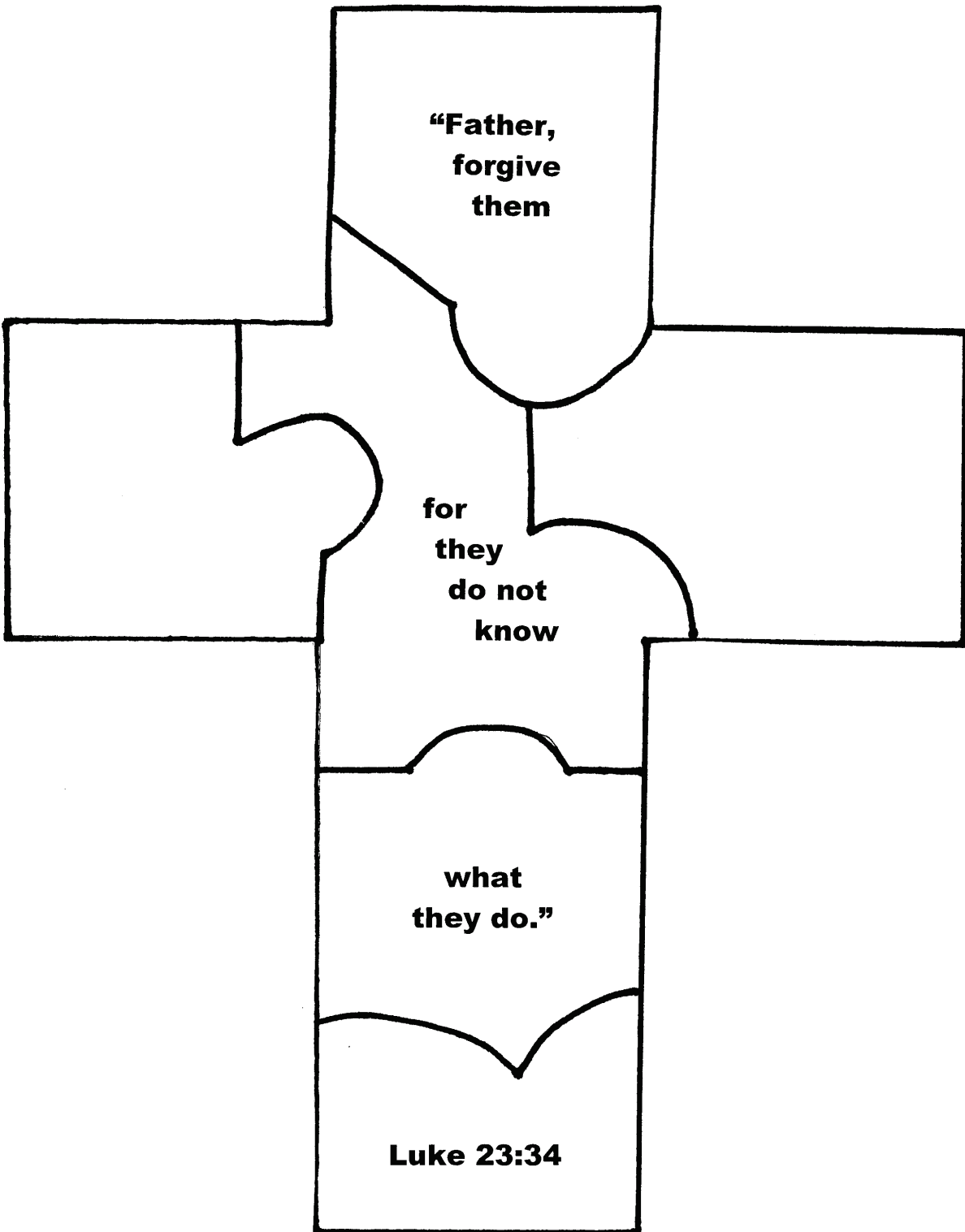
May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfil
 And do on earth our Father's will
 As angels do above;
 Still walk in Christ, the living Way,
 With all Thy children and obey
 The law of Christian love.



Servant 1

Servant 2

Activity Three - Color and cut out the puzzle pieces. Place them together in the correct order. Use this to help you memorize the verse.



Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Pharisee & Publican

Luke 18:9-15



The Story

When Jesus lived on this earth, He used special stories to teach people certain truths about the kingdom of God. Jesus used examples from everyday life in these stories which are called parables.

One day Jesus told a parable to warn the Pharisees that they couldn't be saved by doing good things for God. The Pharisees were a group of people who were very proud. They thought they were better than other people. They also thought that they didn't need a Savior.

This is Jesus' parable: There were two men who went to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who thought that he kept God's law. The other man was a publican or a tax collector. In those days many tax collectors cheated people by collecting too much money from them. They were hated by most people.

The Pharisee stood where everyone could see him when he prayed. He thanked God that he wasn't like other men who did sinful things like lying and stealing. He also

thanked God that he wasn't like the tax collector. Then he told God about all the good things he did. He fasted, or went without food, twice a week and gave a lot of money to the church. He didn't ask God to forgive his sins because he didn't think he had sinned.

The tax collector realized that he was sinful. He was ashamed of the things he had done. He stood way off in a corner and hung his head in shame. He prayed, "Lord be merciful to me, a sinner."

After Jesus had told this parable, He said, " Now I tell you, this man (the tax collector) went home with his sins forgiven. For everyone who brags about himself before God will be humbled, or brought down, but whoever humbles himself and admits his sinfulness, will be lifted up or honored by God."

In this parable, Jesus wants to teach us that we are all sinful and not better than other people. We cannot do anything to earn forgiveness or salvation. It is only through Jesus' death that we can be saved.

The Pharisee trusted in himself. The Publican looked to Jesus for salvation.

Activity One - Place an X in front of the best ending for each sentence.

1. The Pharisee was ...

a. _____ better than other people.

c. _____ a sinner.

b. _____ merciful to the tax collector.

2. The Pharisee told God ...
 - a. _____ about the good things he did.
 - b. _____ about his sin.
 - c. _____ about how good the tax collector was.

3. The tax collector asked God to ...
 - a. _____ notice how good he was.
 - b. _____ take away his sins.
 - c. _____ punish him for his sins.

4. The man who was forgiven was ...
 - a. _____ the Pharisee.
 - b. _____ the tax collector.

5. The Pharisee was as sinful as the tax collector because ...
 - a. _____ all people are sinful in their hearts.
 - b. _____ he did not go to the temple.
 - c. _____ he prayed too loudly.

6. God wants us to ...
 - a. _____ confess our sins.
 - b. _____ make believe that we have no sins.
 - c. _____ tell Him that we are better than most people.

7. When we have done something wrong, God wants us to ...
 - a. _____ run away.
 - b. _____ say that someone else did it.
 - c. _____ ask for forgiveness.

8. Our sins are taken away ...
 - a. _____ by what we do.
 - b. _____ by what Jesus did for us.
 - c. _____ by waiting until people forgive us.

Believers rely only on Jesus for salvation.

Jesus and the Children

Matthew 18:1-6; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 9:46-48



The Story

The disciples argued about who was best. Jesus knew what they were thinking.

The disciples asked him, "Who is best in heaven?"

Then Jesus picked up a little child. He said, "Unless you are converted and become just like children, you will never go to heaven. Whoever treats a little child well, treats Me the same way and whoever treats Me kindly treats the Father the same way. Whoever is least among you will be great. But whoever tricks one of these little ones to sin is in big trouble. It would be better for him to have a huge stone around his neck, and to drown in the deep sea.

Another time, they also brought babies to Jesus so He could hold them and pray for them. The disciples saw the people bring the children and told them to go away.

Jesus didn't like what He saw. He said, "I want little children to come to Me, do not make them go away. The kingdom of heaven is made for them, too. Whoever does not have a child-like faith, will not be in heaven." And He touched the little children and blessed them.

Review

1. Color the people who were mad.
2. Why were they mad?
3. Color the people Jesus was happy to meet.
4. Why was He happy to meet them?
5. Color the person who took away our sins so we can go to heaven.
6. Why did He die for us?

Activity - Complete the Crossword Puzzle below.

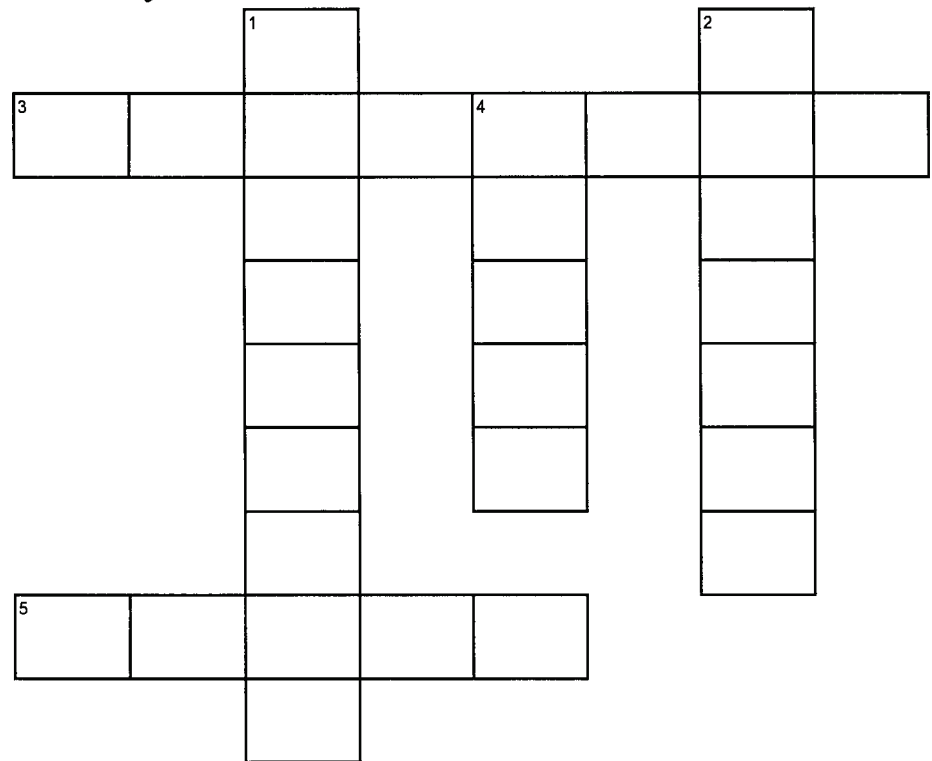
Across

- Whom did Jesus touch and bless?
- What did the people want Jesus to do for the children?

Down

- Who didn't want the children to come to Jesus?
- Little children can also _____ in Jesus.
- What would happen to people in the sea with stones around their necks?

Activity



Passages

Mark 10:14 - Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Psalms 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Hymn - TLH 627 v. 1, 2, 4

Gracious Savior, gentle Shepherd,
Children all are dear to Thee;
Gathered with Thine arms and carried
In Thy bosom may they be;
Sweetly, fondly, safely, tended,
From all want and danger free.

Tender Shepherd, never leave them,
Never let them go astray;
By Thy warning love directed,
May they walk the narrow way!
Thus direct them, thus defend them,
Lest they fall an easy prey.

Let Thy holy Word instruct them;
Fill their minds with heavenly light;
Let Thy powerful grace constrain them
To approve whate'er is right;
Let them feel Thy yoke is easy,
Let them prove Thy burden light.

Talking to Jesus

Thank You, God, for loving little children.
Thank You for sending Jesus.
Thank You Jesus for Your blessing.
Help us to live as Your children. Amen.

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37



The Story

Jesus often used stories about everyday life to teach about God or His Kingdom. These stories are called parables. Today we are going to hear Jesus teaching a parable to answer this question, **“How do we show love to our neighbor?”**

One day, an expert in God's law spoke to Jesus. This man thought that he had loved God and his neighbor perfectly. He was also trying to test Jesus. The man asked Jesus, “What do I have to do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus asked, “What is written in the Bible?”

The man said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said, “You answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

But the man was looking for an excuse for his lack of love. He asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus wanted the man to know that loving our neighbor shows in our words and actions. Jesus told the man a story to help him understand.

A man was walking down a road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Robbers hurt this man, took everything he had, and left him dying on the road. Soon, a priest walked by, but he didn't want to help him. He walked by on the other side of the road.

Next, a Levite, who was a helper from the temple, came by. He looked at the wounded man, and walked by without helping.

Finally, a Samaritan walked up to the man. He felt sorry for him. He stopped, put oil and wine on his wounds, and bandaged them. He brought the injured man to an inn, and took care of him there. The next day, the Samaritan paid the owner to take care of him.

Later, Jesus finished telling the parable, He asked the lawyer a question. “Which of these three men treated the wounded man as his neighbor?”

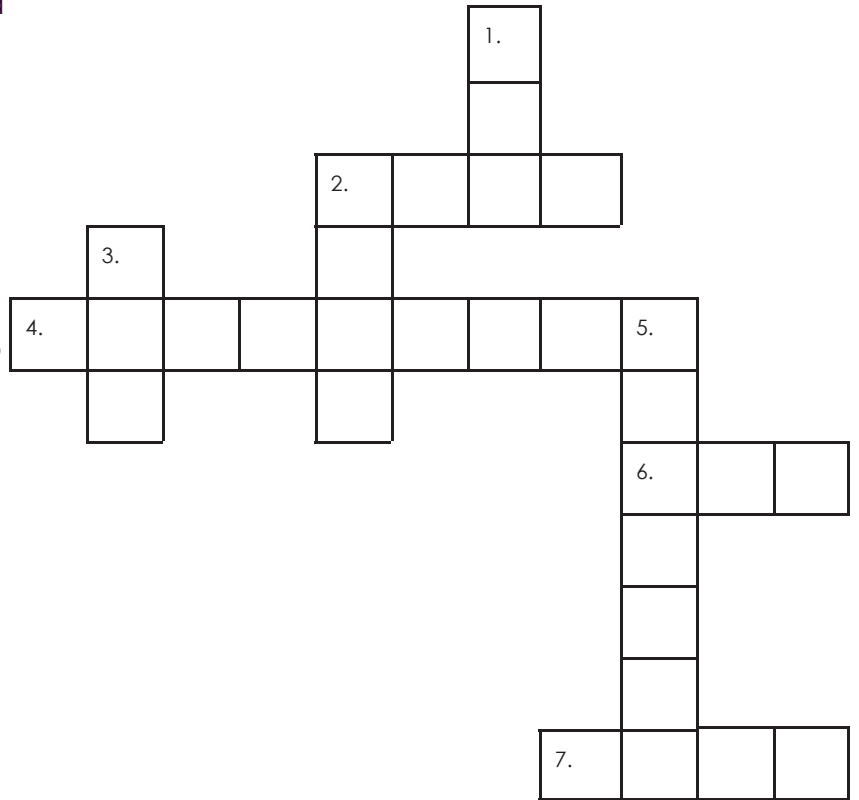
The man said, “The one who was kind to him.”

Jesus said, “Go, and do the same.”

Review - Complete the crossword puzzle.

Across

- 2. The priest did not ____ the injured man.
- 4. The good ____ helped the man.
- 6. The Samaritan took the man to an ____.
- 7. We ____ our neighbor because Jesus first loved us.



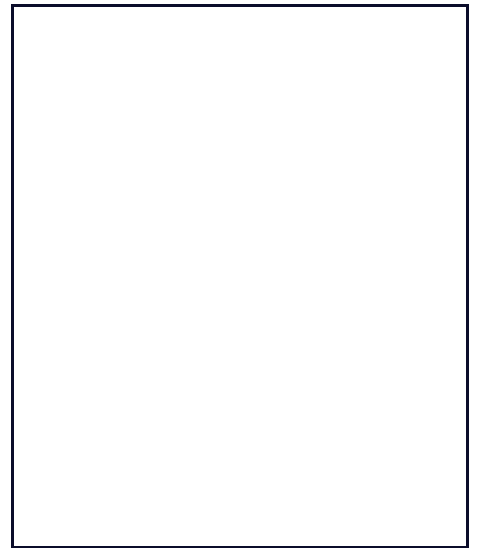
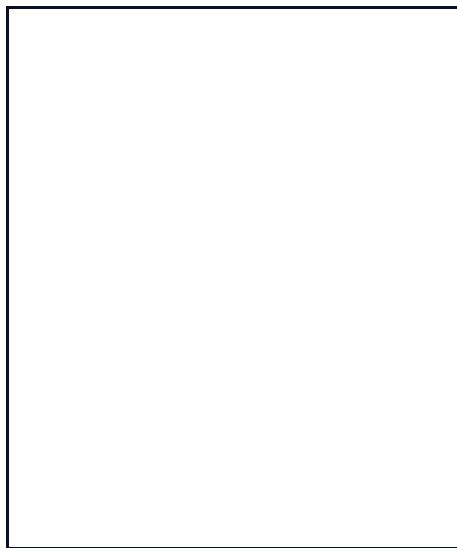
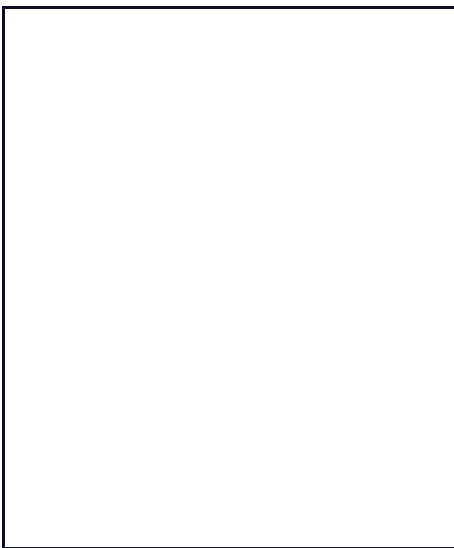
Down

- 1. The Samaritan put wine and ____ on the man's wounds.
- 2. A man was ____ by robbers.
- 3. An expert in the ____ came to question Jesus.
- 5. A ____ is anyone who has a need.

Activity - Complete the following sentences and pictures. Use these words :

think, say, do.

Jesus loves me! I can thank Him by loving my neighbor in all I



Bible Passages - Unscramble the words in each line. The first word is given. Use the words in Luke 10:27 if you need help.

“You _____

God love Lord the shall your

with _____

all heart all soul your with your

with _____

strength all your mind all and with your

and _____ *Luke 10:27*

yourself. as neighbor your

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

Today we heard that we show love for our neighbor with words and actions. You loved us so much that You died on the cross to take away our sins. Now we will live forever with You! Thank You, Jesus! Please help us to show love for others by all that we think, say, and do. In Your Name we pray. Amen

Mary & Martha

Luke 10:38-42



Hearing God's Word was the most important thing for Mary.

The Story

Not far from Jerusalem there was a little village called Bethany. Jesus had special friends who lived there. They were sisters named Mary and Martha. Their brother Lazarus also lived with them.

One day when Jesus came to Bethany, Martha invited Him to come to their house for a meal.

Martha was very busy preparing a meal for Jesus. She wanted to show her love for Jesus by cooking a good meal for Him.

While Martha was working, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to every word He said. He was teaching her the Word of God.

Martha thought that Mary should be helping her with the meal. There was a lot of work to be done. She thought that cooking a good

meal was more important than just sitting and listening to Jesus. Finally Martha came to Jesus and said, "Don't You care that my sister is just sitting there while I'm doing all the work by myself? Please tell her to come and help me."

Then Jesus said, "Martha, Martha, you are worried about many things, but Mary is doing the most important thing. She is listening to the Word of God, and she will always remember what she has learned. No one can ever take that away from her."

Hearing the Word of God is more important than anything else that we do in this life. We need to try to be more like Mary and always hear and learn God's Word whenever we can.

Activity One - Read the following sentences. If the sentence is true, write 'Yes' on the line. If the sentence is not true, write 'No' on the line.

1. _____ Mary and Martha were sisters.
2. _____ Martha wanted to serve Jesus by preparing a meal.
3. _____ Mary should have helped Martha with the meal.
4. _____ It was all right for Martha to get angry at Mary.
5. _____ Mary chose the best thing to do.
6. _____ We should be more like Mary.

7. ____ It's all right to stay home from church and cook a meal for the pastor.

8. ____ God's Word is the most important thing in our life.

9. ____ We don't have many chances to hear God's Word.

Activity Two - The following are sets of activities. Put a 1 by the more important activity and a 2 by the less important.

____ eating

____ watching TV

____ cleaning your room

____ devotion

____ going to VBS

____ going to church

____ praying

____ reading the Bible

____ talking to friends about clothes

____ playing

____ reading a book

____ talking to friends about Jesus

Activity Three - There are many places where we can hear and learn the Word of God. Find these and circle them.



Hearing God's Word is the most important thing for us.

Passages

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Hymn - TLH #285 v. 1, 4

Discuss the words: *Book Divine, inspiration, doctrines, tedious night of life, eternal day*

How precious is the Book Divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heav'n.

This lamp through all our tedious night
Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

Help us to be more like Mary and always be happy to hear and learn Your Word whenever we have a chance. We know that You will bless us through the hearing of Your Word. We need to put You first in our lives, because You are the way to eternal life. Amen

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32



The Prodigal Son (The Wasteful Son) - Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told this story to teach a lesson:

A man had two sons. The younger one said to his father, "Father, give me my inheritance." So he divided up his things.

Soon, the younger son took his part, went away, and wasted everything. After he had spent everything, that land had a famine, and he was starving.

Then he worked for a farmer feeding the pigs. He was so hungry he would have even eaten the pigs' food.

Then he thought, "My father's hired servants have more than enough to eat, and I'm dying of hunger! I will go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I shouldn't be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

He came to his father. When he was still far away, his father saw him and loved him, and ran and kissed him.

The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and I shouldn't be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring

on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the best calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." Then they had a feast.

But when his older son came home, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what was happening.

The servant said to him, "Your brother has come back alive and well, so your father made a feast."

But the older son was angry and would not go in. So his father came out and talked with him.

He said to his father, "For all these years I have been serving you; I never made you angry; but you never even gave me a young goat, so I could have a feast with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has wasted everything, you made a feast for him."

The father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found."

Recalling Details

1. Color the son returning to his father.
2. Why did he expect his father to be mad?
3. Color the father.
4. Why was he waiting for his son?
5. Color the other son.
6. Why was the older son upset?

Matching - The things in the first column are from the story. The things in the second column are what they represent. Write the correct letter in the blank.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| _____ 1. The Wasteful Son | a. When we repent |
| _____ 2. Moving to a far land | b. When we sin |
| _____ 3. Deciding to come back | c. God the Father |
| _____ 4. The Waiting Father | d. We sinful people |

Passages

Psalms 103:12 - "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

How close are east and west? Do we have to fear that we are sinful?

1 John 4:19 - "We love Him because He first loved us."

Does God love us even though we are sinful?

John 15:9 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love."

What causes us to love at all?

Hymn - TLH #325 v. 2

Create my nature pure within
And form my soul averse to sin;
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart
Nor hide Thy presence from my heart.

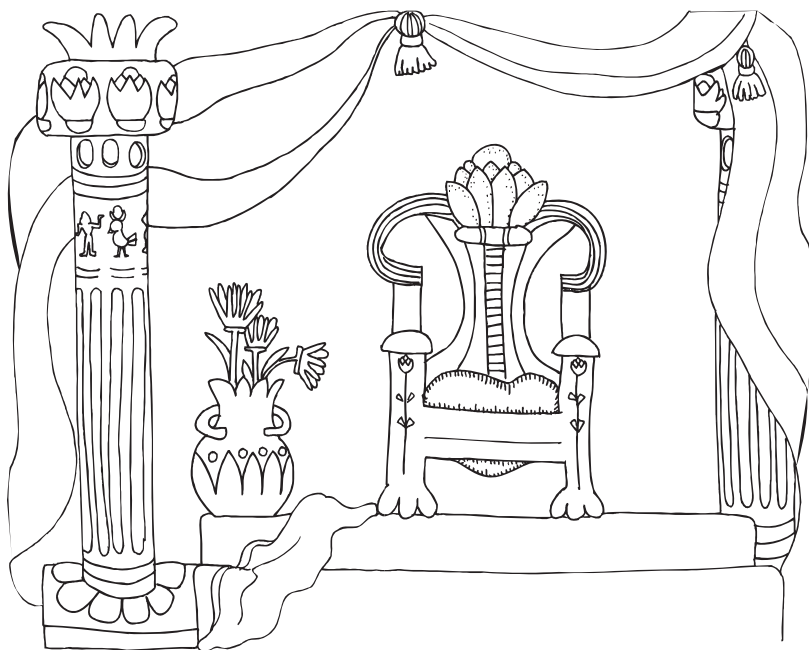
Prayer

Dear Jesus,

In this parable You have shown me how much I am loved by my Father in heaven. God the Father has freely forgiven me all my sins. Help me share that saving message of forgiveness with others. In Jesus' name I ask this. Amen.

The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31



The Story

Jesus often told stories. He taught this story to people who were lovers of money. We can also learn from this lesson.

Here is the story Jesus told about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus.

The rich man wore fancy purple clothes. He had a life full of riches.

The poor man, named Lazarus, had to beg for food. His body was full of sores. Lazarus laid at the gate of the rich man's home hoping to be fed the crumbs of food which fell from the rich man's table. The dogs came and licked the poor man's sores.

Both men died. Lazarus was carried by angels to heaven. The rich man was buried and went to hell. He felt terrible pain in hell. The rich man looked up and saw Lazarus living with Abraham in heaven.

The rich man cried and said, "Father Abraham, please send Lazarus. Have him dip his finger in water and put a drop on my

tongue. The water will cool my tongue in these fires of hell."

Abraham said to the rich man, "Remember that when you lived on earth you had good things and Lazarus suffered much. Now Lazarus has great joy and you are suffering. Besides, no one in heaven can go to you. No one in hell can come to heaven."

The rich man then asked Father Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth. He wanted Lazarus to warn his brothers about hell.

Abraham answered the rich man, "Your brothers have the Word of God, they should listen to the Word and believe it."

The rich man said, "Abraham, they won't believe God's Word, but they will believe someone from the dead."

Abraham told the rich man, "Only those who hear God's Word and believe it will have eternal life in heaven."

Passages - Fill in the blanks using the words in the box.

Psalms 119:105 - "Your _____ is a _____ to my
_____ and a _____ to my _____.

Scripture path	Word lamp	light feet	broken
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John 10:35 - "The _____ cannot be _____.

Activity One - Fill in the letters using the names in the box. Letters can be used more than once. What word is spelled in the boxes?

- 1. I believed the Word of God.
- 2. I did not believe the Word of God.
- 3. I went to heaven.
- 4. I spoke to the rich man.
- 5. I told this story to people who love money.

I. Rich Man
B. Lazarus
E. Jesus
L. Abraham

Song

Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

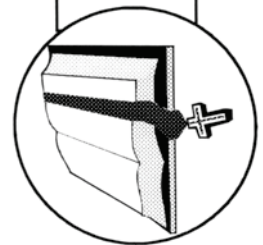
Hear and learn the Word of God.
Word of God, Word of God.
Hear and learn the Word of God,
In Church and Sunday School.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for Your Word. Thank You for pastors,
teachers, and parents who teach us Your Word.
Amen.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and
a light to my path. *Psalm 119:105*



Color and cut
out this bracelet

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

John 11:1-46



The Story

Why do people die? People die because of sin. What happens when something dies? It doesn't take long before it starts to rot or decay. Once something dies, can it come back to life? Normally it doesn't, but in this lesson, we hear of someone who has power over death, Jesus.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were brother and sisters. They knew Jesus and were His friends. One day Lazarus became sick. The sisters sent a message to Jesus because they had faith that He could come and help them. Jesus was in another town and didn't come right away.

After two days, Jesus told His disciples they would go and wake up Lazarus out of a sleep. This would give glory to God. The disciples were afraid because the Jews had tried to kill Jesus earlier, but Jesus knew they should go.

When they got to Bethany, Martha ran to meet Jesus and said that Lazarus had been dead four days, but he wouldn't have died if Jesus had come earlier. Jesus said Lazarus would rise again. Martha thought Jesus meant Lazarus would be raised on Judgment Day, but Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believes in Me will never die."

Then Martha told Mary to see Jesus. They all went to the grave.

Everyone was sad. Jesus cried.

Then Jesus told them to take the stone away from the cave. They did. Jesus prayed to His Father and said, "Lazarus, come forth." Even though Lazarus had been dead four days, Jesus made him alive again. He wasn't even sick anymore. This did give glory to God. This miracle helped some people believe in Jesus. Others still wanted to kill him.

There are three kinds of death. Death means separation. We all will die physically, which is a separation of the soul from the body. Jesus has power over this death, and calls it a sleep. We will be united again with our glorious body on Judgment Day.

Spiritual death is separation from God. Unbelievers are spiritually dead. Jesus has power over this death when He calls unbelievers to faith. This makes them spiritually alive.

Eternal death is a separation from God forever. Once an unbeliever dies physically, he also dies eternally. Jesus has power over this death because He said "He who believes in Me will never die."

Jesus is all powerful, even over death.

Something to Think About - Find these words in the puzzle below.

BETHANY
MARY

MARTHA
LAZARUS

DEATH
LIFE

RESURRECTION
JESUS

ETERNAL
SPIRITUAL

REDEEMER
PHYSICAL

R E S U R R E C T I O N P
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Recalling the Story - Match the correct answer with the question.

- _____ 1. Where did Lazarus live?
- _____ 2. Who were his sisters?
- _____ 3. Why did they call Jesus?
- _____ 4. Why didn't Jesus come right away?
- _____ 5. How did Jesus help them?
- _____ 6. What does death mean?
- _____ 7. Who has power over death?

- A. He knew that raising a dead person would show more glory to God.
- B. A separation.
- C. Bethany
- D. Raised Lazarus from the dead, and made him completely well.
- E. Mary and Martha
- F. Jesus, Son of God
- G. Lazarus was sick, and they had faith that Jesus could make him well.

Passages

John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life.
He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

Hebrews 11:1 - Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.

Job 19:25 - For I know that my Redeemer lives.

Hymn - TLH #200 v. 1, 7, 8

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everliving Head.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

We are sorry that we have sinned and deserve death. Thank You for giving us this story to show us that You have the power over death. Give us the faith to believe these words, and the strength to spread it to others. In Your name, Amen.

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19



The Story

Jesus and the disciples were coming to Jerusalem because it was almost time for Jesus to die on the cross. When they were close to Jerusalem, there was a village. Jesus told two of His disciples to go to the village and get a donkey colt. Jesus told them that if anyone asked them what they were doing, they should say, "The Lord needs to use this donkey."

The disciples left. They found the donkey. The people who owned the donkey asked them what they were doing. The disciples said, "The Lord needs to use this donkey." The owners were happy to let Jesus use the donkey.

The disciples brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on the

donkey's back, and then Jesus sat on it. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem, many, many people came out to greet Him. Some people put their coats on the road for Jesus to ride on. Others put soft, leafy palm branches on the road. They were treating Jesus like a king. The people also sang praises to Jesus. They sang, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!"

There were some people in the crowd who hated Jesus. They said, "Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet!"

Jesus said, "If they would be quiet, the stones would call out to say that I am the Savior!"

Outer Aim - Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey

Song - Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, praise Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Praise Him, praise Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Love Him, love Him, All you little children;
God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children.
God is love, God is love.

Thank Him, thank Him, All you little children.
God is love, God is love.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for being our King. Thank You for dying on the cross to save us from our sins. Please help us to remember to worship You. Amen.

Activity One - Use the word box to fill in the answers on the lines below. Use the answers to fill in the Crossword Puzzle.

coats donkey Hosanna Jerusalem Jesus palm road Savior

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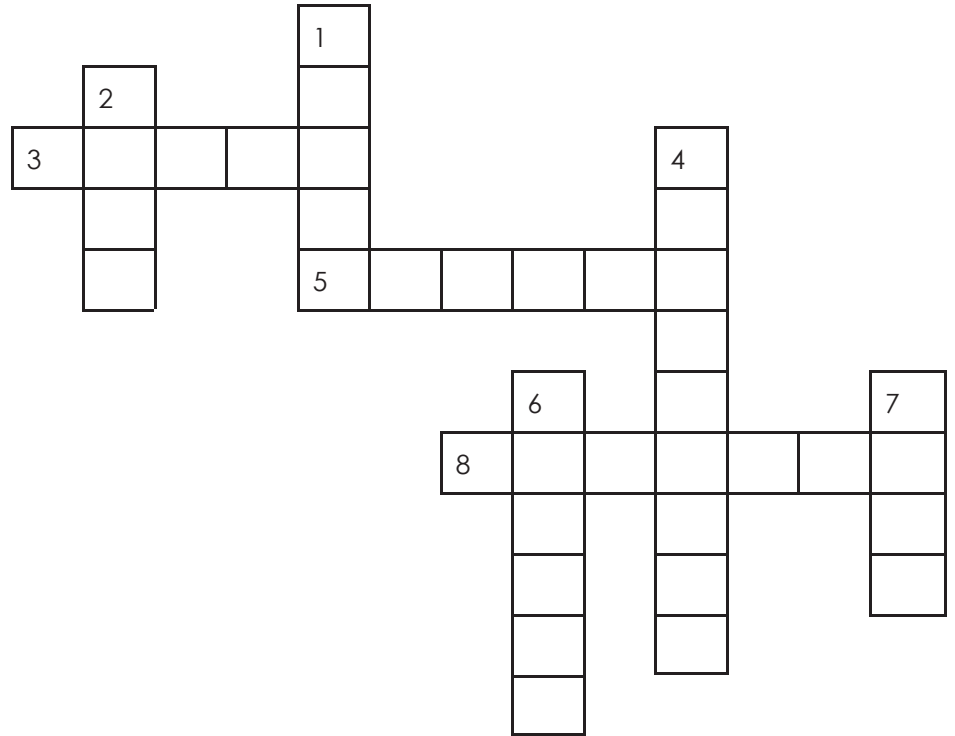
(3) _____ and

(7)_____

branches on the (2)_____.

The people sang (8)_____.

We worship (1)_____. He is our (5)_____.



Inner Aim - Jesus is our Savior, and we will worship Him.

Passage - Answer the questions about these passages.

Matthew 21:9 "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

The people sang to Jesus as their King. Why do we worship Jesus and sing to Him?

I Peter 5:5 "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Jesus was humble. He rode on a humble donkey, too. We are often proud of ourselves. What should we do when we are proud?

Activity Two - Figure out the Secret Message below.

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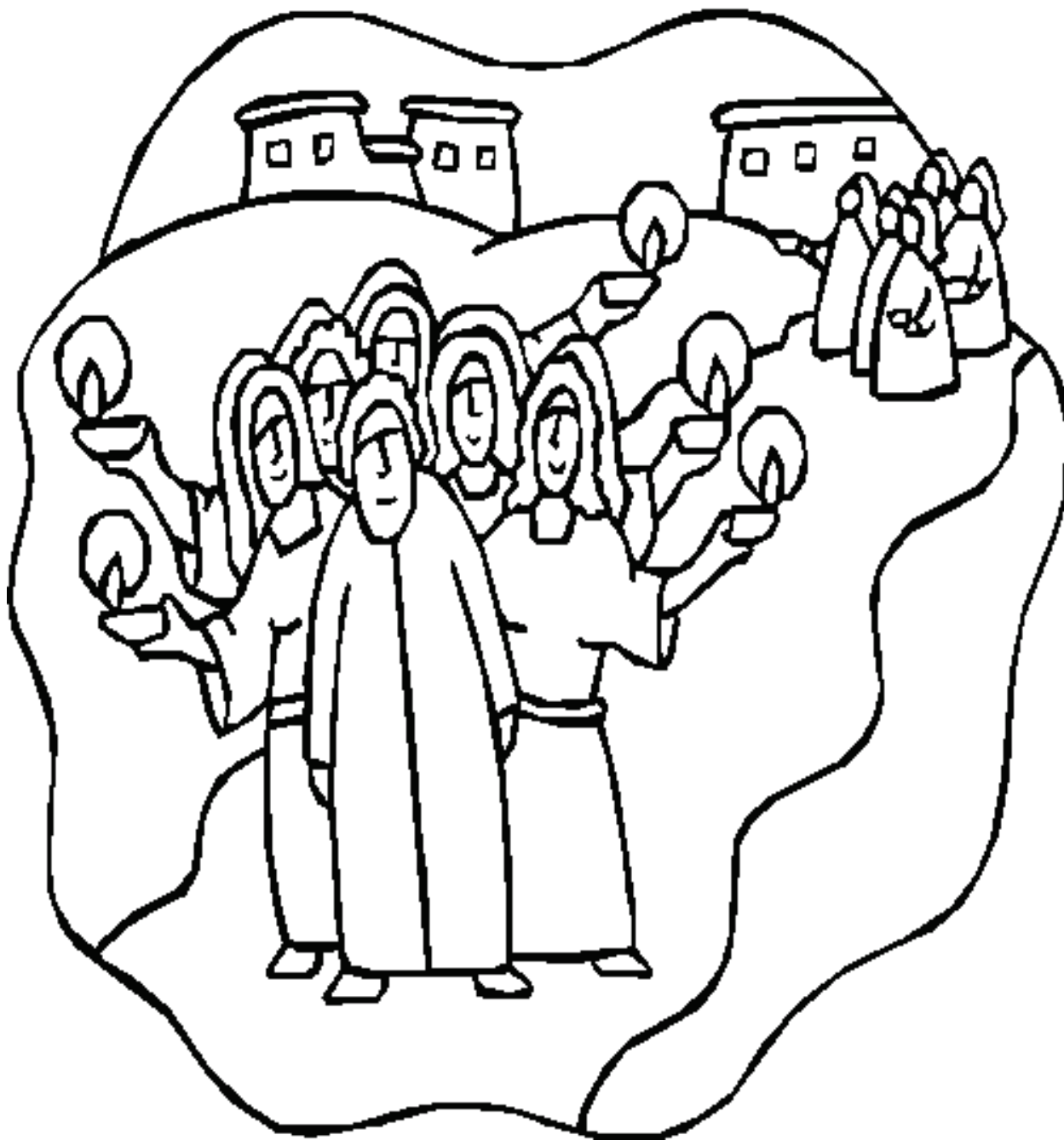
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The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13



The Story

Jesus, as he was sitting outside of Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives, was approached by His disciples. They were asking about the end of the world, and how they were going to know when it was coming. Jesus then talked for a little while, and then decided to tell them a story which had a heavenly meaning to it.

Jesus started out the parable by saying that at the end of this world, the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. A bridegroom is a man who is about to get married. Jesus then told his disciples that five of these virgins were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps, but they didn't take any oil with them. They needed oil because that is one of the main things they needed to keep their lamps lit. The wise virgins, however, took extra oil with them in jars.

It took a while for the bridegroom to come, and because of this the virgins all ended up falling asleep. Then, around the middle of the night, it was announced that

the bridegroom was coming, and that they should come to meet him. The virgins then prepared their lamps to light the way to see him, and the foolish virgins then asked the wise ones if they had any extra oil because they knew that their lamps did not have enough oil.

The wise virgins told the foolish virgins that they could not give any of their oil away because they did not know if there would be enough for all of them. They also told them that they should try to find somebody who sells oil and buy some from them.

But, while the foolish virgins had gone off to buy the oil, the bridegroom came and the virgins who were ready went into the wedding feast with him, and then the door was shut. Finally, the foolish virgins got back to the door, and they cried out for the door to be opened. But the bridegroom told them that he didn't know them.

Jesus then told his disciples that they should always be prepared because they cannot know the day or even the hour in which the destruction of this world will come.

Jesus told a parable, or story, explaining Judgment Day.

Activity One

- Answer the following about the parable.

1. To whom was Jesus talking?
2. How many virgins were there in Jesus' story?
3. For Whom were these virgins waiting?
4. What did the foolish virgins forget?
5. Who got locked out of the feast?
6. Why did they get locked out?
7. What did the bridegroom tell the virgins when they knocked on the door?
8. What was the lesson that Jesus had behind this story?

Activity Two

-Follow the directions to make a picture to help with the memory passage.

Matthew 24:42

<p>“Watch therefore, <i>* draw a pair of eyes or glasses to represent watching</i></p>	<p>for you do not know what hour <i>* draw a clock</i></p>	<p>your Lord is coming.” <i>*draw Jesus coming on the last day</i></p>
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When we die our soul will go to heaven to be with Jesus.

Passages

Matthew 24:44 - Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Hymn - TLH #609 v. 1

"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take! Hallelujah!
With bridal care yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending Jesus to live a perfect life and to die for our sins on the cross. Thank You also for sending the Holy Spirit into our hearts to give us faith. Please keep that lamp of faith full of oil from Your Word so that we are ready to meet You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19



The Story

One day, as Jesus was starting His journey to Jerusalem, He came to a village. He met ten men who had a terrible sickness called leprosy. In those times, people who had leprosy had to stay outside the village so others would not catch their sickness. No doctor could heal them. How would you feel to be one of those ten men?

These men knew that Jesus could perform miracles. They begged Jesus to heal them, crying, "Have mercy on us!" Jesus did not touch them. He simply told them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." The priests would tell them if they would be allowed to go home again.

As the men left, full of joy, to see the priest, they were healed!

They believed that Jesus could heal them. The Son of God showed His amazing love and power to these men by taking away their sickness!

One of the ten men turned and came back to Jesus. He came to thank and praise Jesus for the miracle of his cure. The man fell down before Jesus to show his thanks. Jesus asked, "Were not ten men healed? Where are the nine?"

The other nine only thought of their newly healed bodies. The one who came back knew that Jesus had come to heal the world of it's greatest sickness – sin. Jesus saw the man's faith in Him. Jesus said to him, "Your faith has made you well."

Jesus healed ten men of leprosy and only one returned to thank Him.

Activity One - The ten lepers were healed of a great sickness. We have also been cured of an even bigger problem. CIRCLE every third letter to find the name of this problem that we were cured from by Jesus. Then write those letters on the lines.

A	T	S	O	M	I	L	P	N	D	C
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I give thanks because Jesus has healed me from the leprosy of sin.

Activity Two - Fill in the blanks using the words from the WORD BOX. Then find those words in the puzzle.

MERCY	JESUS	TEN	PRIEST	LEPROSY
FAITH	SIN	ONE	JOY	HEALED

- _____ men came to Jesus.
- They said, "Have _____ on us!"
- They had the disease _____.
- _____ told them to show themselves to the _____.
- As they left they were full of _____ because they were _____ of their disease.
- Only _____ of the men came back to thank Jesus.
- Jesus told him, "Your _____ has made you well."
- We have the leprosy of _____, but Jesus has healed us by dying on the cross.

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J	A	R	C	N	D	F
E	L	I	Y	E	I	A
S	E	E	B	W	O	I
U	D	S	C	A	U	T
S	A	T	E	N	M	H

Activity Three - Optional activity: Make two thank you cards from paper.

Think of someone you could say thank-you to. (It doesn't have to be for a gift. Maybe you can thank someone for just doing something you appreciate.) Take the other thank-you card and write a note of thanks to God for something. Share the message with the class.

Activity Four - Enlarge the drawing. Cut into 5 pieces. Before handing out, the teacher must write JESUS on the back of the 5 pieces.

Directions: Lay the puzzle pieces before each child all mixed up. " We are born with sin. We are a mess! Flip each piece over. Put the puzzle back together to form the word JESUS. Tape the pieces together with clear tape. Look at the picture of the children together. Through Jesus' death and resurrection we are made whole. Jesus keeps us together."



Passage - Unscramble the letters of the words in () and write the word on the blank.

Psalms 136:1 - Oh, give (knaht) _____ to the (RDLO) _____,
for He is (odog) _____! For His (ryecm) _____ endures forever.

Hymn - TLH #36 or Worship Supplement 2000 #792

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank You! Thank You for loving each of us so much and showing your love by sending Jesus to us to save us from sin. Help us to remember the story of the 10 lepers that we don't forget to show that we are thankful through what we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Jesus Speaks of Taxes & Offerings

Mark 12:13-17, 41-44



Mark 12:43-44 So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

The Story

Jesus had many enemies who hated Him. They hated Him so much they wanted to kill Him. These enemies were looking for a reason to kill Jesus. They tried to find a hard question for Jesus so that they could get Him in trouble.

First they said nice things to Jesus to try to trick Him. They said, "Teacher, we know that you always tell the truth and teach God's Word rightly." Jesus knew that they didn't really mean these nice things that they said.

Then they asked, "Should we pay taxes to our rulers or not?" They were trying to get Jesus in trouble. Most Jews hated their ruler and did not want to pay taxes to him. If Jesus said, "Yes, you should pay taxes," then the Jewish people would not like Jesus. If Jesus said, "No, don't pay taxes to the ruler," then the ruler would be angry at Jesus and might put Him in jail.

Jesus could look into His enemies' hearts. He saw how much they hated Him and were trying to trick Him so they could kill Him. Jesus knew this was a sin. He tried to warn them to be sorry about their bad sin. He said, "Why are you trying to trick me? Bring me a coin. I want to see it."

They brought Jesus the coin. Jesus asked them, "Whose picture is on this coin?"

The enemies said, "Our Ruler's."

Jesus answered, "Give to your ruler what belongs to the ruler, and give to God what is due to God."

The enemies were amazed at how wisely Jesus spoke. They were not able to trick Him or get Him into trouble.

Later, Jesus was sitting in the temple watching people put their money in the offering boxes. Because He is God, Jesus could look into each person's heart and mind as they were giving their offerings.

Many rich people gave large amounts of money. But a poor widow came who put two small coins in that were worth even less than a penny.

Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the other people. All the other people gave some of the money they had left over after they bought for themselves what they wanted. But she put in all her money, even though she needed it for herself to live on."

Jesus was pleased with the widow's offering because she gave it with love and thankfulness.

Activity One - Fill in the blanks with the correct name from the WORD BOX. You will use the names more than once.

enemies	Jesus	rulers	God	rich people	widow
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1. Jesus' _____ tried to trap Jesus with a hard question.
2. _____ loved His enemies.
3. _____ warned His enemies about the sin in their hearts.
4. Jesus said we should pay taxes to our _____.
5. Jesus said we should give to _____ our offerings.
6. The _____ gave to God the money they had left over.
7. The _____ gave to God all the money she had.
8. The _____ showed she loved God very much.
9. _____ took care of the widow and gave her the things she needed.
10. The _____ showed she trusted God.
11. The _____ showed she feared (respected, obeyed) God.

Hymn - TLH #442 v. 1-2

Lord of Glory, who hast bo't us
With Thy life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that hast freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil
With Thine own unsparing hand;

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

Activity Two -

Fill in the blanks with the words **fear**, **love** or **trust**.

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You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should **fear**, **love** and **trust** in God above all things.

1. We show we _____ God when we respect and obey Him.
2. We show we _____ God when we don't worry.
3. We show we _____ God when we sing praises to Him.
4. We show we _____ God when we pray in times of trouble.
5. We show we _____ God when we don't want to anger God by sinning.
6. We show we _____ God when we share God's Word with others.
7. We show we _____ God when we give Him our offerings.

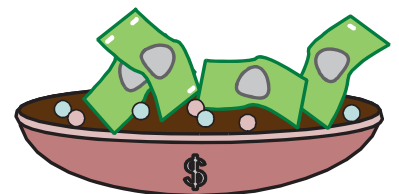
Passages

Psalm 33:8 - Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. (We should fear God.)

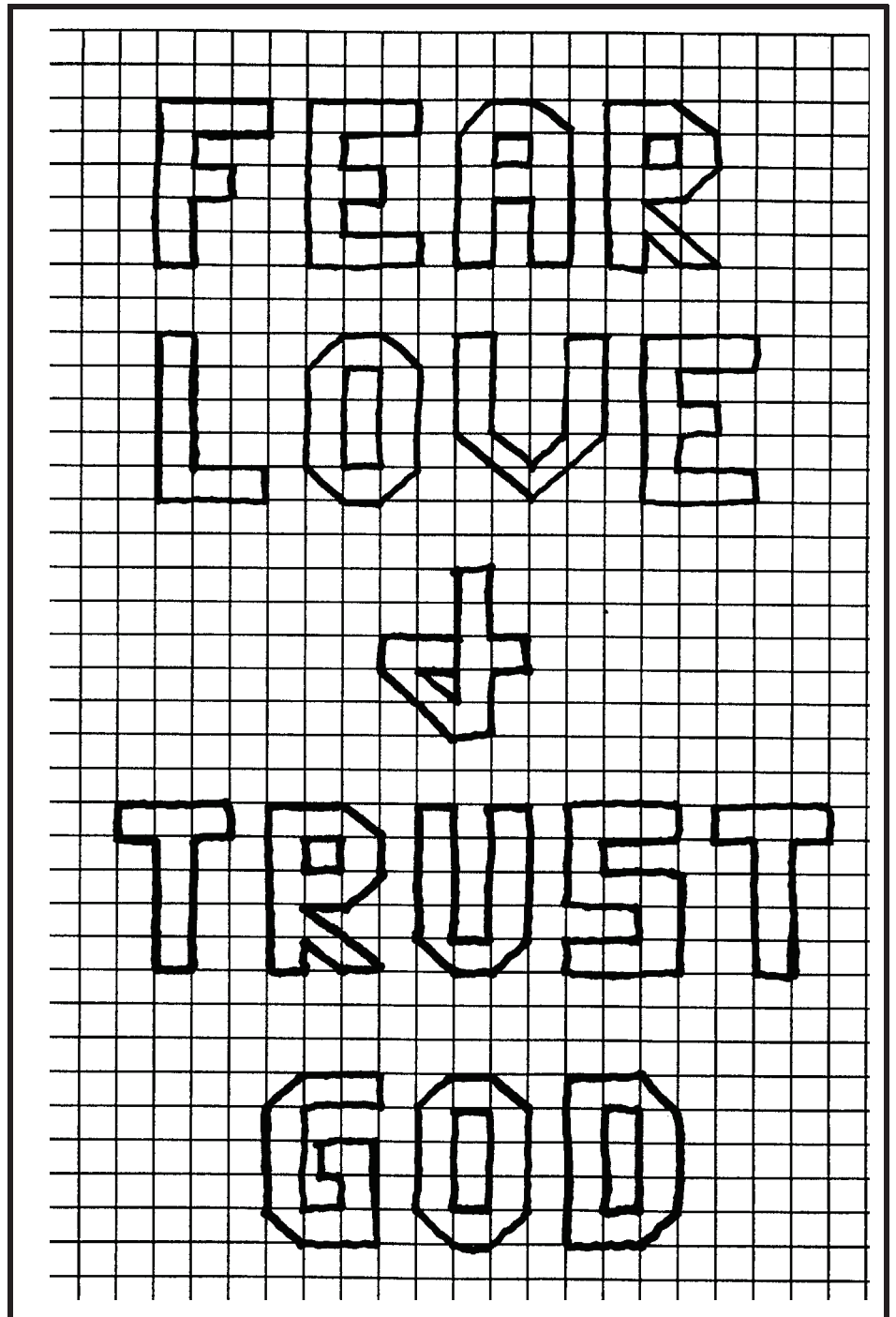
1 John 4:19 - We love Him because He first loved us. (We should love God.)

Psalm 124:8 - Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. (This is the God we trust.)

We show our love and thankfulness to God by giving Him offerings.



Activity Three - Color the squares inside the letters with warm colors (red, yellow, orange). Color the squares outside the letters with cool colors (blue, green, purple).



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, We are sorry when we don't respect (fear) You enough to obey Your commandments. We're sorry when we love other things or people more than You. We're sorry when we don't trust You. Please forgive us for Jesus' sake.

Thank You for sending Jesus who perfectly feared, loved, and trusted You in our place. Help us to show our love and thankfulness to You in our offerings, prayers, and obedience to Your commands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Jesus Speaks of His Second Coming

Luke 21:25-36; Matthew 25:31-46



Jesus will set the believers on His right hand and say, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

The Story

A few days before Jesus died on the cross He talked to His disciples about when He would come again on Judgment Day. Jesus said in the Bible in Luke, "There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars. People will be afraid, for the powers of heaven will be shaken."

"Then you will see the Son of Man (*Jesus*) coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Be glad because you will then go to heaven."

To explain how to look for signs of Judgment Day Jesus told this parable or earthly story about heaven.

He said, "Look at all the trees. When they have buds on their branches, you see and know that summer is near. "

When we see the signs of the end times, we will know that Judgment Day is near.

Jesus also gave us these words to remember, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no

means pass away. Look out so that Judgment Day does not come on you as a surprise. Watch and pray always. One day you and all people will stand before the Son of Man."

Jesus also told His disciples and us about Judgment Day. In the Bible in Matthew, Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another. He will set the believers on His right hand and say, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'"

Jesus will set the unbelievers on His left hand and say to them, "'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. '"

The unbelievers will go away into everlasting punishment in hell. Those who believed in Jesus Christ will go into eternal life in heaven.

Jesus tells us about the signs of His second coming to judge the earth.

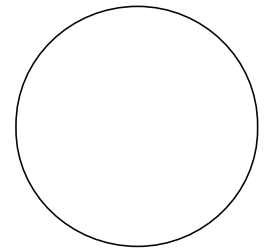
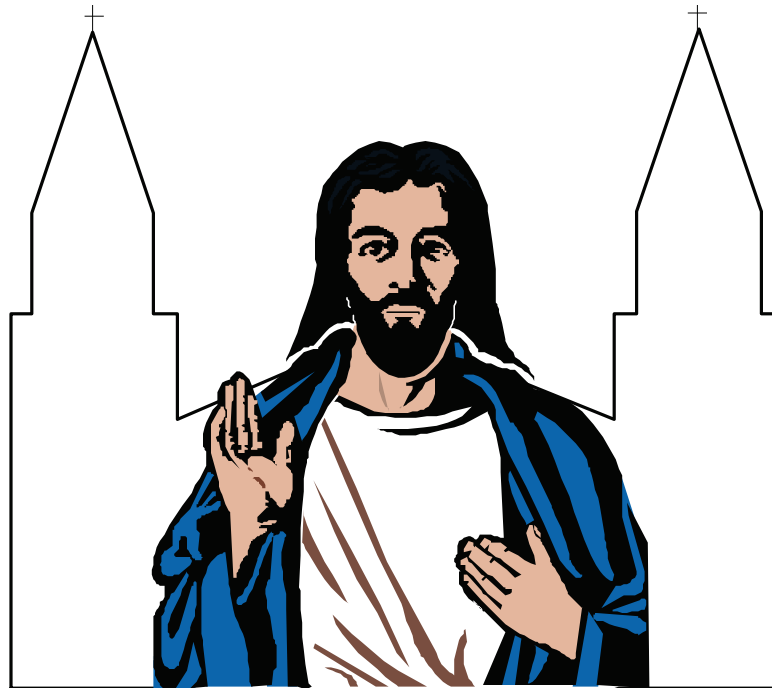
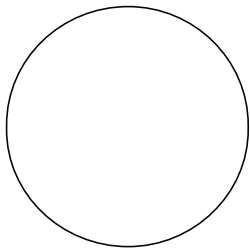
The Holy Bible tells us to watch for signs of Judgment Day and to be prepared.

Activity One - Jesus will be sitting on the judgment seat in heaven.

- ▶ Color and decorate the throne of Jesus.
- ▶ Write HEAVEN on the side of believers. Write HELL on the side of unbelievers.
- ▶ Make a smiling face in the circle on Jesus's raised right hand to show believers.
- ▶ Make a sad face in the circle on Jesus's left hand to show unbelievers.
- ▶ Write your name under the smiling face of believers who will go to heaven.

**Believers
will go
to**

**Unbelievers
will go
to**



my name:

Passages

Job 19:25-27 - For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

1 Thessalonians 4:16 - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Activity Two - Use the SECRET CODE below to find the passage. The pictures will also give you a hint.



secret code:

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Luke 21:36

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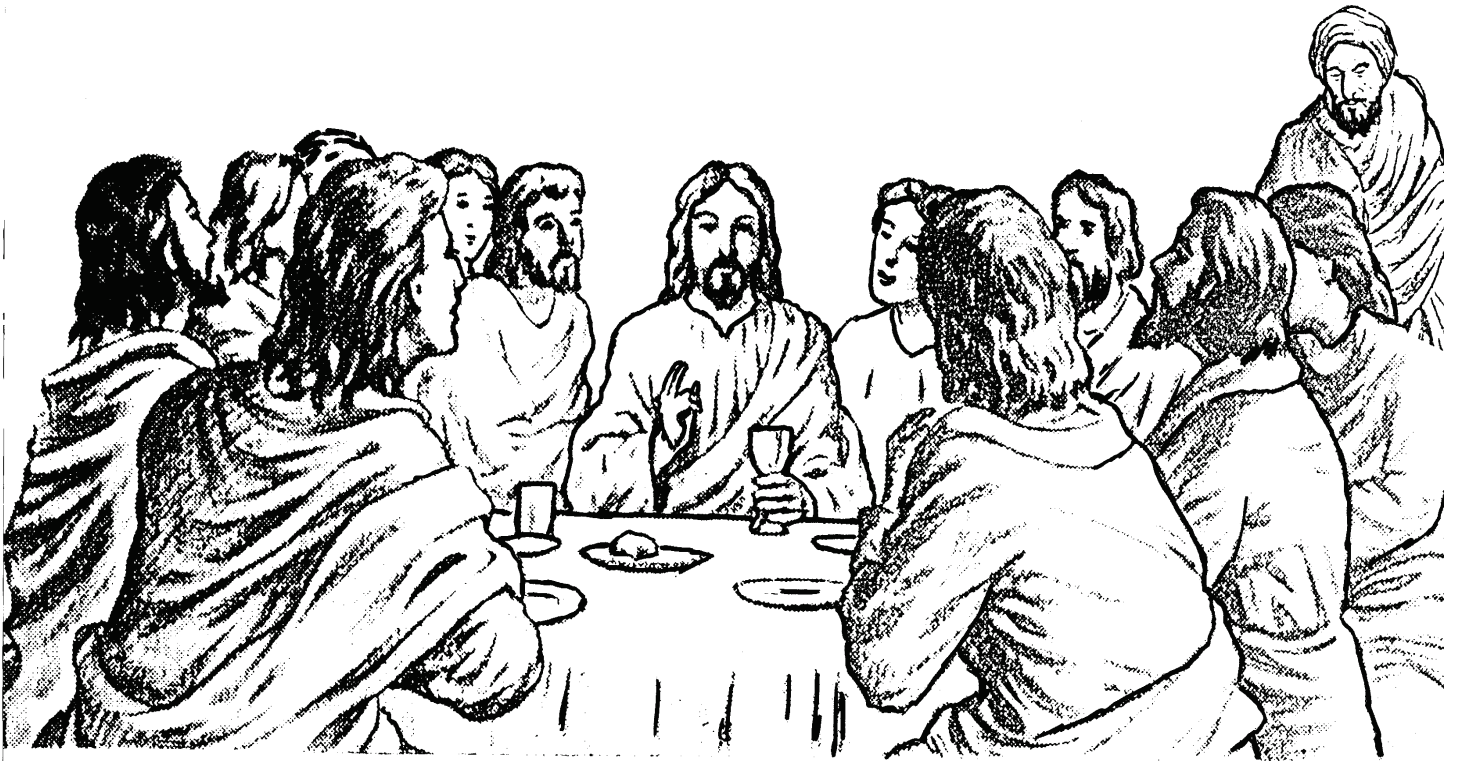
Hymn & Prayer - TLH #446 v. 5, 6

But while watching, also pray
 To the Lord unceasing.
 He will free thee, be thy Stay,
 Strength and faith increasing.
 O Lord, bless
 In distress
 And let nothing swerve me
 From the will to serve Thee.

Therefore let us watch and pray,
 Knowing He will hear us
 As we see from day to day
 Dangers ever near us,
 And the end
 Doth impend -
 Our redemption neareth
 When the Lord appeareth. Amen.

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:17-29, Mark 14:10-25, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:18-30



Jesus instituted the Lord's supper.

The Story

Jesus and His disciples had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover week. On Thursday, the day of the Passover feast, Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the meal. He said, "Go into the city. You will see a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him until he enters a house. Tell the owner of the house to show you the room where we will eat the Passover meal. Prepare the meal for us."

Peter and John did as Jesus told them. They followed the man with the pitcher, found the upper room, and prepared the Passover feast.

That night Jesus and the twelve disciples sat down to eat. Jesus said, "I have really wanted to share this Passover meal with you before I suffer and die." As they were eating, Jesus said sadly, "One of you is going to betray me to my enemies." The disciples were very upset by this news. They began to ask Him, "Lord, am I the one?"

John, who was sitting next to Jesus asked, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus told John, "I will dip a piece of bread into a dish. I will give it to the one who will betray me." Jesus gave it to Judas. Judas asked, "Lord, am I the one?" Jesus answered, "Yes, you are the one." After this, Judas left to

meet with Jesus' enemies.

Then Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke the bread and gave it to His disciples. He said, "Eat this bread. This is my body which is given for you. Do this and remember Me."

After the bread, Jesus took a cup of wine and thanked God for it. He said, "Take a drink of this wine. It is My blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins. Do this and remember Me."

This was the first celebration of the Lord's supper.

Review - Direct the students to the cover picture.

1. Color the Savior. What is His name?
2. Put an X over the man who betrayed Jesus. What was his name?
3. Why did he do this?
4. What two things are these men celebrating?
5. Color the earthly things Jesus gives to believers as His body and blood. How can this be?

Hymn - Look at each hymn. Find the hymn verse that fits with today's story. ♥ Draw a heart around that hymn number and verse in the box.

Hymn 36 v. 1

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

Hymn 307 v. 1

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

Hymn 105 v. 1

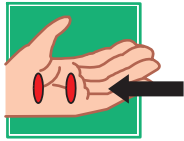
Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men, before His highest throne;
Today He opens heav'n again and gives us His own Son,
And gives us His own Son.

36 v. 1	307 v. 1
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Puzzle - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle using the pictures.

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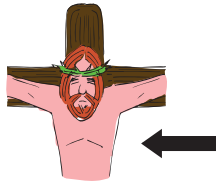


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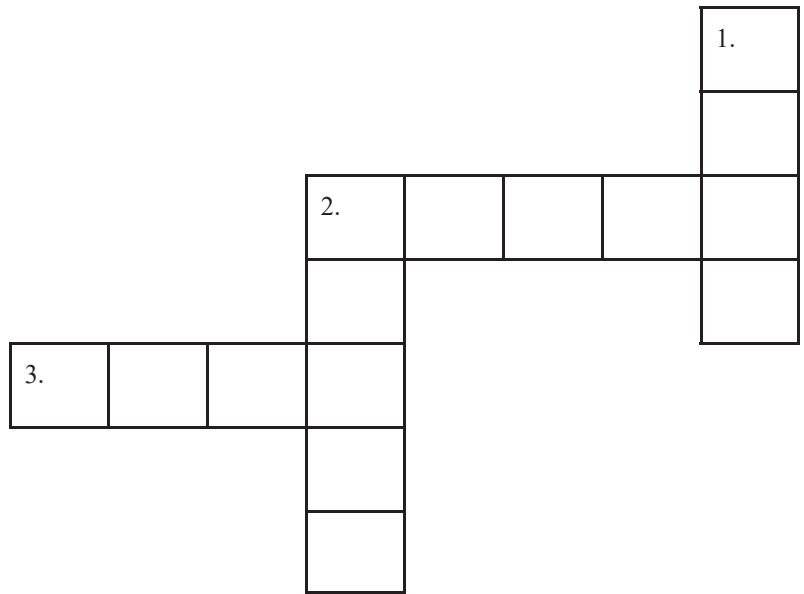


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Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

On the very night You were betrayed to Your enemies You were thinking about us and what we need to be strengthened while on earth. While I am young, each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated, help me to remember how You suffered and died for my sins. Thank you. Amen.

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

His Betrayal and Arrest

Matthew 26:14-16, 36-56; Mark 14:10-11, 32-50;
Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-11



Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, was betrayed and arrested.

The Story

As Jesus and the disciples were finishing the Lord's Supper, Judas went to see Jesus' enemies. Since Judas loved money, he asked the high priest for a reward for giving them Jesus. They agreed on thirty pieces of silver.

It was late at night when Jesus and the disciples left the upper room. They went to the Garden of Gethsemane, which was like a park. At the gate of the garden, Jesus left most of the disciples, saying, "Sit here while I go to pray." He took Peter, James and John farther into the garden with Him. As they walked, Jesus said to the three disciples, "My soul is filled with sadness. Stay here and watch while I pray."

Jesus went a little ways from the disciples and prayed, "Oh, My Father, if it is possible, let all this suffering be taken away from Me. But if I must suffer and die for the sins of the people, Your will be done." Jesus went back and found Peter,

James and John sleeping. "Couldn't you watch with me one hour? Watch and pray so you don't fall into sin." Then Jesus went back to pray two more times as the disciples slept.

There was a noise at the gate. Judas and a crowd came with swords and torches. Judas came forward and said, "Greetings, Master," and kissed Jesus. Now the enemies knew which man to arrest.

When the disciples saw the soldiers take hold of Jesus, they asked if they should fight. Peter grabbed his sword and cut off a servant's ear. Jesus told him, "Put away your sword. I could call on My Father and He would send 70,000 angels to help Me. But all this must be done as My Father wants." Then Jesus healed the servant's ear.

As the enemies took Jesus away, the disciples became afraid. All of them left Jesus and ran.

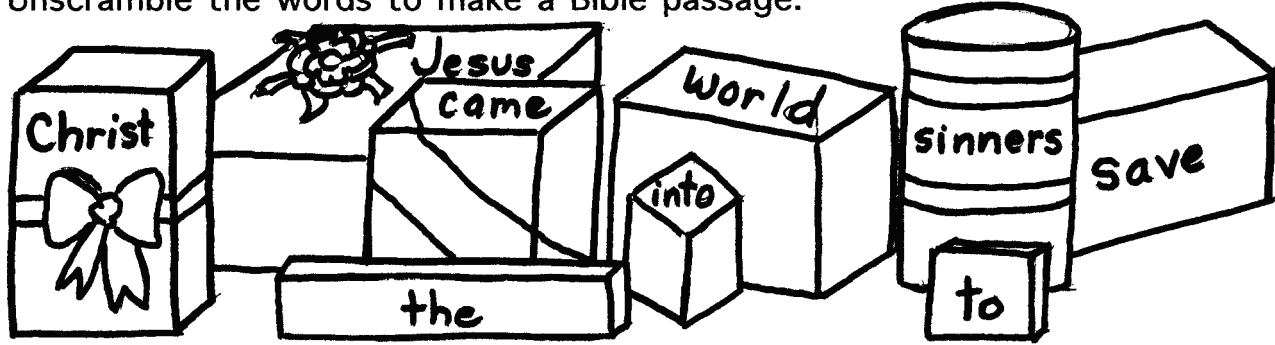
Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for suffering for me at the Garden of Gethsemane. Keep me always in the true faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Passage - Unscramble the words to make a Bible passage.

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1 Timothy 1:15

Activity 1 - Choose the correct answer or answers. Circle the letter (s).

- Judas was a disciple.
 - Judas loved money.
 - Judas showed his love for Jesus by kissing Him.
- Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Eden.
 - Jesus and the disciples went to the temple.
 - Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane.
- When Jesus prayed He asked the disciples not to look at Him.
 - Jesus asked the disciples to watch and pray.
 - Jesus asked that the Father's will be done.
- The enemies of Jesus had a hard time capturing Him.
 - Jesus went willingly with the enemies.
 - The disciples also were captured.

Activity 2 - Choose True **+** or False **O**.

- ____ 1. Jesus wants even the worst sinners in heaven.
- ____ 2. If we study enough we will be strong when temptations come.
- ____ 3. If you pray hard God will give you what you want.
- ____ 4. When we are treated badly, we have a taste of Jesus' suffering.
- ____ 5. Jesus loves us because He is gracious.

Activity Three - Diorama - Trace hand prints on different colors of green construction paper. Glue hand prints around box and in box to give depth as shown.

Patterns



Jesus Before the High Priest Peter's Denial

Matthew 26:57-75; Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:54-71; John 18:12-27



The Story

Jesus' enemies took Him to the house of the high priest. They wanted to find a reason to put Jesus to death. The high priest asked Jesus, "Are you Christ, the Son of God?" Jesus answered, "I am."

Now the high priest pretended to be very angry! He tore his robe and shouted, "This is a lie!" He turned to Jesus' enemies and said, "What do you think of this man?" They answered, "He is guilty and must die!" The soldiers who were holding Jesus hit Him, spit on Him, and made fun of Him.

When Jesus had been taken prisoner back in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter had run away. After a time he began to wonder what was happening to Jesus. He turned back and followed the crowd to the high priest's house. While Jesus was being questioned by the high priest, Peter waited in the yard to see what would happen. There were others waiting with Peter. Three times he was asked, "Aren't you one of Jesus' disciples?" Peter was afraid. Three times he answered, "I am not. I do not even know the man!"

A rooster crowed. Peter looked up and saw Jesus being led past. Jesus looked sadly at him. Then Peter remembered how Jesus had warned him, "Peter, before the rooster crows twice, you will say three times that you do not even know me!" Peter felt so sorry for his sin that he went out and cried. But he also believed that Jesus would forgive him.

Judas, the disciple who had betrayed Jesus, was also very sad about his sin. He hanged himself because he felt his sin was too bad for Jesus to forgive. But we know that the Bible tells us that Jesus died on the cross for all sins, for all people. That is the good news that we want to tell everybody.

Jesus was tried and abused by the Jews and denied by Peter.

Passages - Match three parts of each Bible passage with a different colored line.

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|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Matthew 5:37• | •But let your• | •bear false witness• | •haughty spirit before a fall. |
| Exodus 20:16• | •You shall not• | •has laid on Him• | •your 'No' be 'No'. |
| Proverbs 16:18• | •Pride goes before• | •'Yes' be 'Yes'• | •against your neighbor. |
| Isaiah 53:6• | •The LORD• | •destruction, and a• | •the iniquity of us all. |

Jesus chose to lay down His life for us all.

Activity One - Circle ten words from the story.

SINS
DIE
CROSS
FORGIVE
LIE
CHRIST
DISCIPLE
GETHSEMANE
SORRY
CROW

G	B	G	C	H	J	M	V
E	C	H	R	I	S	T	I
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N	L	D	H	N	S	E	W
E	F	O	R	G	I	V	E

Activity 2 - Discuss these questions.

1. Why did Jesus' enemies want to put Him to death?
2. Could Jesus have gotten away?
3. Why didn't He get Himself free?
4. Peter and Judas both sinned against Jesus. Did Jesus die for both of their sins?
5. Why was one man saved and the other lost in hell?

Hymn - TLH 151 v. 3, 4

Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing,
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee,
All disgrace Thou, Lord, has borne
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
And with heavenly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for suffering so much to pay for my sins. Amen.

Jesus Before Pilate

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-19:16



The Story

The enemies of Jesus had said that He must die. But they were not allowed to put a person to death. So on Friday morning they took Jesus to another judge, Pilate. He had the power to say that someone should die.

Pilate came out to talk to the crowd. He asked them, "Why do you bring this man to me? What bad things has he done?"

They answered, "He has caused trouble in the land. He says He is King."

Pilate went in and asked Jesus, "Are you a king?"

Jesus said, "I am."

Pilate went back to Jesus' enemies again and said, "This man has done nothing wrong. Why should he be killed?" But Jesus' enemies wanted Him to die. So they lied and told many bad things about Jesus. Jesus said nothing.

Pilate tried another way to set Jesus free. Every year at Passover time, one prisoner would be let go. Pilate asked the people to choose between Jesus and a very wicked murderer named Barabbas. The

crowd shouted, "Give us Barabbas!"

Pilate said, "What shall I do with Jesus?"

They yelled, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Pilate said, "Why should He die? What wrong has He done?"

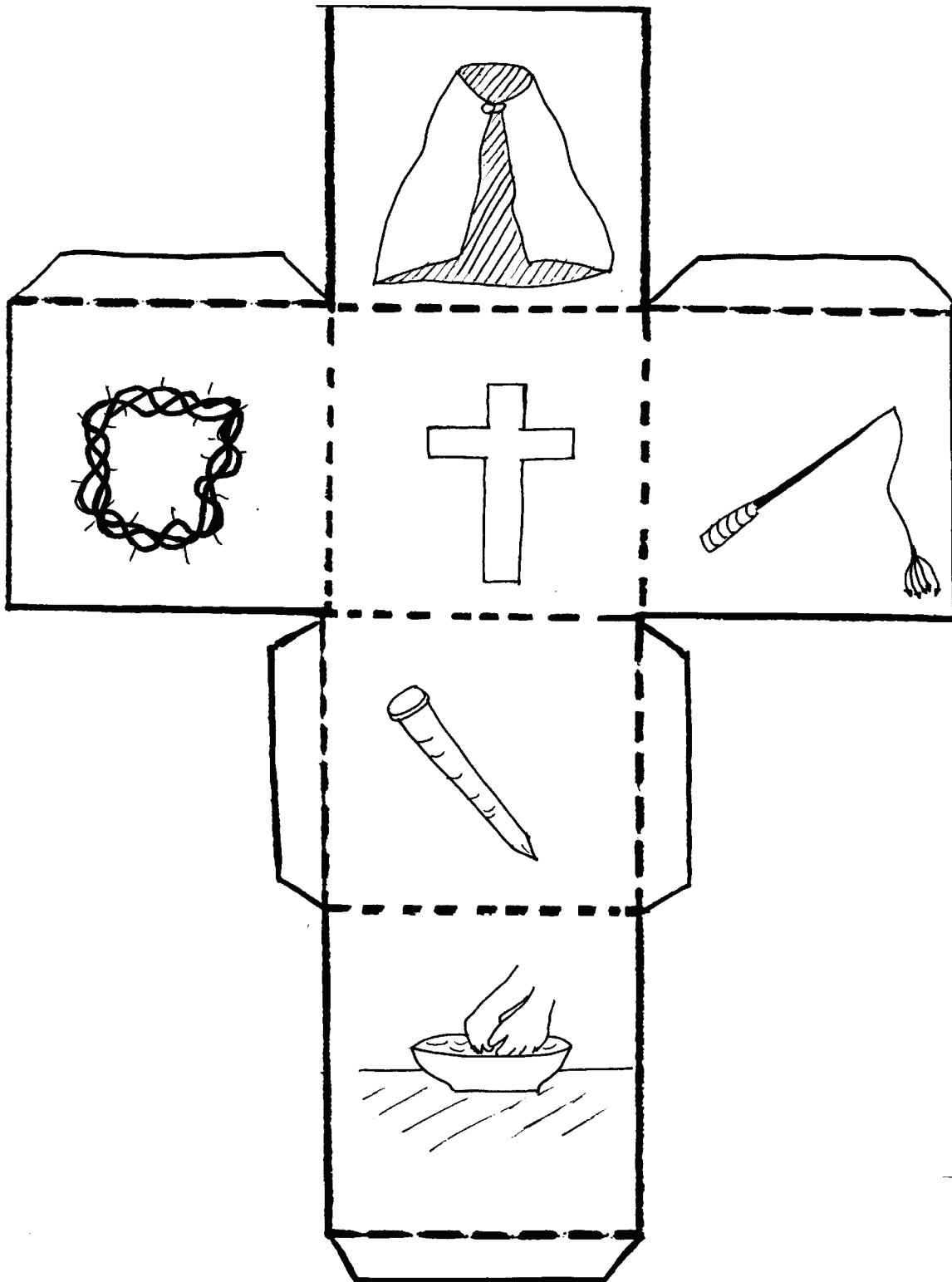
The crowd again shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Pilate had his soldiers whip Jesus until His back was all bloody. They dressed Him in a purple robe and put a crown of thorns on His head. They made fun of Him by bowing and calling Him King. The soldiers slapped Jesus, hit Him on the head, and spit on Him. Then Pilate took Him back to the people. He hoped they would feel sorry for Jesus. But the crowd shouted over and over, "Crucify Him!"

Pilate could see that the people were getting angry! He washed his hands in front of them and said, "I do not want to be blamed for killing this man, who has done nothing wrong. You take Him and do what you want." Jesus was led away to be crucified.

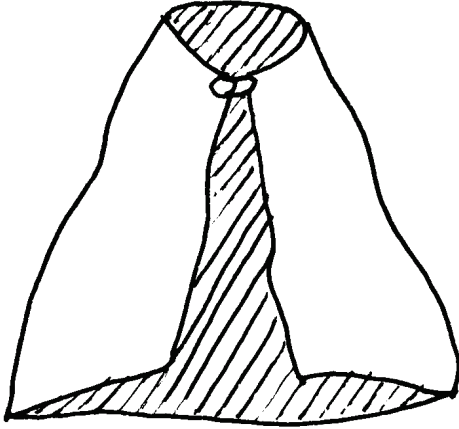
Jesus was tried by the Roman governor and, though found to be innocent, was condemned.

Activity One - Color the pictures. Cut out along dark outer lines and fold on dotted lines to make a box. Glue tabs behind pictures. Use this block to review the story by telling about the picture that rolls on top. Take turns with the rest of the class.

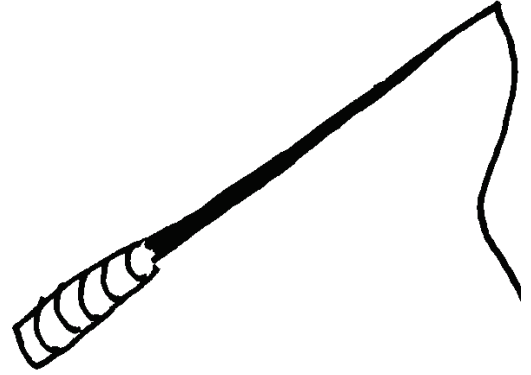


Jesus willingly suffered under Pontius Pilate on His way to the cross.

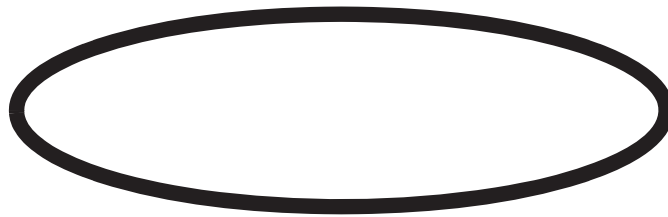
Activity Two - Finish the pictures according to the directions given.



Color the robe purple.



Finish the whip by adding more leather straps and sharp stones to the straps.



Finish the crown of thorns by adding sharp thorns to the crown.

Passage

“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” 1 John 4:11

Hymn - TLH #342 v. 1

Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His, and He is mine.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

I'm sorry that my sins caused You so much pain. Thank You for willingly suffering all that You did to pay for those sins, especially Your crucifixion on the cross. Help me to tell everyone what You have done for all people. Amen.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Matthew 27:32-56; Mark 15:21-41; Luke 23:26-49; John 19:17-30



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The Story

On Good Friday, at 9:00 in the morning, the soldiers led Jesus to a hill outside of Jerusalem called Golgotha. Here He would be crucified, nailed to a cross. This was the punishment that was used for the worst of criminals. Jesus had done nothing wrong. He was willing to be put to death on the cross to pay for our sins. He took the punishment that we deserved because He loves us so much.

Jesus was supposed to carry His own cross, but He was so weak from being beaten the night before that a man named Simon was chosen to carry His cross for Him.

Soon after the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross, Jesus showed how much He loved even His enemies. He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

There were two other criminals who were crucified with Him. One of them made fun of Jesus, but the other one said that he believed Jesus had done nothing wrong. He was sorry for his sins. He spoke to Jesus and begged Him, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus told him, "Today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Even while Jesus was suffering, He thought about others instead of Himself. When He saw his mother at the foot of the cross, He asked His disciple John to take care of her.

In the middle of the day it

became very dark for three hours. During this time Jesus was suffering not only the pain of the crucifixion, but also the punishment for the sins of the whole world. This caused Him to cry out to His Heavenly Father, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Before Jesus died, He said, "It is finished." This meant that His suffering was over and He had paid for the sins of the world. Jesus suffered all of this because of our sins. Just think of how much He loved us! Now everyone who believes that Jesus died for them will be saved.

When Jesus died, there were some strange things that happened. The heavy curtain that was in the temple was torn in half. There was also an earthquake. Large rocks were split apart and graves were opened. Many believers who had died, came out of their graves and appeared in Jerusalem. Everyone that saw this knew that this was not an ordinary man that had died. This was the Son of God. Only He could pay for the sins of the whole world.

Crossword Puzzle - Use these words to fill in the crossword puzzle below.

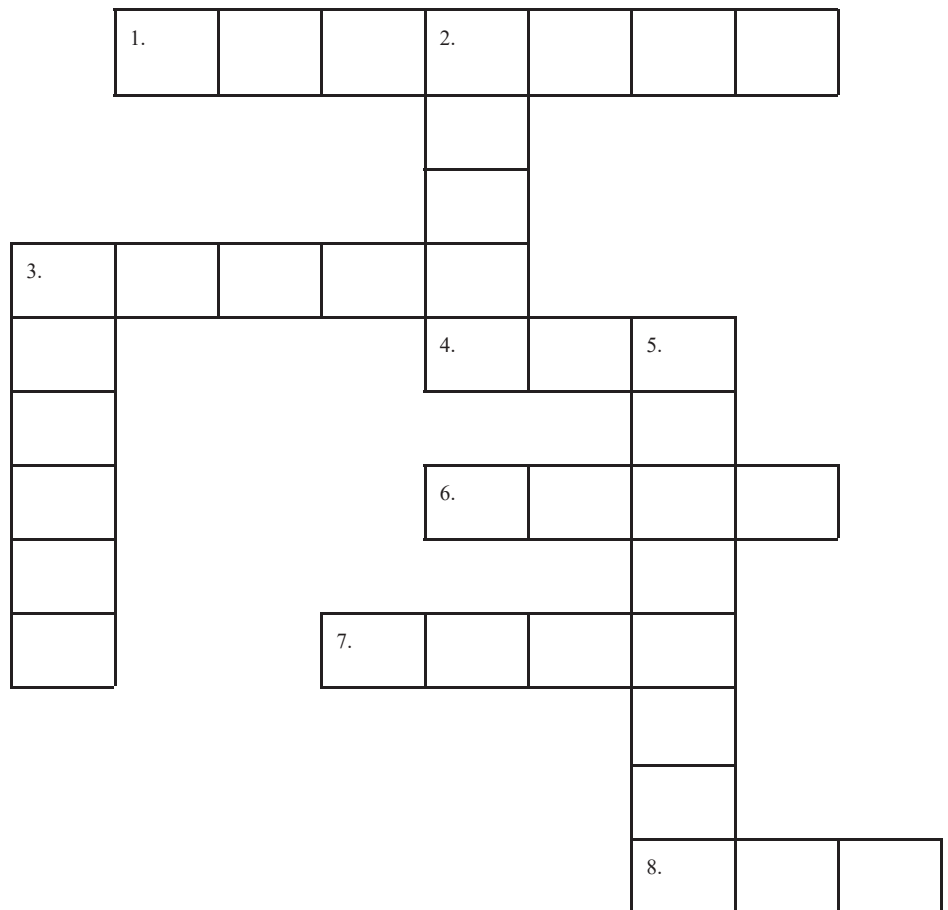
JESUS MARY SAD JOHN CRUCIFY SIN JOYFUL CROSS DARKNESS

ACROSS

1. to put to death on a cross
3. the Son of God
4. how we feel when we hear the story of Jesus' death
6. Jesus' mother
7. the disciple who took care of Mary
8. Jesus death paid for our _____.

DOWN

2. what Jesus died on
3. how we feel about our sins being forgiven
5. this covered the earth for three hours while Jesus was on the cross



Something To Think About

1. Why did Jesus, Who had done nothing wrong have to suffer and die?
2. How do you feel when you hear how Jesus suffered for your sins?
3. How did Jesus set an example for us even when He was dying on the cross?
4. Why is the cross so important to us?
5. Name some places where you might see a cross.

Memory Passage

**John 1:29 - Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world!**

Hymn Study (Common Service Book # 544)

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

Talk about what the hymn writer means by these words.

1. "green hill" _____

2. "dear Lord" _____

3. "no other good enough" _____

4. "unlock the gate of heaven" _____

Prayer

Dear Jesus, I feel so bad about my sins when I know how much You had to suffer to pay for them. Please forgive me for all the wrong things that I do and help me to live as Your child. Thank You for dying on the cross for me. Amen

The Death and Burial of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-66; Mark 15:33-47; Luke 23:44-56; John 19:28-42



The Story

As Jesus hung on the cross, suffering all the pain of hell for our sins, darkness covered the land from noon until 3:00 in the afternoon. Then Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Because of the Hebrew words He used some people thought he was calling Elijah.

Jesus then said, "I thirst." They brought him a sponge soaked with sour wine and lifted it to his lips with a stick.

Jesus knew that he had paid for all the sins of the world. He said his last words, "It is finished," and "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit," and He died.

When Jesus died several miracles happened:

- ▶ The earth shook,
- ▶ Rocks were split,
- ▶ Believers came out of their graves and appeared to people in Jerusalem, and
- ▶ The thick temple curtain, which kept the people from ever seeing the Most Holy Place, tore from the top to the bottom.

The centurion in charge of the soldiers at the cross said, "Surely, this was a righteous man. Surely, this was the Son of God."

Because it was getting late on Friday, and the next day was the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders did not want Jesus and the two other men left hanging on the crosses. They went to Pilate and asked him to have his soldiers break the legs of the three men to cause

them to die more quickly. The soldiers were ordered to do this. When they came to Jesus, they were surprised to find that he was already dead.

Because the Bible had said that none of his bones would be broken, they instead thrust a spear into his side to make certain he was dead. Blood and water flowed out of the wound.

A rich man named Joseph from Arimathea came to Pilate and asked him for the body of Jesus, to bury it. Surprised to hear that Jesus was already dead, Pilate questioned the centurion. He then granted Joseph permission to take the body of Jesus. Nicodemus, another secret believer, also came to help take Jesus' body down from the cross. Nicodemus and Joseph wrapped the body of Jesus in fine linen cloth with spices, and laid Jesus in a new grave carved out of rock, which Joseph had prepared for himself. Then a large stone was rolled in front of the door of the tomb.

Mary Magdalene and another Mary watched the men bury Jesus, and then went home to prepare more spices and oils to finish the burial after the Sabbath day.

Jesus' enemies came to Pilate and said, "We remember how Jesus said after three days I will rise." They asked Pilate to put a seal on the stone and soldiers to stand guard so his disciples could not steal the body and claim Jesus had arisen. Pilate gave them permission to make the grave as secure as they could.

Jesus suffered, died, and was buried.

Review

1. By what sign did the earth show how deeply Jesus was suffering?
 - a) lightning
 - b) darkness
 - c) rain
2. Pick three things that happened as Jesus died.
 - a) volcano eruptions
 - b) earthquake
 - c) strong wind
 - d) floods
 - e) dead people arose
 - f) temple veil split
3. How did a soldier prove that Jesus was dead?
 - a) broke His legs
 - b) hit His head
 - c) pierced His side
4. Where was Jesus buried?
 - a) in the field of blood
 - b) in Joseph's grave
 - c) in a thieves' tomb
5. Who buried Jesus?
 - a) Peter and John
 - b) Nicodemus and Joseph
 - c) Mary and Joseph
6. Why did they have to bury Jesus in a hurry?
 - a) a storm was coming
 - b) the Sabbath was beginning soon
 - c) someone might steal the body
7. Choose two ways Jesus' enemies made the grave secure
 - a) soldier guards
 - b) a lock
 - c) a seal
 - d) guard dogs

For You To Consider

1. Explain how our death will be different from Jesus' death.
2. In what way will Jesus' death be like our death?

Passage - Fill in the blanks with the words given in the WORD BOX.

He _____ Himself and became _____ unto the point of _____ even the death of the _____. (Philippians 2:8)

cross	humbled	obedient	death
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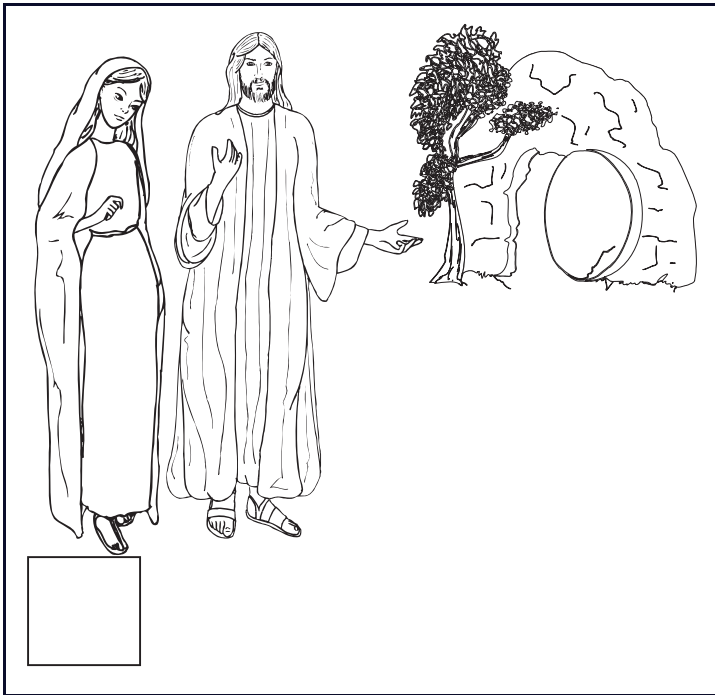
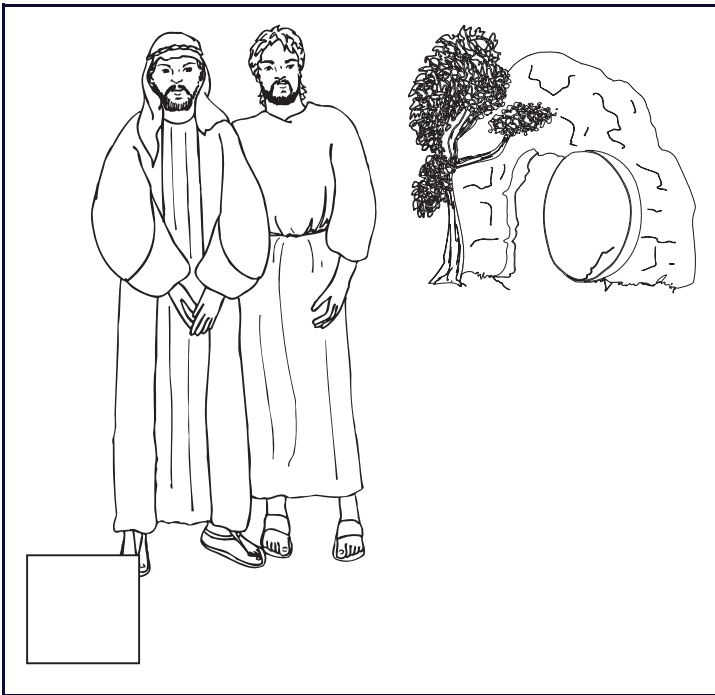
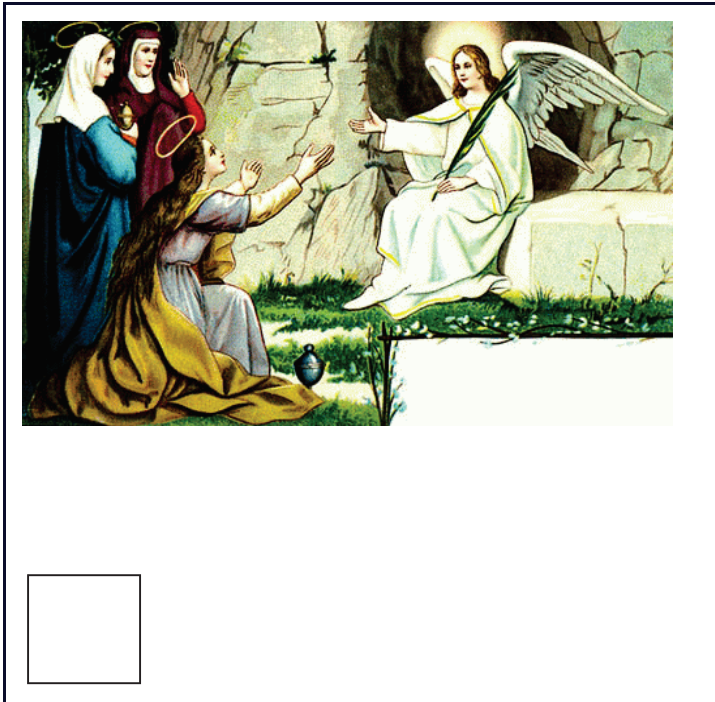
Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for coming to earth to suffer and die for my sins. Please make me always sure that when I die I will go to heaven to be with You. Amen.

The First Appearance of Our Lord

Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18



The Story

After 6:00 Saturday evening, when the Sabbath day of rest was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices to finish the loving task of burying Jesus' body. Early Sunday morning before the sun rose, the women took the spices to the tomb. As they walked they asked each other, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" When they arrived at the grave, the stone was already rolled away.

Earlier that morning there had been a great earthquake, and an angel from heaven had rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The soldiers guarding the grave had been so frightened that they fell down as if they were dead.

When Mary Magdalene saw that the grave was open, she ran back to Jerusalem to tell Peter and John that someone had taken Jesus' body away.

The other women went into the tomb, but did not find Jesus' body. They saw two angels in shining white garments. The frightened women bowed down to the earth. One of the angels said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen as He said. Come and see the place where the Lord lay. Go quickly and tell His disciples and Peter that He is risen from the dead; and indeed He is going before you into Galilee." The women quickly ran to report this good news to the disciples.

When Mary Magdalene returned to Jerusalem, she told Peter and John that the stone was rolled away from the tomb of Jesus. They ran to the grave. John outran Peter and arrived first, but he only bent down to look in and saw the linen cloths lying there. Peter went right into the tomb and saw that the linen napkin, which had been wrapped around Jesus' head, was folded by itself. Then John also

entered the tomb and believed. They returned home, marveling at what they had seen.

Now Mary Magdalene returned to the tomb and stood outside it weeping. When she looked inside, she saw two angels in white, sitting at the head and the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been.

The angels asked, "Why are you weeping?"

Mary answered, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I don't know where they have laid him."

Just then Mary turned around and saw Jesus, but did not recognize him. Jesus said, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

Because Mary thought that he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away."

Jesus said, "Mary."

Now Mary recognized Jesus and said, "Master!"

Jesus told her not to touch Him, but to go to tell His disciples the news. When Mary did tell the disciples, they did not believe that Jesus was alive.

As the other women were hurrying back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples the message of the angels, Jesus suddenly appeared before them, saying, "Rejoice." The women held Jesus by the feet and worshiped Him. Jesus told them to tell His disciples to meet Him in Galilee.

Meanwhile, the soldiers returned to the chief priests to report the happenings at the tomb that morning. The chief priests met with the elders and decided to bribe the soldiers with money to tell a lie. They were to say that Jesus' disciples had come during the night and stolen the body while the soldiers slept.

Jesus, who died on Friday, appeared alive on Sunday as He had promised.

Review - Look at the pictures on page 1. Write the number in the box according to the directions below.

1. Find the picture that shows the soldiers who saw the angel early on Easter morning. Put a number 1 by that picture. How did the soldiers feel?
2. Find the picture that shows the first friends of Jesus who saw the angels. Put a number 2 by that picture. What did the angels tell them?
3. Find the picture of the two disciples of Jesus who ran out to the grave. Put a number 3 by that picture. What did they see that gave proof that Jesus had risen from the dead?
4. Find the picture of Mary when she saw Jesus in the garden. Put a number 4 by that picture. Why was she crying?
5. Since Jesus rose from the dead, how can we feel about death?

Passage - Write the letter that would come after the letter that is given in the alphabet. The first word is given.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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 X N T V H K K K H U D Z K R N . John 14:19
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Review

 - Use the words below to fill in the sentences.

stone	angels	John	spices	earthquake
gardener	Peter	angel	stolen	linen cloths
Mary	disciples	Jesus	Master	live

1. The women brought _____ to finish burying Jesus' body.
2. The women worried about the _____ that was in front of the door of the tomb.
3. Easter morning an _____ and an _____ frightened the guards.
4. Mary Magdalene thought Jesus' body had been _____.
5. The other women saw two _____ in the tomb.
6. Two disciples _____ and _____ ran out to the tomb.
7. The two disciples saw the _____ in the tomb.
8. Mary Magdalene thought Jesus was the _____.
9. Mary recognized Jesus when He said, "_____."
10. As the other women ran back to Jerusalem, they saw _____.
11. The chief priests told the guards to tell the lie that the _____ stole Jesus' body.
12. Explain why Jesus' resurrection is a comfort to believers.

We too will rise from the dead as Jesus rose from the dead.

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

We thank You for coming to earth to suffer and die for our sins. When You rose from the dead You showed that You had pleased our heavenly Father. Because we are sure that when we die we will also live with You in heaven, we do not have to be afraid of death. Amen.

Jesus Appears to the Emmaus Disciples

Mark 16:12, 13; Luke 24:13-35



The Story

What would it be like to walk with Jesus? Do you know that we do walk with Jesus every minute of every day? We just don't see Him, but He is always with us.

Today we will find out about a man named Cleopas and another man who would walk with Jesus, but not even know that it is Jesus.

The same day that Jesus rose from the dead, Easter, Cleopas and another man were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. They were sad because they were talking about Jesus' dying on the cross.

As they walked Jesus came near and went along with them, but they were not able to recognize Jesus. Jesus said, "What are you talking about that has made you sad?"

Cleopas said, "Are You a stranger here that You do not know all that has just happened in Jerusalem?"

Jesus said, "What things" Do you think Jesus knew what had happened?

Cleopas and the other disciple told Jesus all about what happened to Jesus when He was on trial, how

He died, and then how today some women had seen an angel who told them Jesus was alive. Even two disciples had seen the empty grave, but did not see Jesus."

Jesus knew that they needed a lesson on the Bible passages about Jesus. As they walked He explained the Scriptures.

When they came to Emmaus, the two disciples asked Jesus, "Abide with us, for it is almost evening." Jesus went into their house to stay with them.

When they were eating Jesus took bread, blessed it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were able to recognize Jesus and Jesus disappeared from their sight.

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He spoke of the Scriptures to us?" the two disciples said.

They immediately returned to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples gathered together. "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" They told all about the things that had happened on the road and how He was known to them after He broke the bread.

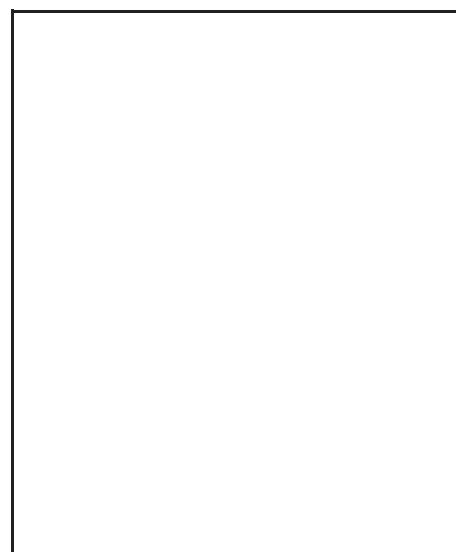
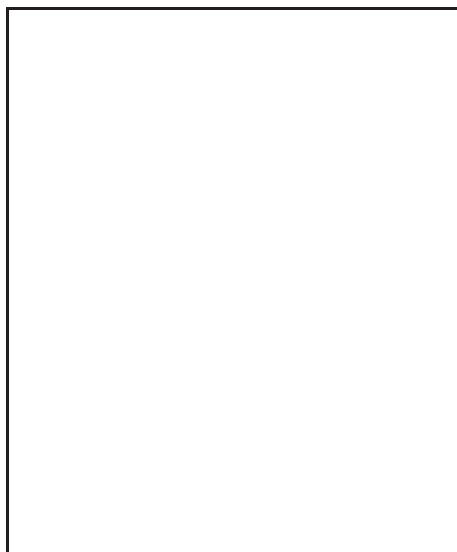
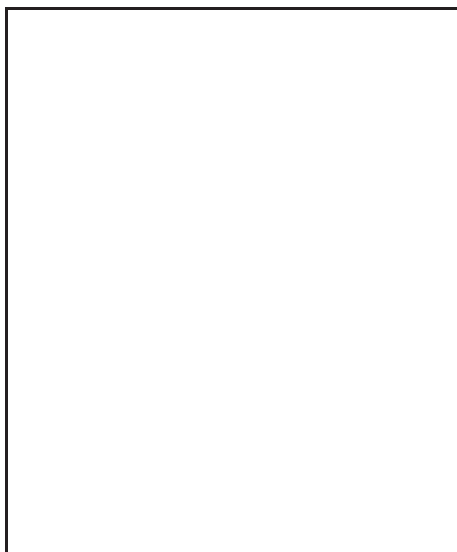
**Jesus gladdened the hearts of two disciples
by telling them about their risen Savior.**

Review - Match the letter of the correct answer with the sentence.

1. ____ and another disciple were walking together.
2. They were feeling ____ as they were talking about Jesus.
3. ____ started to walk with them, but they didn't recognize Him.
4. Jesus taught them from the ____.
5. They said, "____ with us. It is almost evening."
6. Jesus gave ____ and broke bread.
7. They were able to recognize Jesus and He ____.
8. ____ they went back to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples that they had seen Jesus.

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|----|-------------|
| A. | Bible |
| B. | disappeared |
| C. | Cleopas |
| D. | immediately |
| E. | abide |
| F. | sad |
| G. | thanks |
| H. | Jesus |

Activity - The two Emmaus disciples heard the Word of God directly from Jesus. Draw pictures of three places where you hear God's Word.



Passages

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

“For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.” Matthew 18:11

God’s Word makes us certain that Jesus is our risen Savior.

Hymn - TLH #53 v. 1 & 4

Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Thy grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Thy Word.

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven,

Abide with us as You stayed with the Emmaus disciples. Help us listen to, learn and live Your Word. Help me also to tell others about the Savior who died and rose again to pay for the sins of the world. Please keep our faith strong. In Jesus’ name we ask. Amen.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Galilee

John 21:1-17



The Story

After the events of Easter Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John, and two other disciples were together. Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."

They said to him, "We are going with you." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?"

They answered Him, "No." He said to them, "Let your net down on the right side of the boat, and you will find some fish." So they cast, and now they were not able to pull it up because of the many fish.

John said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Peter heard that it was the Lord, he plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to

them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"; knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and fish and gave it to them.

This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Peter, "Simon Peter, do you love Me more than these?"

Peter said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My lambs."

He said to Peter again a second time, "Simon Peter, do you love Me?"

Peter said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon Peter, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

Review - Fill in the Crossword Puzzle with the words from the box.

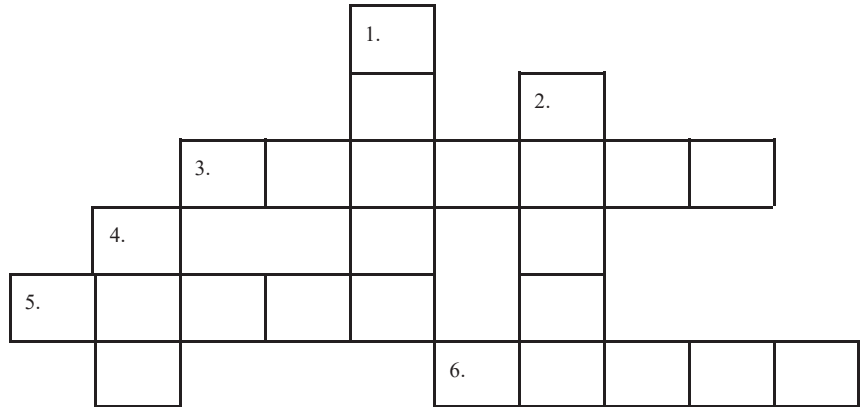
Word Box
 Peter Bible Jesus lambs fishing eat

Across

- 3. The disciples were ____.
- 5. Jesus said to Peter, "Feed My ____."
- 6. Jesus asked ____ three times if he loved Jesus.

Down

- 1. ____ helped them catch many fish.
- 2. We are fed with the words from the ____.
- 4. Jesus gave them food to ____.



Activity One - Match the names with the pictures. These are some people that tell us about Jesus.

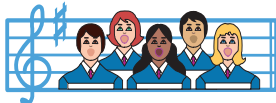
Pastor

Grandparents

Choir

Teacher

Parents



Passages

“The Lord is my shepherd.” Psalm 23:1

“I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:6

Hymn - TLH #428 v. 1, 4

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

Prayer

Jesus,

We thank You for forgiving us our sins and making us lambs in Your flock.
Lead us safely home to heaven. Amen.

Activity Two - Cut out this picture. It can be made into a magnet, necklace, etc.



The
Lord
is
my
Shepherd.
Psalm 23:1

The Ascension of Jesus

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-12



52-2

The Story

We learned how Jesus died on the cross for the punishment of our sins. After He arose from the dead on Easter, He met with believers for forty days. Jesus wanted them to know for sure that He was God's Son, the Savior. Today we will learn what happened the last day Jesus was on earth.

Jesus wants all believers to tell all people what He did to save them. But He picked some men called apostles to learn more about His work. They were to become ready to witness or tell about Jesus to others around the earth.

On His last day on this earth, Jesus led the apostles to Mount Olivet near Bethany. He told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come to them in a special way.

The Holy Spirit would lead them to tell all people that Jesus is their Savior.

Then, while Jesus lifted His hands and blessed them, He ascended, or was slowly lifted up until a cloud hid Him from sight. God, His Father, received Jesus into heaven and gave Him all power in heaven and earth.

While the apostles gazed up into the sky, two angels stood by them and said, "Why are you gazing up into heaven This same Jesus who went up into heaven will come again in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven." Then the apostles praised Jesus and went joyfully to Jerusalem. They kept going to God's house to praise God while they waited to receive the Holy Spirit as Jesus had said.

Jesus returned to heaven after His work of redemption was finished. Jesus' last message to His disciples was to direct them to spread His Gospel message throughout the world.

Review - Fill in the blank, underline or mark an "X" by the correct answers below.

1. Jesus rose from the dead on (Good Friday, Easter, Ascension).
2. Jesus met with many believers for _____ days.

3. Jesus wanted ... (3 answers are correct)
 - () to show that He was the Savior.
 - () to teach them about His work for sinners.
 - () to get an army together.
 - () to tell them to teach all people.

4. Jesus led His apostles toward (Bethany, Bethlehem, Jerusalem).

5. Jesus ascended into heaven ... (2 answers are correct)
 - () to be Ruler over everything and everyone.
 - () to rest forever.
 - () to make a place ready for all believers.

6. The apostles were to wait in _____.

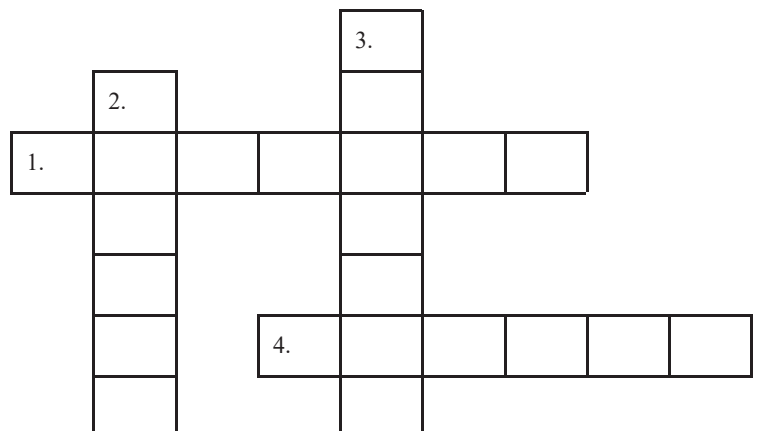
7. The apostles would then ...
 - () get money for preaching trips.
 - () receive the Holy Spirit.

8. Jesus wants us believers ... (there will be more than one answer)
 - () to tell everyone we can about Him.
 - () to learn His Word, the Bible.
 - () to praise Him for saving us.
 - () to help send others to preach where we can not go.

Matching and Puzzle - Match list A with list B by drawing lines, then put list A in the puzzle.

- List A**
1. Apostle
 2. Spirit
 3. Witness
 4. Ascend

- List B**
- Holy
 - tell about
 - go up
 - person sent



Jesus has called us to teach all nations because we are His disciples too. We are to spread the Gospel message that Jesus died for all sins. Jesus has promised to be with us until He takes us to be with Him forever.

Passages

"Jesus sits on the right hand of God. " Mark 16:19

God put Jesus on His right side. What does this mean?

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth ... I am with you always even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18, 20

Why should we not be afraid to tell others about Jesus? (2 reasons)

"I go to prepare a place for you, and ... I will come again and receive you to Myself." John 14:2,3

What is Jesus promising here?

When will Jesus come to receive all believers?

The Second Article: He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick (*living*) and the dead.

Map Activity - Color the places on the globe where people need to hear of Jesus.

Hymn - Hymn 215 v. 1

Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.



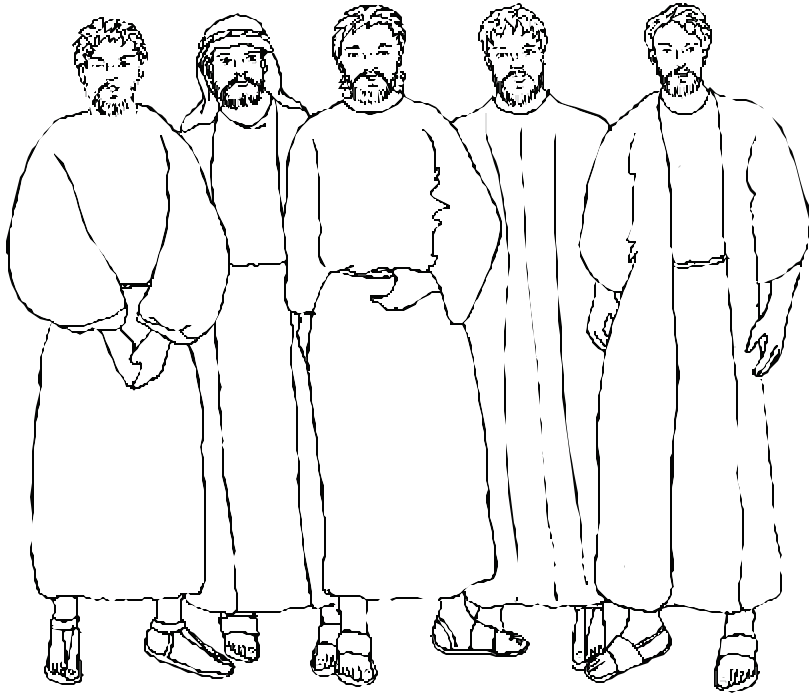
Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for sending Your apostles all over the earth so our parents could learn Your Word to give to us. Help us to tell others that Jesus is also their Savior. Amen.

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-42



The Story

We learned that Jesus had picked some men to do special work. After these apostles had seen Jesus ascend into heaven, they stayed in Jerusalem praying and praising God while they waited for the Holy Spirit to come to them. Today we will learn what happened when Jesus kept His promise.

Ten days after Jesus ascended, the city was crowded with visitors from all over the world. They had come to praise God on the church holiday called Pentecost. The apostles were meeting together in a house. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit came to them with some wonderful signs. The sound of a rushing, mighty wind came from heaven and filled their house. Next, a fire-like flame sat on the head of each apostle. Then, the Holy Spirit led them to speak God's Word in languages that they never knew before.

Many people in the city heard the strange sound and hurried toward the house where the apostles were. How surprised they were to hear the good news about the forgiveness of sins in the language of their country!

Some men made fun of the apostles. Then Peter stood up and told them about Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He told them that they had killed God's Son, the promised Savior from sin, but that God had raised

Him from the dead. Then He received Jesus back into heaven and gave Him all power in heaven and on earth. Now He sent the Holy Spirit as He promised through the prophet Joel. Peter told them to be sorry for their sins and to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of sins. They would also receive the Holy Spirit.

About 3,000 people repented and were baptized. They kept on learning the Word of God and praying together.

Activity One - Draw and color a flame on the head of each apostle.

Review - Put these signs of the Holy Spirit's coming in 1, 2, 3 order.

- _____ The apostles spoke in other languages.
- _____ The wind-like sound came.
- _____ The fire-like flames sat on their heads.

Activity Two - Mark an "X" by all the correct answers.

1. Why was Jerusalem crowded with people?
 They came to be counted
 They came to hear Peter preach.
 They came for the Pentecost holiday.
2. What signs did God send with the Holy Spirit?
 A wind-like sound was heard.
 The apostles did miracles.
 Fire-like flames sat on the apostles.
 The apostles spoke different languages.
3. What happened after Peter preached to the people?
 Many people believed God's Word.
 Many people were baptized.
 The believers kept learning God's Word.
 The believers kept praying together.

Passages

**"The Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses."
Acts 2:32**

Why did Peter tell the people that the apostles had seen Jesus alive?

**"Repent, and ... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission
of sins." Acts. 2:38**

What does it mean to repent?

What gift do people receive when they are baptized?

**"No man can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."
1 Corinthians 12:3**

Who made you to believe in Jesus as your Savior from sin?

The Third Article: I believe in the Holy Ghost.

Activity Three

 - Use the words and numbers in the box to help fill in these blanks.

baptized	Jesus	praying	sound	fire	4
God's	languages	Pentecost	Holy	Peter	3
praising	Word	studying	Jerusalem	Spirit	5

The apostles waited in _____ for the _____
_____ to come to them. On _____ there was a
_____ like wind, flames like _____ on their heads, and
they could speak _____, _____ in different
_____. When many people rushed to them, _____
preached _____ to them. About __,000 people believed and were
_____. They kept _____, _____,
and _____ the Word of God.

Hymn

 - Hymn 229 v. 1

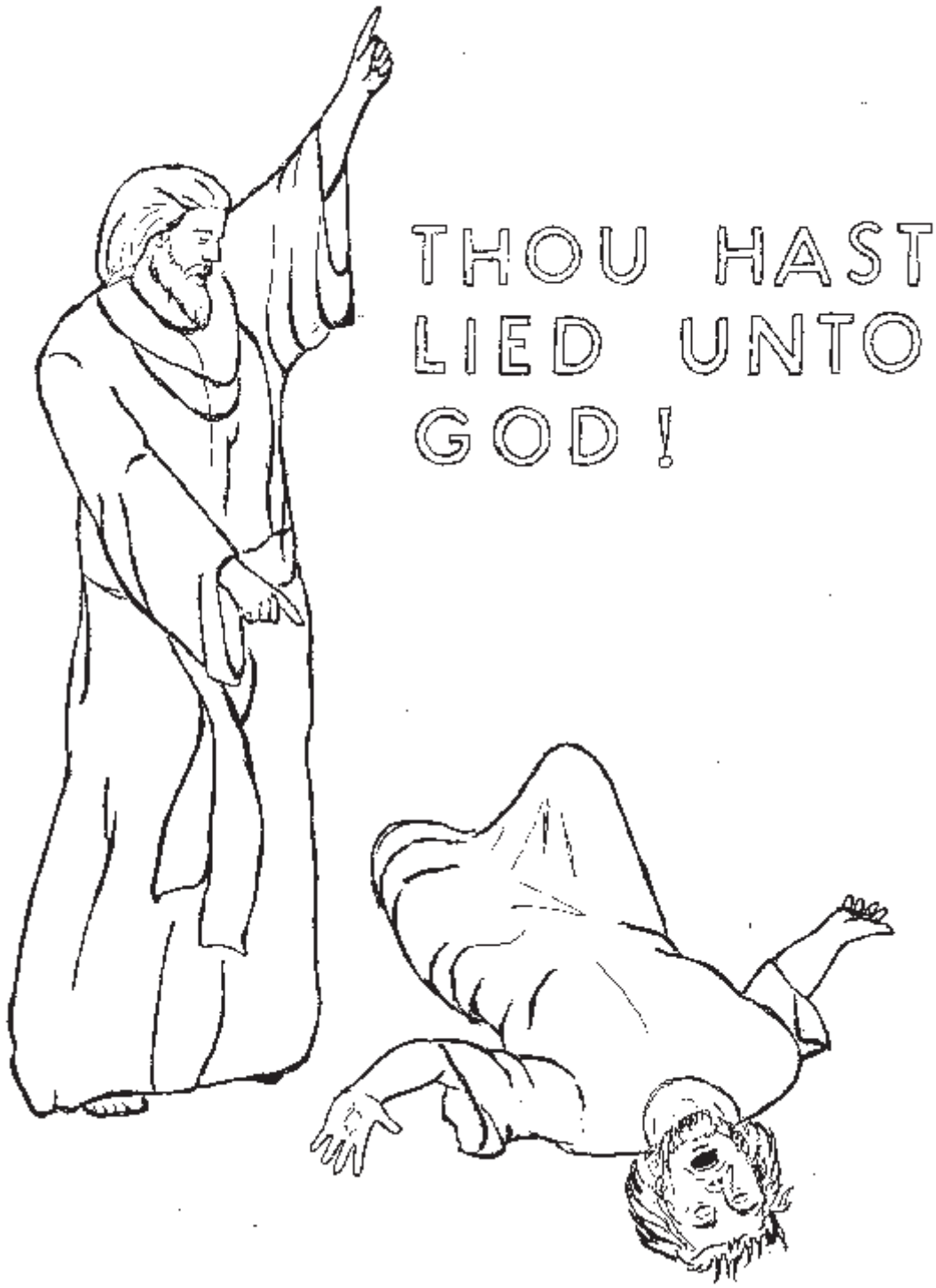
Holy Spirit, hear us
On this sacred day;
Come to us with blessing,
Come with us to stay.

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit,
Thank You for opening our hearts to believe in Jesus as our Savior. When we tell others about Jesus' love for them, work in God's Word to open their hearts to believe also. Come to each of us when we study Your Word to keep us ready when Jesus calls us to heaven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 4:31-5:11



The Story

The believers in the church in Jerusalem were like a big family. The believers were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each believer was filled with love for the others. They shared their possessions with those who were needy. Those who had land or houses sold them and brought the money to the apostles to give to those who were in need. Barnabas, a believer from the country of Cyprus, had land and sold it. He brought the money to the apostles to share with the needy.

A certain man named Ananias, and Sapphira, his wife, did not feel the same way that Barnabas felt. They sold some land, but they did not want to part with all that money. They wanted people to think they were giving everything for the Lord, but they decided to lie about it and to keep some of the money for themselves.

Ananias brought part of the money to the apostles and laid it before them.

Peter, through God's power, knew what was in Ananias's heart. He said to Ananias, "Why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it belonged to you, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not your own to use? Why have you planned this thing in your

heart? You have not lied to men, but to God."

When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. Great fear came on all those who heard these things. Some young men who were there rose up and wrapped Ananias in his robes, carried him out, and buried him.

About three hours later Ananias's wife, Sapphira, came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, did you sell the land for this much?"

Sapphira answered, "Yes, for so much."

Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

Immediately Sapphira fell down at Peter's feet, struck dead by the power of God. The young men came in and found her dead. They carried her out and buried her by her husband.

So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. They knew that God knows all things and has great power.

Review - Use these words to fill in the blanks. You may use a word more than once.

Ananias	Sapphira	Peter	Andrew	repented
Paul	liar	hypocrite	sin	miracles
died	fear	lied/lies	lying	believers

1. In the picture for this lesson, color the apostle who received the money.
What was his name? _____
2. In the picture for this lesson, color the man who is bringing the money to the apostle. What was his name? _____
3. What do we call someone who pretends to be something that he is not? _____
4. What is a person who pretends to be something else really doing?

5. Why is that a bad thing? _____
6. What happened to the man who was pretending to be something else?

7. What happened to the man's wife? _____
8. Why did that happen to them? _____
9. What feeling came over the people who heard about what happened?

10. Why would that be good? _____

Passages

“He (the devil) is a liar and the father of it.” John 8:44

Who wants people to lie?

“He who speaks lies will not escape.” Proverbs 19:5

What will happen to a liar?

The Second Commandment

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not use His name to curse, swear, practice witchcraft, lie or deceive; but we should call upon His name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Word Search - Find these words in the puzzle.

ANANIAS	SHARE
SAPPHIRA	GOD
PETER	LOVE
HYPOCRITE	ADAM
LIE	REST
SATAN	APOSTLE
HOLY SPIRIT	CHRISTIAN
SIN	



Hymn TLH #323 v.1

With broken heart and contrite sigh,
A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.
Thy pardoning grace is rich and free,
O God, be merciful to me!

Talking to Jesus

Dear Jesus,

We know that we are tempted to lie and hurt You every day. Please help us to show our love for Your great sacrifice by always telling the truth. Help us to show love for our neighbor by sharing what You have given us. Please be with us every day. Amen.

Stephen

Acts 6-7



The Story - Acts 6-7

There were many Christians in the church at Jerusalem. When the Christians brought their money to the apostles to share with the needy, some of the needy were passed by. The apostles needed help so that they could continue to pray and to preach the word of God to the people.

The apostles asked the Christians to choose seven good men who were wise and had the Spirit of God. These men should take care of the needy people in the church. Stephen was the name of one of these men. Another man chosen was Philip. These seven men were brought before the apostles. The apostles prayed and laid their hands on the men to set them apart for the work of caring for the needy.

The word of God spread, and the number of believers in Jerusalem grew greatly. Stephen looked after the needy Christians and also preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to many people, also the Gentiles. Stephen preached with such power and did such wonders that people felt he was preaching the truth.

Some Jews who thought Gentiles should not hear about God spoke against Stephen. These Jews could tell that Stephen had great wisdom. They could tell that the words Stephen spoke through the Holy Spirit were the truth.

These Jews hired men to be false witnesses and tell lies about Stephen. They made the people and the rulers of the people excited and angry with Stephen. The people seized Stephen and brought him before the Jewish council.

The false witnesses said, "This man speaks evil words against the Temple and God's Law. We heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses gave us."

When Stephen stood up to answer the high priest and the council, everyone looked at him. They saw Stephen's face shine like the face of an angel.

Then the high priest asked, "Are these things so?"

Stephen began to speak of the great things God had done for the people of Israel. He reminded them that God called Abraham to leave his home and go into a new land. God had promised Abraham that He would give Abraham's descendants that land. Abraham's descendants were called the people of Israel. Stephen now reminded these Jews and the Jewish council how God had given the Israelites great men like Joseph and Moses and the prophets.

These men had told the people of Israel to believe in the promised Savior. Stephen showed the council how the Israelites had not been

faithful to God, even after God blessed them. They had not listened to the prophets and had even killed many prophets.

Stephen said, "You are like your fathers. You shut your ears to the Holy Spirit. Your fathers killed many of the prophets. When God sent His Son Jesus, the promised Savior, you killed Him!"

These words of Stephen made the Jews very angry. They were so angry that they ground their teeth together. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked toward heaven and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" The evil Jews could not see Stephen's vision of heaven.

Stephen's enemies were so angry that they shouted at him. They plugged their ears and rushed at him. They dragged him out of the city and threw stones at him until he was

dead. Even as they threw stones at him, Stephen knelt down and prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

When he had said this, Stephen fell asleep in death, believing in Jesus his Savior. He was the first one to be killed for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Stephen's friends carried his body away and buried it. Many Christians were very sad.

One of the enemies of Stephen was a young man whose name was Saul. When the false witnesses took off their loose outer garments so they could throw stones at Stephen, Saul held their garments. This young man had heard Stephen's speech and saw his shining face, but he thought it was good to put Stephen to death. He became an enemy of the Christians and began to put many of them into prison for their faith in Jesus. The Christian church seemed ready to end, but God had His plan.

Activity One - Read each sentence. Circle the correct answers.

1. The name given to people who believed in Jesus Christ.

Jews Gentiles Christians Hebrews

2. The number of men chosen to help the apostles.

Three Five Seven Nine

3. The names of two of the men chosen to help.

Philip Stephen James Andrew

4. Some Jews said Stephen was doing this.

Lying Stealing Worshiping Idols Speaking evil words

5. Stephen was filled with this.

Lies Holy Spirit Jealousy Anger

6. The Israelites killed many of these.

Children Angels Prophets Altars

7. God tells us to listen to this to help our faith get stronger.

Music Radio Tapes His Word

8. If we believe in Jesus as our Savior when we die, we will go here.

Heaven Hell Ground Air

9. People who are not Jews are called this.

Hebrews Gentiles Christians Arabs

10. The man who held garments for the people stoning Stephen was ...

Judas John James Saul

Review

How did Stephen die?

Why did Stephen die?

A descendant of Abraham received a vision of heaven from God in a dream.
Who was he? How was his vision of heaven different from
Stephen's vision?

Draw a picture of Stephen's vision of heaven.

Passages

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life.” 1 Timothy 6:12a

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt nor harm our neighbor’s body, but we should help and be a friend to him in every bodily need.

Hymn

Hymn 445 v. 1, 4

Am I a soldier of the Cross,
A follower of the Lamb,
And shall I fear to own His cause
Or blush to speak His name?

Sure I must fight if I would reign;
Increase my courage Lord!
I’ll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven,
Thank you for giving us a good example of Stephen, a child of yours who did not deny You. He was willing to suffer and die because of his love for You and also his enemies. Help us when we have troubles to take them to You. Make us strong Christians so that we would be willing to die, if need be, rather than give up our faith. Help us to be loving Christians for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Philip and the Man from Ethiopia

Acts 8:5-8, 26-39



The Story - Acts 8

Philip was in Samaria preaching about Jesus. Many people listened and believed and were very happy. But God knew about another person not in Samaria. He wanted Philip to tell him about Jesus.

God sent an angel to Philip. The angel told him to go to a road that led out of Jerusalem going through a desert. While Philip was on this road he saw a man in a chariot reading. God told him to go to that man. When Philip caught up to him he saw that the man was reading the book of Isaiah from the Bible and heard him read the part about a man being

led to slaughter like a sheep and being as quiet as a lamb about it. Philip said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man said, "No, about whom is this part of the Bible talking?" Philip knew that it talked about Jesus. and told the man all about Jesus.

The man was very happy when he found out that Jesus saved him from his sins. When they came to a body of water the man asked if he could be baptized. Philip said he could if he believed. The man said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Philip baptized the man and then disappeared. The man went home very happy.

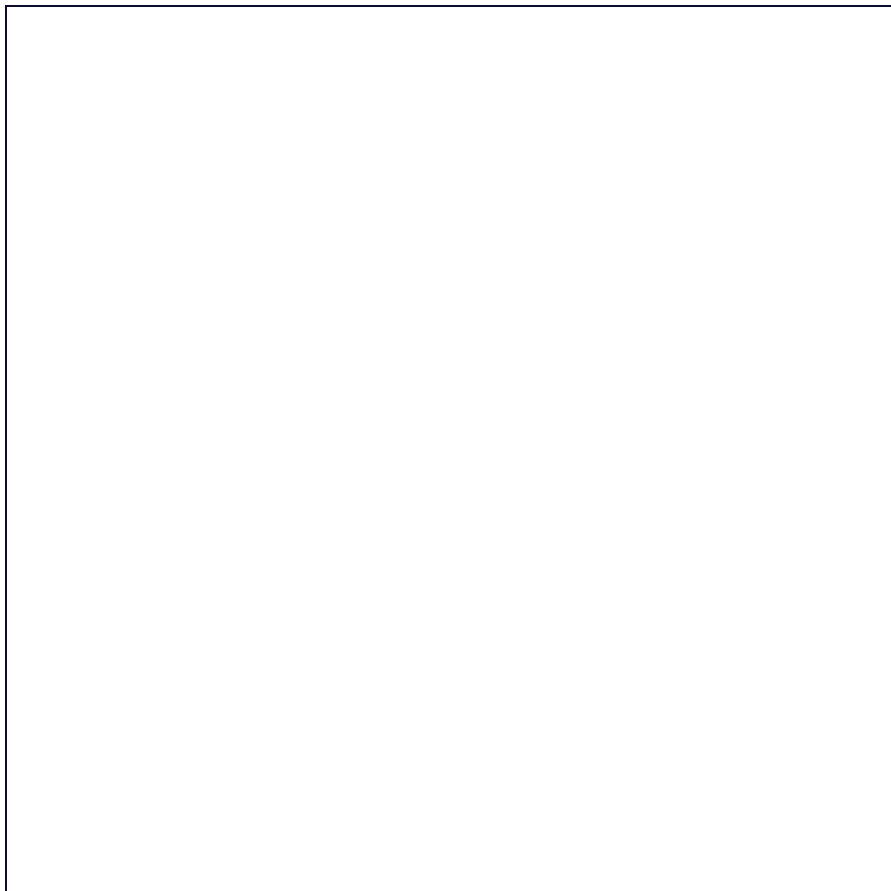
Activity One

Word list: **Bible, Jesus, baptized, help, understood, angel**

1. An _____ told Philip to go to a desert road.
2. A man in a chariot was reading part of the _____.
3. Philip asked him if he _____ what he was reading.

4. The man said he needed_____.
5. Philip told him how that part of the Bible talked about _____.
6. Philip _____ the man at a place there was water.

Activity Two - Draw a picture of a person studying the Bible.



Passages

“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” Acts 8:37

- ▶ This is what we believe and Philip believed.
- ▶ How do we find out about Jesus?

**“For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”
Acts 4:20**

- ▶ We do not want to keep Jesus or our faith in Jesus a secret.
- ▶ What are some ways we let people know we believe in Jesus?

**“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven
given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12**

- ▶ The man in the chariot knew about God but did not know about Jesus before he talked to Philip.
- ▶ Why did God want him to know about Jesus?

Hymn/Song

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white,
All are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for making sure that I know about Jesus my Savior. Help me to help others know about Jesus, too. Thank you for sending your son Jesus to save me. Amen.

Peter Heals the Lame Man

Acts 3 - 4



The Story

One day Peter and John went up to the temple for prayer. At the temple gate, called Beautiful, they met a lame man who would sit at the gate everyday. This man could not walk and had to ask for money from those who entered the gate. When this man saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter and John both looked at the man and Peter told him, "Look at us."

So the lame man gave Peter and John his full attention because he thought they were going to give him some money. But Peter said to him, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

They lifted the man up and immediately his feet and ankles were healed and the man was able to stand. He stood and entered the temple with Peter and John. Then he went walking, leaping and praising God throughout the temple courts.

When all the people saw the man who had been lame and now walked, they were surprised and amazed. They ran toward Peter, John and the man and gathered around them at a place called Solomon's Porch.

When Peter saw the crowd that gathered around them, he asked the people, "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you think it is by our own power or godliness that we made this man walk?"

Then Peter preached to the people about Jesus. He accused them of helping put Jesus to death, but he told them how God had raised Him from the dead. He told

them to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ, the One spoken of by the prophets.

The priests and Sadducees overheard what Peter was saying to the people. They were upset that Peter was preaching about Jesus and about the resurrection from the dead. They had Peter and John arrested.

The next day they brought Peter and John before a group of the Sadducees. The Sadducees asked Peter and John how they were able to perform this miracle and in whose name they had performed it.

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed that Jesus of Nazareth healed the lame man and this was the same man that they had put to death on the cross. He told them that Jesus is the only way to salvation. He said, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

The Sadducees were amazed at the boldness and knowledge of Peter and John. They commanded Peter and John not to speak or teach the name of Jesus anymore. But Peter and John obeyed God rather than men and they replied, "We must speak the things which we have heard and seen."

After they were released from prison, Peter and John praised God and gave Him glory. They and their fellow believers were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the Word of God with boldness.

God gave Peter the gift of healing and the boldness to preach and to spread the message of the Word of God.

Activity One - Review of the Story. Match the correct answer to the question by drawing a line from one dot to the other.

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. What was wrong with the man in the temple? ● | ● Walking, leaping, and praising God. |
| 2. What two things had the lame man been healed from through the power of Christ? ● | ● The Priest and Sadducees. |
| 3. How did the lame man show his thankfulness? ● | ● With boldness. |
| 4. To whom did Peter give the credit for this miracle? ● | ● He was lame. |
| 5. What two things did Peter tell the people to do in order for their sins to be taken away? ● | ● Not to preach the name of Jesus. |
| 6. Who did not like what Peter and John were preaching? ● | ● Arrested them and put them in jail. |
| 7. What did they do to Peter and John? ● | ● Spiritual and physical disease. |
| 8. What did they tell Peter and John not to do anymore? ● | ● Jesus. |
| 9. Peter and John refused to listen to the church leaders but kept on preaching the Gospel. How did they preach the word of God? ● | ● Repent and believe. |
| 10. Who gave them the strength to preach the Word of God? ● | ● The Holy Spirit. |

Since we have been healed from the disease of sin, we should desire to spread this message of salvation.

Activity Two - Word Search. Find the words from our lesson today in the word search.

G O N F I D E N C D T H
D O T O K R E T E P R O
I P S P I R H O L R E L
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H O J P S O G H G O S P
E C N E D I F N O C E R

Lame
Gospel
Jail

Holy Spirit
Peter
Praise

Salvation
Confidence
Repentance

John
Thanks
Temple

Passages (Passages for discussion or memorization)

Acts 4:12 - "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:20 - "For we cannot but speak the things which we have heard and seen."

This should also be our attitude toward preaching and spreading God's Word. We have heard and seen many things from the Bible.

Draw pictures or write out what you have heard and seen from the Bible that you would want to tell others. Place them in the boxes provided.

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“For we cannot but speak the things which we have heard and seen.”

(Some answers should include: telling others that they are sinful, Jesus's love, Jesus's forgiveness. Other answers might be, Jesus rose from the dead, God created all things, we are going to heaven. There can be an unlimited number of answers.)

Hymn - TLH #283 (Also “Silver and Gold Have I None” Wee Sing Bible Songs p. 16-17)

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations. Amen.

Prayer

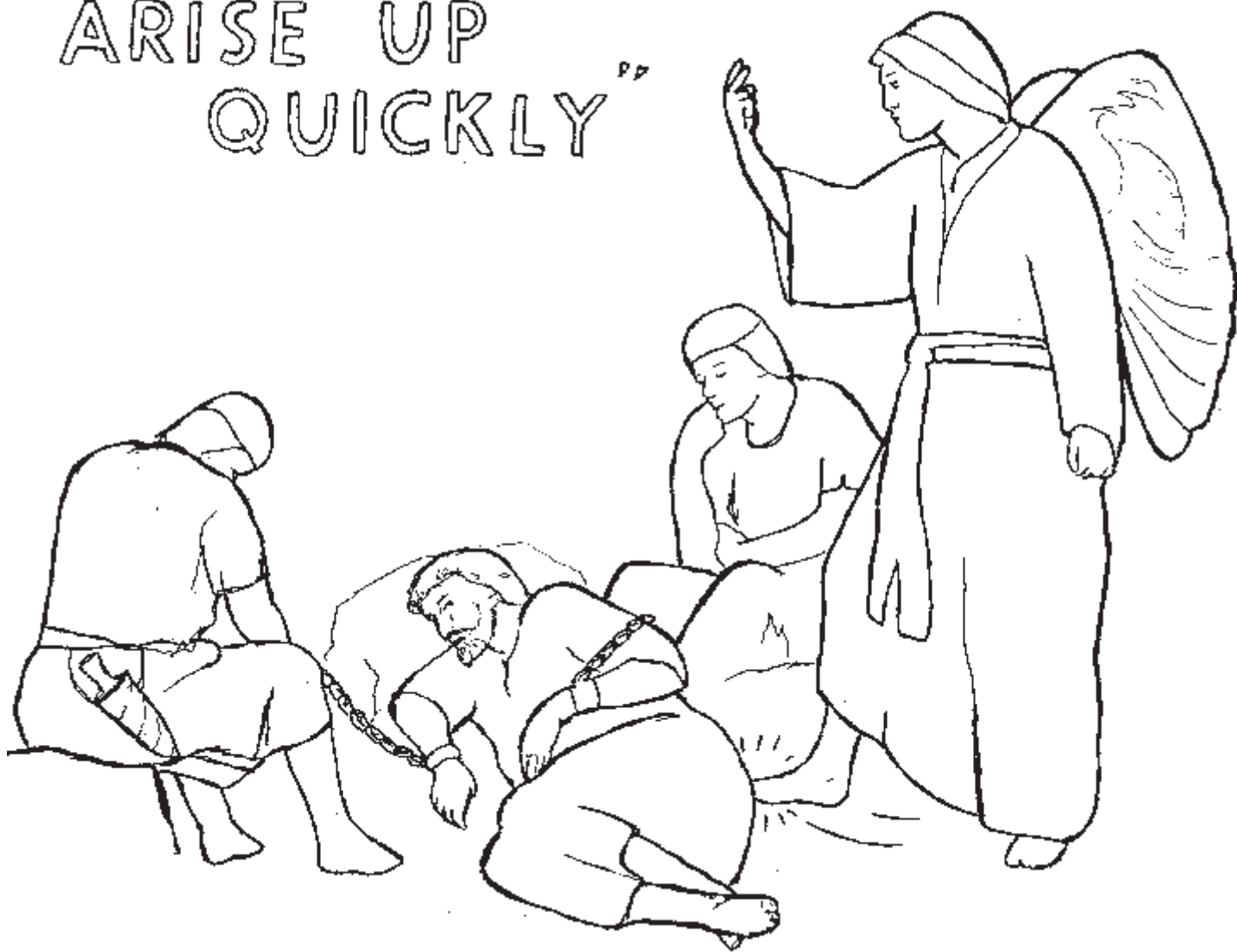
Dear Lord,

Help us for we are lame of faith and poor in grace! Strengthen our faith so we look only to Your grace and salvation for the hope of eternal life. Make us bold as Peter so that we may speak of Your name to all people and all to whom we meet. For only in You is there salvation and hope for eternity. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Peter Delivered From Prison

Acts 12

“ARISE UP
QUICKLY”



The Story

The Apostle Peter loved Jesus and served Him. A king named Herod didn't believe in Jesus. Many other people did not like those who loved Jesus either. To make those people happy, King Herod put Peter in jail. Peter always had four guards around his place in the prison. Friends of Peter prayed to God that Peter would remain safe and be let go soon.

One night, while Peter was sleeping, an angel came into his jail cell. A bright light filled the room. The angel touched Peter on the side to wake him up. "Quick, get up!" he said. The chains on Peter's wrists fell off. The angel then told Peter to get dressed and follow him. Peter did, but he thought he was just dreaming. The two passed by the guards. The guards didn't even notice them.

Peter followed the angel. When they came to locked gates, the gates

miraculously unlocked and opened on their own. At the end of the street, the angel left and Peter realized he was awake! He walked to a friend's house. People were gathered there to pray for him. The doorkeeper named Rhoda was so surprised to see Peter that she forgot to let him in. Everyone was very happy that Peter was free.

The next morning, the soldiers were very confused. They could not find Peter. They looked hard, but he was gone.

Some time after this happened, King Herod gave a speech to a group of people in his kingdom. The people told him he was a god. Herod agreed. He should have given all praise to God, but he didn't. Because he didn't, an angel of God let Herod get sick and he died.

Do you think that Herod stopped the truth about Jesus from spreading?

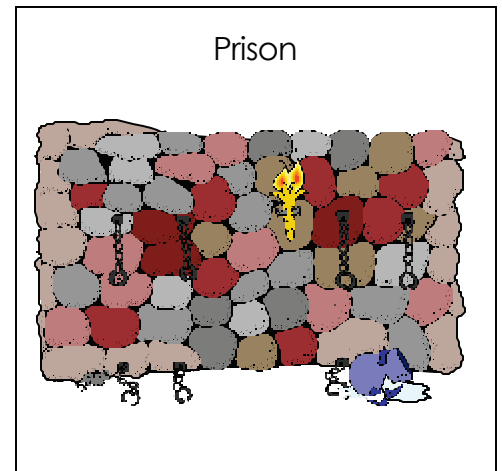
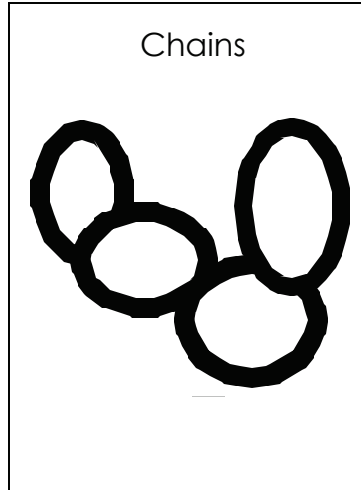
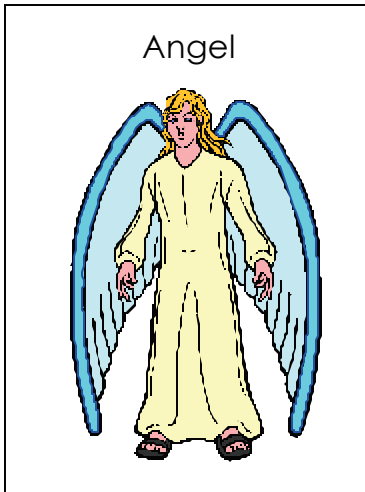
God delivered Peter from prison.

Activity One - Teacher: read the following statements. Student: circle the letter of the person who *might* have said each sentence. (**P**eter) (**K**ing) (**A**ngel)

1. **P** **K** **A** "I know that Jesus is with me, even in prison."
2. **P** **K** **A** "I want to hurt those believers in Jesus."
3. **P** **K** **A** "Get dressed and follow me!"
4. **P** **K** **A** "I am not dreaming, I really am free!"
5. **P** **K** **A** "How did Peter get past the guards?"
6. **P** **K** **A** "Quick, get up!"

Activity Two

- Tell how each of these pictures belongs in the story today.



Activity Three

- Read each statement. Decide if it is true or false, then circle True or False.

1. True False King Herod helped Peter escape from prison.
2. True False Rhoda was so excited that Peter was alive, she forgot to let him in.
3. True False Five guards watched Peter in his cell.
4. True False Peter's friends were happy that God helped Peter escape.

God delivers His chosen ones from all evil.

Passages

Psalm 50:15 - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Matthew 7:7 - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.

Hymn - TLH #658 v. 1, 3

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the Foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.
Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
We have learned today how You saved Peter when he was put in jail for believing in You. Each day, because of sin, we are tempted to not trust that You will help us in all kinds of trouble. Please help us to put all our trust in You. Help us remember that You loved us so much that You sent Jesus to die for our sins so we can look forward to Heaven. Thank You for sending Jesus and Helping us in all our troubles. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Cornelius and Peter

Acts 10



The Story

Cornelius was a Roman soldier who lived in Caesarea. He believed in God, prayed all the time, and gave money to the poor, but he did not know about Jesus.

One day he saw a vision where an angel from God came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

Cornelius was afraid and said, "What is it, Lord?"

The angel said, "Your prayers are answered. Send some men to Joppa to get Simon Peter who is staying with Simon the tanner. He will tell you what you must do."

Cornelius sent three men to Joppa. At noon the next day they were close to Joppa. Peter was up on the roof waiting for lunch and praying. He saw a vision. In the vision there was a sheet with many different kinds of animals. They were animals Jews did not eat. A voice said, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat."

Peter said, "No, Lord, I have never eaten these unclean animals." This happened three times. Peter wondered what this vision meant. As he was thinking about it, the men from Cornelius

came to the gate of Simon the tanner's house and asked for Peter. God told Peter they were there and that he should go with them because God had sent them. Peter went to them, and they told him about Cornelius's vision. The next day Peter and six other men went with them to Cornelius's house.

Cornelius had called all his relatives and friends to come. Peter said to them, "You know that it is against Jewish law for a Jew to keep company with people from other nations who are not Jews. But God has shown me that I should not call any man unclean. That is why I came. Why did you send for me?"

Cornelius told him about the angel he had seen and what the angel had said. Peter said, "I see now that God does not choose one person over another. He sent Jesus Christ to be Lord over all people. We heard Jesus preach. We saw Him do good things. We saw Him die. We saw Him after God raised Him from the dead. He told us to preach. He told us that whoever believes in Him will have the

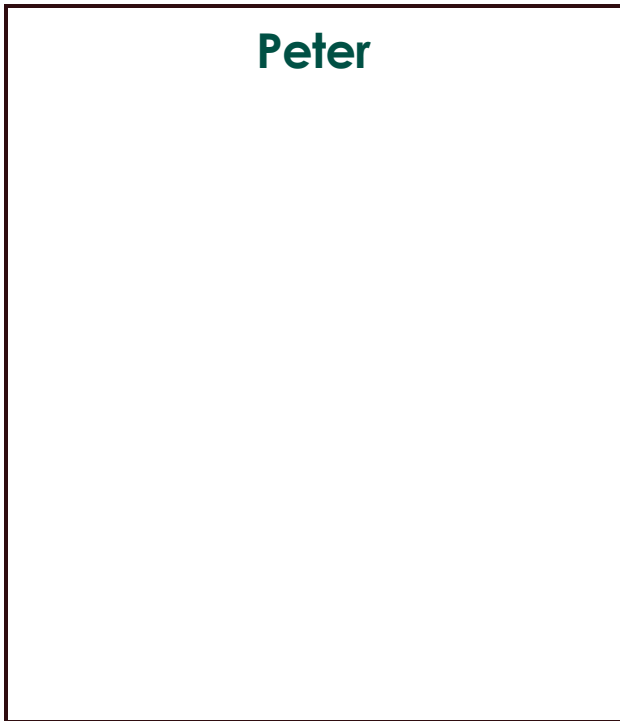
forgiveness of sins.

As Peter said these words the Holy Spirit came to the people there. They believed

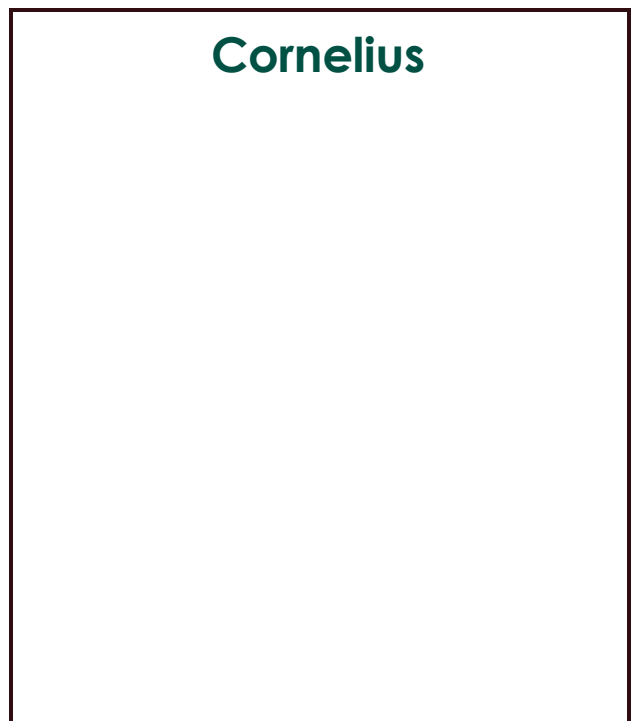
and praised God. The people were baptized. They asked Peter to stay a few more days to tell them more about Jesus.

Review - Cut out or write the words or phrases below and glue them under the name of the person they describe.

Peter



Cornelius



◆ Soldier

◆ learned about Jesus

◆ preacher

◆ Roman

◆ taught about Jesus

◆ saw an angel

◆ Jew

◆ saw a sheet with animals

Passage

God our Savior ... desires all men to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Hymn - TLH# 373 v. 1, 2

By grace I'm saved, grace free and
boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?
Nay; then this word must true remain:
By grace thou, too, shalt heaven obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to
merit;
Our works and conduct have no
worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

Talking to Jesus

Before reading this prayer, think of a person who does not believe in Jesus and write his or her name in the blank.

Dear God,

You made sure that Cornelius learned about Jesus so he could go to heaven. You made sure that I learned about Jesus so I can go to heaven. _____ doesn't seem to believe in Jesus yet. If I can help tell _____ about Jesus, show me how. Thank you for saving me. Amen.

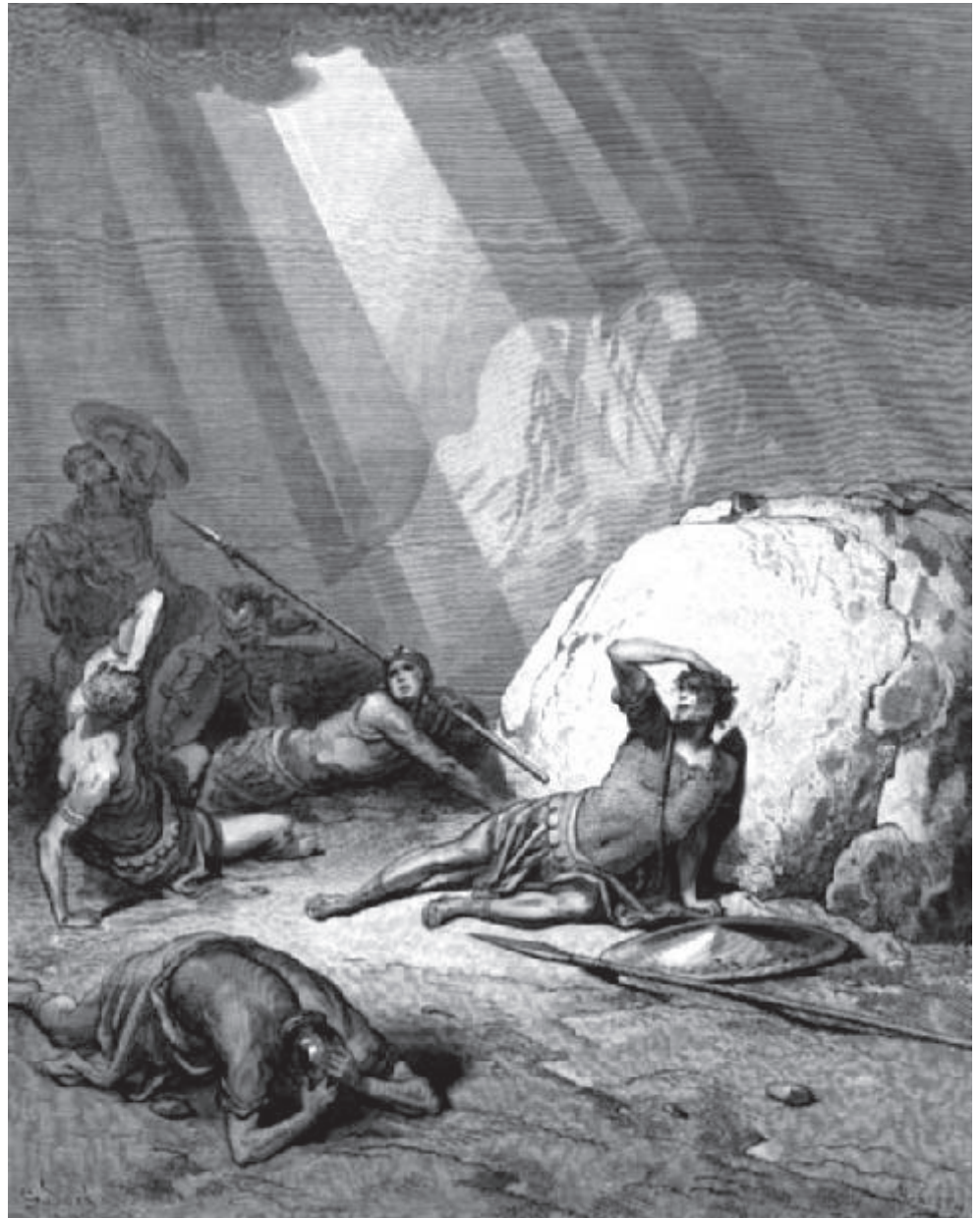
The Conversion of Saul

Acts 9:1-19

The Story

My name is Saul. I was born at Tarsus in Cilicia. I was born into the Jewish faith. I grew up in Jerusalem learning all of the Old Testament laws that were handed down through the generations. I was taught as a disciple of Gamaliel, and very devoted to the ways of God from the Old Testament laws, but I did not believe in Jesus, our Savior, at first.

You know that I had persecuted the Christians and that I had tried to wipe out the believers of Jesus. Because I was determined to follow the customs and traditions handed down by the Jewish leaders, I did more than any other to ruin the work of Jesus. I truly believed that I was doing the right thing, for I had been given the authority and



support of the High Priests. It was by their direction that I threw the followers of Christ into prison. I spoke in the synagogues against those that believed that Jesus is the

Savior. I did this within the city of Jerusalem, and I even hunted them down in other towns and places in the region.

It happened one day that I was going to Damascus to be about this very business; under the authority of the high priest I was looking for any who confessed Jesus so I could arrest them and bring them to Jerusalem. It was on that road to Damascus that a very intense light shone around me. The light was so bright it was greater than the power of the sun. As I fell to the ground in fear, I heard a voice call out to me, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Then I answered and said, "Who are You, Lord?"

The Lord said to me, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads (*a pointed stick used to drive cattle.*)"

I began to tremble and in my astonishment I said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

The Lord told me to get up and go into the city and I would be told what I must do.

The men that were traveling with me were confused. They did not know what to say, for they had heard the voice as I had, but they could not see who was speaking.

When I got up off the ground and I opened my eyes, I could not see. The men that I was with led me by the hand into the city. There in

the city of Damascus I waited for three days. I could not see during that time, nor did I want to eat or drink.

While I was waiting in that condition, the Lord called upon a certain disciple of Jesus who was living in Damascus, Ananias. In a vision the Lord called, "Ananias."

Ananias said, "Here I am Lord."

The Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

Ananias was afraid because he knew about all the terrible things I had done to the Christians in Jerusalem. He knew I was coming to Damascus under the authority of the religious leaders of Jerusalem to bind those that confessed the name of Jesus. He spoke of these things to the Lord.

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

Ananias followed the command of the Lord and went to the house where I was staying. He laid his hands on me and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you

may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Immediately there fell from my eyes something like scales, and I received my sight at once. I arose and was baptized.

After that I was given some food which allowed me to get my

strength back. I spent some time with the disciples there before I left the city of Damascus. I was no longer called Saul, but Paul.

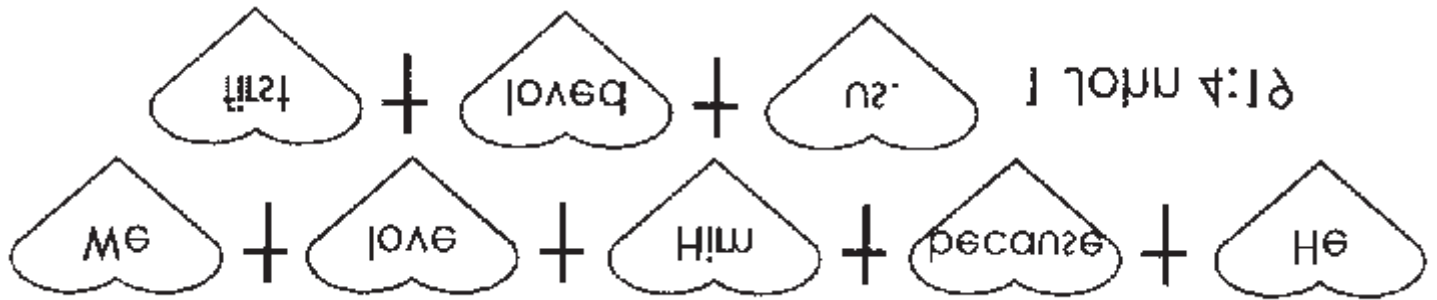
Truly it was the hand of God and His love that had chosen me, one who had once hated Jesus, to preach His Word to other people.

Review - Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks below.

Paul	Damascus	high priest	Ananias	blind
	Jesus	baptized	light	

1. Saul got permission from the _____ to capture Christians and put them in prison.
2. Saul went to _____ to capture more Christians.
3. When Saul was almost to the city a great _____ shone down from heaven.
4. _____ said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”
5. When the light was gone, Saul was _____.
6. God sent _____ to Saul to lay hands on him and heal him.
7. Saul was then _____ and the Holy Spirit worked faith in his heart.
8. Now Saul's name became _____.

Passage - Color each word a different color. Learn the passage.



Hymn

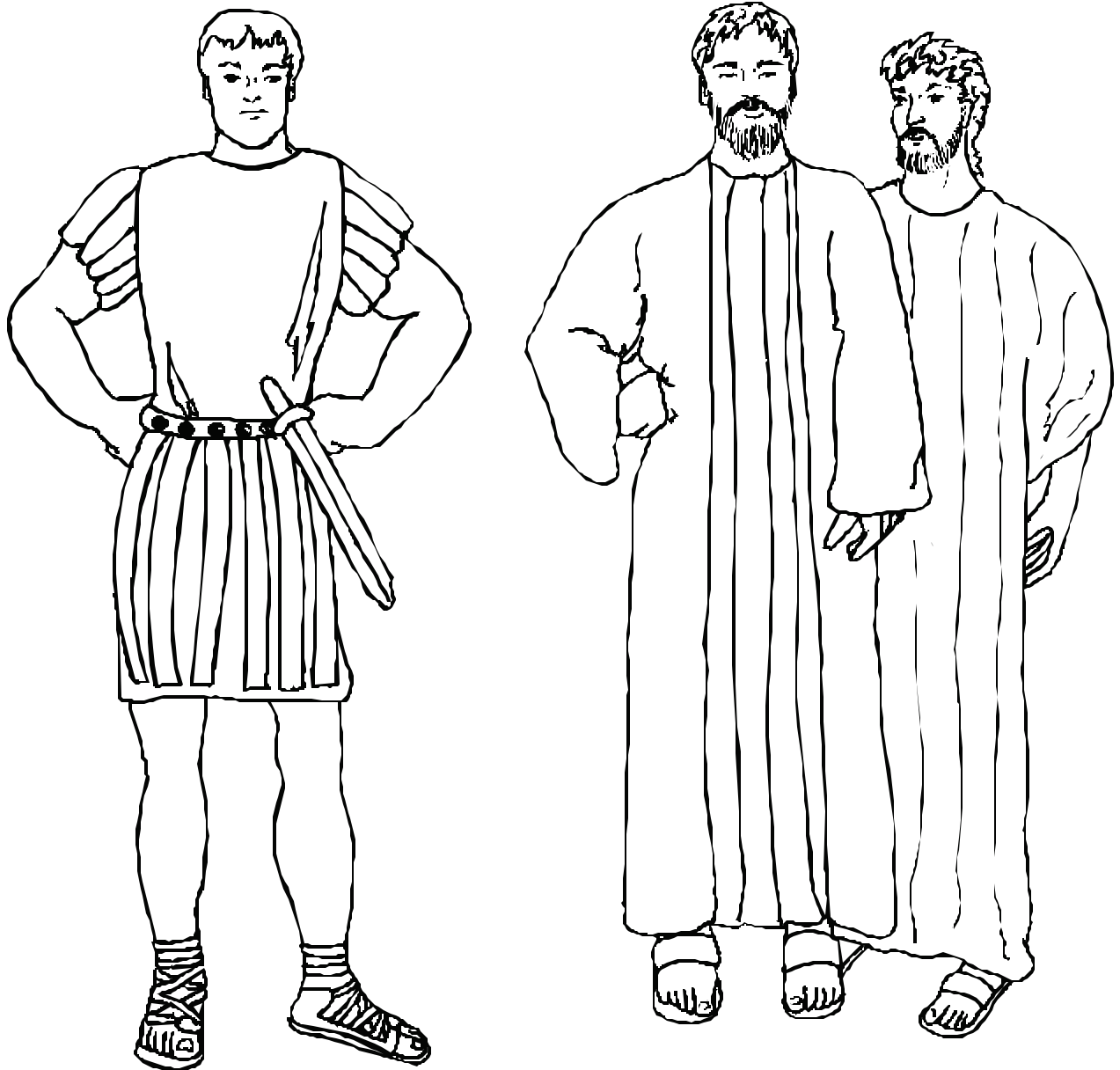
Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As a branch is to the vine,
I am His and He is mine. TLH #342 v.1

Prayer

Dear Jesus, We thank You that You rescued Saul and brought him to faith. Thank You for saving us from our sins and giving us faith through baptism and Your Word. Keep us strong in our faith until we see You in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Paul and the Jailer at Philippi

Acts 16:9-40



The Story

Paul went on a long trip going from city to city to preach about Jesus, the Son of God. He took with him a man named Silas who was also a preacher. One night Paul had a vision from God. In his vision Paul saw a man in Macedonian clothes calling out, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!"

Paul knew what kind of help the people of Macedonia needed. They needed to hear the good news of Jesus their Savior from sin. So Paul and Silas went by ship to the land of Macedonia into the great city of Philippi.

Not very many people had heard about the true God in Philippi. Most of the people there prayed to idols. Every day Paul and Silas went out to preach about Jesus. A poor slave girl began following them around town shouting out wildly. This girl had a devil inside her. This devil gave her power to tell people what would happen in the future. People would pay to have the girl tell their future. Of course, this was terrible for the girl to have a devil in her, but her masters were happy for they got all the money people paid. Finally Paul turned and spoke to the devil in the girl saying, "In the name of Jesus Christ, come out of her!"

The devil had to obey and came right out of her. Now the girl could have peace and quiet, but

her masters were angry. The girl could no longer tell futures, and the masters would get no more money.

The slave girl's masters dragged Paul and Silas in front of the leaders of the city. Without listening to Paul and Silas, the leaders had their guards whip Paul and Silas's backs until they were bloody. Paul and Silas were put into the deepest part of the prison with their feet locked up tightly.

During the night Paul and Silas sang songs of praise to God. Everyone in the prison listened quietly to Paul and Silas. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, an earthquake shook the prison. The locks on the prisoners' feet were loosened and the doors popped open.

The jailer knew he could be punished with death if any of his prisoners escaped. He was afraid that his prisoners would get out before he could lock them up again. He took out his sword to kill himself, but Paul called out, "Don't harm yourself! See, we are all here!"

The jailer knelt down and begged, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be baptized, you and your family!"

Even though it was the middle of the night, the jailer took Paul and

Silas to his own house. He got his whole family up to hear about Jesus, the Savior from sin. How happy the jailer was to know what God had done for him! That very night the jailer and all of his family were given the rite of baptism. He gave Paul and Silas food to eat and washed

and bandaged their bloody wounds. Then the jailer took them back to the prison before daylight.

The next day, when they were released from prison, many believers came to see Paul and Silas. Paul and Silas urged these new Christians to keep on trusting in Jesus.

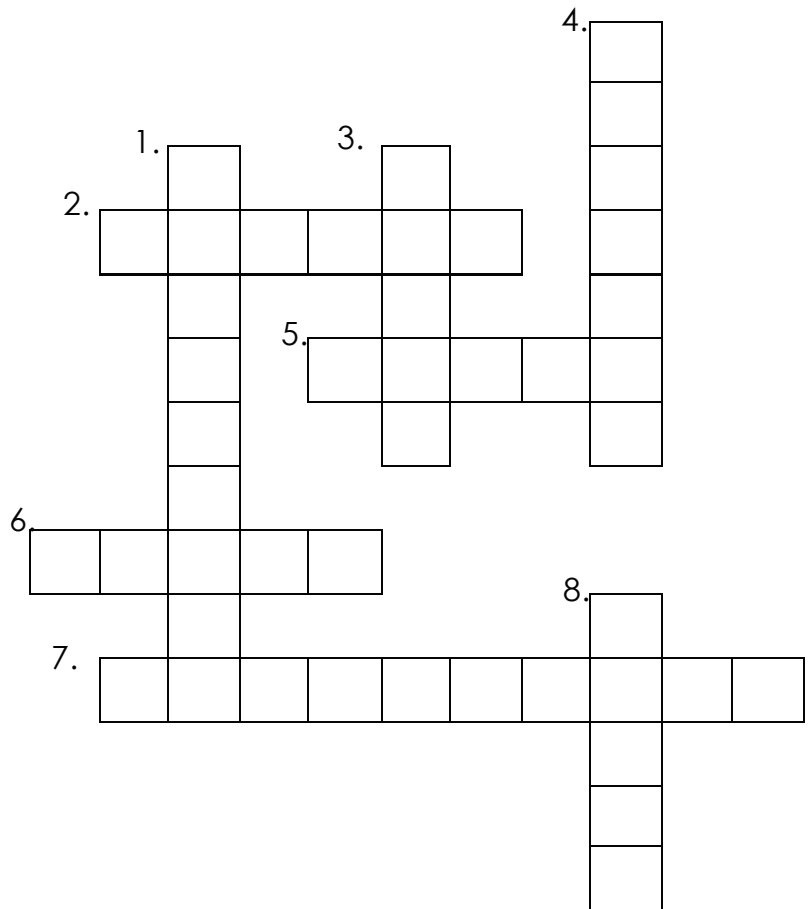
Activity - Crossword puzzle. Use the words in the box at the bottom for the answers.

Across:

2. The _____ took Paul and Silas to his home to preach to his family about Jesus.
5. Paul and _____ traveled to Philippi.
6. They sang _____ of praise to God while in prison.
7. An _____ shook the prison and the locks came open.

Down:

1. In Paul's vision, the man said, "Come over to _____ and help us."
3. Paul commanded the _____ to come out of the girl.
4. The jailer wanted Paul and Silas to give the rite of _____ to his whole family.
8. The jailer cried, "What must I do to be _____?"



baptism	songs	earthquake	saved
Macedonia	jailer	devil	Silas

Passage - The words in the boxes belong in the passages below.

earth disciples given baptizing
Holy Spirit heaven Father Son

sake revile kinds evil
persecute

Matt. 28:18 - All authority has been
_____ to Me in _____
and on _____. Go therefore and
make _____ of all nations,
_____ them in the name of
the _____, and of the
_____, and of the
_____.

Matt. 5:11 - Blessed are you
when they _____ you
and _____ you and
say all _____ of
_____ against you
falsely for My _____.

Hymn - TLH #179

On my heart imprint Thine image, blessed Jesus, King of Grace
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures have no pow'r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my Life, my hope's Foundation, and my Glory and Salvation. Amen

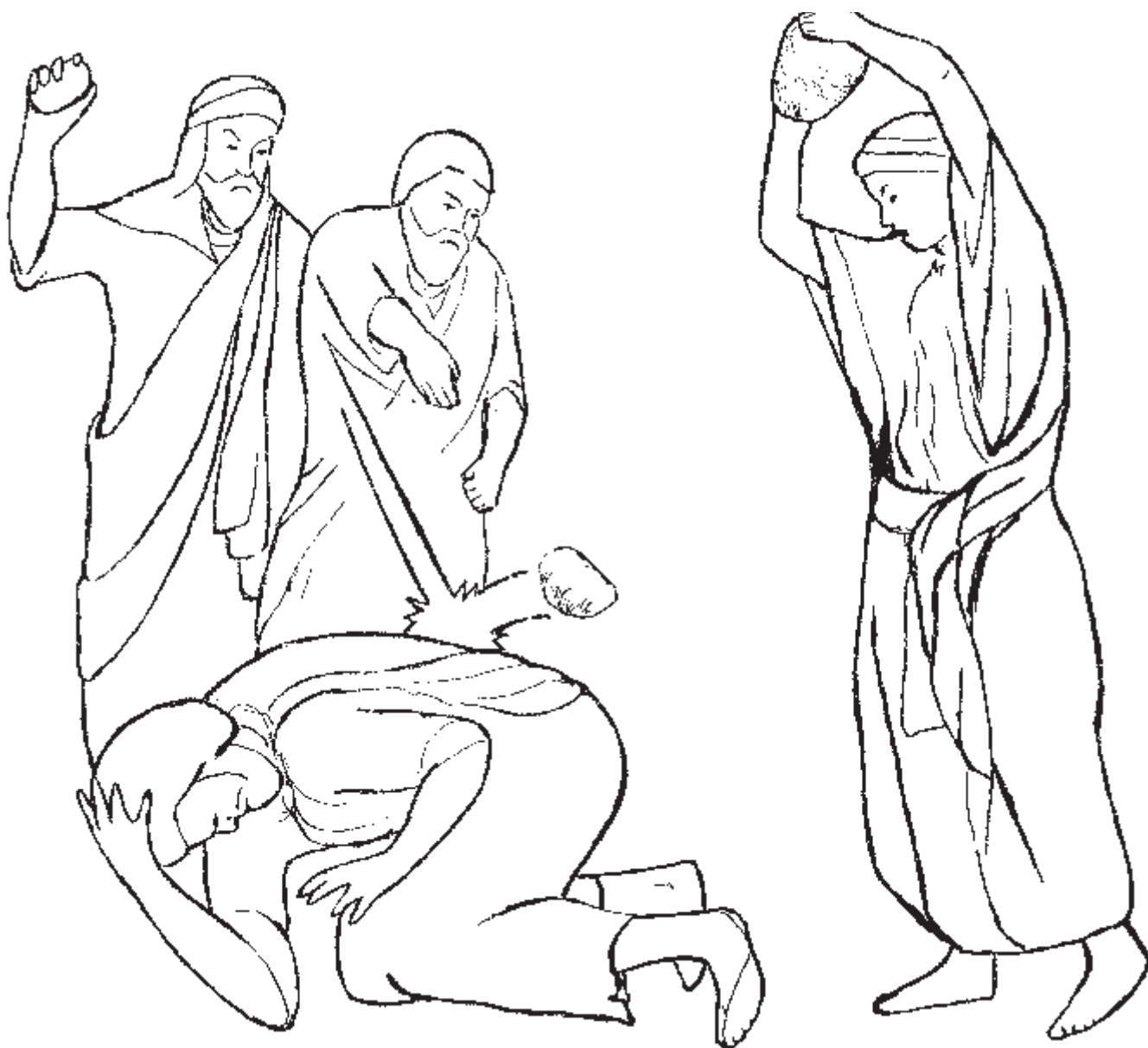
Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for sending preachers and teachers out into the world who tell the good news of salvation. Make all of us Christians brave and happy to share the news of our Savior with anyone we meet. Send Your Holy Spirit to put faith in the hearts of all who hear the wonderful message of Jesus Christ. Finally, bring us all safely to heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Paul's First Missionary Journey

Acts 13 - 14



The Story

The Holy Spirit told the believers in Antioch to send Paul and Barnabas to preach. They were to tell people far away about Jesus. So Paul and Barnabas took a boat to Cyprus. They preached to the governor about Jesus. At the same time, a false teacher named Bar-Jesus tried to turn the governor away from God. Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit and made Bar-Jesus blind. The governor then became a believer.

Then Paul and Barnabas headed to another town named Antioch. This town was in Pisidia. Here Paul told the people how Jesus had been promised for many years and finally came. He told them how Jesus suffered, died on the cross and rose again. He told them they should feel sorry for their sins and believe in Jesus as their Savior. Many Gentiles, people who weren't Jews, became believers. But the next week, when Paul and Barnabas preached again, many Jews who didn't love Jesus spoke against them. Paul and Barnabas didn't stop preaching, though, and God's Word spread through the whole area. Finally, Paul and Barnabas were sent away.

Next Paul and Barnabas went to Iconium. They preached about Jesus, and many Jews and Gentiles became believers. Then Paul and Barnabas heard that some Jews and Gentiles were going to stone them. They ran away to towns called Lystra and Derbe. In Lystra, Paul healed a man with crippled legs. The man leaped and walked! When the people saw this, they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. They even tried to offer sacrifices to them. Paul and Barnabas told the people to stop. Then some of Paul's enemies found him and threw stones at him. It looked like they had killed Paul, but he got up and walked away! God kept him safe. The next day Paul and Barnabas went to Derbe.

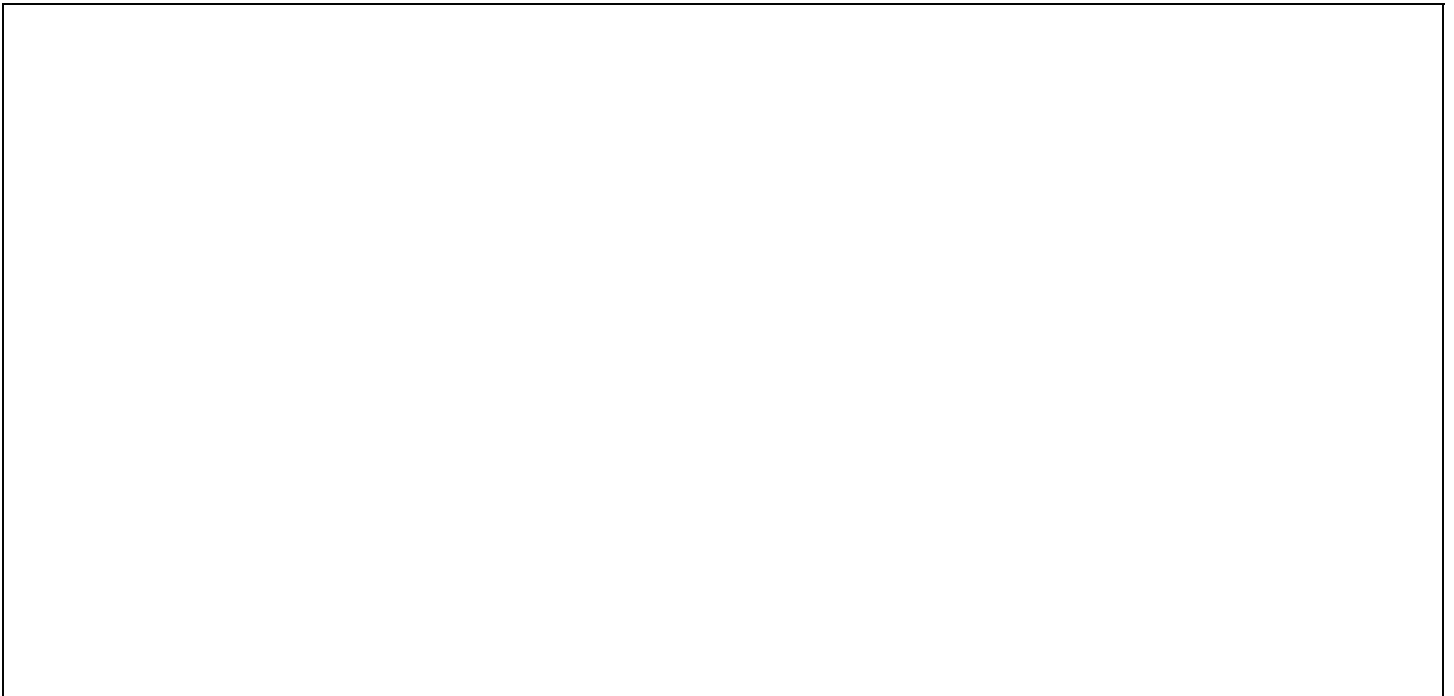
In Derbe, the two men preached for awhile and then headed back home to Antioch. They stopped to see all the new believers along the way and told them to trust in God. Finally, they reached Antioch and told the believers there how God had brought many people, including Gentiles, to faith in Jesus. The people were surprised and joyful.

The Lord called Paul and Barnabas to preach the Gospel in far-off lands.

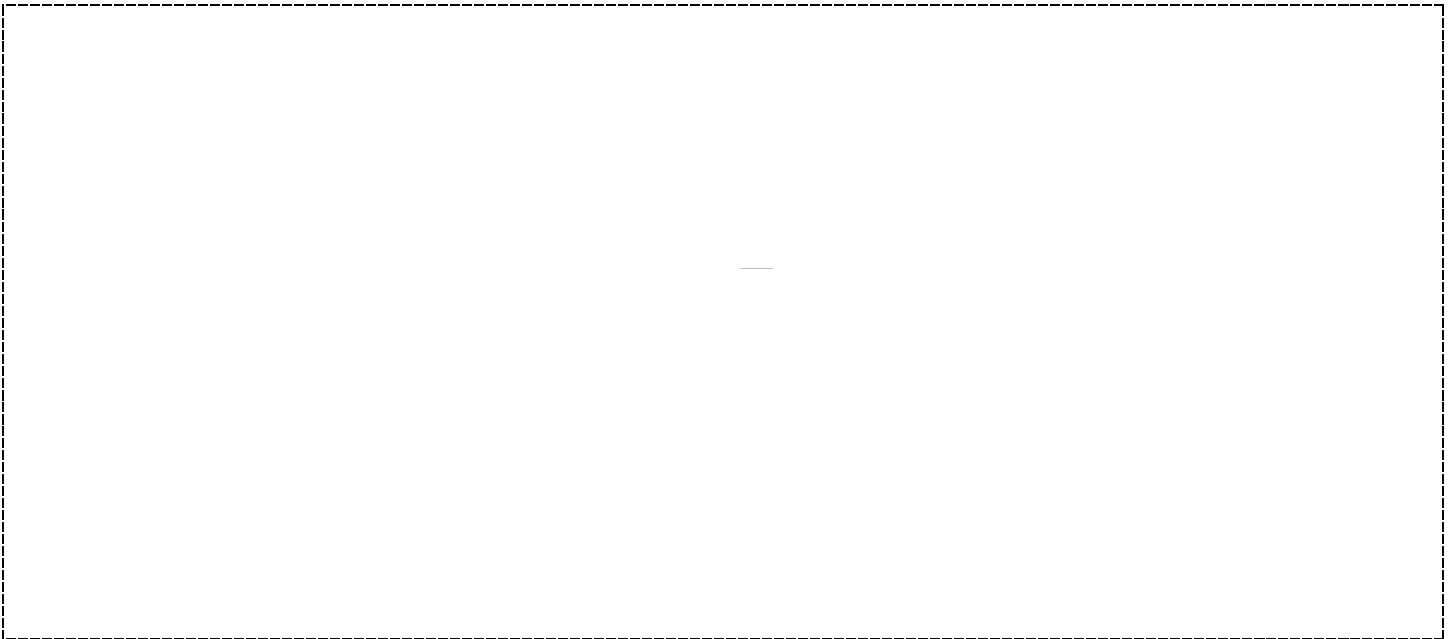
Activity One - Match each place where Paul and Barnabas went with what happened there.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. _____ Antioch | A. Bar-Jesus was struck with blindness. |
| 2. _____ Cyprus | B. The people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. |
| 3. _____ Antioch in Pisidia | C. The Holy Spirit told Paul and Barnabas to preach. |
| 4. _____ Iconium | D. Paul preached a long sermon about Jesus. |
| 5. _____ Lystra | E. Paul and Barnabas preached here awhile. |
| 6. _____ Derbe | F. Paul and Barnabas heard they were going to be stoned and ran away. |

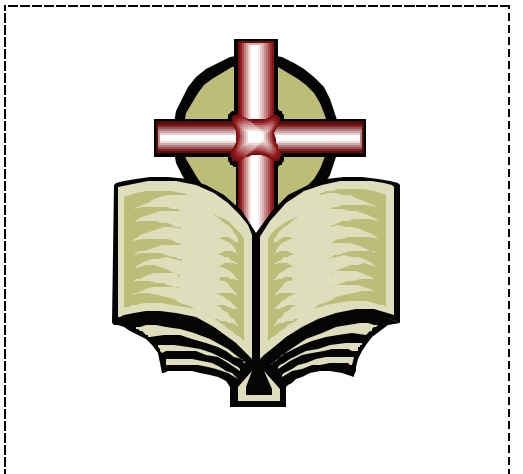
Activity Two - Now draw a picture of how you could share God's Word.



Activity Three - Make a book. Cut out the shapes. The large rectangle will be folded in half to make the book. The box with "To ____" should be the cover. The children think of someone and write their name on the blank. The inside two pages will have "Jesus died for you!" and the picture of the Bible glued to them.



Jesus
died
for
you!



To

The Lord calls all believers to preach the Gospel to everyone.

Passages

Mark 16:15 - "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Romans 10:13 - "For whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

Hymn - TLH #507 v. 1-4

Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n.

Tell of our Redeemer's love,
Who forever doth remove
By His holy sacrifice
All the guilt that on us lies.

Tell them how the Father's will
Made the world and keeps it still,
How His only Son He gave
Man from sin and death to save.

Tell them of the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us up to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,
Your precious Gospel is for everyone. Help us love Your Word more and more. Lead us by the Holy Spirit to go out and tell others about Your life, death and resurrection. Then they too can know about salvation. In Your saving name we pray. Amen.

Paul's Second Missionary Journey

Acts 15:36 - 18:22



What do you think these pictures are about?

Do these statues look like gods?

Do you think anyone could believe that these statues are gods?

What should you tell someone who does think that these statues are gods?

The Story

“Hear about The Resurrection!
Jesus of Nazareth is our Savior from sin!
He Lives! He is stronger than death!”

These are the words of the missionary Paul. After Jesus ascended to His Father in heaven, Paul traveled all over the world to tell people about Jesus. The Lord Jesus gave Paul great strength and courage. Paul says in the Bible that, “I live; and yet it is not I. It is Christ who is living in me.” Paul was full of love for God. Three times Paul took long trips to teach about Jesus. This story is about Paul's second trip.

When Paul traveled he never stayed in motels. He walked on Roman roads from town to town. The believers would see him coming and would run out and invite him to stay in their homes. He would stay in a town for a long time, preaching about Jesus and making tents to earn money for his

food. He had many towns to visit, because he had started many churches in his first missionary journey. And the believers always felt stronger and better after a visit from Paul.

Sometimes Paul would sail across the sea to faraway lands. And sometimes the people in those lands did not like what he said. If they had many gods of silver, and gods of gold, he would tell them that there was a true God. He would describe how the true God made all people and all animals and plants. He would tell them how wonderfully God made everything. His most important message was that this God Jesus died to take away all sins in the world.

On one of his sailing trips to Greece, he came to this city, called Athens.



This city was full of false gods. The beautiful buildings were full of idols like those pictures on the first page of our lesson.

Paul walked to the middle of the city and preached a great sermon. Paul said he would tell them about a God that the people of Athens did not know. He told the people that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God who died on a cross and was raised to life again on Easter morning. He told the people to be sorry for their sins.

Some of the people in the towns where Jesus preached believed in Jesus and were baptized. But sometimes the people got angry when Paul told them about Jesus. They wanted to wait for an important man to be their savior. Sometimes they did not want to believe

that Jesus could come out of the grave. They took Paul and put him in a prison like this one. Sometimes the people even tried to kill Paul for talking about Jesus.



But Paul never stopped preaching! God talked to Paul when Paul got tired. God told him never to be afraid. God told Paul that He had many believers who would be Paul's friends. Many thousands of people who heard Paul preach about Jesus became believers just like you and I.

Activity One

- Circle the tall statue of the idol named Athena on the first page and in the picture of Athens on the second page.
- What does our lesson call this kind of god?
- What does the First Commandment say about having other gods?

Activity Two

- On the picture of Athens, draw a picture of Paul giving his sermon. Write, "Jesus Lives!" next to your picture of Paul
- Who helped Paul when he was tired and afraid?

- Make up a prayer that asks God for strength and courage to spread His Word, the Gospel of what Jesus did for all people
- Your pastor is a missionary. What jobs does he do that are like Paul's job? How can you be a missionary like Paul?

Activity Three

Color the two pieces on pages 5 and 6. Then carefully cut them out. Your teacher will help you put the pieces together correctly. The directions are in the Teacher's Notes for this lesson. You can use these pieces to tell other people about what Jesus did for all the people in the world. Practice on your friends and family.

Passages

If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know th truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32

"The Lord knows those who are His." 2 Timothy 2:19

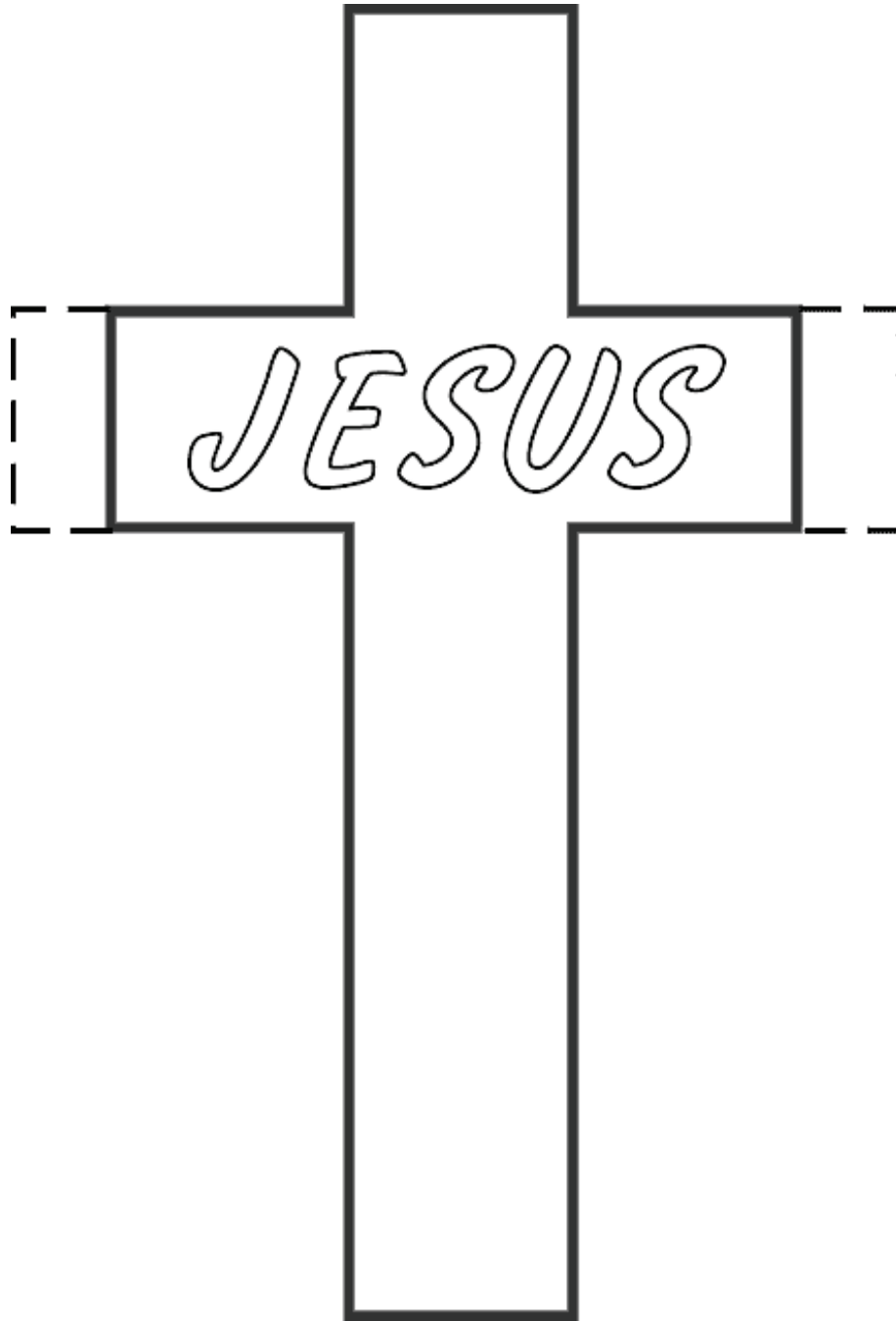
"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #507 v. 4

Spread, oh spread thou mighty Word,
 Spread the kingdom of the Lord,
 Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n
 Life to beings meant for heav'n. Amen.



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Paul's Third Missionary Journey

Acts 18:23-21:14

Prayer

O God the Savior of the whole world, sometimes we are afraid to spread Your word. Help us today to learn of someone who spread Your word to many parts of the world even when things became very dangerous. Give us the desire to hear Your Holy Word today so we, too, can learn to become missionaries for You. We pray this in Your name. Amen.



The Story

The Apostle Paul's third missionary journey took him to the big city of Ephesus. Ephesus was a very old city and Paul brought a new idea there. The people who lived there did not know about the True God. The Ephesians believed in a false goddess whom they called Diana. They said she was the daughter of Zeus, another false god. There was a giant temple to Diana in Ephesus. Many tourists came every year and they bought souvenirs, mostly small statues of Diana, made by silversmiths whose shops were everywhere in the city. The silversmiths made a lot of money this way.

Paul had not been in Ephesus very

long before those silversmiths became very angry. They were so angry that they started a riot. Why would they be so angry? They were worried because Paul told the people that Diana was an idol and that Jesus was the True God. This message is known as the Gospel. They shouted that Jesus would ruin their religion and their government! Everyone gathered in the streets, shouting and fighting.

Many people came out of their houses and tried to grab Paul. A big riot started. Finally the city clerk made them let Paul and his helpers go.

But Paul was not frightened off by this trouble. He stayed here in Ephesus

for a long time so he could bring the Gospel to the Gentiles. He was a missionary. He preached every day and told the people that Jesus loved them and died to save them. He told them that Jesus is stronger than death. Jesus rose from His grave so that we can all live in Heaven with Him when we die. He took the punishment that we deserve for sinning. Many, many people believed what Paul said about Jesus. And the Holy Spirit was always with Paul, helping him be brave.

The believers loved Pastor Paul. They kept him safe and listened to his sermons. They gave him money to take back to the hungry Christians in Rome.

Paul preached to the people in Ephesus and many became believers.

Activity One - Fill in the blank to tell what happened in our story. Use words from the box below.

angry riot Jesus Gospel missionary

1. Paul told the people in Ephesus about _____.
2. The people who made idols were _____.
3. The people caused a _____.
4. Paul was a good _____.
5. We can be like Paul by telling others the _____.

They helped him travel across land and sea. They invited him to their houses, and learned from him and helped him tell more people about Jesus.

Paul was a good pastor to these believers. He was their friend. He wrote letters to people who were worried. He strengthened everyone's faith with sermons and hymns. He made sick people well and when a boy fell off a building he brought the young man back from the dead. He wrote many books of the New Testament. He trained new pastors and sent messages about the love of Jesus to many other young Christian congregations in the world.



Activity Two - Look at the first column below. It lists things that Paul did as he worked as a missionary. In the second column, write **YES** if you could do the same thing. Write **NO** if you couldn't do what Paul did. Explain the reason for your answer. When you are done, compare your answers with your friends and your teacher.

Paul as a Missionary	Me as a Missionary (YES or NO? Explain.)
Was a good pastor	
Was a friend	
Wrote letters to worried people	
Wrote sermons	
Wrote hymns	
Healed sick people	
Raised people from the dead	
Wrote books of the Bible	
Wrote letters about the love of Jesus	
Trained people to become pastors	

Activity Three - Answer these questions.

1. Do you think Paul was afraid during his stay in Ephesus? Would you be afraid? Discuss with the class.
2. What was the most important thing Paul did while he was in Ephesus? Why do you think as you do?

Passages - The passages below help in understanding today's story. Explain how the passage fits the story.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." Proverbs 3:6

"For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Hymn - Pick your favorite stanza from the hymn "*Send Thou, O Lord to Every Place*" (TLH #506) shown below. Tell why you like that verse. Try to keep our story today in mind as you choose your favorite stanza.

1. Send Thou, O Lord, to every place Swift messengers before Thy face, The heralds of Thy wondrous grace, Where Thou Thyself wilt come.	3. To bring good news to souls in sin, The bruised and broken hearts to win; In ev'ry place to bring them in Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
4. Thou who hast died, Thy vict'ry claim; Assert, O Christ, Thy glory's name And far to lands of pagan shame Send men where Thou wilt come.	5. Gird each one with the Spirit's Sword, The sword of Thine own deathless Word, And make them conquerors, conquering Lord, Where Thou Thyself wilt come.

My favorite stanza is number _____. I like it because...

Prayer

Dear Holy Spirit, thank You for working in my heart to believe in Jesus. Please work in the hearts of the people that we tell about Jesus so that they believe in Jesus, too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Paul the Prisoner

Acts 21:15 - 26:32



Paul suffered much for the sake of the Gospel.

The Story

Scott was walking home one day with some boys from school. They passed by the house of an elderly man who was having trouble raking the leaves in his yard. When the other boys saw the old man moving slowly they laughed, made fun of him and kicked more leaves onto the grass. Scott didn't laugh or do this. He knew what they were doing was wrong, but was scared to say anything.

Then he remembered what he learned at church. Many times doing the things God wants us to do is hard, but that is a way to tell people about God. So, Scott went up to the boys and told them they should leave the old man alone. He said that God wanted us to help people, and they were sinning by doing this. The other boys made fun of Scott and walked away. Scott was hurt, but then went to help the old man with the raking. The man looked at Scott in surprise. He asked Scott why he hadn't also made fun of him? Scott looked at him and said that as Christians, we are to do what God wants, even if it means we are hurt by others.

Throughout history, many people have been hurt and killed because they stood up for God. Paul was one of them. Paul suffered much as he preached God's Word.

Before Paul left for Jerusalem, his friends warned him that he would be in great danger if he went to Jerusalem. They didn't want him to go. But, Paul told them that he was ready to suffer and even die, if necessary, to tell people about Jesus. His friends saw that they could not keep him from going, so they said, "The will of the Lord be done", and Paul left.

At Jerusalem, Paul was welcomed by his fellow Christians. He told them about all the great things that God had

done through his preaching of the Gospel. When they heard of all these things, they praised God.

One day, as Paul was worshiping in the Temple, some Jews were there who hated him because he preached about Jesus. They stirred up the crowd against Paul. They grabbed him and dragged him out of the Temple. They wanted to kill him.

Someone told the Roman captain about what was happening. The captain came with soldiers and took Paul away from the angry Jews. The soldiers carried Paul away, up the stairs to the castle prison. All the while the crowd followed shouting, "Away with him!"

Paul asked the captain to let him speak to the crowd. Paul stood there on the stairs and spoke to the people. He told the people how he used to hate the believers in Jesus, too. He told them how he used to persecute them. He told them about the bright light he'd seen on the way to Damascus, and how he'd heard the voice from Heaven. He told them how he now believed in Jesus, and that Jesus had sent him to tell people everywhere about the Gospel.

The crowd listened for a little while, but they would not listen any more when he talked about preaching to the Gentiles, and they began to shout again. So, the captain had Paul put in prison. He told his soldiers to torture Paul. But Paul asked them, "Is it lawful for you to beat a man who is a Roman citizen who has done nothing wrong?"

The Romans were afraid when they heard this. They had treated a Roman citizen wrongly and they could get in trouble for doing that. Now they wanted to find out why the Jews hated Paul so much.

The next day, Paul was brought before the whole Jewish council, called

the Sanhedrin. While Paul spoke, the chief captain saw that even the Jewish rulers could not agree about what to do with Paul. Some Pharisees wished to set Paul free. Others Sadducees wanted to put him to death. Their arguing began to get violent, so the Roman commander sent his soldiers to rescue Paul. That night, the Lord appeared to Paul and said, "Keep up your courage! As you have told the truth about Me in Jerusalem, so you must also tell it in Rome!"

The enemies of Paul were not content to have him in prison. They wanted to have him killed. To keep Paul safe, the soldiers took Paul secretly by night to another city, Caesarea, where governor Felix was. The governor had Paul put in prison, but he was kind to Paul. He let friends visit Paul and hoped that they would offer him money to set Paul free. Paul was in prison for two years. Then a new governor, Festus, came to take the place of Felix .

The Jewish leaders came to Festus and made many charges against Paul, secretly hoping to kill him. None of their charges could be proven. Festus encouraged Paul to go back to Jerusalem to be tried. But, Paul asked to be given a trial before Caesar in Rome. Festus granted his request.

A little while later, King Agrippa came down to Caesarea to welcome Festus. Festus told King Agrippa about Paul. He told him how the Jews wanted to have Paul put to death and how Paul had requested to have Caesar decide his case. Then King Agrippa wanted to hear Paul's case himself.

The next day, King Agrippa came to the governor's palace, and governor Festus called for Paul. Paul stood before the king and was not afraid. He told how he had lived as a Pharisee, persecuting the Christians. He told about his conversion on the road to Damascus, and how the Lord had told him to tell people

everywhere about Jesus. He told King Agrippa the wonderful news that Jesus was the fulfillment of all the writings of Moses and the prophets and that his death and resurrection was for the salvation of all people on the earth.

King Agrippa said, "You almost make me want to be a Christian."

Paul answered that he wished that everyone there would become Christians. King Agrippa shook his head and replied that, no, he would not become a Christian. Paul was sent back to prison.

All who were there realized that Paul had not done anything for which he deserved to die or be in prison. King Agrippa told Festus, "This man could be free if he had not appealed to Caesar. But he wants to go to Caesar, and you must send him to Caesar."

The Lord used Paul and uses us to advance His Kingdom.

Activity One

- Answer these questions about the lesson.

1. Why didn't Paul's friends want him to go to Jerusalem?
2. Why wasn't Paul afraid to go?
3. What did his friends say when they couldn't keep Paul from going to Jerusalem?
4. Why did Paul's enemies (the Jews) hate him?
5. How was Paul rescued from the crowd of angry Jews?
6. When the Lord appeared to Paul in prison, what did He tell Paul?
7. Why did the soldiers move Paul to a different city (Caesarea)?
8. How long was Paul in prison in Caesarea?
9. What did Paul tell King Agrippa?
10. Why wasn't Paul set free?
11. How was the will of the Lord being accomplished?

Activity Two

- Find the underline words from the Bible passage hidden in the WORD SEARCH below.

Psalm 50:15 - CALL UPON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE; I WILL DELIVER YOU, AND YOU SHALL GLORIFY ME.

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Passages - Use the words in the box to finish the Bible Passages.

LORD	earth	help	heaven	name
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Our _____ is in the _____ of the _____,
who made _____ and _____. Psalm 124:8

all	Casting	you	cares	Him
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_____ your care upon
_____, for He _____ for _____ . 1 Peter 5:7

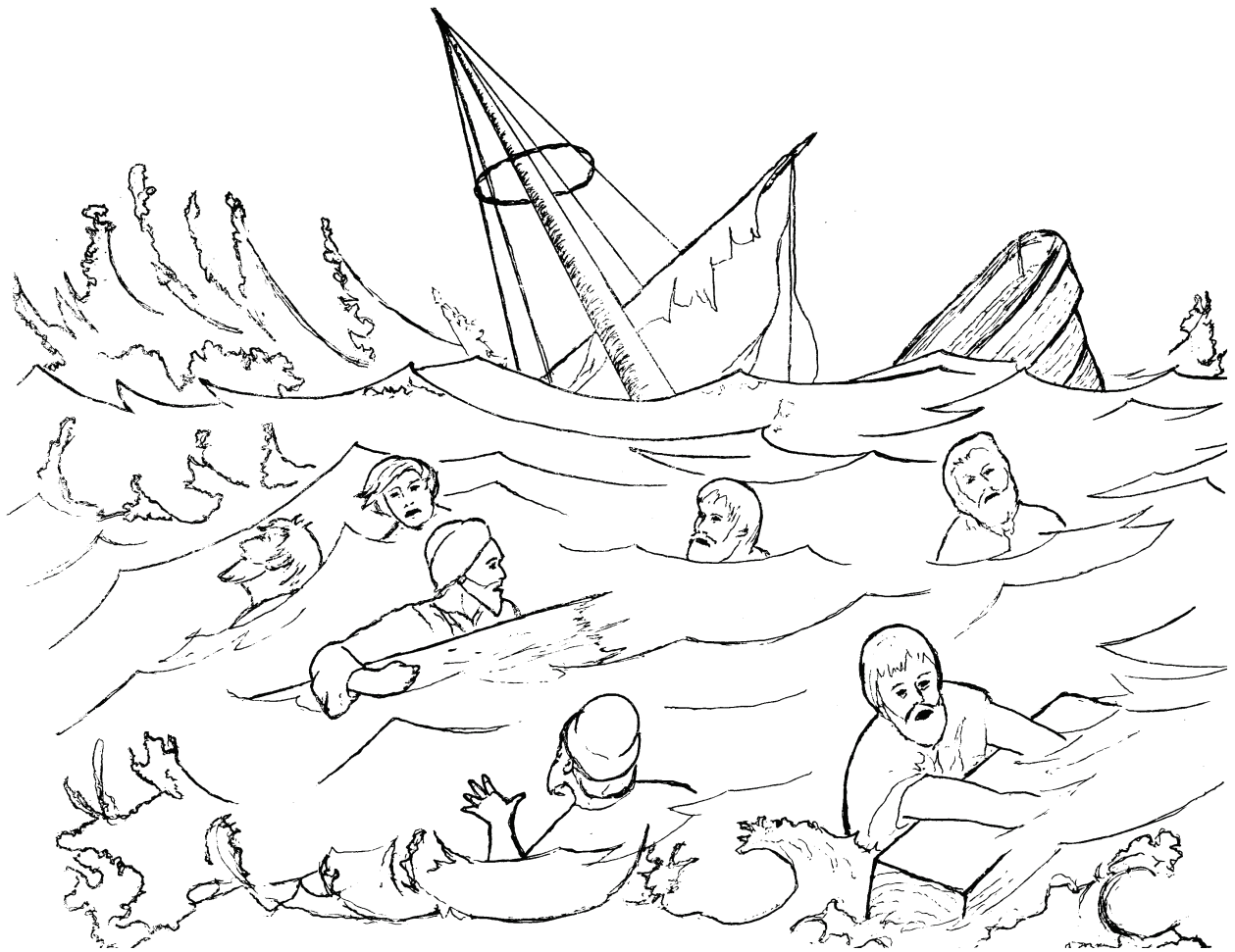
Hymn & Prayer - TLH #511 v. 4, 6

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen. Amen.

Paul is Taken to Rome

Acts 27-28



The Story

The soldiers took Paul and some other prisoners to a soldier so they could sail to Rome. Paul would be put on trial before the king in Rome.

Paul and over two hundred other people sailed in a ship for many days. It was often bad weather and it was slow sailing. The captain took good care of Paul and kept him safe.

Paul had a dream in which God told him that their ship would wreck but nobody would die.

Just as God had told Paul, there was very bad weather and the ship broke to pieces but all the people swam or floated to safety on the island of Malta. The people of Malta were friendly and gave them food and built a warm fire. When Paul was getting wood for the fire a snake bit him and hung on to his hand. The people of Malta thought he would die, but God made him not get sick from the poison.

The chief of the island had a sick father. The chief asked Paul to heal his father. Paul prayed for the man and laid his hands on him and he was made better because God helped Paul. Many people then came to Paul to be healed. Paul prayed for them and healed them with God's help.

The people got on another ship and sailed from Malta and finally came to Rome. Paul was still a prisoner but could live in a house and have people come to visit him. He was able to tell them about Jesus, their Savior. Many of Paul's friends and many Christians were able to worship together.

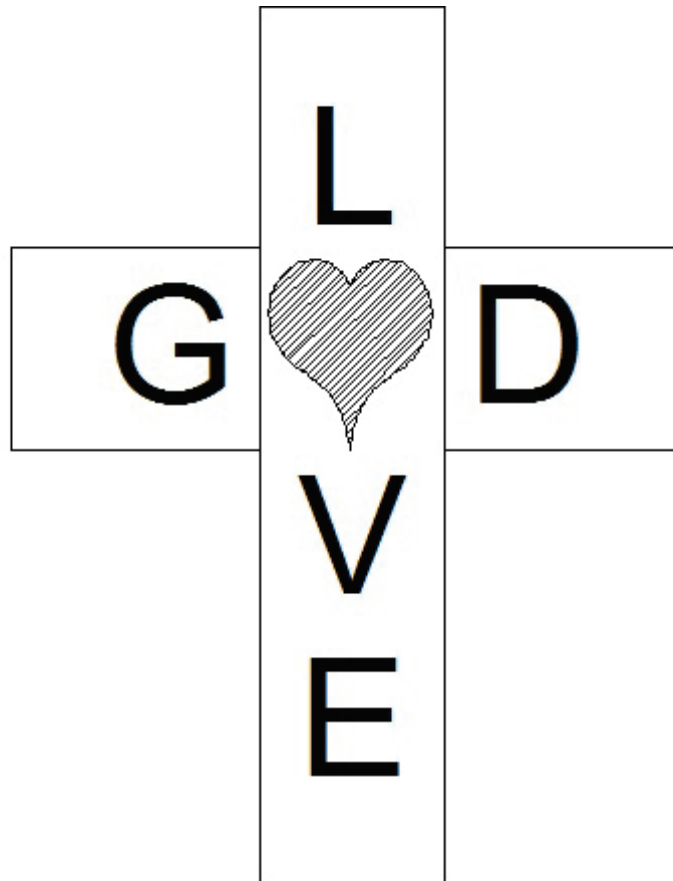


Rome

Inner Aim: Paul is taken to Rome

Activity One

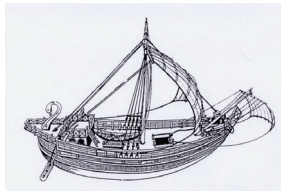
Draw faces all around the cross to show that Jesus came to save all people.
Color them and the cross.



God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have
everlasting life. John 3:16

Activity Two

Draw a line to match the "S" word with the picture from the lesson.



ship

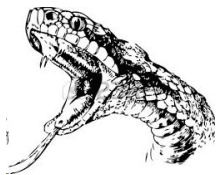
soldier



shipwreck

snake

Savior



Outer Aim: *Paul was a prisoner of Jesus Christ.*

Bible Passages

The Son of Man as come to save that which was lost. Matthew 18:11

Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

- ◆ Can you name someone to whom Paul preached the Gospel?
- ◆ Who can you tell about Jesus?

Prayer/Hymn TLH 507

Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word,
Spread the kingdom of the Lord.
Wheresoe'er Hie breath has giv'n
Life to beings meant for heav'n. Amen