

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:

- This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two-year-olds through kindergarten. Please remember to slow way down for two-year-olds and keep the pace moving for five-year-olds.
- ② This symbol represents ideas that can be used for two- and three-year-olds.
- ④ This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 1:10: Agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** As the children are working in the Hook Centers and throughout the morning, identify vocabulary words you want your class to understand for that day's lesson. Emphasize one or two new words from the Bible Adventure to teach and repeat throughout the morning so the story may be more easily understood. Today's lesson might include the words "correction" (review), "wisdom," and "wise."
- Correct the Pictures: (1CO02ECGF4, 1CO02ECGF5, 1CO02ECGF6, and 1CO02ECGF7)** Have the children look at the pictures and find the things that are wrong. Let the children tell you how they would correct the picture to make it right. "To correct something is to change it and make it right. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthians to correct the way they were thinking and acting."
- City of Corinth Review: (Review 1CO01ECGF5)** "Paul lived in the city of Corinth with his friends Aquila and Priscilla. They worked making tents. Paul left Corinth, but he missed his friends there and wrote them this letter we call First Corinthians." Have the children color the **1CO01ECGF5** review picture and glue a flap of material over the opening to the tent so it can be lifted up to look inside. A Bible sticker could be put under the flap of material.
- "Looking for God's Wise Words" Center:** "Paul wrote the Corinthians to tell them to look for the truth when they were being taught by different teachers. The truth can be found in the Bible. The Bible has God's wise words. God is wiser than any person." Bring a cell phone, alarm clock, or some other noise maker and set it to go off during the Hook Time. Hide the noisemaker with a Bible and allow the children to search for the item when they hear it make noise. Just as the children are looking for what is making the strange noise, Paul told the Corinthians to search the Scriptures for God's wise words.
- Sorting Pictures: (1CO02ECGF9 and 1CO02ECGF10)** Give the children these sheets showing pictures of good and bad behaviors and let them color them. Then cut them apart and sort them according to wise and foolish. Explain to the children that a person is wise if he does what God tells him to do in the Bible. He is foolish to do what God says is wrong.
- Puzzle Center:** "There is only one correct way to put a puzzle together. Paul wrote his letter to the new Christians in Corinth to correct their attitudes and their way of thinking. They were not listening to God's words in the Bible but were arguing about their favorite teachers. Paul wanted them to do the correct thing and follow God's wise words in the Bible." Provide several puzzles for the children to put together. Encourage them to finish the puzzle they start and help them if needed.

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- The Teacher's Box:** Mix teacher and carpenter work items in a box. Items to be included in the box are: book, writing paper, ruler, glue, scissors, saw, hammer, screwdriver, pencil, etc. Let one child in the group pretend to be a teacher and another child pretend to be the carpenter. Let the other children in the group pull items from the box and give them to the correct person. Some of the items may be used by a teacher and a carpenter. Which items are these? "Teachers in Paul's time didn't have all these items to help them teach. They needed to remember what they had heard someone else teach them."
 - God's Truth Says, "Be Kind to Each Other":** Bring to class a special game or toy that the children have not seen but will be able to carefully use. Toy ideas may include a special doll house, remote control car, riding toy, etc. Under close supervision, allow the children to take turns using the toy. Emphasize being kind to each other as they wait for their turn or learn to share. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul tells the Corinthians to be kind to each other. They were quarreling and wanted to be proud, so Paul wrote his letter to correct their attitudes."
 - Quarreling--Agreeing Game:** Divide children into groups according to their likes (colors, favorite cereal, dogs better than cats, playing outside better than inside, etc.). One at a time let each team state their case and argue with the other teams. They might chant about the thing they like best. Help a big, selfish fight to occur! Then say, "What is the right thing to do?" Have the children share a big hug and agree that it doesn't matter what they like best. Let another team start the next quarrel. "What were the Corinthians arguing about? Some liked Peter, some Paul, some Apollos, and some Jesus. Were they right to argue about this? No! All of the teachers were wise because they taught God's words. The Corinthians should have loved each other and listened to the wise Bible teachers."
 - Paul's Message Everywhere: (1CO02ECGF8)** Paul's message everywhere was "Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment that you deserve for your sins." Provide telephones for children to call friends and tell them about Jesus. Visit another classroom as if you were Paul taking the message. Color the GF8 houses and stores and draw a happy face on your finger that goes from door to door telling others about Jesus.
 - Musical Chairs:** Place chairs in a circle and tape pictures of a Bible on the inside back of several. The children walk in a circle inside the chairs as long as the music is playing. When the music stops, the children find a chair quickly. Those seated on a chair with a Bible on the back stay in the game. "We will find out in our Bible Adventure today that the Bible has God's wise words in it that help us be winners in our behaviors."



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

- Color the **1CO02ECGF1**, **1CO02ECGF2**, and **1CO02ECGF3** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures and the review pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save them for review in future lessons.
- Presentation:** Invite a fourth grade class of children to come in and role play with four teachers. They can align themselves with one teacher and say why they like that teacher. "This is exactly what the Corinthians were doing, and it was wrong. They needed to do what the Bible says to do. Paul wrote to them to help them be wise and not foolish."
- "The Wind Tells Me" Finger Play:**

The wind tells me, *(Sway arms like a tree in the wind.)*
The birds tell me, *(Flap arms.)*
The Bible tells me, too, *(Form hands like a book.)*
How wise our Father is, *(Arms outstretched.)*
And now I'm telling you. *(Point to others.)*

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the review 1CO01ECGF7 picture.) Paul wrote the people in the Corinthian church to correct their proud attitudes. They were to stop quarreling over which teacher they liked the best. Paul told them to agree with what the teachers were teaching from the Scriptures. He wanted them to thank God for each other and be kind to each other.

(Show the 1CO02ECGF1 picture.) God does not want us to be proud of our own wise thoughts. He doesn't want us to argue about who is the wisest. The sinful people in the city of Corinth were doing that. Paul didn't want the new Christians to be like them.

(Hold up your Bible.) This is God's wisdom. God's wisdom is different from people's wisdom. Only God can tell us the truth about life, and we can learn God's wisdom from the Bible. The Holy Spirit teaches us what the Bible means.

(Show the 1CO02ECGF2 picture.) People who don't have the Holy Spirit and the Bible think they don't need God. They feel they are smart and know the best way to live their own lives. This is called pride. Proud people say to themselves, "I don't have a sin problem. I don't really need Jesus to forgive my sins because I try to be good most of the time." God calls that kind of thinking "foolishness" because He tells us in the Bible that everyone has a sin problem and needs Jesus to forgive his sins. God is wiser than any person.

(Show the 1CO02ECGF3 picture.) Paul told the Corinthians that when he preached to them about Jesus, he was not trying to persuade them with his own wise words. He only preached what God told him to preach. The people believed in Jesus, and God's power changed their hearts. Paul told the Corinthians to believe God's words and not to trust in the wisdom of other people. Paul said that God's Holy Spirit would give them power to understand and obey God's words.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Help us listen to Your wise words in the Bible and obey them. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4's, 5's & K-

(Show the review 1CO01ECGF1 picture of Paul writing a letter.) We are learning from a new book of the Bible. Who can remember the name of the book Paul wrote in the New Testament? (*First Corinthians. Sing the first verse of "Paul Wrote a Letter"—see Song section.*)

(Show the review 1CO01ECGF7 picture.) Paul was sad about how the people in the Corinthian church were arguing with each other over who was the best teacher—Paul, Peter, Apollos, or Jesus. Paul wrote in his letter, "Stop quarreling over which teacher you like. Start agreeing with what the teachers are teaching from the Scriptures. Thank God for each other and be kind to each other."

(Show the 1CO02ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote, "You are not thinking like God wants you to think. You need correction, and as God's apostle, it is my job to give you God's wisdom." God does not want you to be proud of your own wise thoughts. Don't argue about who is wisest. That is like what the sinful people around you in Corinth are doing. Don't be like them."

Paul said, "People who don't believe in Jesus do not have God's wisdom or the Holy Spirit to teach them. They have their own thoughts, which are not God's wisdom."

(Hold up your Bible.) This is God's wisdom. God's wisdom is different from people's wisdom. Even the wisest person on earth cannot figure out what God is thinking. Only God can tell us the truth about life, and we can learn God's wisdom from the Bible. The Holy Spirit teaches us what the Bible means.

(Show the 1CO02ECGF2 picture.) People who don't have the Holy Spirit and the Bible might think to themselves, "I don't need God or the Bible. I am smart. This is my life, and I want to live it my way. I don't want to listen to God or my parents."

That is pride, isn't it, to think we don't need God's wisdom. Proud people say to themselves, "I don't have a sin problem. I don't really need Jesus to forgive my sins because I try to be good most of the time." God calls that kind of thinking "foolishness" because He tells us in the Bible that everyone has a sin problem and needs Jesus to forgive his sins. That is what Paul preached when he went to Corinth. That is what Paul preached wherever he went—that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment that you and I deserve for our sins.

(Show the 1CO02ECGF3 picture.) Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "When I came to preach to you about Jesus, I wasn't trying to persuade you with my own wise words. In fact, I probably didn't sound very wise compared to some of the wise-sounding speakers who come to speak at Corinth. I only preached what God told me to preach—His wise words. And you believed God's words, and God's power has changed your hearts."

(Show the review 1CO01ECGF7 picture.) Paul wrote, "I am writing God's words, not my own wise ideas, in this letter because it is God's power, not my words, that can change your proud attitude to a humble attitude. It is foolish to divide up against each other like you are doing. That is not God's wisdom.

(Show the review 1CO01ECGF8 picture.) Start listening to the Bible and agreeing with what it says. Put your trust in God's wisdom and not in the wisdom of other people who don't know God. Take correction so that you will honor God. God's Holy Spirit gives you power to obey His words and live His right ways."

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Help us listen to Your wise words in the Bible and obey them. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Who wrote the people in the Corinthian church to correct their proud attitudes and to tell them to stop quarreling?** *(Paul.)*
2. **Who has a sin problem and needs Jesus to forgive their sins?** *(Everyone.)*
3. **Where can we learn about God's wisdom?** *(Bible. Show the children the memory verse in your Bible and say it together.)*

Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

1. **What letter are we learning from in Bible School?** *(First Corinthians.)*
2. **Who wrote First Corinthians?** *(Paul.)*
3. **Where can we find God's wisdom?** *(Bible.)*
4. **Instead of quarreling over which teacher is the wisest, what did Paul tell the Corinthians to do?** *(Say the memory verse.)*



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write the individual questions on small cards and attach a yarn string to each one. Put the cards in your closed Bible and have a child pull one of the strings to get the question to be read.

- Additional Aim Questions for older children:**
 1. Who teaches us what the Bible means? *(Holy Spirit.)*
 2. What is it called when we don't think we need God's wisdom? *(Pride.)*
 3. Who preached to the Corinthians only what God told him to preach? *(Paul.)*
 4. Who would it honor if the Corinthians corrected their attitudes and stopped quarreling? *(God.)*

- Transition Idea:** Walk in a proud manner with your nose in the air and your hands on your hips. Then march happily while singing the following song:

Get Wisdom from God *(tune: "Happy Birthday")*

Get your wisdom from God.
Get your wisdom from God.
It's all in the Bible.
Get your wisdom from God.

We listen to God.
We listen to God.
It's all in the Bible.
We listen to God.

- Snack Suggestion:** While eating, talk about the wisest people you know. Allow the children to suggest their parents, doctors, policemen, etc. Then ask who is wiser than any person. *(God.)* Sing "God Is So Wise" to the tune "God Is So Good."

- Snack Discussion and Object Lesson:** Place two flashlights on the table, one without batteries. If it doesn't have batteries, it doesn't work. Just like a flashlight needs batteries, a person needs Jesus to make him wise and not foolish. When a person believes in Jesus and asks Him into his heart, he receives God's wisdom to understand the Bible. Having God's wisdom helps a person shine for Jesus. When a person doesn't have Jesus, he turns from the Bible and God's wisdom and does wrong, foolish things. We don't shine at all. When we walk in obedience to the Bible and have Jesus in our hearts, we know the right, wise things to do.

- Review Questions:** Hide Bible stickers around the room. When a child answers a question right or says the memory verse, he gets to find a sticker and wear it the rest of the day. "We get God's wisdom from the Bible."

- Wise Recognition:** When you see children doing kind, unselfish, good things, chant the following words, "Hooray, Hooray! (Child's name) was wise today."

“God’s Wisdom or My Wisdom” Activity Page: (1CO02ECGF11 and 1CO02ECGF12) Copy the GF11 and GF12 pages back-to-back and give a copy to each child. Give each child ten, 4” lengths of yarn. As the children glue or tape pieces of yarn from the Bible to the pictures around the child who is looking to God for wisdom, talk about how we find God’s wisdom. Do the same with the other side of the page. Explain to the children that learning math, spelling, reading, and art is good for us unless we become proud of our own wisdom. God’s wisdom is higher than the learning of the smartest people and is found in the Bible.

“Which Teacher Sounds Good to You?” Game: Position two or three leaders in different areas of the room. The children start in the center of the room, sitting on the floor by an open Bible. A question is asked of all the leaders and the children choose if one of the leader’s answers sounds good to them. They leave the center of the room and stand by that leader. Some children may choose to stay in the center of the room by the open Bible and allow them to choose that position. As the questions are asked and answered and the children change positions according to the answers they hear, hopefully the children will see how silly it is to keep changing teachers. After each question, give only a short time for the children to choose who gave the best answer and to go stand by that leader. Give the leaders some warning about the questions so they can think of quick answers without repeating what was already answered. It’s important to keep this game moving.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?
What pet would you most like to have?
What is your favorite day of the week and why?
What is your favorite color?
What food do you like to eat?
What is your favorite TV show?
Where would you like to go that you have never been?
What is your favorite toy?
What is your favorite song from Bible School?
What’s your favorite thing about God?

After all the questions are read, ask which teacher is the wisest. Bring the conversation around to the Bible in the center of the room. Who is the wisest person? God is wiser than any person.

“Wise or Foolish” Game: Let the children decide if each of the following situations is a result of Godly, Biblical wisdom or of foolish, worldly wisdom. When you mention a wise thing, the children clap and yell--“yeah!” If you say something foolish, they slump in their chairs with their heads down and shaking “no.”

When I talk angry to my parents, I am wise.
When I steal a friend’s toy...
When I tell the truth...
When I obey when asked to do a job at home...
When I listen to Bible stories...
When I get mad and hurt my friend...
When I hang up my clothes as Mom asked me to do...
When I help the neighbor...
When I don’t tell the truth when asked who hit first...
When I think I don’t need Jesus to forgive my sins...
We all have a sin problem and need Jesus to forgive our sins.

“Where Do I Belong?” Game: Use the examples listed above in the “Wise and Foolish” game and add more of your own. Place the examples in a basket. A child comes up and pulls an example out of the basket. After reading it, he goes to the place that represents that behavior. If the action or attitude was foolish (based upon God’s definition), the child quietly goes to the corner of the room and sits slumped on the floor. If it was a wise thing to do, he goes to the table with open Bibles on it. “When we know Jesus and listen to the Bible, we learn things to make us wise—how to do what is right and not what is foolish. We listen to God.”

Showing Kindness Game: “It is always wise to show kindness.” Give each child a bean bag and ask them to balance it on the top of their hands, on their head, on one finger, or any other way to hold it without grasping it. The children move while music is playing; but if anyone drops his bag, he has to freeze until someone kindly comes and picks it up for him without dropping his own bag. If theirs drops also, they are both frozen.

Freezing Wisdom: Give children instructions to move around the room doing different actions (raking the yard, washing the floor, dusting the furniture, mixing cookies, picking up toys, walking to the neighbor's house, feeding and petting the dog, pretending to bowl, swinging a baseball bat). When you say, "Get wise," the children run quickly to touch a Bible placed around the room or stand on a paper pattern you have taped to the floor. If you say, "Be foolish," the children stop, put their noses in the air, and with their thumbs point to themselves. They stay there until you give the next instructions for movement.

Action Song: *(tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")*
If you don't have Jesus, you can't be wise. *(Walk slowly in place, slumped, looking sad.)*
If you don't have Jesus, you can't be wise.
If you don't have Jesus, you are sure to be a fool.
If you don't have Jesus, you can't be wise.

With Jesus in your heart, you will be wise. *(March in place, arms swinging happily.)*
With Jesus in your heart, you will be wise.
With Jesus in your heart, you will listen and you'll learn. *(Cup ears and fold hands like a book.)*
With Jesus in your heart, you will be wise.

Songs:

1 Corinthians 1:10 Memory Verse Song *(tune: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")*
Agree wi-ith one another
So that the-ere may be no-o
Divisio-ions a-among you.
First C'rinthians one, ten.

② **1 Corinthians 1:10 Memory Verse Song** *(tune: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")*
Agree wi-ith one another
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First C'rinthians one, ten.

Read Your Bible and Pray Every Day
(Start in a squatting position and slowly get taller.)
Read your Bible and pray every day, pray every day, pray every day.
Read your Bible and pray every day and you'll grow, grow, grow.
And you'll grow, grow, grow,
And you'll grow, grow, grow.
Read your Bible and pray every day and you'll grow, grow, grow.
(Slowly lower yourself back down to the floor.)
Don't read your Bible and don't ever pray, don't ever pray, don't ever pray,
Don't read your Bible and don't ever pray, and you'll shrink, shrink, shrink.
And you'll shrink, shrink, shrink,
And you'll shrink, shrink, shrink.
Don't read your Bible and don't ever pray, and you'll shrink, shrink, shrink.

Good News! *(tune: "Good News! Chariots are Coming")*
Good news! *(Echo.)* Jesus forgives. *(Sing three times.)*
He can make us right with God.
Bad news! *(Echo.)* We have a problem! *(Sing three times.)*
Our problem is our sin.



Took:

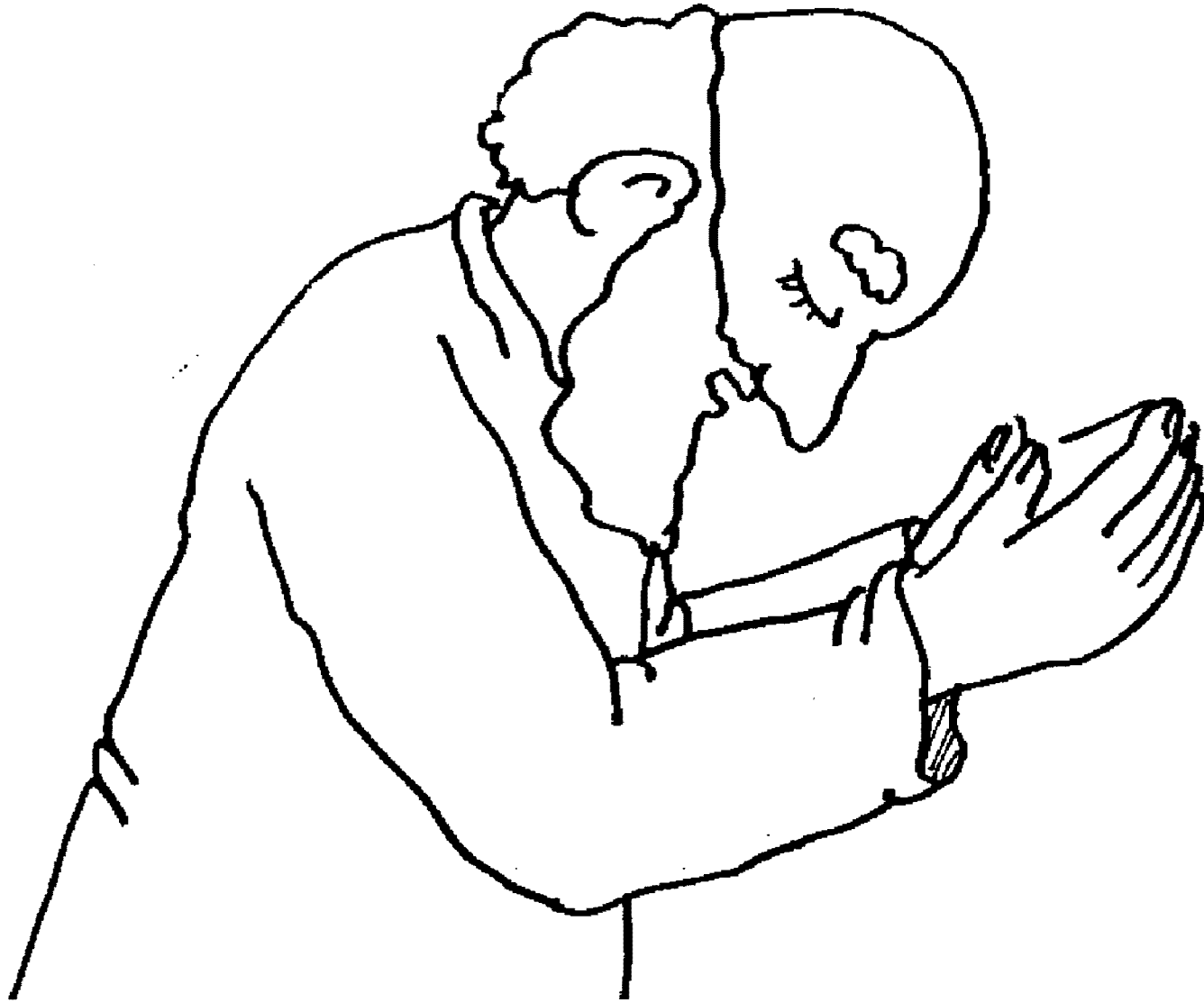
- My Storybook and Tape Holder:** Last week each child was given a manila file folder to take home. This week give any new children an opportunity to make one. See last week's **Took** section for instructions.
- My Book of Wisdom: (1CO02ECGF9, 1CO02ECGF10, and 1CO02ECGF15)** Cut white paper in half across the 8" width. Fold these in half and staple in the center to form a book. Glue a GF15 picture of a Bible on the front. Inside, glue GF9 and GF10 pictures the children have chosen that are right, wise behaviors according to the Bible.
- Who Is Truly Wise? (1CO02ECGF13 and 1CO02ECGF14)** Let the children color the GF13 children and use a brad paper fastener to attach the GF14 arms. Glue or tape a GF14 Bible to their hands. Draw a heart with a "J" in it on their shirts. "First we need to believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive our sin; and then we can get God's wisdom as we learn from the Bible."
- God's Wisdom or World's Wisdom Peek-a-Boo Page:** Glue small pictures (any from this lesson will work and as many or as few as would be appropriate for the age of children) on a piece of colored construction paper. Lay a second page over the top of the first page and draw squares or rectangles around the pictures. Cut out three sides of these rectangles to make "windows" that open so that you can peek at the pictures underneath. When the windows have been cut, glue or tape the window page on top of the picture page. The children will enjoy peeking to see which pictures show wise behaviors based upon God's words in the Bible and which show foolish or unwise behaviors.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (1CO02ECPPT)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



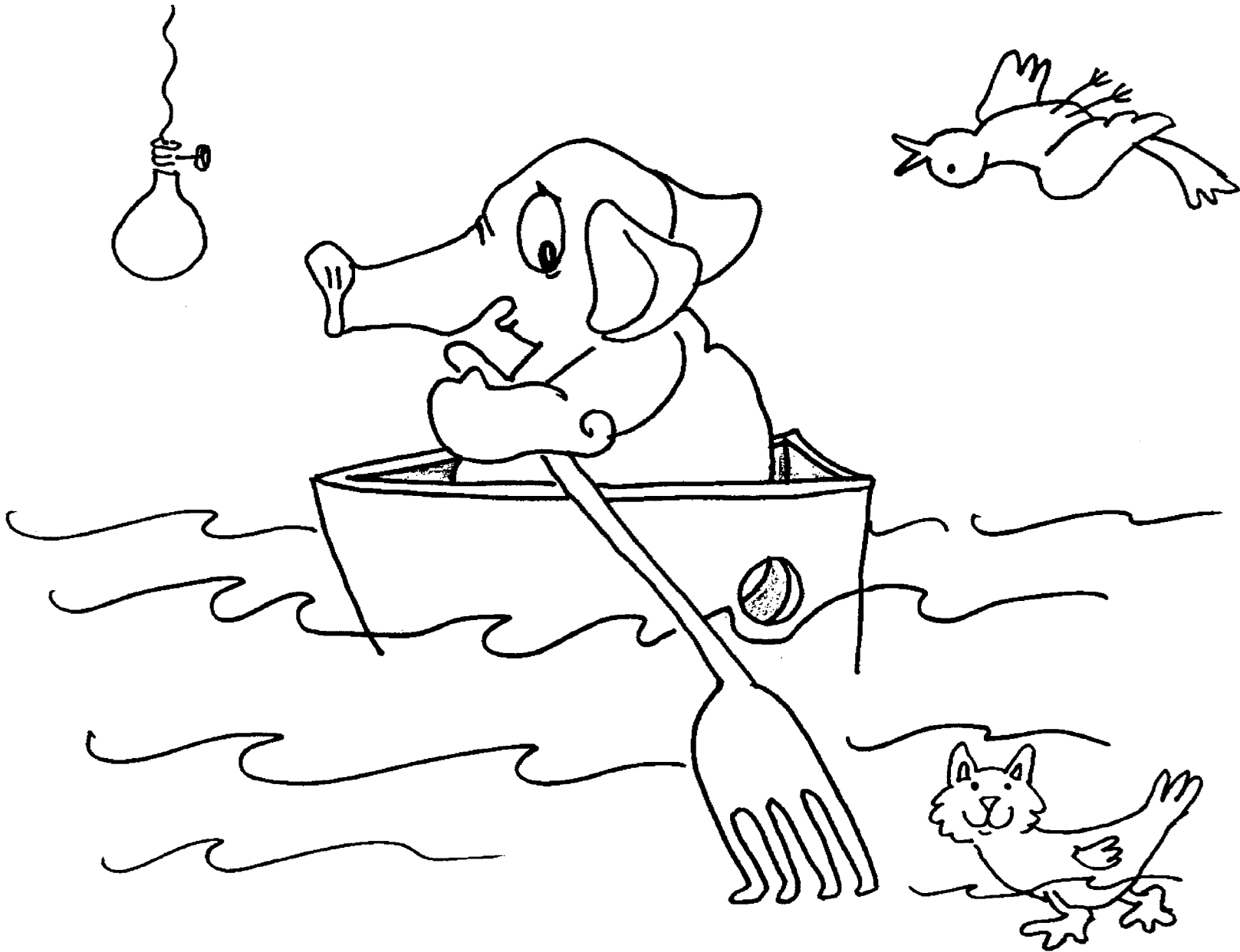
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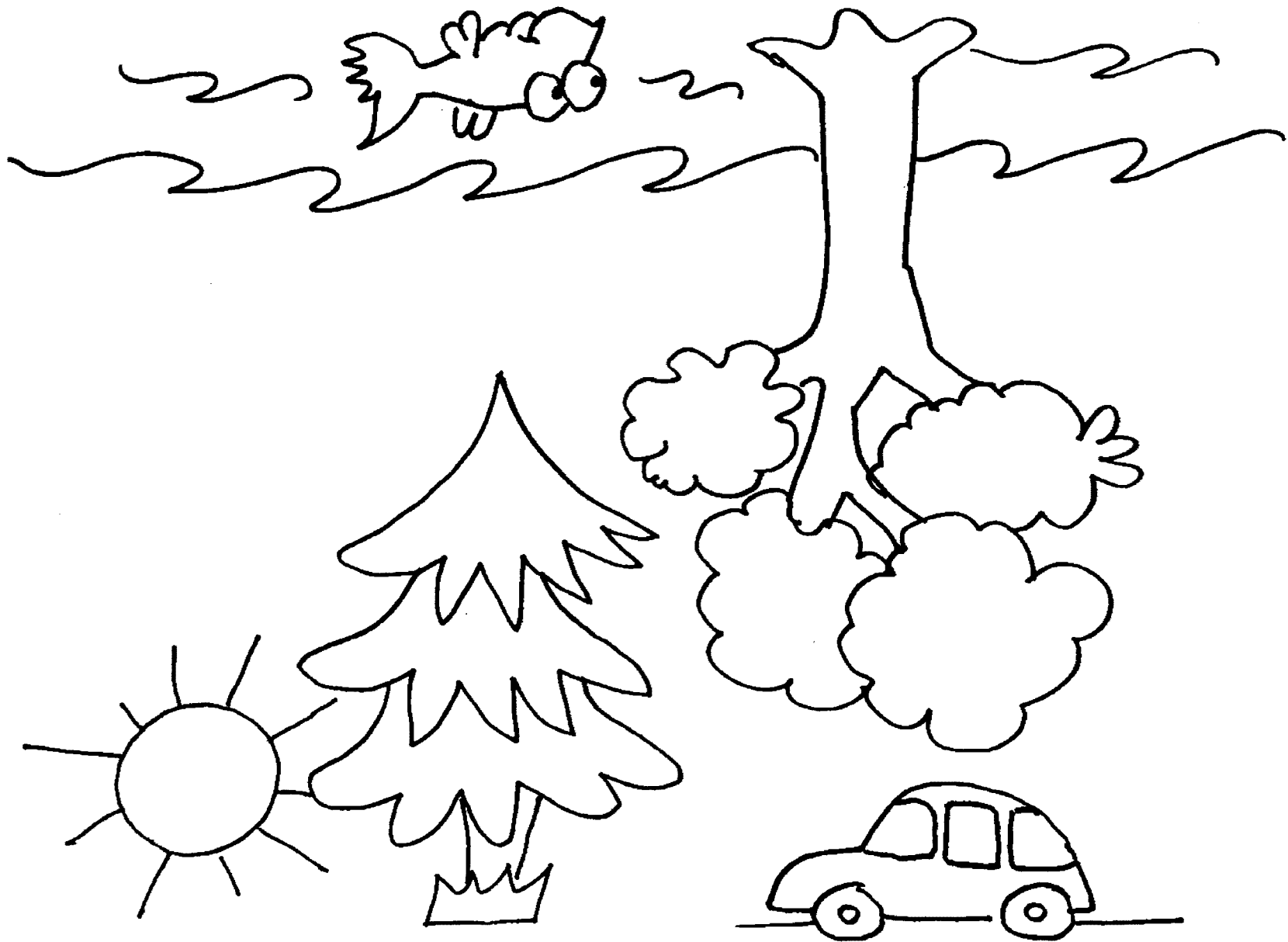
People who don't have the Holy Spirit don't understand God's Word.



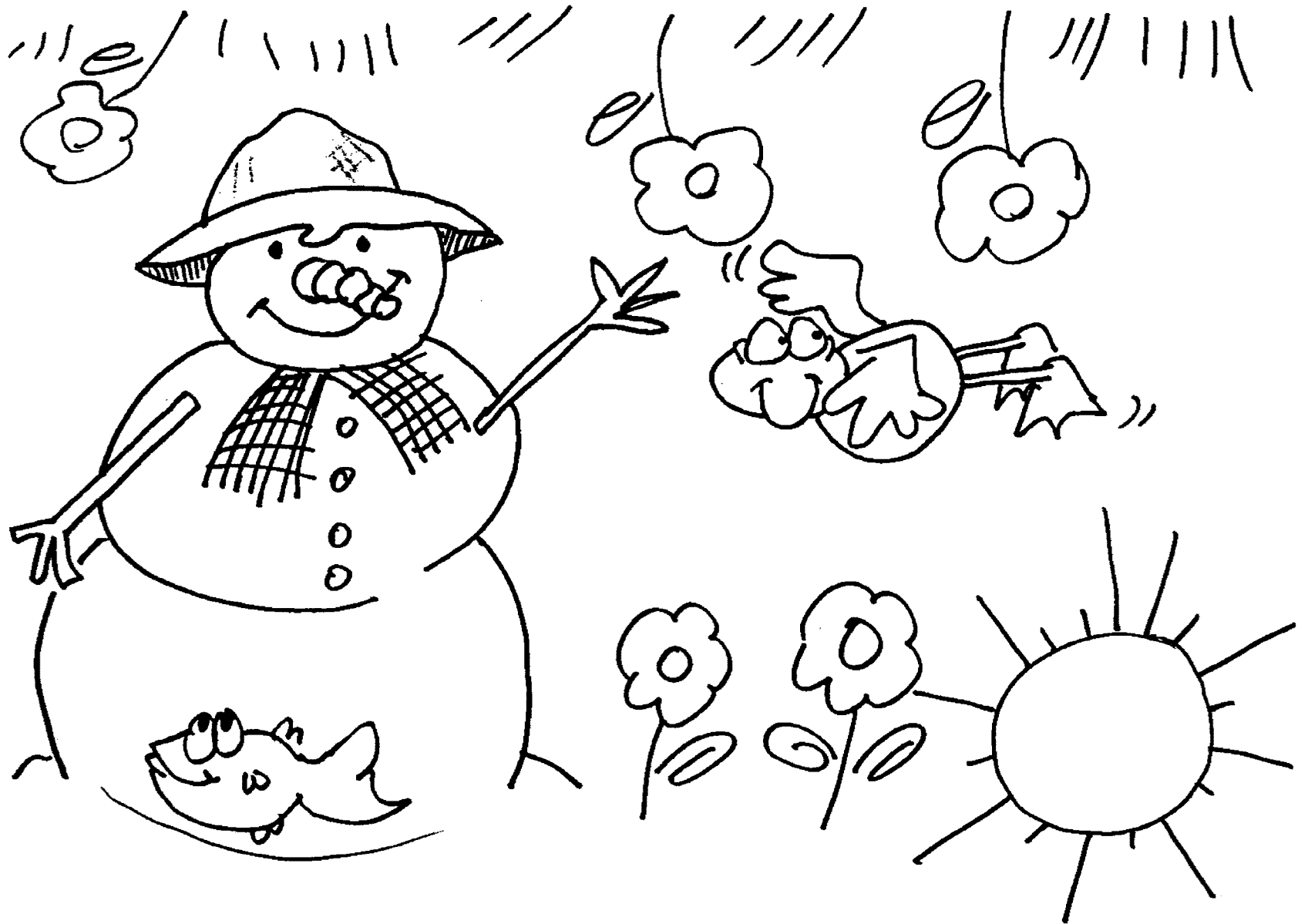
God's power comes from the Holy Spirit, not from wise-sounding words.



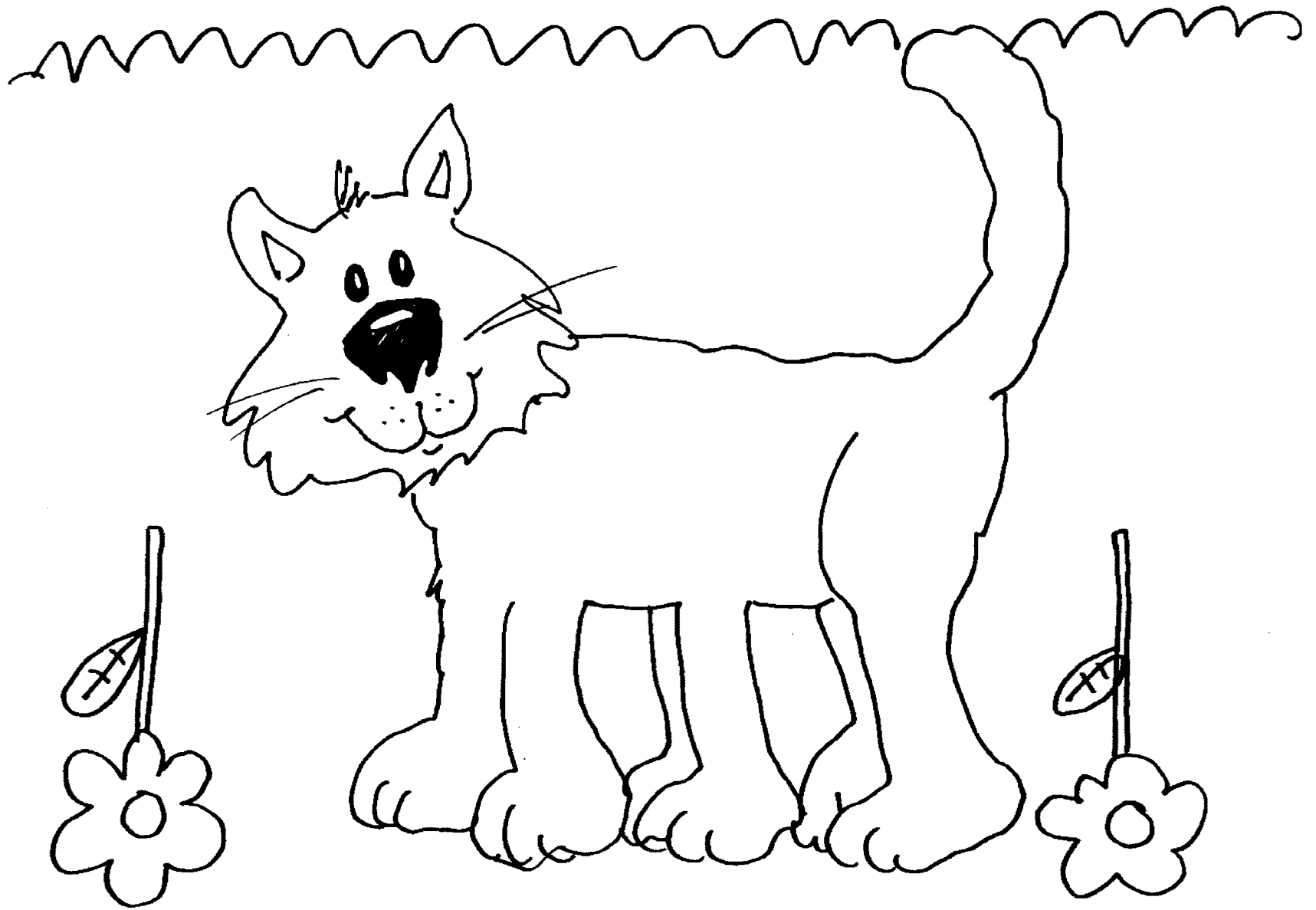
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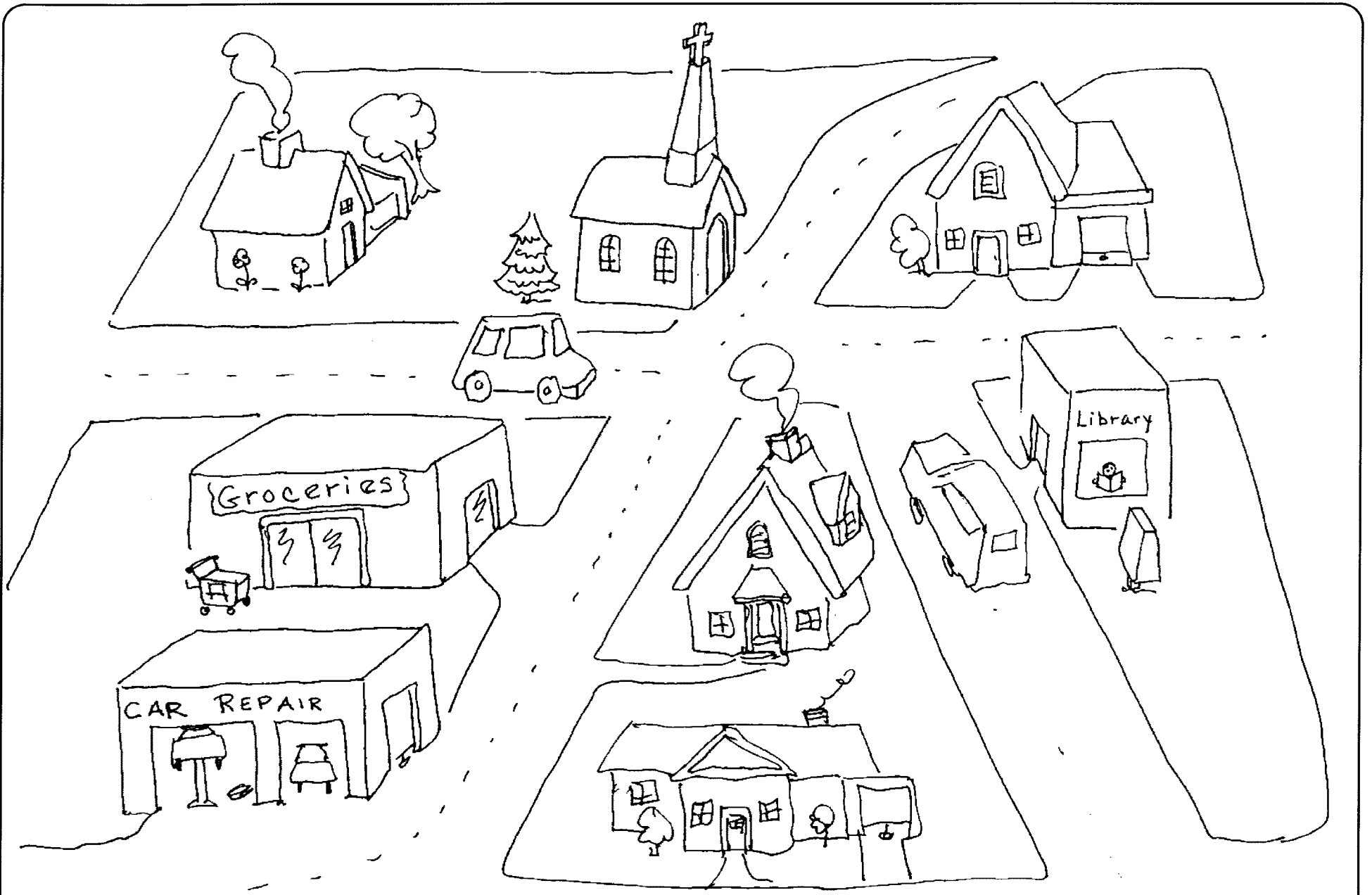
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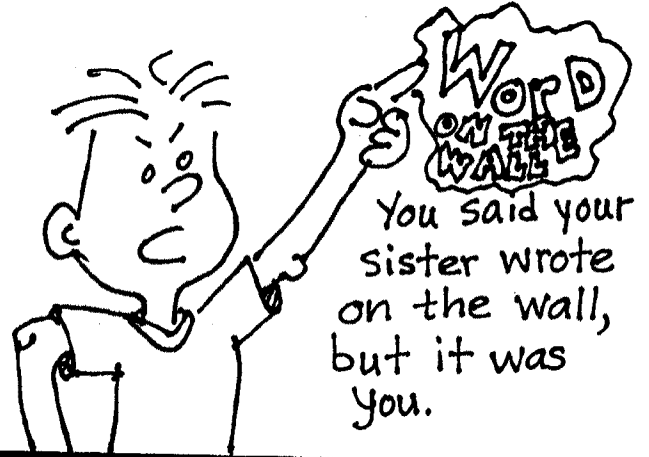
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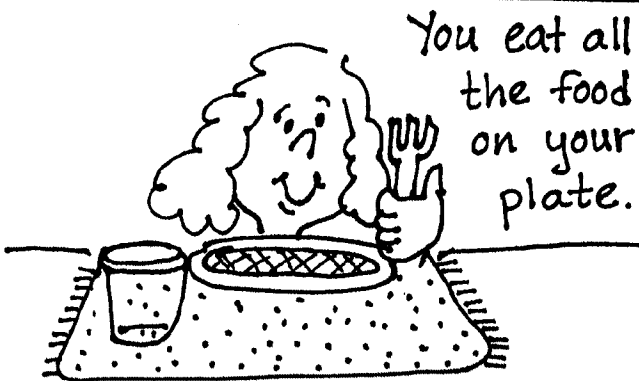
Let's tell the good news about Jesus wherever we go.



You said a bad word.

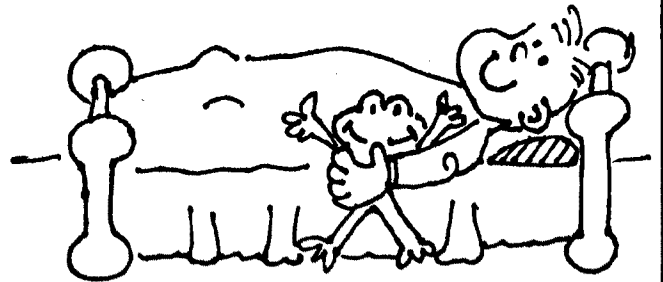


You said your sister wrote on the wall, but it was you.



You eat all the food on your plate.

You happily go to bed when you are asked.



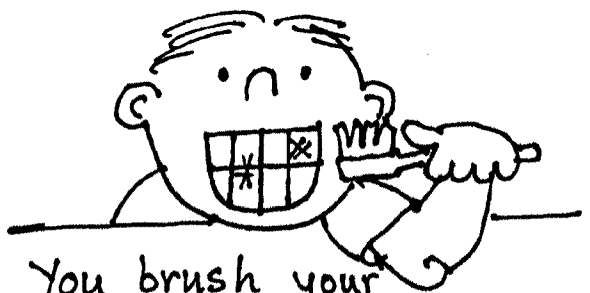
You help rake leaves.



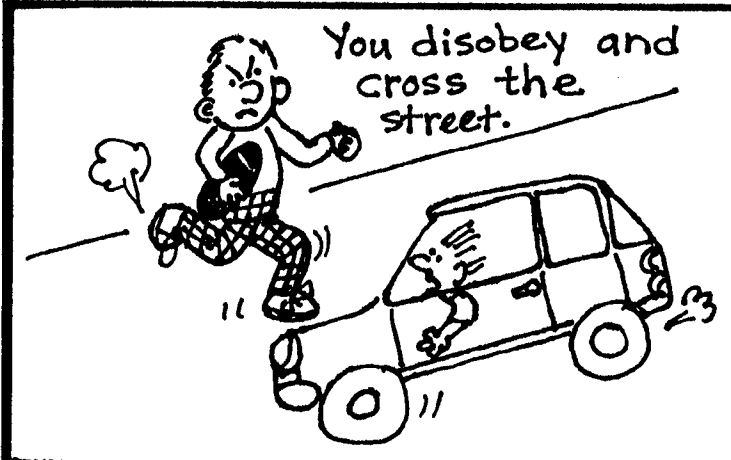
You clean up your room when told to.



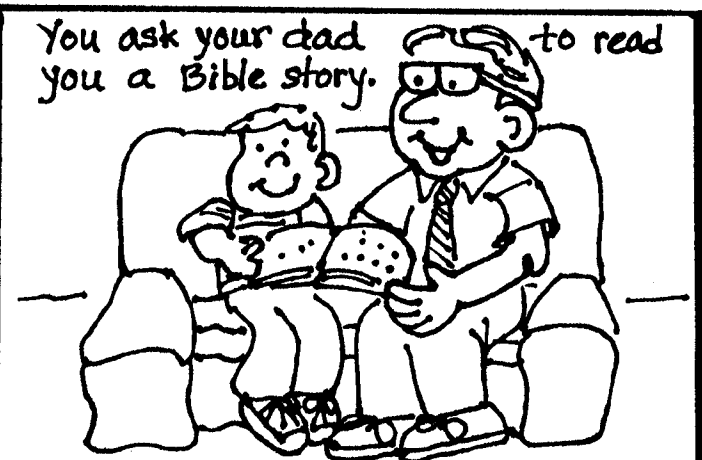
You feed the cat without being asked.



You brush your teeth until they are sparkling clean.



You disobey and cross the street.



You ask your dad to read you a Bible story.



You hit your friend because you are mad.



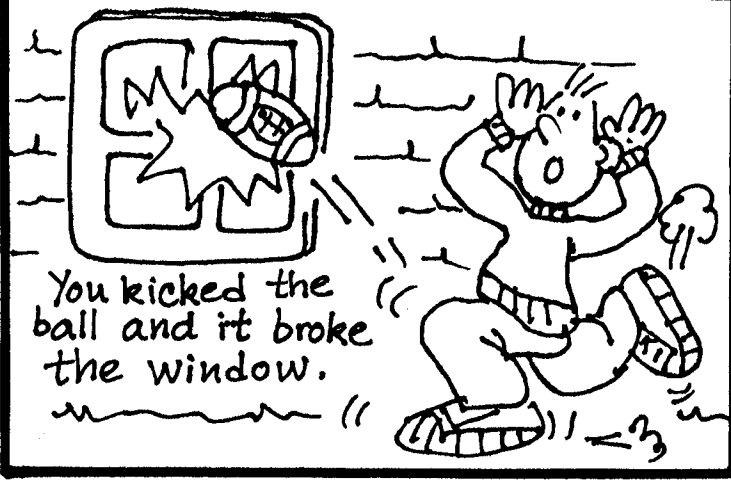
You say "No" when asked to take out the garbage.



You say "No" when asked to come in from outside.



You take the dishes off the table when asked.



You kicked the ball and it broke the window.

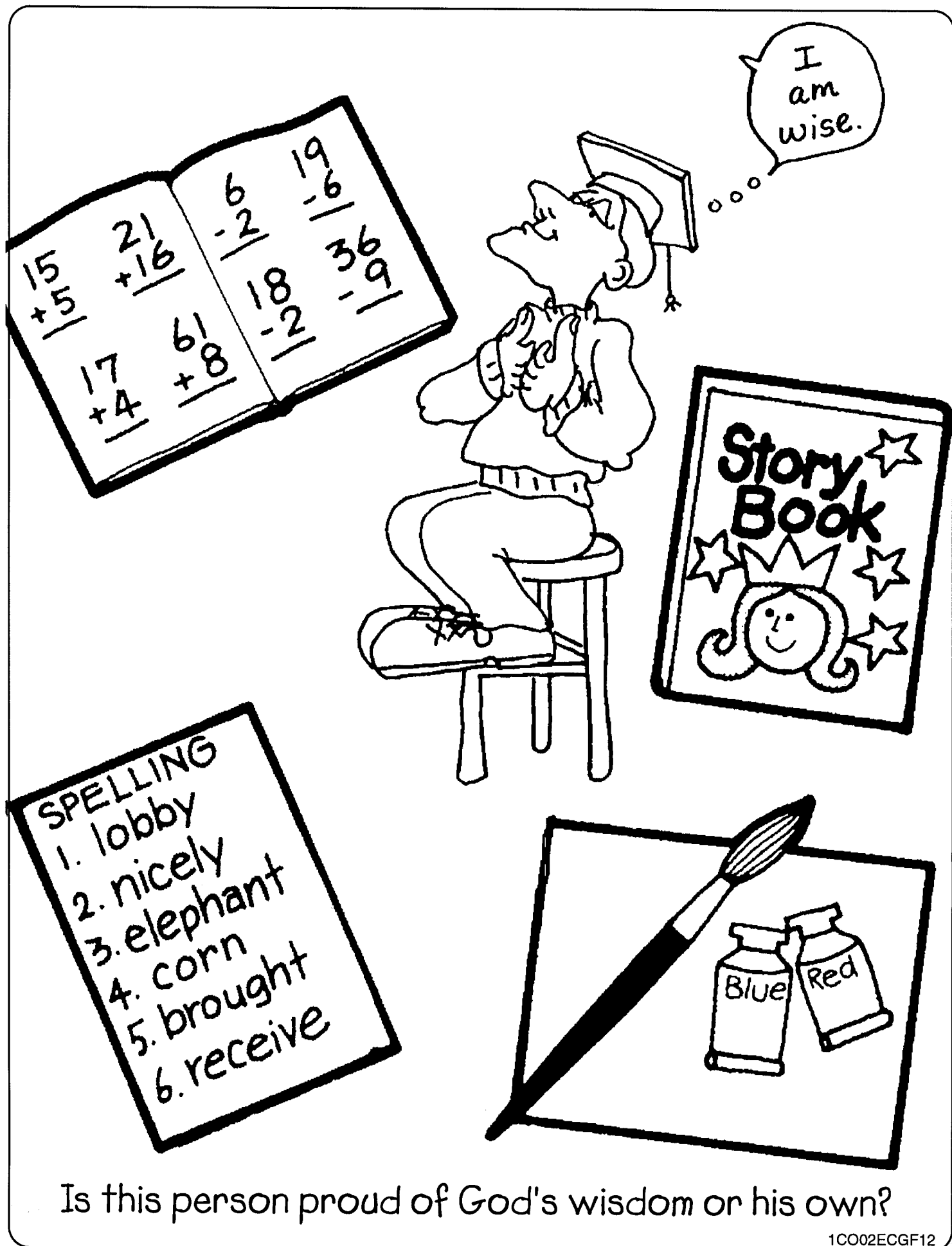


You hit your sister.



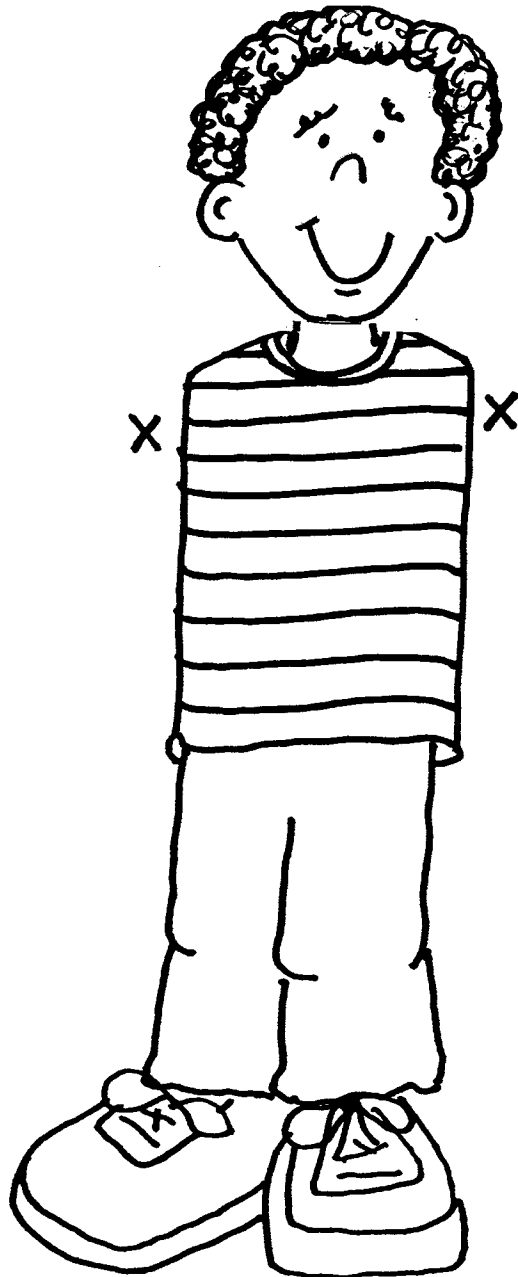
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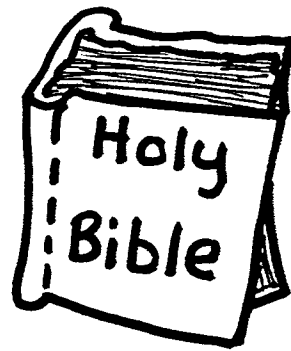
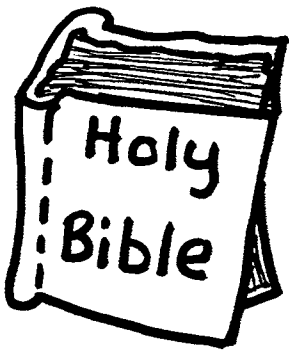
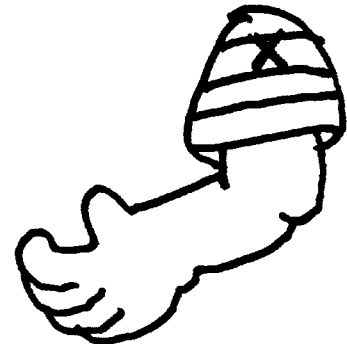
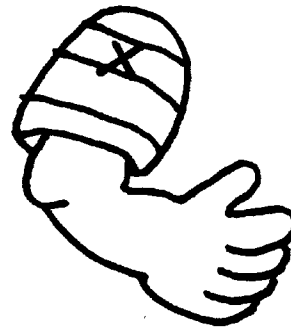
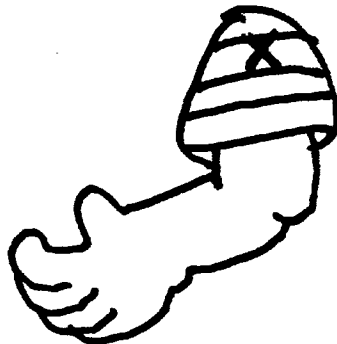
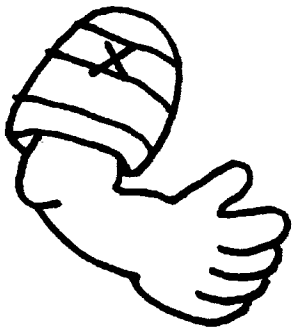
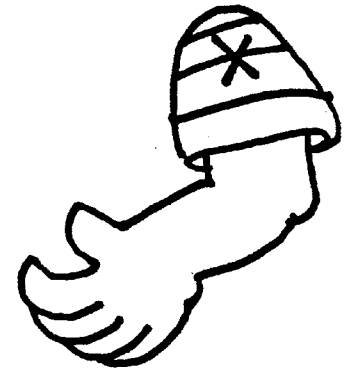
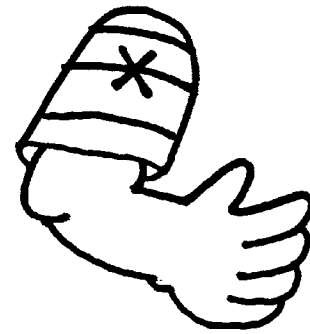
Where do we find God's wisdom?



Is this person proud of God's wisdom or his own?

Who is wise? Those who listen to God in the Bible.
Agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you. 1 Corinthians 1:10



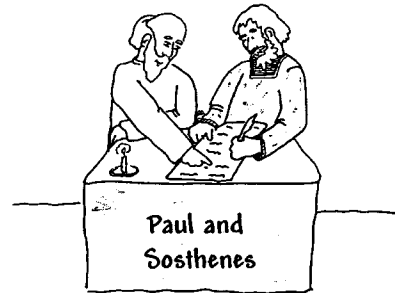




Preschool Page for Parents

Extended Bible School Training in the Home

April 14, 2002
First Corinthians Chapters 1:1-18-2:16



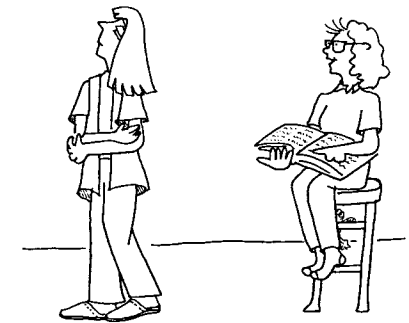
This is what I learned today!

Paul wrote the Corinthians to tell them to stop quarreling over which teacher they liked the best. They were to start agreeing with what these teachers were teaching from the Scriptures. Paul said their attitudes needed correcting. They needed God's wisdom. God is wiser than any person. The Bible is God's wisdom and it is different than people's wisdom. When people have faith that Jesus died for their sins, the Holy Spirit teaches them what the Bible means. People are proud if they don't think they need God's wisdom. Paul told the Corinthians he only preached what God told him to preach. It was God's power, not Paul's words, that changed the hearts of those who believed. Paul told the Corinthians to take correction and stop quarreling because that would honor God.

Today's Memory Verse

Agree with one another
so that there may be no
divisions among you.
1 Corinthians 1:10

Are you wise
or just a
"wise guy?"



This week teach your preschool children about the difference between God's wisdom and our own wisdom. When a child argues, fights, or disobeys, ask him, "Are you being wise like Jesus?" Explain to him that God's wisdom in the Bible tells us we must agree with and love one another. Sing the simple song below to the tune of "Happy Birthday."

(Verse 1)

We listen to God.
We listen to God.
It's all in the Bible.
We listen to God.

(Verse 2)

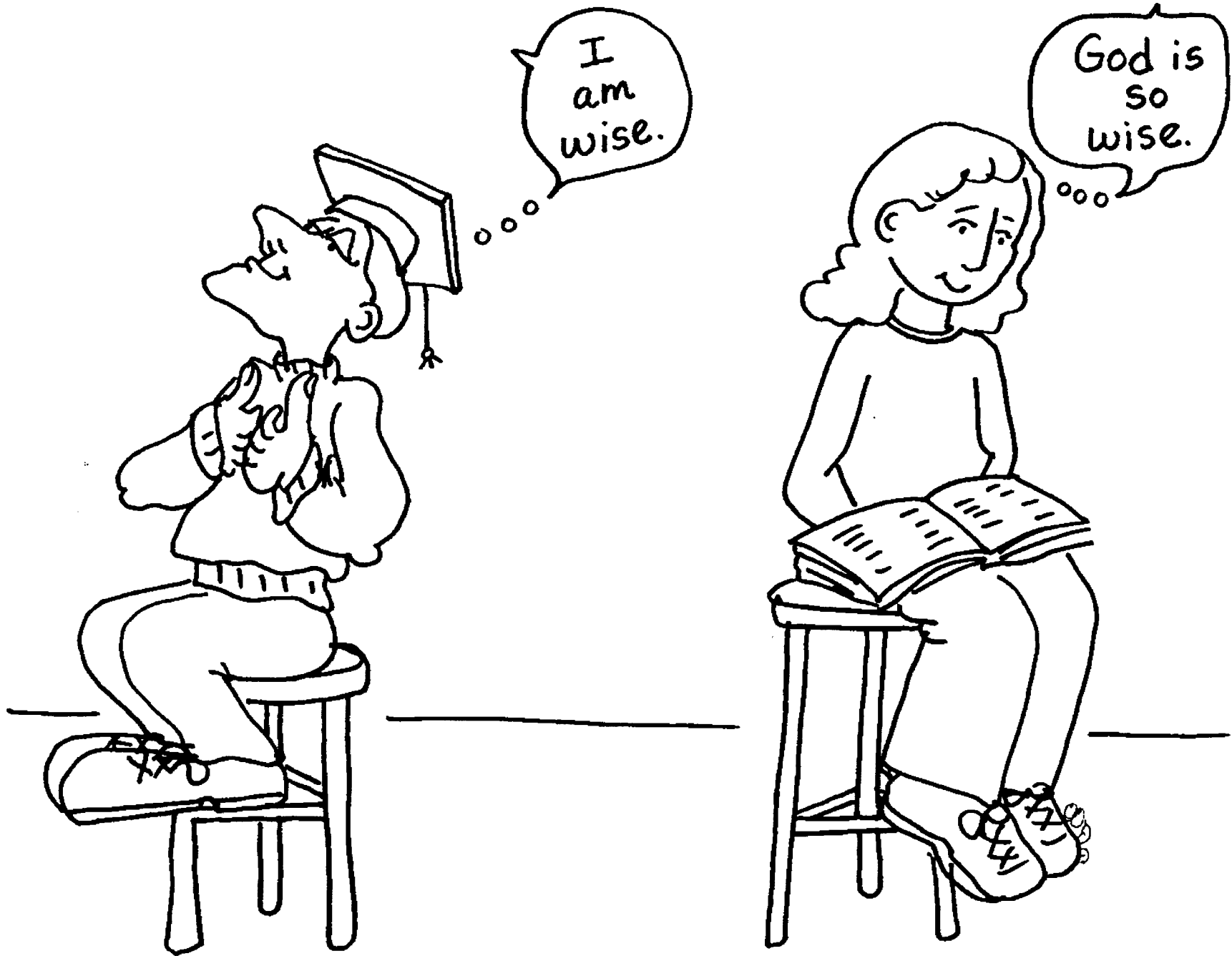
Get your wisdom from God.
Get your wisdom from God.
It's all in the Bible.
Get your wisdom from God.

Paul Wrote the Corinthians*

(tune: "Supercalafragilistic")

Paul wrote the Corinthians; they needed some correction.
They were arguing a lot; they needed new direction.
Paul said, "Now you must agree;
There should be no division.
You must try to get along; just make a good decision."

* For tunes to songs, ask about the preschool tape.



Paul says that God's wisdom is better than people's wisdom.