

Correction of Prophetic Error

Materials I Need:







Legend:


-  = Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade
 = Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade


Memory Work:


“But the LORD is faithful and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”
2 Thessalonians 3:3


Hook:


- Impostors! (Game).** ,  Challenge the students to find the impostors. Select three teachers and have them choose one particular identity. It could be a celebrity, a professional person, athlete, musician, etc. Whichever identity is selected should be true of only one of the three teachers. The other two teachers should convincingly pose to have this identity so as to fool the students. For example, the three may pose as college basketball players. One of the teachers must truly have been a college player, but the other two must fabricate convincing stories that would portray such a history. Students will be given the opportunity to interrogate the three teachers with questions addressed to all three of them or to one in particular. The other teachers may help the students with the interrogation, trying to catch individual posers off-guard with sudden questions. After a time of interrogation, have the students vote as to which teacher is the real thing. Discuss the results of this game with the students, with a particular focus on the meaning of deception and falsehood. Tell the students that today’s Bible Adventure will look at the effect of some real impostors.
- Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Part 1 (Object Lesson).** ,  Bring in a *National Enquirer*, *Sun*, etc. that has an article about Jesus’ return. (You may also request one from Children’s Ministry.) These sensationalist magazines are frequently predicting Jesus’ return. These are lies told to make people fearful about the end times. Tell the students that, in today’s lesson, they will see that the Thessalonians were also lied to about events concerning Christ’s return and the rapture. Have the students see what clear signs Paul gave his readers about Christ’s return. Use this magazine later in the LOOK time.
- Lies of New Age Thinking (Discussion).** ,  There are many popular New Age religious beliefs that we come across all the time. If we are not grounded in the Word of God and able to discern the truth, we can become confused and run the risk of going astray. Talk about some of the beliefs with which we frequently come in contact that could lead someone away from the Truth. We will hear this morning how the Thessalonians became confused about when Christ would return. Paul reminded them to stand firm for what they knew was true, and not to be deceived by those who are trying to tell you things that are not true. God will punish all those who do not follow Christ. We must stand firm and stay focused.

 **I Know Him (Object Lesson/Discussion).** 🍌, 🦋 Ask three guests to come into your classroom—one that the students know and will immediately recognize, and two that they probably will not recognize. Tell the students not to say whether they recognize these people or not. Have each guest state his/her name. The guest they know and one of the others will tell the truth, but the last guest will not state his/her correct name. As you hold your hand over each of the guests in turn, ask the students to stand if they believe the person is who they say they are. Ask the students how they were so sure of one person but not the other two. State that we need to know Jesus/the Bible well enough to recognize Him. If we do not know Him we will not be able to recognize Him or to recognize those who are impostors.

 **What We Know For Sure (Activity/Discussion).** 🍌, 🦋 Bring in a picture or portrait of someone that has large enough detail for the whole class to see it well. Ask apparent questions as well as inconclusive ones regarding the portrait. Examples of apparent: Is this a male/female? Is the hair blond? Does this person have glasses on? These questions have a definite answer that can be determined by looking at the picture. Examples of inconclusive: What is the age of this person? What is his occupation? Does this person ever wear glasses? Why were the students so sure of some answers and unsure of others? Might their guessing be correct? Would they be wise to risk anything of value based on whether or not their guess was correct? In today's Bible Adventure, we will be looking at what 2 Thessalonians says about the events surrounding Christ's second coming. The only things we can be absolutely sure about are stated in the Bible. All else is simply a guess that we would be foolish to believe as absolute truth.

 **Fear, Fact, Faith: Part 1 (Discussion).** 🍌, 🦋 Ask your students, "What things make you afraid?" Answers may include: the dark, monsters, mommy and daddy fighting, scary movies, robbers, getting on ladders, drive-by shootings, spacemen, etc. We all have fears. The Thessalonians had fears too. They were afraid that Jesus had already come back and taken believers home. They were afraid that God's judgment on the Day of the Lord had already started. Paul is going to calm their fears by telling them the facts about Christ's return. Once they knew the facts they could have faith in God's plan and not be afraid.

 **Stand Firm (Game).** 🍌, 🦋 Make several slips of paper containing simple and specific directions for students to follow (e.g., "Stand like the Statue of Liberty with perfect silence." Or, "Keep your eyes looking out the window while constantly moving about the room"). Have a volunteer come up to draw one of these papers and perform the task for two minutes. The objective for the remaining students is to persuade or trick that student to do something else even for a brief moment. No contact can be made with that person however. Debrief the activity with a discussion about the difficulty of standing firm at a given task. What does Paul refer to when he asks believers to stand firm?

 **Special Visitor (Object Lesson).** 🍌, 🦋 Inform the students that there will be a special visitor in the class today. Tell the students to flock around the visitor in welcome when he comes, especially as he will be bearing a special gift for everyone. Describe the specific events that will unfold before and around his arrival. Describe the characteristics and clothing of the visitor. After beginning the lesson, have a visitor appear prematurely, acting as though he was the legitimate visitor previously described and expected. He should be well-versed in the characteristics and events that were supposed to lead to his coming, but also ready with excuses as to why those things are not in place. He may say, for example, that he had left his white hat in the car and was in a rush to appear at the classroom to give his special treat, thus certain events had not yet happened. Allow him to give his treat to those that will accept, but ask them not to eat it until they all have been seated to proceed with the lesson. In this transition, have this visiting impostor slip out of the room. His special gift should be some foul tasting candy or baked goods (e.g. one using salt instead of sugar). Continue with the lesson until all the foretold events have come to pass and then enter the real visitor. Make it obvious that this is the true visitor by his perfect fulfillment of the previously spoken expectations. You may wish to have a good treat ready to give to the students. Link this lesson with the Bible Adventure so that proper attention can be made to the specific expectations Paul gives the Thessalonians. Why is it important to know these expectations?



Book:

Presentation Ideas –



Jesus Is Coming to Gather All Believers (*Illustration/Coloring Page*). 🦋, 🦋 2TH02.GF1.



People Turn Their Backs on the Church and God's Word (*Illustration/Coloring Page*). 🦋, 🦋 2TH02.GF2.



Standing Firm With the Holy Spirit (*Visual Presentation*). 🦋, 🦋 Using approximately 2-3 cups of "Fix-All" patching compound, add enough warm water to make into a dough-like consistency. Without the Holy Spirit living in us, we can be influenced by false ideas and confused by misleading teachings. With Christ as your Lord, and the Holy Spirit living inside you, you will have the strength to stand firm in the face of persecution. Demonstrate how the mixture of "Fix-all" is very soft and pliable. Just like someone without the Holy Spirit, we can be molded and shaped by the different influences around us. We might choose to follow false teachers and conform to their teaching, and not even be aware that we are being lead off track. Now tell the Bible Adventure, and come back to the "Fix-all" at the end of your Bible Adventure time. It only takes about 10 minutes for this mixture to set up firm. At the conclusion, you may show the students how the mixture has now become firm. The strength of God, given to each one of us through His Spirit, will give us what we need to recognize false teachings and stand firm in our faith in the face of persecution.

Bible Adventure for K-2nd Grades –

For the past several weeks we have been learning about the Thessalonian Church and how they were suffering serious mistreatment from those who hated Christians. Paul encouraged them by letting them know that Jesus would someday gather all believers to live with Him forever, and He would judge those who refused to believe the truth about Jesus Christ. However, the Thessalonians were becoming confused with all the painful trials they were undergoing. They were frightened because someone had told them that Jesus had already come and they were now experiencing God's judgment in the Day of the Lord. The Day of the Lord is a time when God will judge the whole world. People who do not believe in Jesus will be judged severely. It is not just one day but a period of time that could last several years. Many terrible events will happen during the Day of the Lord. That is why the Thessalonians were so upset. Were they in the middle of the Day of the Lord? Had Jesus already come and they missed Him?

In 2 Thessalonians chapter 2, Paul reassured them and told them not to listen to any false teaching that claimed Jesus had already come. He reminded them that he had taught them about what the Second Coming of Christ would look like and what the judgment of God would involve. Paul went back over some of the details of what would happen before Christ returns again.

Paul described two things that would happen before the Day of the Lord. First, there would be a great rebellion called the "apostasy." Many people who go to church and call themselves Christians will turn away from Christ. They will leave the church and the truth of God's Word. It will be a sad, sad time. The second thing that would happen before the Day of the Lord is "the man of lawlessness" will be revealed. What in the world does that mean? It means there will be a powerful leader who comes into power. At first it will seem like he is a good man and many people will trust him. But deep down he will be very evil. He is called the "man of lawlessness" because he won't pay any attention to God's laws and will be very wicked. At first, his wicked acts will be done in secret so that everyone will like him. However, once he does this, he will set himself up as ruler over Israel and a world leader. Then he will go into the temple at Jerusalem to set up a throne and declare himself to be God. Imagine a man going into the temple and claiming to be God! There will be believers in Christ around at the time, and this man will try to kill as many of them as possible. His power will actually be given to him by Satan and he will perform many signs and miracles. Then he will demand that people bow down and worship him. Most of the world will turn and follow this man as if he were God. Of course this will be anger the one true God, and He will not put up with it for long. Jesus, with all His glory, will come out of heaven and with a powerful word take the "man of lawlessness" off the throne and destroy him. As for those who followed him, they will face a terrible judgment. First, they will be fooled so they will be unable to believe in Jesus. Then they will be killed and sent to hell.

Even though the Day of the Lord was going to be terrible, Paul was not concerned for the true believers in Thessalonica. He was confident that they would continue to follow Jesus and hold firm to the teachings Paul had given them. He knew God Himself would cause them to remain faithful, even in the face of difficult trials and persecutions. He prayed for them in 2 Thessalonians 2:16, "May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

Today, just as in the time of the Thessalonians, there will be many people who will try to lie to Christians about Christ and when He will return. They will try to get people to believe untrue things about Jesus and follow other gods. These people may even seem good on the surface and use the name of Jesus or God. However, they won't follow the Bible as God's true Word. Pray, as Paul did, that you will be encouraged and strengthened by God to stand firm in your faith. Take comfort in our memory verse, "But the LORD is faithful and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."

Bible Adventure for 3^d – 6th Grades –

Things were very confused in the church at Thessalonica. People who had put their faith in Jesus Christ were hearing some very strange ideas. These ideas were being passed from person to person, until some of the new believers were upset and wondering just what the real truth was. They were going through hard times caused by unbelievers who hated the gospel. They began to wonder if they were in the middle of the Day of the Lord, a time when God's anger will be poured out on a sinful world. Some stopped working, thinking that Christ's return was so soon that they didn't need to earn a living. Then, to add to the confusion, someone claiming to be Paul, began teaching, probably through a letter, that they *were* in the Day of the Lord. The Thessalonians knew that Jesus would come back for His followers before the Day of the Lord, so naturally they were upset, thinking that they might somehow have missed Jesus' second coming and the rapture. Think how scared you would be if you thought Jesus had returned for all His followers, and you missed it.

Paul, in his great love for the Thessalonian believers, wrote two letters to comfort and encourage them. In his second letter he shares with them some truths that would calm their fears, and put to rest some of the false ideas that were being spread through the church. Paul had taught them when he was in Thessalonica about the Day of the Lord and the Second Coming of Christ, but somehow they had been led away from Paul's teaching. So, patiently, Paul used his letter to remind them of these truths.

Paul began by reminding them that the Day of the Lord had not come. That day will be a period of time when God's slow anger will reach the point where He will act in judgment against sinful men and women. Paul told the Thessalonians that two things had to happen before the Day of the Lord. First, a great rebellion against God will happen. This is sometimes called "apostasy," or a turning away from God. We know that throughout history there have been men and women who reject God, but this will be something the world has never seen before. Great numbers of people, many of whom go to church and think they are Christians, will turn away from God and reject Christ as the only way to be saved. They will not want anything to do with God or His Word. It will be a sad, sad time.

The second thing Paul taught would happen before the Day of the Lord is that "the man of lawlessness would be revealed." Who is this man of lawlessness? This will be a man who becomes a powerful leader in the world. At first he will look good to everyone, causing them to trust him and look to him for the answers to their problems. But inside, this man will be very evil. He is called the man of lawlessness because he will have no respect for God's law at all. At first he will do his wicked acts in secret, so that everyone will trust him. Once he has their trust, he will set himself up as ruler of Israel and become the main leader in the world (Matthew 24:15, Revelation 13:3-10). Then he will do the unthinkable. This man will actually go into the temple at Jerusalem, set up a throne, and in his pride and total rebellion against God, will sit on that throne and declare himself to be God! That is what 2 Thessalonians 2:8 is talking about when it says "the man of lawlessness will be revealed." To try to take God's place is the truly wicked.

There will be many believers in the world at this time, and the man of lawlessness will hate them and try to kill as many as he can. He will be given power by Satan to do signs and miracles for the purpose of fooling many people into believing in him. Then he will demand that people worship him. Many will—they will turn and follow this man as if he were God. How do you think God will react to that? Think back to the first of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20. God's voice thunders out: "You shall have no other gods before Me...for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God." You can be sure it won't be long before

God comes in His anger from heaven and with a word of His power take the lawless man off the throne. He will not be able to stand before God's glory and will be destroyed.

Then God will judge those foolish enough to have followed this evil man. Because they chose to believe a lie, God will make them continue to believe it. They will pay for their rebellion by being separated from God forever in hell. The Day of the Lord will be a terrible, awesome time.

Paul was not worried about true believers turning their backs on God and being judged by the Lord during that time. He knew they would continue to follow Jesus. He told them to keep holding on to the things he and Timothy and Silas had taught them, and to keep putting them into practice. He knew that God would give them the power and strength to do this, even in hard times.

There are many strange ideas in this world about God and about the end times, or the Day of the Lord, and none of them come from the Bible. The ideas come from Satan, who delights in poisoning the mind of a Christian with anything other than the truth of God's Word. Don't listen to those who will try to lie to you about when Christ will return, or get you to follow someone other than God Himself. They may sound good, and they may even use the names of God and of Jesus Christ. But if they can't support what they are saying 100 percent by using Scripture, don't listen. Make sure you know what God's Word teaches about these things, because the very best remedy to a poisonous lie are the truths we find in the words of God Himself. Stand firm, and God will protect you and make you strong!

Aim Questions:

1. **Why were the Thessalonians disturbed?** *(They thought they had missed Christ's return and the rapture.)*
2. **Where did they get this idea?** *(Someone wrote a letter as if from Paul.)*
3. **What did Paul say was going to happen before the Day of the Lord?** *(The man of lawlessness was going to be revealed and there would be a great rebellion against God.)*
4. **What would the man of lawlessness do to fool the world?** *(He would perform false signs and wonders.)*
5. **What was Christ going to do to those people?** *(Punish them with His words and presence)*
6. **What is a believer to do?** *(Learn God's Word and trust it so he can stand firm)*



Look:



Portrait of an Apostate (Discussion/Activity). 🦋, 🦋 Ask the students if they have ever heard the saying, "Don't judge a book by its cover"? Well, it's true. The outward appearance of a Christian and an apostate can be very much the same. In fact, sometimes a Christian might have an outward appearance that could be scary or offensive, while an apostate might be handsome and believable. Their heart shows us the truth. You must be discerning and go to God's Word when you hear something that might be different than what you know is God's Word, even if it is from someone who might be considered trustworthy. This activity can be used as a relay race or an individual worksheet. Make two copies of **2TH02.GF3 Pgs. 1-3** onto 11" x 14" sheet of paper for the relay race activity. Divide the class into two teams. Cut **2TH02.GF3 Pg. 3** into individual strips. The object is to have each team member pick one of the attributes out of a basket and run across the room and tape it on either the Apostate or the True Christian. They are then to return to their team and the next person does the same until all are complete. After both teams are finished, discuss these attributes. To use these as individual worksheets, you may use the same items copied onto 8 ½" x 11" sheets, with **2TH02.GF3 Pg. 3** copied onto stickers, or they can use glue. *Answer Key: 2TH02.GF3 Pgs. 4 & 5.*



Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Part 2 (Activity). 🦋 Copy some of the key lies in the magazine article about Christ's return. Please copy only these portions as there may be inappropriate content for the students to read adjacent to these. Give each student a red marker. Have the students go back to 2 Thessalonians 2 and see how these things match up. Cross out every one that is a lie. Ask them what the signs of Christ's return are according to 2 Thessalonians 2.

- Same or Different (Worksheet).** 🍌, 🦋 Tell the students that Paul told the Thessalonians that Jesus would return, but that certain things had to happen before then. After Paul had left town, false teachers pretending to be Christians said that Jesus had already returned and the rapture had already taken place. The Thessalonians became confused and frightened because they did not remember what Paul had told them. The false teachers' message sounded something like Paul's but was really different. Ask the students if they could be fooled like the Thessalonians? If someone told them something about God how would they know that person was telling the truth? Ask them where they would find the truth? Have them test their skill of discernment and observation by comparing the house on the top left hand side of the worksheet (**2TH02.GF4**) with the rest of the houses on the page. Which house is exactly the same?
- The Lord is Faithful (Puzzle).** 🍌, 🦋 Have the students complete the memory verse, finding each word in the verse by drawing a line from the first part of the word to the last part of the word. Then have them fill in the blanks to complete 2 Thessalonians 3:3, **2TH02.GF5**.
- What Does God Think of Apostates? (Worksheet).** 🍌, 🦋 Discuss with the students that, in today's Bible Adventure, they heard about how Paul was trying to correct the wrong views of the Thessalonians. They had been being deceived by apostates and were questioning. How do you think God feels about those who intentionally deceive Christians and tell them lies about His Word? Read Galatians 1:8 and Revelation 22:18. Emphasize with the students that the Word of God will give them the discernment that they need to determine apostasy. God clearly hates apostates because they are intentional in their actions. Using **2TH02.GF6 Pg. 1**, have the students match the verse with God's definition of an apostate. *Answer Key: 2TH02.GF6 Pg. 2*
- Find the Errors (Worksheet).** 🍌, 🦋 Have the students look up the Scripture references in an NIV Bible on **2TH02.GF7 Pgs. 1 & 2**. Then have them draw a line through the incorrect portion(s) of the verses and write in the correct words above those that are incorrect.
- Fear, Fact, Faith: Part 2 (Activity Preparation).** 🍌, 🦋 Order enough cardboard blocks from Children's Ministry to give one to each student. Color and cut out the six phrases on **2TH02.GF8** and tape them to the blocks. These are the facts about Christ's return and words of hope from today's passage. For older students have them write the verse reference at the bottom of each picture. These will be used in the TOOK activity.
- Aim Questions (Worksheet).** 🍌 Have the students answer the Aim Questions about today's Bible Adventure, **2TH02.GF9**.
- Passage Review Questions (Worksheet).** 🍌, 🦋 This booklet contains many questions from the Scripture passage covered in today's lesson. Students may work on them in class and complete them during the week at home, **2TH02.GF10**.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (Memory Verse Song).** 🍌 Words and music for today's memory verse are available upon request from Children's Ministry.



Took:

- Fear, Fact, Faith: Part 3 (Activity).** 🍌, 🦋 Set up bowling pins on a table. Place a velcro strip 10 feet back from the table. Tape several fears that relate to today's lesson, and some that are part of every day life, to the pins. Pair the students up and have them stand in a line behind the strip. Take the blocks made in the LOOK time and have the students throw the blocks at the pins. Score the game like bowling. Read the lies to the students after the pins have been knocked down. The facts of the Bible and the promises given to us give us hope and not fear about the return of Christ.



Worship God Alone (Worksheet). 🦋, 🦋 Have the students use **2TH02.GF11** to cross out the objects that can take their focus off of God. Have them circle those that will help them stay focused. Next, have them change the words in the bubbles to truth. Pray together for discernment, wisdom, and strength to stand firm in faith this coming week. Talk specifically and pray about situations that the students may find themselves in this next week that may require God's strength. Encourage the students to stay focused on God, His goodness, mercy, and love for His children. Urge them to study His Word and know the truth.



Wordless Book (Craft). 🦋, 🦋 Each student will need:

- ¼ sheet of black construction paper or felt
- ¼ sheet of red construction paper or felt
- ¼ sheet of white construction paper or felt
- ¼ sheet of yellow or gold construction paper or felt
- ¼ sheet of green construction paper or felt
- yarn
- stapler
- hole punch

Make a Wordless Book example ahead of time. Books may be made by securing the pages with yarn through hole punches or by simply stapling them together. Practice going through the salvation message using this tool. Instructions for the presentation are available from Children's Ministry. Send each student home with their own Wordless Book and encourage them to share the Gospel with others.

Jesus Is Coming to Gather All Believers



People Turn Their Backs on the Church and God's Word



Portrait of an Apostate



Picture of Rebellion Against God

Portrait of a True Christian

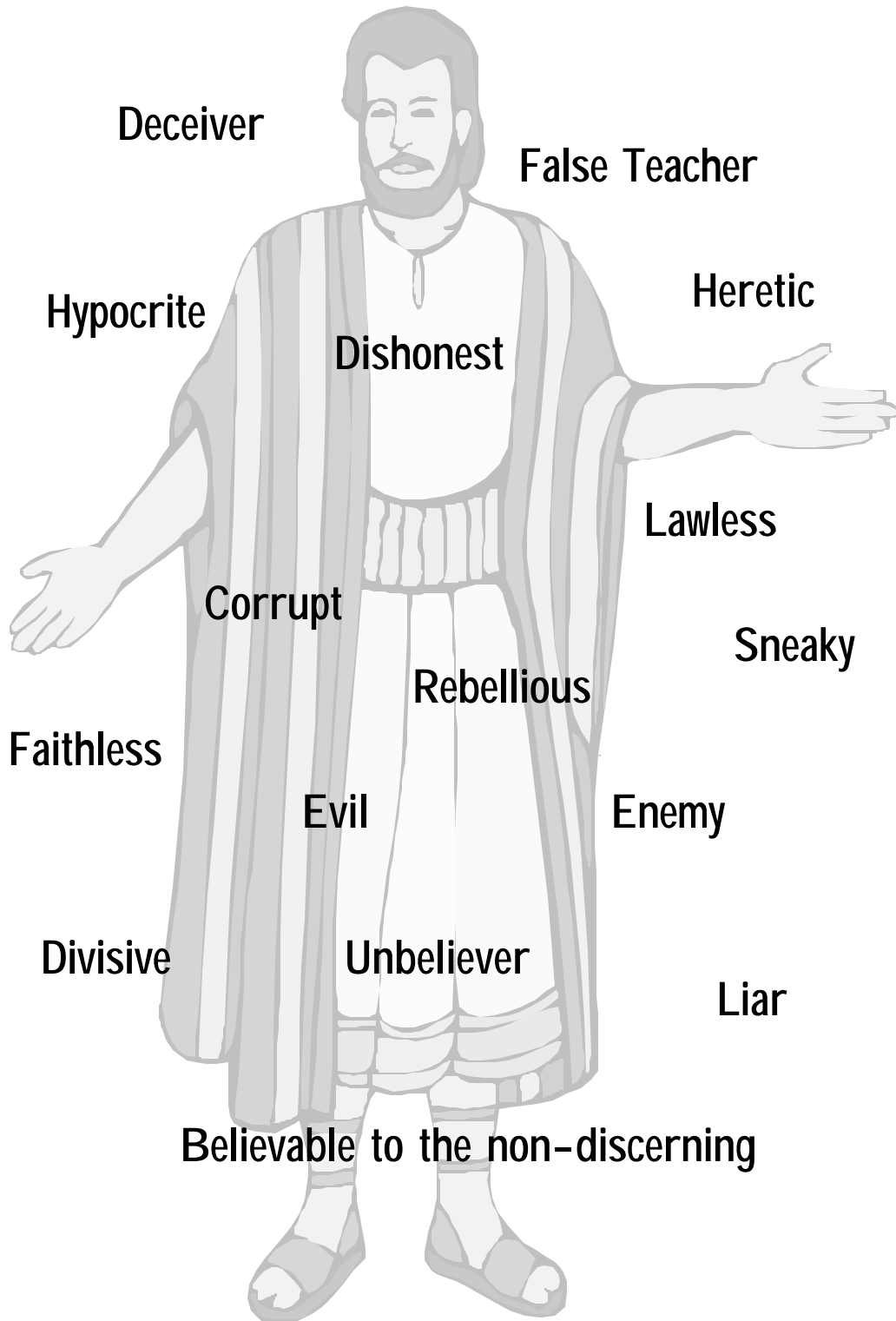


Picture of Faith and Obedience to God

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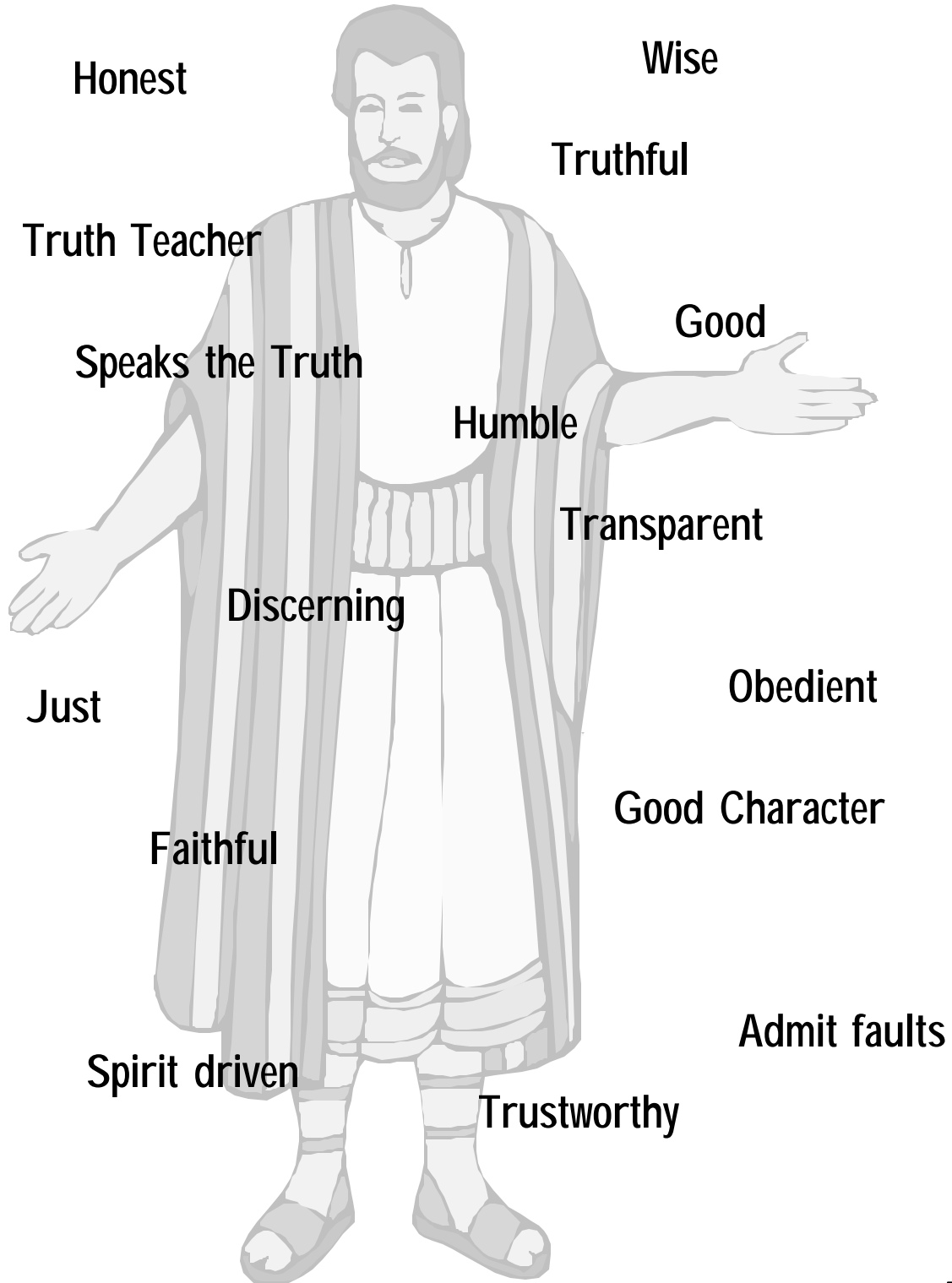
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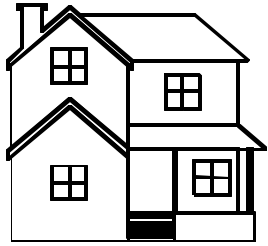
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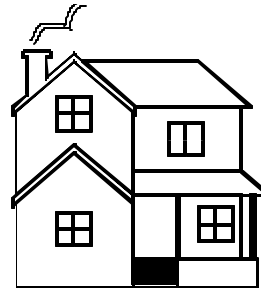
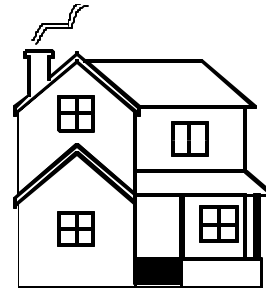
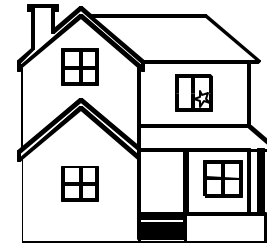
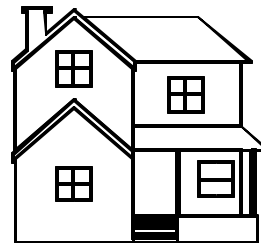
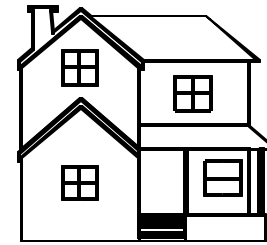
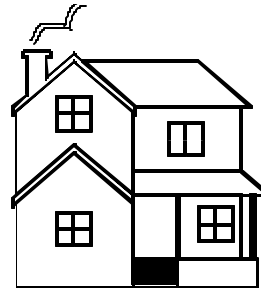
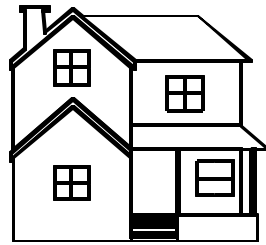
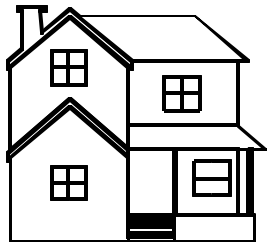


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The Lord is Faithful

Complete the memory verse by finding each word in the verse. Draw a line from the first part of the word to the last part of the word. Fill in the blanks as you find each word to complete 2 Thessalonians 3:3.

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2 Thessalonians 3:3 NIV

What Does God Think of Apostates?

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2 Cor. 6:14

"Savage wolves "

1 Tim 6:5

"Unbelievers"

2 Peter 2:19

"False apostles"
"Deceitful workmen"

2 Peter 2:1

"Enemies of the
cross of Christ"

Acts 20:29

"Men of corrupt mind
and robbed of the
truth"

2 Tim 2:20

"Articles of ignoble"

1 John 2:18

"False prophets"

Phil. 3:18

"Like brute beasts"

2 Cor. 11:13

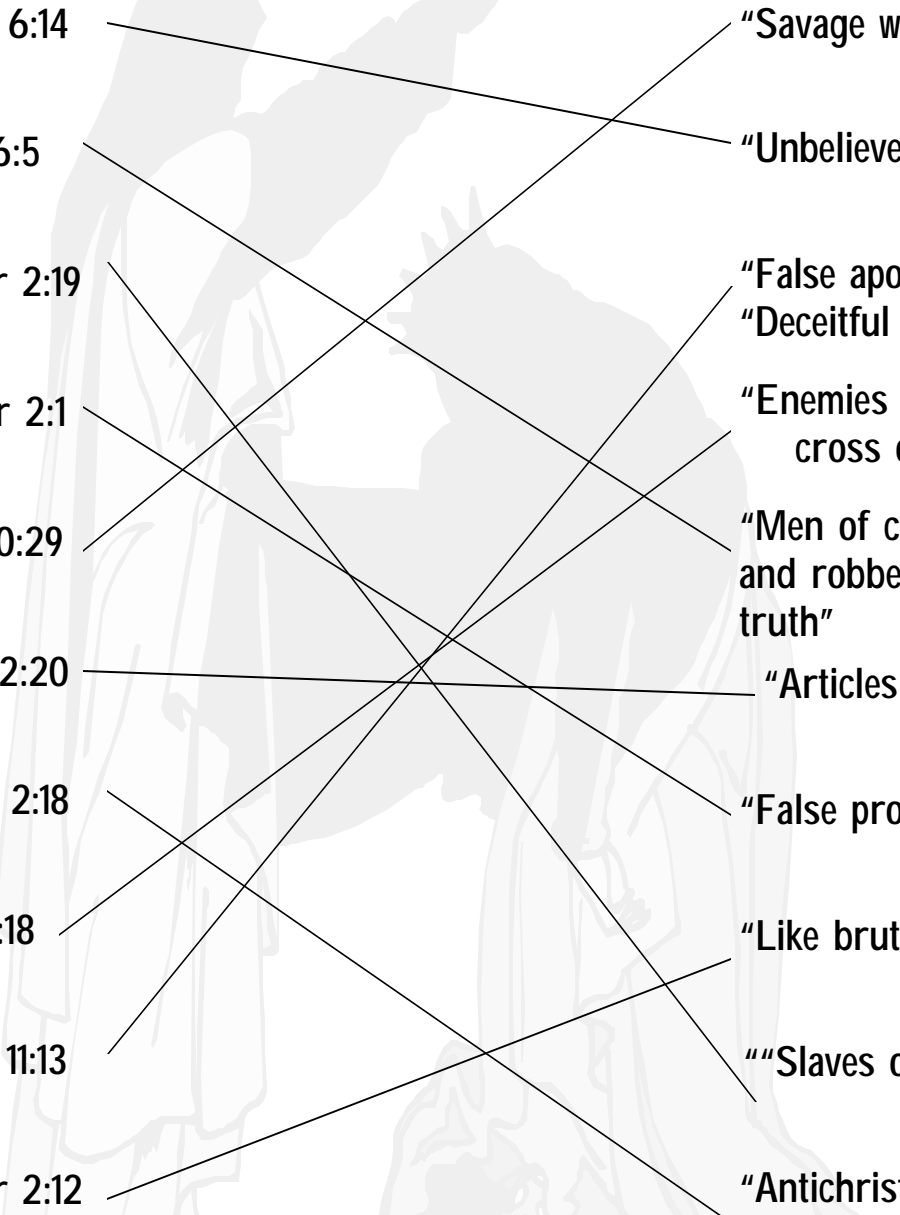
"Slaves of depravity"

2 Peter 2:12

"Antichrists"

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2 Peter 2:1	"Deceitful workmen"
Acts 20:29	"Enemies of the cross of Christ"
2 Tim 2:20	"Men of corrupt mind and robbed of the truth"
1 John 2:18	"Articles of ignoble"
Phil. 3:18	"False prophets"
2 Cor. 11:13	"Like brute beasts"
2 Peter 2:12	"Slaves of depravity"
	"Antichrists"



FIND THE ERRORS



Find the errors in the Scriptures listed below. They all sound good, but each one contains some false statements. Cross out the words which are incorrect and write in the correct words above.

Exodus 16:4-5

Then Aaron said to Moses, “I will raise up flowers from the earth for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for their table. In this way I will bless them and I know they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day they are to prepare an extra bouquet, and that is to be twice as large as the the one they gathered on the other days. This they are to give to a friend.”

John 5:24-29

“I tell you this story, he who believes and obeys all of the commandments will please Him who sent me. This may give you eternal life and you may not be condemned; he has reached the bridge of no return. You can tell your friends, that there is plenty of time, and all the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and will live in Heaven with Him. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted all to have life in himself. And He has given each one of us authority to judge because He is God.

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear a voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do anything; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek to please myself as this is the will of Him who sent me.

Colossians 3:18-21 ~ Rules for Christian Households

Wives, nag your husbands, as you feel is fitting.

Husbands, boss your wives around and do not be afraid to be harsh with them.

Children, if you don't obey your parents in everything, that still pleases the Lord.

Fathers, if you embitter your children, you will not need to leave them any inheritance.

Romans 12:9-21 ~ Love

Love can be pretend. Hate can destroy love. Cling to your loved ones. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor yourself above others, for this is expected. Never be lacking in cash, and keep your friends from serving the Lord. Be joyful if you receive much, patient if not, faithful in hoping for more. Share with God's people whatever you have left. Practice makes perfect .

Bless those who give you the most; and curse those who do not. Rejoice with those who rejoice; keep away from those who mourn. Live in total harmony with one another, and one with the earth.

Be proud of what you have done, and willing to associate only with people of high position. Do not be conceited, as this leaves a bad impression.

If you repay anyone evil for evil, be careful to make sure you look good in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Take revenge if you must, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, let him starve; if he is thirsty, don't give him anything to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome them before they overcome you.

Matthew 6:9-15 ~ This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, everyone knows Your name,

Your kingdom will come, our work is done on earth as it will be in heaven.

Give us our daily blessings today, forget our sins just as you have forgotten other sinners.

Please don't tempt us, but deliver us from the evil one.' For if we don't forgive men when they sin against us, our heavenly Father will still forgive us.

But if you forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

“apostasy”

“man of lawlessness revealed”

“man of lawlessness exalts himself”

“false wonders”

“God keeps those He calls.”

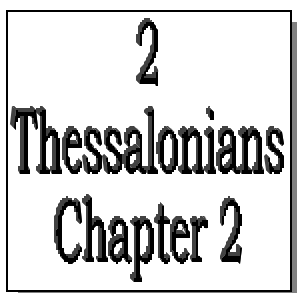
“God protects believers from Satan.”

Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. Why were the Thessalonians disturbed?
2. Where did they get this idea?
3. What did Paul say was going to happen before the Day of the Lord?
4. What would the man of lawlessness do to fool the world?
5. What was Christ going to do to those people?
6. What is a believer to do?

*This week read what your Bible says about Christ's return.
Everything we need to know is revealed in His Word.
Don't be vulnerable to the lies of deceivers. Know what God's
Word says so that you are able to stand firm in the truth.*



"But the Lord is faithful and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one."
2 Thessalonians 3:3

Passage Review Questions

2 Thessalonians 2

What was Paul asking the Thessalonian believers to do? (2:1)

What was Paul warning the Thessalonians about? (2:2)

Were the Thessalonians in the middle of the Day of the Lord? (2:3)

Who is the man of lawlessness? (2:3)

What will this man do over all of the gods that people worship today? (2:4)

What will this man do at the temple of God? (2:4)

Had Paul told the Thessalonians this before? (2:5)

Who will defeat this man of lawlessness? (2:8)

Who has given the lawless man power? (2:9)

What has Satan given the man of lawlessness power to do? (2:9)

What will happen to those who believe and trust in the man of lawlessness?
(2:10)

What did the unbelievers fail to receive that led to their destruction? (2:10)

Why is Paul giving thanks for the Thessalonians? (2:13)

When did God choose people for salvation? (2:13)

How did the Thessalonians hear about God's Word? (2:14)

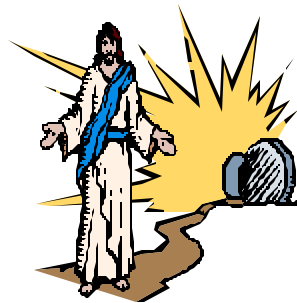
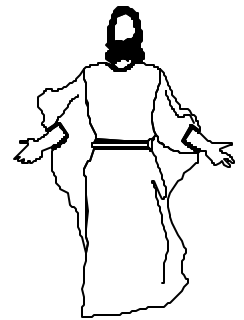
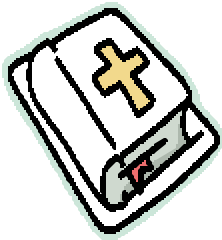
What does Paul encourage the believers to do? (2:15)

According to verse 16, what has God and Jesus done for us? (2:16)

What does Paul ask the Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father to do? (2:17)

Worship God Alone

Cross out the objects which can take our focus off of God, and circle those which will help us stay focused. Look at what is being said, and change the words to the truth.



There are many ways to heaven.

Nobody loves me.

If it feels good do it.

God is whomever you want Him to be.

The earth is billions of years old.

You can work your way to heaven.

Animals are equal to people in the eyes of God.

