

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 Verses for 2 Corinthians:

2 Corinthians 1:21: Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:7: This all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 9:7: God loves a cheerful giver.

**Hook:**

Teacher Tip: Prayer should be an important part of your time spent with the children. Not only should you be praying for your children during the week, but you should also pray with your students after the Bible Adventure, before snack time, during discipline procedures, at **Hook** centers and at other times during the class period. Children learn how they can talk to God when it is modeled in the classroom. They also learn to bear one another's burdens, reach out to people they don't know, become aware of God's requirements for obedience and come to understand that God is the same at church as He is at home.



Hook Reviews: Choose any activities from the previous lessons that your class particularly enjoyed. It might be an idea you want to emphasize or a project you did not have time to do during the study of Second Corinthians.



Family Center: Provide a house and family figures for the children to set up a home. Talk about the children's families and also about God's family. "How is God's family different from ours?" (God's family is very large; it is made up of all kinds of people who live all over the world, are all ages, etc.) "How can we be in God's family?" (Be sorry for our sin and ask Jesus to forgive our sins and help us obey God's commands.)



Look Alike Center: "Paul wrote the Corinthians telling them to be like Jesus. They were to think and act like Jesus. Let's play a little game where you try to have your blocks look just like mine." Provide the children with different sizes and shapes of colored blocks. Have the table leader make a design with his blocks. "Who can copy the same design? Do your blocks look like the leader's blocks? What, if anything, is different? What can you change to make the two designs look the same?"



"Stand Firm in Christ" Center: Provide a balance beam for the children to walk along while the Memory Verse Song for 2 Corinthians 1:21 is sung. A bean bag or obstacle can be placed on the beam for the child to step over to make it a little more difficult for the older children. "If we walk with Jesus, God helps us to stand firm and not be wobbly in what we believe. The Corinthians needed to obey Jesus and stand firm in trusting Him."



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Color the **2CO07ECGF1** and **2CO07ECGF2** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Include the review pictures mentioned in the Bible Adventure. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Add any review pictures you have emphasized in the 2 Corinthians lessons.

"The Wind" Finger Play:

The wind came out to play one day,	<i>(Sway arms back and forth.)</i>
It swept the clouds out of its way.	
It blew the leaves and away they flew.	<i>(Shake hands in air.)</i>
The trees bent low and their branches did, too.	<i>(Touch hands to floor.)</i>
The strong wind blew Paul's ship at sea.	<i>(Make wave motions.)</i>
The same wind blows my kite from me!	<i>(Point upward.)</i>

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the 2CO07ECGF1 picture.) Paul gave his whole life to cheerfully preach the gospel message of Jesus Christ. He wrote Second Corinthians to tell the Corinthian Christians not to listen to the false teachers who were saying he was not a true apostle. Paul was teaching Jesus' very own words just like the other apostles taught. Paul told the Corinthians to be of one mind and agree with each other that he was teaching the truth.

(Show the review 2CO04ECGF3 picture.) Paul taught that Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment you and I deserve for our sins. When you believe the gospel message and give Jesus your sin, He gives you His goodness and makes you part of His family. He sends the Holy Spirit to live in your heart so that you can obey God.

Paul knew that most of the Corinthians in the church believed the good news about Jesus. He also knew there were a few who were not obeying Jesus. Paul prayed for them to stay away from wrong things. He wanted them to be sorry for their sin and to do the right things.

Paul wanted the Corinthians to be strong to obey God even when they knew they were weak in their bodies. *(Point to Jesus on the cross.)* Although Jesus seemed weak when He died on the cross, God's power was strong to bring Him back to life. *(Point to child's heart.)* We feel weak in our bodies, but God's power takes away our sins and makes us part of His family. ["This all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."]

(Show the review 2CO05ECGF1 picture.) Paul finished his letter saying, "Be of good comfort. God loves you. He will be with you for the rest of your life. He has power to make you strong to obey and power to help you love each other. Become like Jesus in every way."

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Jesus and the gospel that gives us power to obey You. Thank You for Apostle Paul who wrote Your words to the Corinthians and to us. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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

(Show the 2CO07ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote second Corinthians to tell the Corinthian Christians not to listen to the false teachers who were saying he was not a true apostle. "Don't listen to the false teachers. They are telling you a lie about me. They don't want you to believe the truth.

(Show the 2CO07ECGF2 picture.) "The truth is that I am telling you Jesus' very own words just like the other apostles teach. Be of one mind and agree with each other that I am telling you the truth."

(Show the review 2CO03ECGF1 picture.) Let's remember together some of the truths that Paul has been telling the Corinthians in his letter. He wrote, "The gospel of Jesus is a treasure, and I have cheerfully given my whole life to preach the gospel. The gospel about Jesus dying on the cross to take the punishment you and I deserve for our sins is the most important thing you will ever hear.

(Show the review 2CO04ECGF3 picture.) "When you believe the gospel and give Jesus your sin, He gives you His goodness and makes you part of His family. He sends the Holy Spirit to live in your heart so that you can obey God."

Paul knew that most of the Corinthians in the church believed this good news about Jesus, but there were a few who were not obeying Jesus very well. He wrote, "Become like Jesus in every way. I pray for you to stay away from wrong things that aren't good for you—any sin that you know is wrong. I am concerned that there are a few in the church who are not sorry for their sin and keep doing the wrong things.

"I am also concerned about your attitudes—that when I come to see you, there will be fighting and fits of temper. Don't be jealous of each other or brag about yourself. It is easy to be selfish, but God can help you do the right thing if you really belong to Him. 'It is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ' (2 Corinthians 1:21)." Do you remember our 2 Corinthians 1:21 Memory Verse? (*Repeat together.*) Here is another Memory Verse: "This all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). (*Repeat together.*)

Paul finished writing the letter that is called 2 Corinthians in our Bibles. Paul did not want the Corinthians to be confused; he wanted them to be strong to obey God even though they might feel weak in their bodies. Paul said, "Become like Jesus. (*Point to Jesus on the cross.*) Although Jesus seemed weak when He died on the cross, God's power was strong to bring Him back to life. In the same way we feel weak in our human bodies, but God's power takes away our sins and makes us part of His family."

(*Show the review 2CO05ECGF1 picture.*) Paul said, "Be of good comfort. God loves you, and He will be with you for the rest of your life. He has power to make you strong to obey and power to help you love each other. Become like Jesus in every way."

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Jesus and the gospel that gives us power to obey You. Thank You for Apostle Paul who wrote Your words to the Corinthians and to us. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Who wrote a letter to the Corinthian Christians to say he was a true apostle of Jesus Christ?** (*Paul.*)
2. **Who died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins?** (*Jesus.*)
3. **Whose power takes away our sins and makes us part of His family?** (*God, Jesus.*)
4. **Sing the three Memory Verse Songs.**

Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

1. **Why did Paul write the letter called 2 Corinthians?** (*He was defending his apostleship.*)
2. **What did Paul say is the treasure he gave his life to preach?** (*The gospel of Jesus.*)
3. **Was Paul a cheerful giver?** (*Yes. He cheerfully gave his life to preach the gospel. Say the 2 Corinthians 9:7 memory verse.*)
4. **How can we be strong to obey God and become like Jesus?** (*2 Corinthians 4:7: This all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*)



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Place several envelopes of two different colors in the story circle. One color (blue) will represent Paul's letters. The other color (yellow) will represent the words of the false teachers. Tell the children that Paul's letters are in the blue envelopes. Have the **Aim Questions** written and placed only in the blue envelopes. Ask a child to get one of Paul's envelopes to take to the teacher for the question to be read.
- Snack Suggestion:** Provide a piece of banana, uncooked spaghetti in the same lengths, and a small marshmallow for each child. Place an example of a design using these three food items in the center of each snack table. Have the children copy the design with their snack items. When their snack looks the same as the one in the center of the table, they can eat it. You may want to experiment with other foods to use or provide more bananas and marshmallows for eating. "Paul told the Corinthians to be like Jesus. Let's put our foods together to be like what is in the center of our snack table."
- Transition Idea:** Sing your favorite memory verse song from Second Corinthians as you move from one room to another.
- Frog Review Mobile:** (**2CO07ECGF3, 2CO07ECGF4, and 2CO07ECGF5**) Materials needed: 7 different lengths of various colored yarn for each child. Copy the GF5 Frog Review page onto cardstock paper and give one to each child to decorate. Copy and cut apart one set of seven GF3 and GF4 pictures for each child. As the children color their pictures, talk about what the picture is telling us from 2 Corinthians. Punch holes where indicated in the pictures and attach them to the GF5 frog with the yarn lengths to complete the mobile.

- Memory Verse Review:** Sing the Memory Verse Songs after completing the **Aim Questions** from today's Bible Adventure. For each song, have all the children stand up who have blond hair, a dog, a sister, ate cereal for breakfast, had a birthday this year, etc.
- "Who is Hiding Sin?" Game:** Have the children sit on the floor in a circle with their legs crossed. Show the children four or five soft balls and call them "sin." Send one child out of the room while the teacher chooses people to give the sin to. They hide the balls in their crossed legs. The single child comes back to the circle and tries to guess who is hiding the "sin" ball. Encourage the children not to help the child who is guessing. He gets three tries to guess where the sin is hidden before another child is chosen to leave the room and the process is repeated. "Paul was concerned that there were a few in the Corinthian church who had not given up their sin and were hiding it."
- "Hurricane!" Activity:** "It is fall season and summer is finished. Paul wrote cheerfully and lovingly to the Corinthians and then he was finished with his letter. Let's play a game about summer being finished and the change of weather that fall brings." The teacher will be the "weather person." If the weather person says, "It's windy," the children will sway like trees and make their best wind noises. If the weather person calls out, "Hurricane," all the players twirl around in place several times, then carefully drop to the ground. If the weather person says, "Thunderstorm!" all the players clap hands and stomp their feet, making as much noise (without using their mouths) as they can. If the weather person says, "Hot and sunny," the players fan themselves and then melt to a sitting position. Choose one of the children to be a new weather person.

Songs:

- Bible Themes Song** (tune: "Bible Songs for Preschool Children—2 Corinthians" tape)
(Chorus)
We like to sing about the Bible themes.
We like to sing about the Bible themes.
We like to sing about the Bible themes.
It helps us understand God's Wo-ord.

First Corinthians is correction;
Second Corinthians—apostleship defended;
Galatians—justified by faith and not by works.
(Repeat chorus.)
- ② **Paul Wrote a Letter** (tune: "Ring Around the Rosie")
Paul wrote a letter, to the Corinthians.
First and Se-cond Cor-in-thi-ans!
- 2 Corinthians 1:21 Memory Verse Song** (tune: "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain")
Now it's God who makes both us and you stand firm. (In Christ!)
It is God who makes both us and you stand firm. (In Christ!)
Second Cor-inthi-ans one, twenty-one says, "It-it is-is
God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ." (Stand firm!)
- 2 Corinthians 4:7 Memory Verse Song** (tune: "His Banner Over Me Is Love")
This all-sur-pass-ing pow-er is from God and not from us.
This all-sur-pass-ing pow-er is from God and not from us.
This all-sur-pass-ing pow-er is from God and not from us.
Second Corinthians, four seven. God's power!
- 2 Corinthians 9:7, Memory Verse Song** (tune: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")
God loves a-a cheerful giver.
God loves a-a cheerful giver.
God loves a-a cheerful giver.
Second C'rinthians nine, seven.
(Repeat.)

God Is So Good

"When we confess our sins and tell God we are sorry in prayer, He will forgive us and give us His goodness in our hearts."

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good. He is good to me.
Glory Hallelujah, Glory Hallelujah,
Glory Hallelujah. He is good to me.



Took:

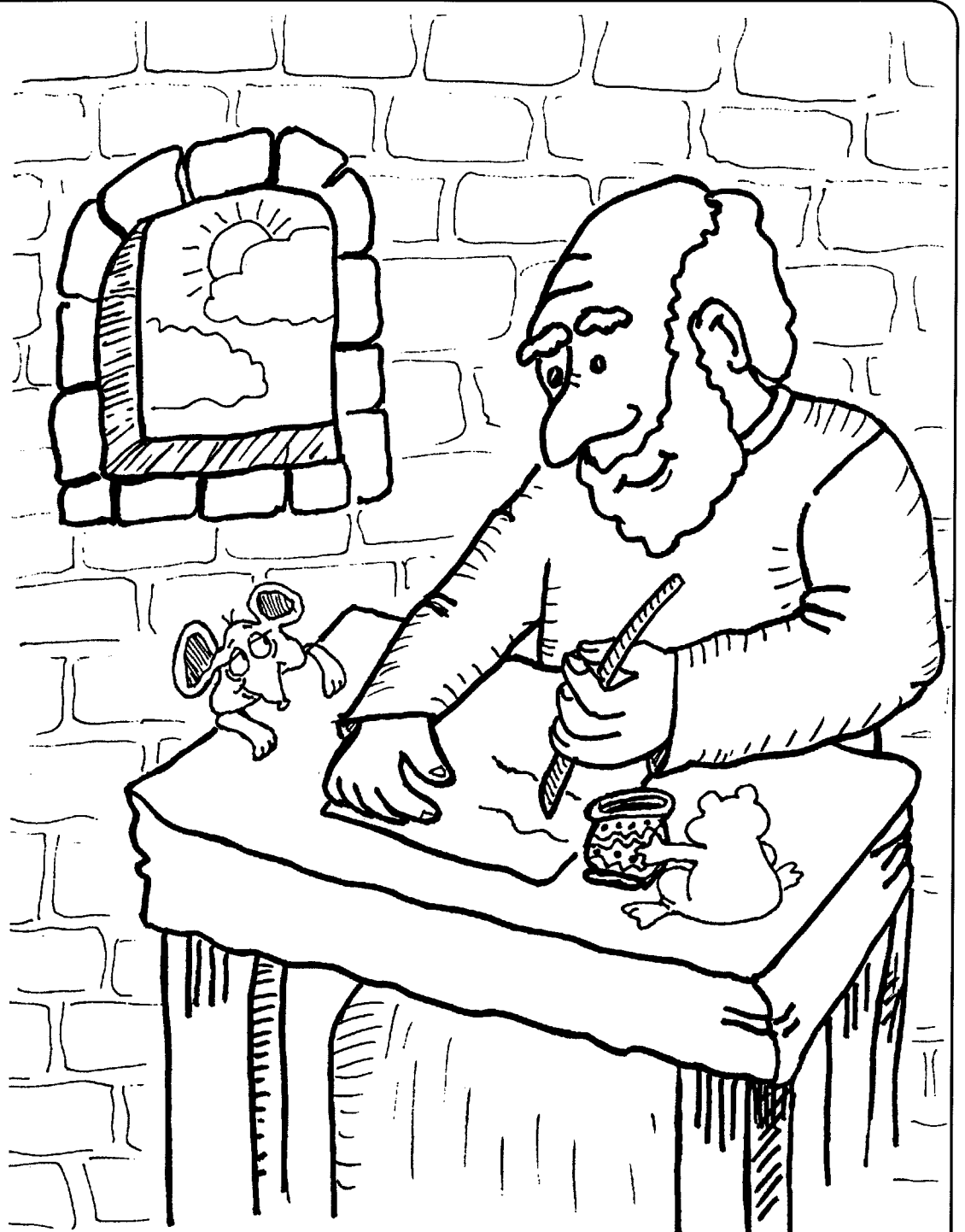
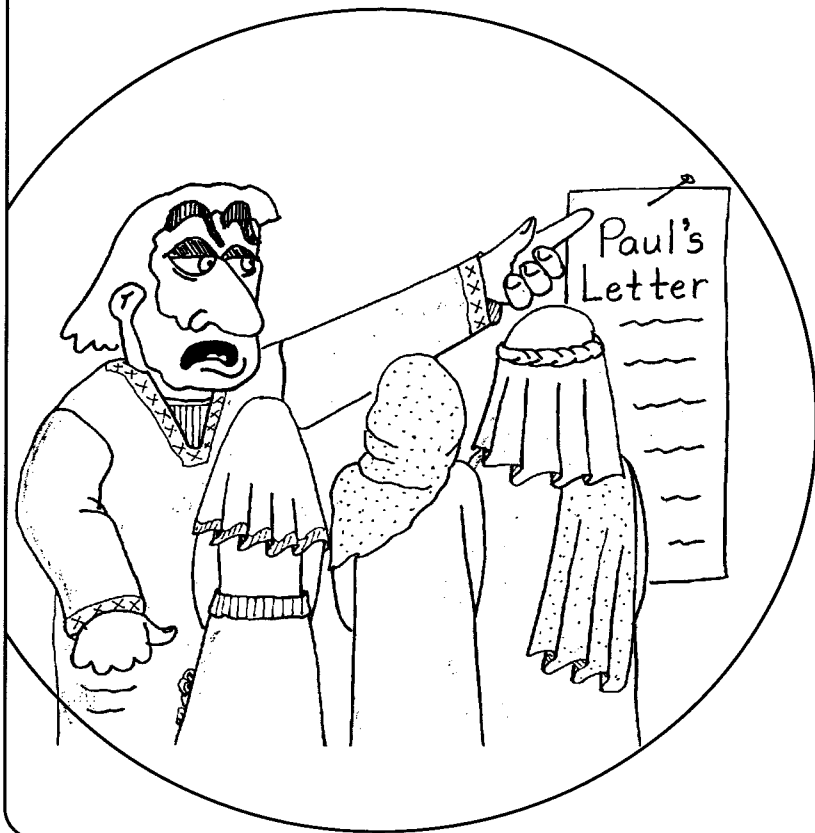
Tape Record God's Words: Choose Review pictures from the book of Second Corinthians. Present them before the class and ask someone to come up and tell what they remember about a particular picture. Record the child telling the story and then play the tape back to him. Repeat as time and pictures allow.

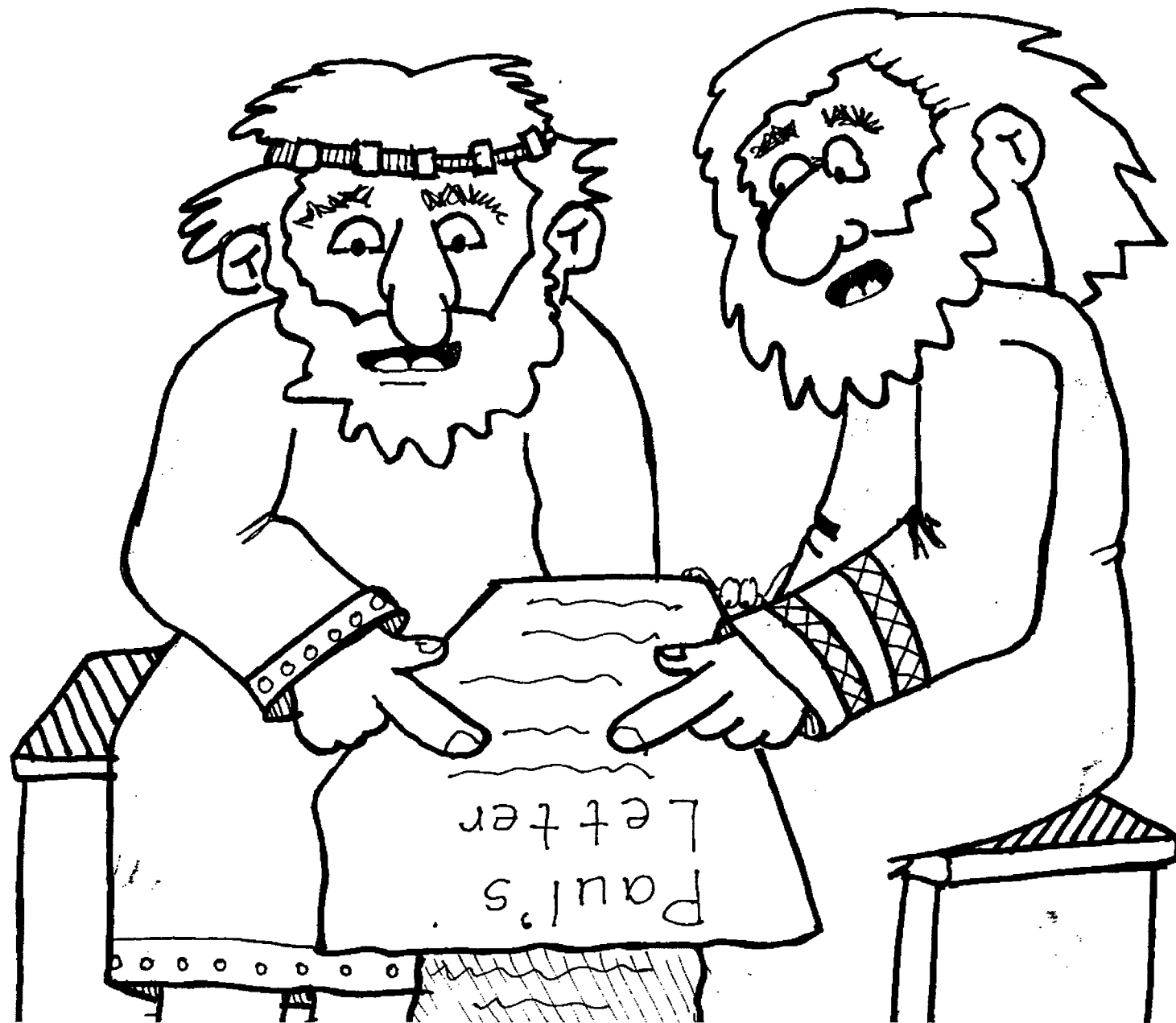
Postcard Review: Bring a pointer to class. Assemble the children in front of the postcard wall hanging and point to one of the pictures on the postcard. Tell the children to raise their hands if they can explain what the picture is about. Choose a child and have him/her stand and tell the story. That child then gets the pointer to point to another picture and select a story teller.

2 Corinthians Booklet: (2CO07ECGF6 and 2CO07ECGF7) Copy the GF6 and GF7 pages and fold them in fourths, stapling them together to make an eight-page booklet. Let the children glue sequins onto their treasure box, a penny onto the money basket in lesson five, yarn for hair, and fabric bits to the people's clothes. Review the content of the pictures as the children work.

Preschool Page for Parents: (2CO07ECPPP) 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.

Paul wrote 2 Corinthians to tell the Christians in Corinth not to listen to the false teachers who told them he was not a true apostle.





Paul's letter was God's words that helped the Corinthians obey.

2 Corinthians Lesson #1:
Apostle Paul Suffered and Was Comforted



2 Corinthians
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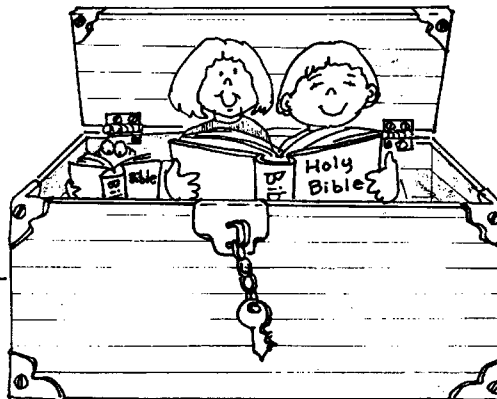
Cut the pictures apart and
hang them from the GF5
Frog Review board with
different lengths of yarn.

2 Corinthians Lesson #2:
The Gospel Message:
Some believe in Jesus and others don't.



2 Corinthians Lesson #3:

The gospel of Jesus is the
very best treasure of all.



2 Corinthians Lesson #4:

When we give Jesus our sin,
He gives us His goodness.



2 Corinthians
Review Mobile
Page 2

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2 Corinthians Lesson #5:

Paul wanted the Corinthians to be
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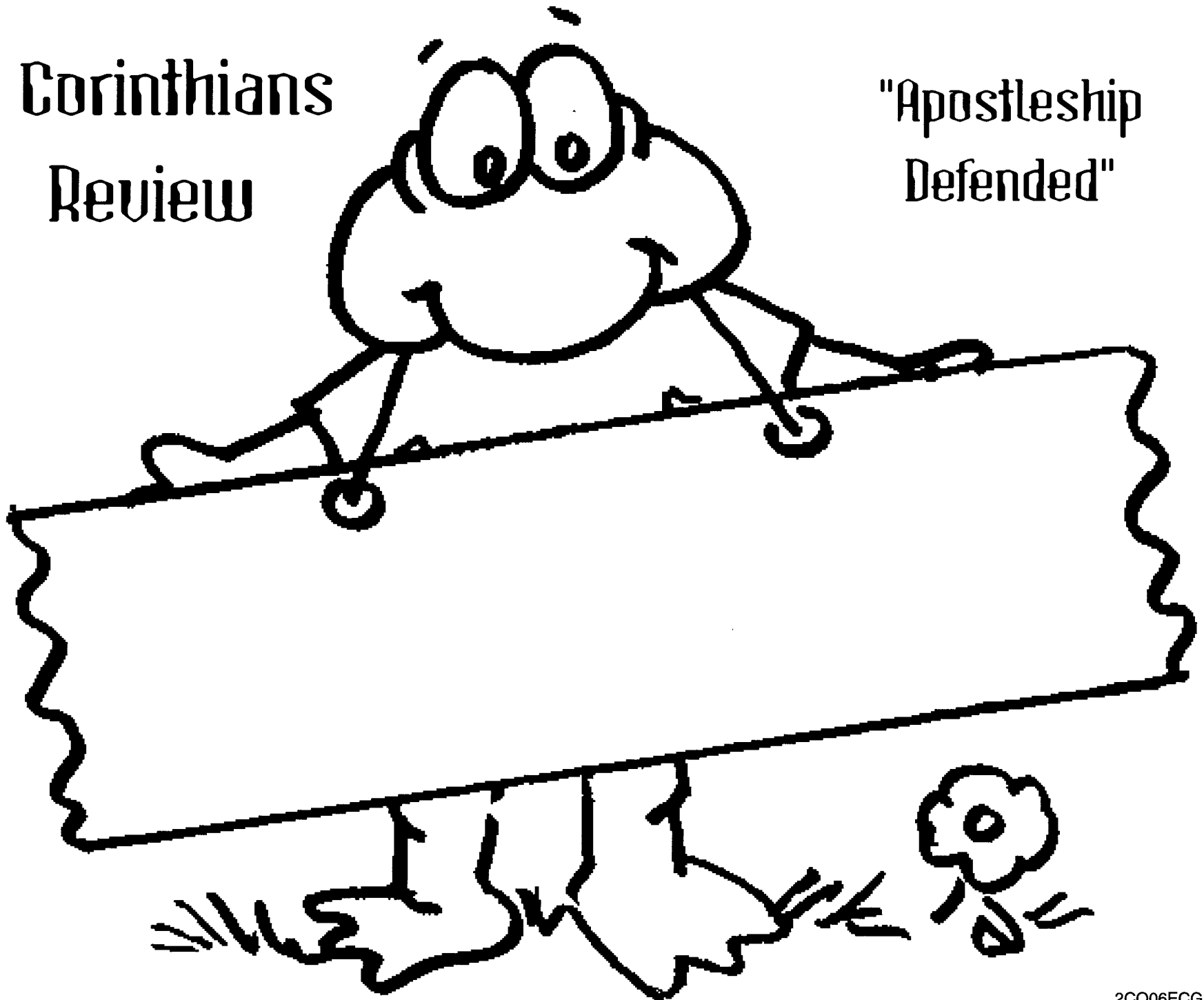
2 Corinthians Lesson #6:

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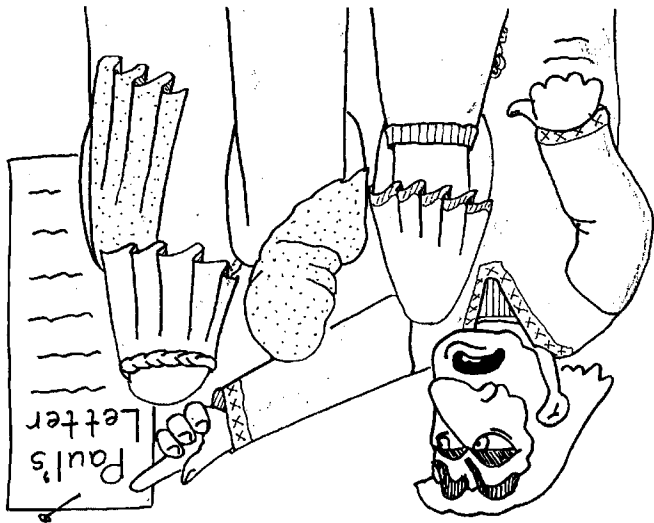
2 Corinthians Review

"Apostleship
Defended"

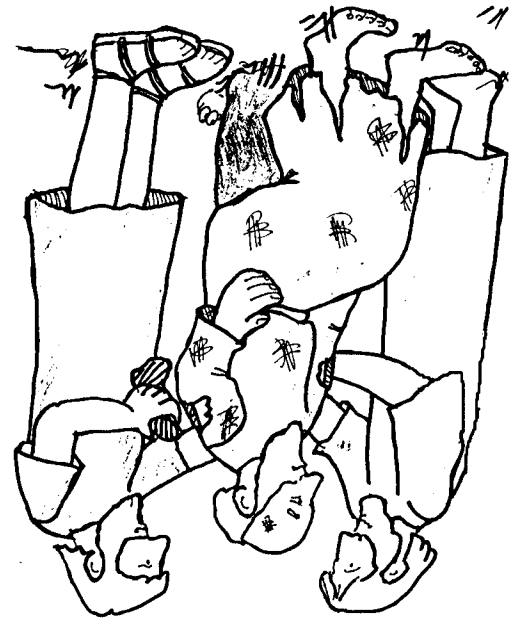


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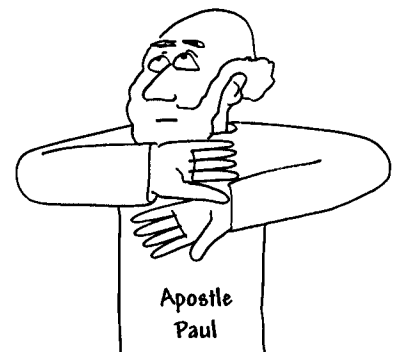
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2. Apostle Paul suffered many hardships and was comforted.



Second Corinthians "Apostleship Defended"

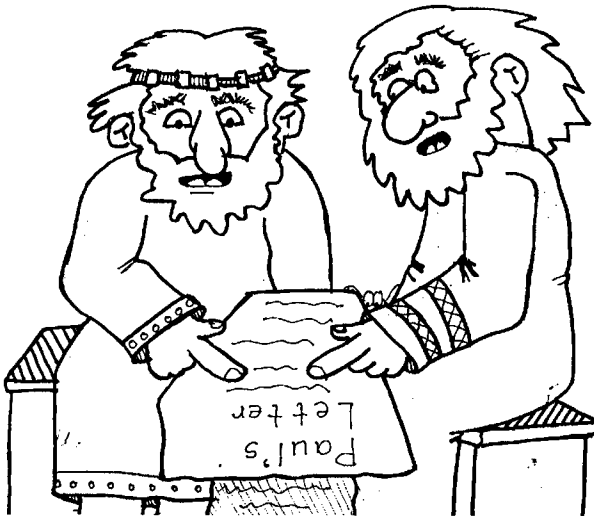


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(Repeat chorus.)

1.



Paul's letter helped the Corinthians obey God, and his letter in the Bible helps us obey God, too.

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Preschool Page for Parents

Extended Bible School Training in the Home

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Second Corinthians Chapters 12:14-13:14 & Review



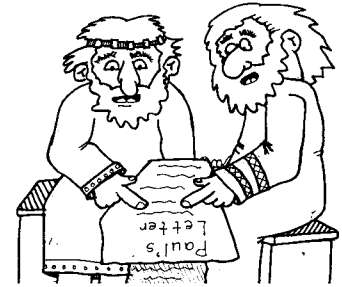
This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that Paul finished his letter to the Corinthian Christians. He told them not to listen to the false teachers who had gotten into the church. Paul was a true apostle of Jesus Christ, and they should agree that Paul was teaching the truth. Paul cheerfully gave his whole life to preach the gospel. He wanted the Corinthians to be strong in obeying God. God has the power to make people strong to obey and power to help people love one another. Paul wanted the Corinthians and all readers of his letter to be like Jesus in every way.

2 Corinthians Memory Verses

- 2 Corinthians 1:21:** Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.
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Reviewing God's Word
helps our minds
be strong to obey.



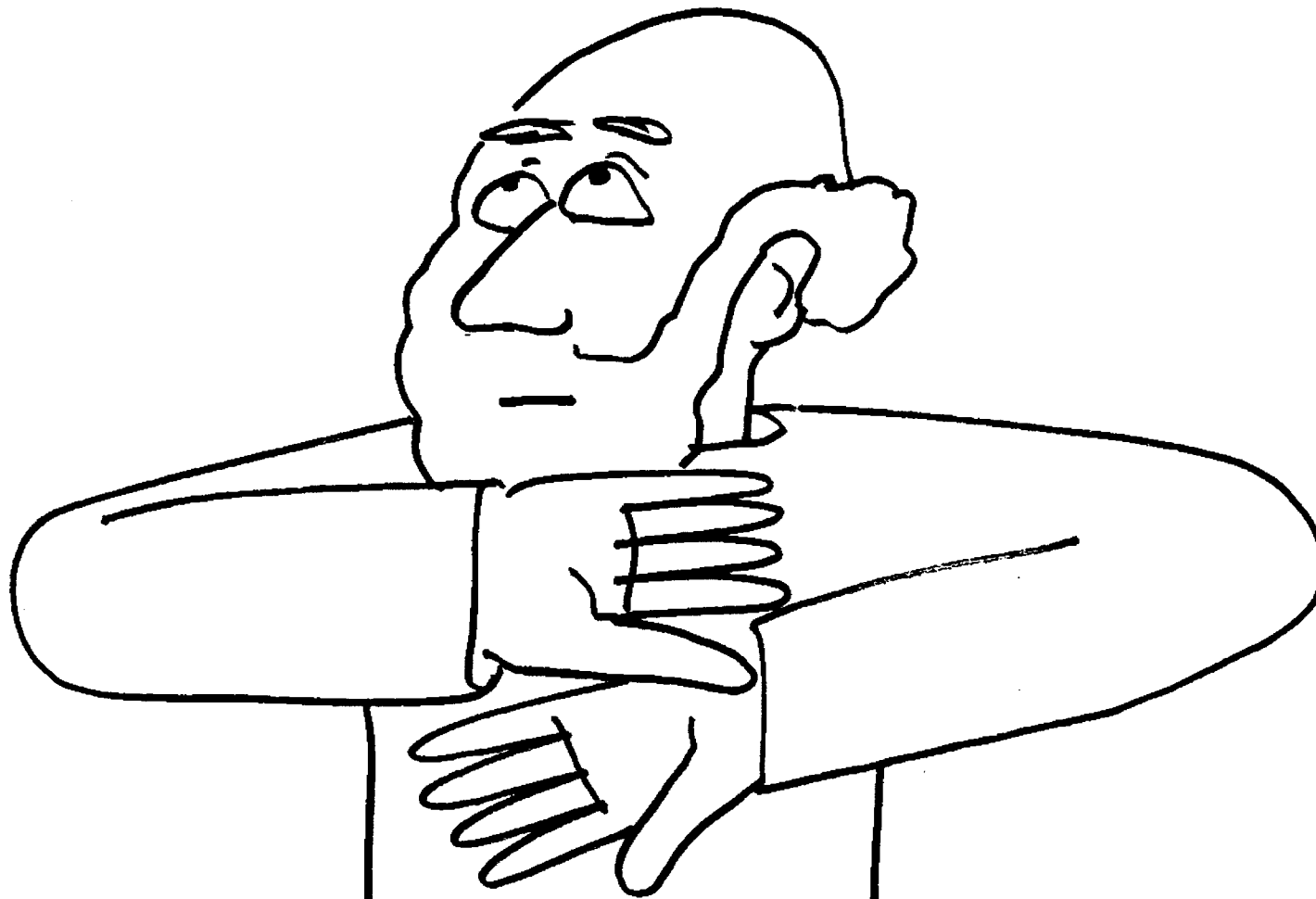
Make a Paul puppet out of the picture on the back side of this page by cutting it out along with another paper the same size and shape. (For a sturdier puppet, cut the picture out of cloth and draw a simple face on it.) Staple the two papers or cloths together leaving the bottom side open for your child to insert his hand. Use the puppet to review the 2 Corinthians Memory Verses. You may want to review the Memory Verse Songs from the children's tape that is available. Keep reviewing these verses as new ones are added.

Who Wrote the Book*

(tune: "It's a Grand Old Flag")

Who wrote the second book o-of Co-rinth-i-ans?
Pau-aul wrote the-e book, don't you see?
When did Paul write the book? In fi-if-ty-seven A.D.
A-and where was Paul when he wro-ote the book?
In the city of Ma-ce-do-ni-a.
And what's the theme of Second Corinthians?
"Apostleship defe-ended."

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



2 Corinthians
"Apostleship
Defended"