

July 9, 2000
Early Childhood
Show Hospitality to Jesus' Missionaries.

2 John
2JN01EC

Materials I Need:

Memory Verse:

Two- and three-year-old verse: John 14:6: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Four- and five-year-old verse: John 14:6: Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Did Apostle John write the Gospel of John? First John? Second John?** (Yes.)
2. **Did Apostle John write to a lady who had a church Bible study in her home?** (Yes. Chosen lady had a weekly Bible study and prayer time in her home.)
3. **Did Apostle John ask the lady to invite people to stay in her home who wanted to obey Jesus?** (Yes. He said, "Don't invite people to stay in your home who tell lies about Jesus.")
4. **Does Apostle John want you to believe that Jesus is God's only Son?** (Yes. Say the memory verse.)

Aim Questions for 4's, 5's & K:

1. **What letters in the Bible did Apostle John write?** (The Gospel of John, First John, and Second John.)
2. **Did Apostle John write to a lady who had a church Bible study in her home?** (Yes. Chosen lady had a weekly Bible study and prayer time in her home.)
3. **What warning did Apostle John give to the lady?** (He said, "Don't invite people to stay in your home who tell lies about Jesus.")
4. **Does Apostle John want you to believe that Jesus is God's only Son and help other people to believe, too?** (Yes. Say the memory verse.)

Key for symbols:

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

Hook:

Letter Writing Center: (2JN01ECGF1) Provide writing paper, envelopes, a variety of stamps, and pencils for the children to practice their writing skills. Encourage them to tell you who they are writing to and what they are writing about. They may choose to draw a picture or write to a particular person. The leader can address the envelope for them and they can apply the stamp(s). The children can deliver their letters to their parents, grandparents, or friends. You may want to include a small GF1 picture of the Apostle John in the envelope. In the book of 2 John, the Apostle John wrote to the early Christians to encourage them to use their homes to talk about Jesus. This is called hospitality.

Hospitality Classroom: Make a necklace name tag for each of the children as they come in. Give them a warm smile and tell them that because Jesus loves them, you are very excited to have them

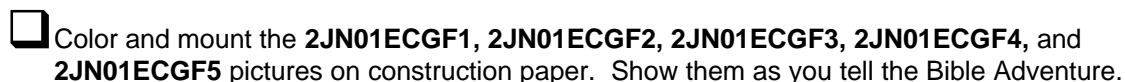
in class today. Have helpers bring them to the tables and tell them how welcome they are. Throughout the Hook time, share things with the students such as crayons, paper, crackers, etc., that would be helpful to them. Explain to them that you are showing hospitality.

- What Is a Missionary?** Bring pictures of FBC missionaries in and use maps to show where they live. Have a missionary come into the classroom if possible. Explain to the children that a missionary is a person who is sent to another country or city to tell people about Jesus. In this week's and next week's lessons, we will learn what to do with bad missionaries who tell lies about Jesus and what we can do to help good missionaries who tell the truth.
- A House With Many Rooms:** Using as many blocks as possible, spread them out on the floor and encourage the children to make shapes of rooms that would be in a large house. Leave spaces for hallways and doorways and have the children walk through the maze going from room to room. Today's Bible Adventure tells of a certain woman (we don't know her name so we will call her "Chosen lady") who had room in her large house to invite people to stay overnight. This is called hospitality. Let the children talk about how they would show hospitality in each room.
- Home Box:** Bring a large (appliance) box in which you have cut windows and a door. Let the children color the box and decorate it like a home. They could staple curtains on the windows, paint the walls with markers, and draw rooms on the inside. Pretend that this is their home that they are making. Talk about the "chosen lady" who is described in 2 John who had hospitality and invited people to stay overnight.
- Furnishing a House:** Tape butcher paper or poster paper to the wall at the children's eye level. Draw a rough outline of a house and divide it into many large-sized rooms. Provide cutout pictures of indoor and outdoor furniture, appliances, floor coverings, toys, etc., to paste in and around the outline of the large house. Talk about hospitality and sharing our homes with other people.
- Home Center:** Set up a living center with dishes, clothes, and other available materials to represent a home living situation. One of the classroom leaders could represent the parent and work with the children to clean, rearrange, share, and work together. Talk about helping each other with a good attitude when asked to do something. John wrote to the early Christians to say that walking in Jesus' light means obeying parents with a good attitude. Jesus gave a good example because He always obeyed His heavenly Father. People who love Jesus want to use their homes to help other people know about Jesus.
- "Stick the Bible on the Ear" Game:** Draw a large child with prominent ears on a piece of butcher paper on the wall. Blindfold the children and give them each a Bible sticker to place on the ear. (Young children can do the activity without being blindfolded.) The Bible Adventure today is about hearing the truth about Jesus. God's words written in the Bible are truth and what He wants us to hear.
- ④ **Truth or False Game:** Bring a strange object (like an egg slicer or apple corer) and show it to three teachers. They each are to give their own interpretation of what it is. One tells the truth while the others make up a good story! Tell them to give silly answers except for one. Ask the children to guess who is telling the truth. In the Bible Adventure today, some people are telling the truth about who Jesus is and some are not.
- ④ **Who Is Telling the Truth?:** Hide a toy or familiar article behind an object where it can't be seen. Two people will take turns telling a third person what is hidden. The child listens to both descriptions of the article and tries to guess who was telling the truth. (Two leaders could give the descriptions so as not to encourage lying by the children.) In today's Bible Adventure, some people were telling lies about Jesus and John knew it so he wrote a letter to help people understand the truth.
- ④ **Looking Good on the Outside:** At the beginning of class, tell the story of Little Red Riding Hood. Hold a paper mask over your face when you play the part of a wolf. The wolf was dressed right, but underneath he was still a wolf. The wolf wanted to eat the grandmother and Red Riding Hood. Like the wolf, the false teachers in today's Bible Adventure looked good on the outside but they were telling lies about Jesus and were bad in their hearts.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -



Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the 2JN01ECGF1 picture.) This is Apostle John who wrote letters that are included in the Bible.

(Open your Bible to the Gospel of John.) John wrote the Gospel of John. (Have the children say, "Gospel of John.")

(Show the 2JN01ECGF2 picture.) Apostle John told us that Jesus is God's only Son who came to earth. Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. (Review the John 14:6 memory verse.)

(Open your Bible to 1 John.) Apostle John wrote another letter that is called 1 John. (Have the children say, "First John.")

(Show the 2JN01ECGF3 picture.) When people love Jesus, they walk in Jesus' light. They don't stumble and fall into bad sin habits and want to stay there. (Sing the first verse of "Walking in the Light" from the Song section.)

(Open your Bible to 2 John.) Apostle John wrote another book called 2 John. (Have the children say, "Second John.")

(Show the 2JN01ECGF4 picture.) Apostle John heard of a woman who lived in a house with her children. We don't know the woman's name, but we will call her "Chosen lady" because that is what Apostle John called her.

Chosen lady loved Jesus and wanted to learn all she could about Jesus. She had a large enough house that she invited people to a Bible study in her home. Christians from the church would come to her home every week to hear about God's Word. They prayed for each other and for more people to hear about Jesus.

Chosen lady also invited people to stay overnight in her home if they were new to her town and needed a place to stay. This is called hospitality. (Have the children say "hospitality.") John was glad that "Chosen lady" showed hospitality in her home. He said, "It is good that you invite people to stay in your home. But be careful who you invite to stay with you. (Shake your head.)

(Show the 2JN01ECGF5 picture.) "Don't let anyone stay with you if he tells lies about Jesus. If someone comes to you and says, 'Jesus is not the way and the truth and the life,' don't let him stay in your home." God doesn't want us to let people use our homes to spread lies about Jesus.

God wants us to obey God's Word in our homes and help other people learn to obey God's words.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Apostle John who told us about Your only Son, Jesus, who is the truth. Help us show hospitality in our homes and tell other people about You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

(Show the 2JN01ECGF1 picture.) This is Apostle John who wrote letters that are included in the Bible.

(Open your Bible to the Gospel of John.) John wrote the Gospel of John. (Have the children say, "Gospel of John.")

(Show the 2JN01ECGF2 picture.) Apostle John told us that Jesus is God's only Son who came to earth. Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. (Review the John 14:6 memory verse.)

(Open your Bible to 1 John.) Apostle John wrote another letter that is called 1 John. (Have the children say, "First John.")

(Show the 2JN01ECGF3 picture.) When people love Jesus, they walk in Jesus' light. They don't stumble and fall into bad sin habits and want to stay there. (Sing the first verse of "Walking in the Light" from the Song section.)

(Open your Bible to 2 John.) Apostle John wrote another book called 2 John. (Have the children say, "Second John.")

The churches in the Apostles' time did not have telephones or good mail service. If the Apostles wanted to give a message to a church in another city, or wanted to know how the church was doing, the Apostles would send a man or two to visit the church. These men who visited churches were like missionaries who would bring God's words from the Apostles.

These visiting missionaries would be invited to stay in the home of a church member who showed hospitality. Hospitality in Bible times meant inviting someone you didn't know to stay in your home for a few nights. There were no motels or hotels in the time when John wrote, so church families showed hospitality to strangers.

(Show the 2JN01ECGF4 picture.) Apostle John had heard of a woman in a distant church who lived in a house with her children. We don't know the woman's name, but we will call her "Chosen lady" because that is what Apostle John called her.

Chosen lady loved Jesus and wanted to learn all she could about Jesus. She had a large enough house that she could invite people to a Bible study in her home. Christians from the church would come to her home every week to hear about God's Word. They prayed for each other and for more people to hear about Jesus.

Chosen lady also invited people to stay overnight in her home if they were new to her town and needed a place to stay. This is called hospitality when you invite people to stay in your home. *(Have the children say "hospitality.")*

Apostle John was glad that "Chosen lady" was generous with her home. He said, "It is good that you invite people to stay in your home. But be careful who you invite to stay with you. *(Shake your head.)*

(Show the 2JN01ECGF5 picture.) "Don't let anyone stay with you if he is a false teacher who tells lies about Jesus." A false teacher was someone who didn't listen to the truth that the Apostles taught about Jesus. They told lies about Jesus and His words.

Apostle John said, "If someone comes to you and says, 'I am a visiting missionary. I want to tell you about God,' but then he says, 'Jesus is not the way and the truth and the life,' don't let that person stay in your home." God doesn't want us to let people use our homes to spread lies about Jesus.

God wants us to obey God's Word in our homes and show hospitality to other people who want to learn to obey God's words. God doesn't want us to listen to people who tell lies about Jesus.

(Sing verses two and three of "Walking in the Light." See the Song section.)

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Apostle John who told us about Your only Son, Jesus, who is the truth. Help us show hospitality in our homes and tell other people about You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Look:



Aim Questions: Tape the Aim Questions onto the back of several dinner plates or cups and saucers and set them out before the children. Call on a child to pick a plate or cup and saucer to give to the teacher for the question to be read.



"I Can Help" Finger Play:

I can help.

(Point thumb to self.)

Just watch me.

I'm (clearing the table)

(Use appropriate actions.)

As you can see!

Substitute other words and actions in the parentheses such as, "I'm passing out snacks, I'm making my bed, I'm watching my brother, I'm feeding the dog," etc.



Snack Discussion: The lady in today's story learned what real hospitality is. What is hospitality? It is sharing your things with people who need help when they come to your home. It is making them feel welcome and happy when they visit. We are to be helpful and sharing to people who come to our homes. Ask children what things they can share with other children.



Set the Table Relay: Divide the class into three or four groups and have them sit opposite a classroom table. Provide enough plastic or toy dishes and silverware for each person on the team. On a starting signal from the teacher, a helper for each team will hand a dish to the first person who quickly gets up, carries it to the table, and sets it down. He comes back to his team which is the signal for the helper to send another person out with a dish. Continue until everyone has had a turn. Discuss how neat (or scattered) the table settings look when the team is done. Repeat the relay if there is time, and try to set a better-looking table the second time.



Memory Verse March: After reciting the memory verse with the children several times, march in place, stomping one foot down for each word, "Jesus, said, I, am, the, way, and, the, truth, and, the, life." Older children can say the remainder with their feet still ("No one comes to the Father except

through Me”). Then say to the children, “Jesus said what?” Let the children repeat the words louder each time and then softer.

Hospitality Activity Page: (2JN01ECGF4) Give each child a GF4 page, glue, and packing “peanuts.” Let the children glue the styrofoam peanuts to the house to create texture. Let them make tiny tissue flowers to glue on the ground as flowers. Talk about the Aim Questions as the children work. Sing “Walking in the Light” from the Song section.

Special Guest: Tell the children that a special guest is coming to talk to the class. We need to get ready for him if we are going to show hospitality. Prepare a snack together and set the tables. Talk about the fact that showing hospitality requires work and preparation. Food needs to be prepared and sheets must be washed, etc. When the guest arrives, call him a traveling missionary. (Ideally, it would be an actual missionary or former missionary.) The guest could lead the children in saying, “Don’t believe lies from false teachers.” (Have the children cover their ears.) Practice the memory verse with hand motions several times.

Hospitality Hands: (2JN01ECGF10 and 2JN01ECGF11) Give each child a GF10 picture and also the GF11 cut-out sheet of things to paste into the hands. Let the kids color the hands and pictures of helpful things to do. Discuss how our hands can be used to show hospitality to others. In today’s Bible Adventure, we learned that it is good to be generous and hospitable to missionaries who tell the truth about Jesus. God does not want us to show hospitality in our homes to people who tell lies about Jesus.

Hospitality Role Play: Ask a teacher to go into the hall and knock on the door. Another teacher answers the door, and they introduce themselves. The teacher inside the room asks, “Do you believe that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life?” If the teacher answers “yes,” he is invited to stay and enjoy hospitality. Another teacher goes through the same routine but says, “No, I don’t believe that Jesus is the only way to God.” He is politely turned away from staying overnight. Continue as interest allows with children knocking at the door.

“Who Receives Hospitality?” Activity Page: (2JN01ECGF7) Make photocopies of GF7 that shows a picture of a false teacher who told lies about Jesus and several of Jesus’ missionaries who told the truth about Jesus. Put a smiling face sticker on each of the good missionaries and a frowning face sticker on the false teacher. Put a smiling face sticker on each child who tells the truth of John 14:6 (the memory verse).

Memory Verse Stickers: (2JN01ECGF9) Copy the GF9 memory verse page on 1” x 2 5/8” laser labels to make stickers. Let the children put their own memory verse stickers on any of the picture pages that you choose. Sing the memory verse song from the Song section.

④ **Share the Blocks Relay:** Split the class into two or more groups. The children should be sitting on the floor in circles or at tables. Place a tub full of building blocks at the head of each table. When the teacher says “go,” one student will begin passing out the blocks one at a time to the students in his group. Once each student has one block, have another student pass out blocks. Repeat this until the tub is empty and every student has the same amount of blocks. The first one to empty the tub wins. We should be eager to share with others like the lady was eager to share her home with missionaries who taught the truth. Have the students build a home like the lady’s home in Second John with the blocks (see the GF4 page).


④ **“Follow the Truth, Not Lies” Game:** This game is played just like Red Light-Green Light.” When the person at the front of the room says “truth,” the kids may come forward. When the teacher says “Lies,” the kids need to stop. We want to follow and pursue truth, not lies.

Songs:

Jesus Is (tune: “Here Comes Peter Cottontail”)
Jesus is the Son of God; He has come from up above.
God has sent His one and only Son.
If we will believe in Him, if we love and follow Him,
He will give us everlasting life.

Memory Verse Song, John 14:6 (tune: “London Bridge”)


Jesus answered, "I'm the way, and the truth, and the life."
"No one comes to Father God, but by Me-e."


 **Walking in the Light** (tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")


1. Walking in the light, walking in the light. *(March as you sing.)*
When I walk with Jesus, I am walking in the light.
 2. Hospitality! Hospitality! *(Beckon people to come to your house.)*
We'll show hospitality, walking in the light. *(Hold your arms open with a welcome.)*
 3. Don't believe the lies. Don't believe the lies. *(Put your hands over your ears.)*
Jesus is the way, the truth, and He is the life. *(Point to the sky.)*
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Took:

 **Sharing God's Love: (2JN01ECGF6)** Make a booklet to share with a friend. By telling people about Jesus and what He did for us, the children are showing God's love to their friends. Fold the GF6 page into fourths so that picture number one is the first page of the booklet. Read the booklet to the children in such a way that they understand what the Apostle John was teaching in 2 John. John was encouraging hospitality, but not to false teachers who told lies about Jesus. Let the children "read" or tell the booklet story back to you for practice before they go home and tell their parents what they learned.

 **Small Group Prayer:** The lady in Second John invited church members to meet in her home for Bible study and prayer. They prayed for each other. In our church, we pray for each other, too. The leader kneels with his small group, with folded hands and bowed heads. The leader prays out loud, focusing on asking for something specific for each member of the group. (Ben to have a gentle heart, Sarah to want to obey, Joe to help his mother, etc.) After praying for each member of the group, ask each child if he would like to pray out loud. Say a second prayer and this time include those who want to pray and allow the prayer to be open to anything. Close by praying for our pastors and missionaries who are telling people the good news about Jesus.

 **Preschool Page for Parents: (2JN01ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging the parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.

④ **"Truth, Truth, False" Game:** Play "Truth, Truth, Truth, False Teacher" as you would play the game "Duck, Duck, Goose."

④ **Hospitality Hopscotch:** Tape a hopscotch grid on the floor. Tape small pictures of the hospitable woman from Second John (or other hospitable home situations) on all of the squares but one or two. Tape a small picture of the false prophet on one or two of the squares. Tell the children not to jump on the space with the false teacher in it. God wants us to show hospitality in our homes, but not to false missionaries who tell lies about Jesus.

④ **Hospitality Hanger: (2JN01ECGF8)** Decorate and color the GF8 door knob hanger. Talk to the kids about the memory verse. Tell the children to hang their Hospitality Hangers on one of the doors in their homes. This hanger will remind them that we want to open the door of our homes and be hospitable, but not to false teachers who tell lies about Jesus.



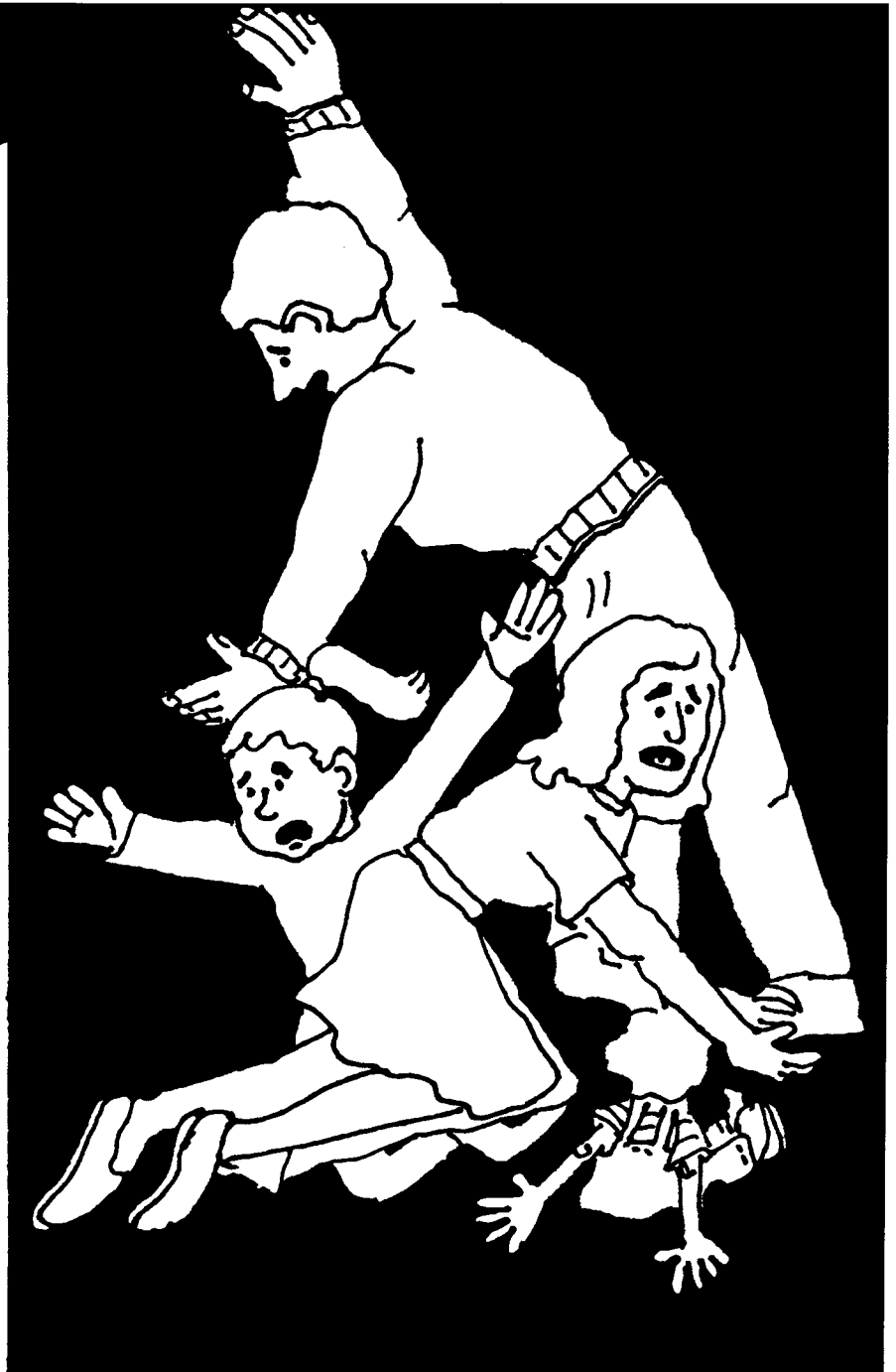
John the Apostle wrote the Gospel of John, 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John.

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2JN01ECGF2

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. John 3:16



Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me. John 14:6

2JN01ECGF3



The lady showed hospitality when she invited missionaries to stay in her home.

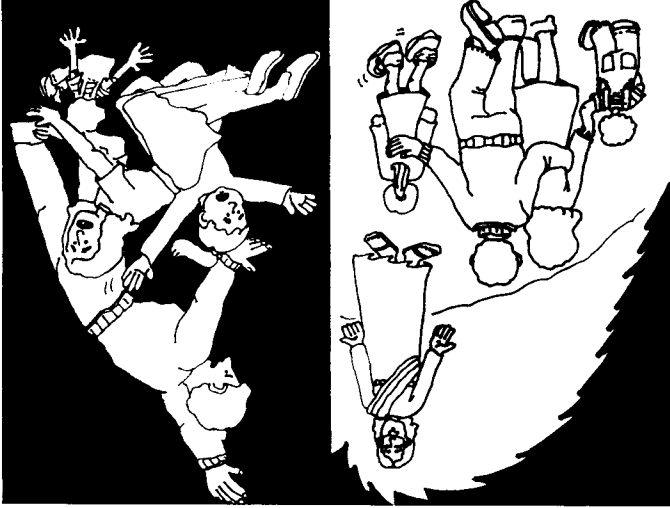


2JN01ECGF5

John wrote, "Don't invite false teachers who tell lies about Jesus to stay in your home."

3.

Walking in the Light
(tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")
Walking in the light (Repeat)
When I walk with Jesus,
I am walking in the light.



2.

John 14:6, Memory Verse Song
(tune: "London Bridge")
Jesus answered, "I'm the way,
And the truth, and the life.
No one comes to Father God,
But by Me-e-!"



Show hospitality in your home so that
more people will hear about Jesus.



Walking in the Light
(tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")
Hospitality! Hospitality!
We'll show hospitality,
walking in the light.

4.

John wrote Second John
in the Bible.



Jesus is
(tune: "Here Comes Peter Cottontail")
Jesus is the Son of God; He has come from up above.
God has sent His one and only Son.
If we will believe in Him; if we love and follow Him,
He will give us everlasting life.

1.



Show hospitality to missionaries who tell the truth about Jesus.

Who should receive the lady's hospitality?



Don't show hospitality to false teachers who lie about Jesus.



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John 14:6

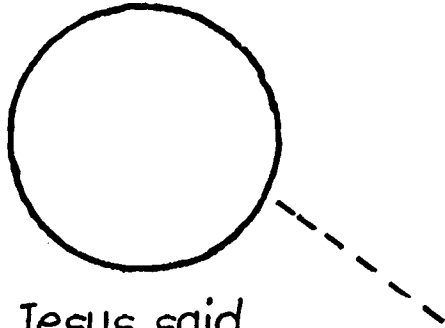
Put a smiling face sticker on the pictures of good missionaries who told the truth about Jesus.
Put a frowning sticker on the false teacher who told lies about Jesus.



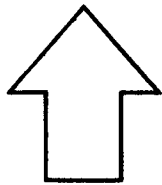
Apostle John always told the truth about Jesus.

Memory Verse Door Hanger

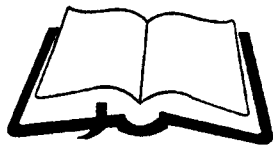
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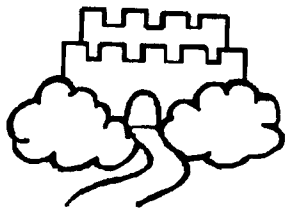
Jesus said,



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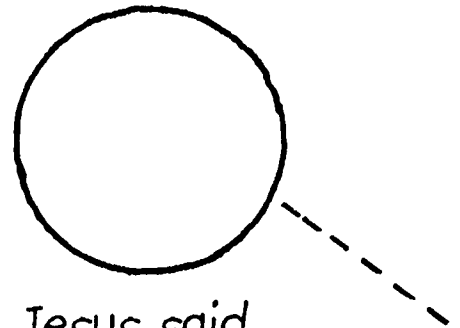


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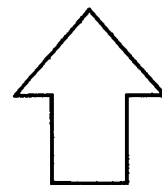
No one comes to the Father
except through Me."

John 14:6

Hospitality Hanger



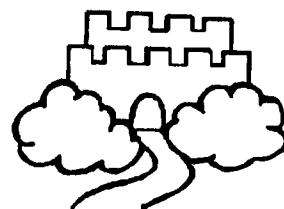
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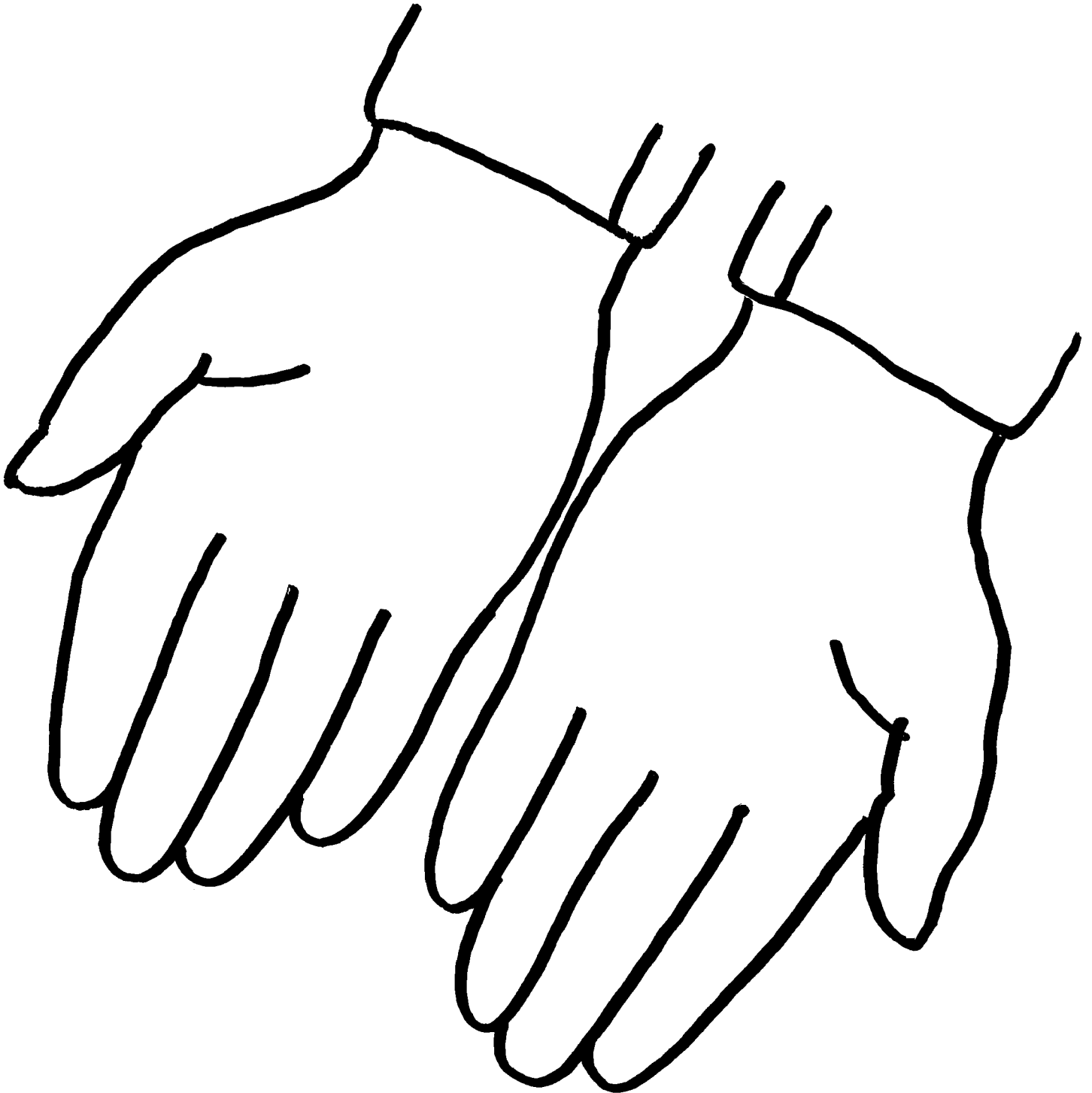
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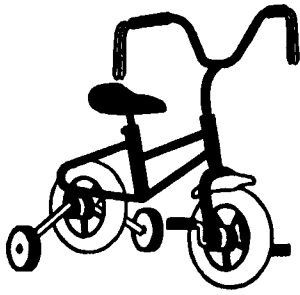
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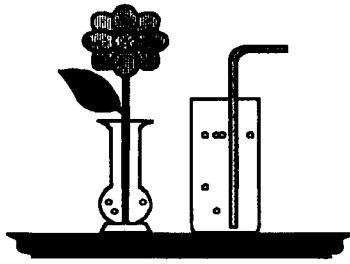
Hospitality Hands

When people come to your home, what can you do to make them feel welcome?
What can you do with your hands to help them? The Bible says we are to show hospitality to people we invite into our homes, especially strangers.
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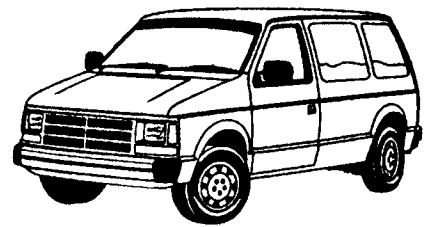




Sharing toys



A drink



A ride



Some clothes



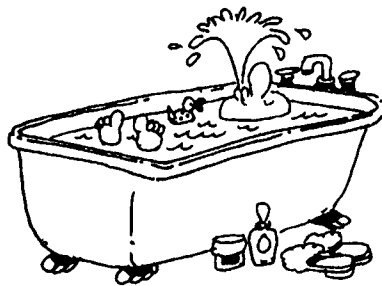
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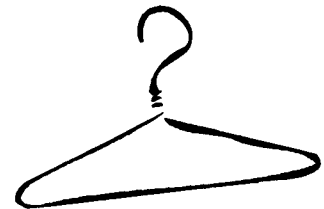
A money gift



A bed



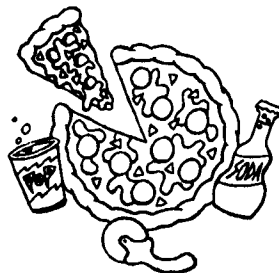
A bath



Hang up coats



A snack



Some food



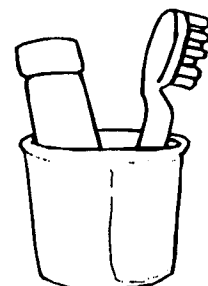
A greeting



An introduction



A hug

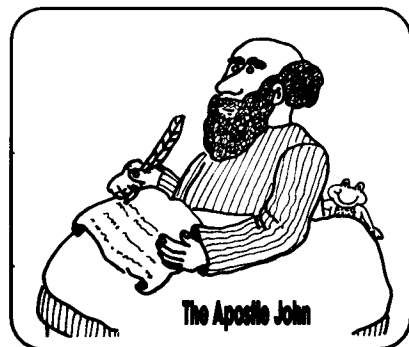


A new toothbrush

PPP

Preschool Page for Parents
Extended Bible School Training in the Home

July 9, 2000
2 John



This is what I learned today!

This week, the children learned about a woman who showed hospitality in her home by inviting missionaries to stay with her family. These missionaries had been sent by the apostles to help explain the Bible teachings. The Apostle John warned the woman not to allow false teachers who told lies about Jesus to stay in her home. It is important to use our homes to spread the Bible truths about Jesus, not lies.

Today's Memory Verse:

**Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.
John 14:6**

True Hospitality



Hospitality as described in the Bible is more than inviting friends over for a meal. Hospitality in Second John meant helping someone who needed overnight lodging and meals, especially missionaries.

This week, begin building a relationship with one of the church missionaries. Choose a missionary family and pray each day for them. Call the church office and ask for a list of the "goodies" the missionary family prefers. As a family, purchase and mail a small "care package" to that missionary family. Thank them for taking the truth of Jesus to their part of the world.

"Walking in the Light" Theme Song

(tune: "Bringing in the Sheaves")

Walking in the light, walking in the light. (March as you sing.)
When I walk with Jesus, I am walking in the light.

Hospitality! Hospitality! (Beckon someone to come near.)
We'll show hospitality, walking in the light. (Open arms.)

Don't believe the lies. Don't believe the lies. (Cover your ears.)
Jesus is the way, the truth, and He is the life. (Point up.)



The lady showed hospitality when she invited missionaries to stay in her home.