

ACTS CHAPTER 15:1-35

Salvation by Grace Through Faith in Christ Alone



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2-Year-Olds - Kindergarten
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2.ACT13EC

SHOOK _____

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MEMORY
VERSE

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We believe it
is through the
grace of our
Lord Jesus
that we are
saved.

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Acts 15:11
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Teacher Tip. Children are eager to please adults and to receive praise for work well done. Class runs more smoothly when your students know what is expected of them. You may already have established your classroom rules through verbal reminders or by having them posted on the wall. Another thing to remember is to set clear limits when making a transition to another activity. Describe how to move down the hall, how to move the chairs to the tables, how to approach the outside play area, etc. Spark anticipation of the next activity through use of props, by asking a question, or by a change in your voice. Children's enthusiasm can be successfully directed by you with a little forethought of how your activities will work themselves out in the classroom.

Trace a Gentile. Before class, tape butcher paper to a large section of one wall. It will need to be approximately 4' high from the ground and 15'-20' long (depending on how many children are in your class). Have each child stand against the paper wall and have the teachers trace an outline of each child onto the paper. Have the children draw faces and clothes on the figures. This is now a crowd of Gentiles. See "Pin the Scroll on the Gentile" in the Look section for a fun idea to use with these Gentiles.

Jewish Cooking. Bring several metal or plastic bowls, measuring spoons and cups, and wooden spoons to class. Provide rice, macaroni, or beans to measure. Set everything out at a table. The children will enjoy pretending to cook. Have them make exact measurements with the rice, such as one cup, two tablespoons, 1/2 teaspoon, etc. As they play, talk about our Bible Adventure for today. Say statements like, "Today, we will talk about the Judaizers. Judaizers were men who told the Gentiles that they had to follow all the laws of Moses to be God's children. Judaizers said, 'You have to cook the way we do.'" Tell the children that they will hear more about the Judaizers in our Bible Adventure today. Repeating the name "Judaizers" frequently during Hook activities will help familiarize the children with this new name.

Follow the Leader. Give each child at the table the same number and color of lego blocks (the younger the children, the fewer the blocks). Have one child be the leader and make a design with his blocks. On a signal from the teacher, the rest of the children make the same design. The first one correctly done gets to do the next design as the new leader. "In our Bible Adventure today, we are going to hear about how Paul and Barnabas walked to Jerusalem to ask the church

Little Echo. Ask the children to repeat words that you say. If you say, “Clap,” they repeat that by giving a clap. Be creative! Repeat the word “Judaizers” and “false teachers” several times. Use other words like Barnabas, Antioch, Jerusalem, Holy Spirit, faith, Christians, and Gentiles. Tell the children to listen for these words in today’s Bible Adventure.

Following Rules–Right Hand, Left Hand. Before class, make a pair of paper mittens for each child. The left-hand mitten is yellow and has an “L” written on it. The right-hand mitten is red with an “R” on it. Tape the mittens to the back of the children’s hands. Make sure the letters show on the back of the children’s hands. Talk about your right and left hands and how the “R” is for right and the “L” is for left. Play a game by giving rules that the children follow. Rules can be: “Right hand touch your nose. Left hand touch your toes.” Older children may be able to have right hand touch the left ear, etc. With partners, the children can clap their right hands together and then their left.

“Filling Our Hearts with Joy” Review (Last week’s 2.ACT12ECGF2 and 2.ACT13ECGF7). Copy last week’s GF2 and this week’s GF7 pages on card stock paper and have the children color the GF2 picture. They can attach two GF7 legs with two paper brads so that the legs will move. “In last week’s story we learned that Paul healed a lame man’s feet in the city of Lystra. This man had never been able to walk. Paul told him to stand, and the man believed him and stood up on his weak feet. Paul was speaking God’s words to the man, and he obeyed. It brought him joy. We can obey God’s words, too, to do things that are hard. God’s words tell us to wait patiently, and we are to obey. God’s words tell us to be kind to unkind people, and we are to obey. God’s words tell us to obey our parents and it will bring us joy. This man was blessed because he obeyed God’s words from Paul. We will be blessed, too, when we obey God’s words. Obeying brings us joy.”

Worship God Review. “When Paul and Barnabas healed the lame man who lived in Lystra in our Bible Adventure last week, what did the crowd want to do to them? That’s right, the crowd wanted to worship them. Did Paul and Barnabas let them? No! They told the crowd to worship the one living God. Let’s sing ‘Worship God’ to remind ourselves what happened.”

Antioch/Jerusalem Travel. Play this in a “follow-the-leader” fashion. Designate one side of the room as Antioch and the other as Jerusalem. Go back and forth from Antioch to Jerusalem doing different things. For example, tell the children, “Hop on one foot to Jerusalem. Walk backwards to Antioch. Jump to Jerusalem. Crawl to Antioch.” At the end, talk about Paul and Barnabas going from Antioch to Jerusalem in today’s Bible Adventure. You can use this activity to transition into the story time.



Presentation Ideas

Pictures 2.ACT13ECGF1 - 2.ACT13ECGF6. Color the pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Save the pictures for review in the next lesson.

Cooking Props. Bring kitchen utensils and food items out of the Acts suitcase. Use them as you talk about the kinds of foods the Jews could and could not eat and how they had to cook the foods differently than Gentiles.

Definition. A definition of Judaizers could be “Jewish men who loved the law and rules more than they loved Jesus.”

“I Eat My Peas with Honey” Activity.

I eat my peas with honey. *(Clap 3 times and snap fingers once for each line.)*
I’ve done it all my life.
I know it may seem funny,
But it keeps them on my knife.

Bible Adventure for 2s & 3s

(On the large wall map, place Paul and Barnabas at Antioch of Syria.)
Everyone in the Antioch church was happy to have Paul and Barnabas back with them. They rejoiced over the Gentiles who were becoming part of Jesus’ church family.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF1 picture.) There were men, whom we will call Judaizers, who came to Antioch. The Judaizers said to the Gentiles, “You cannot be saved and be in Jesus’ church family unless you keep all of the Jewish rules like we do. You have to obey every law of Moses.”

These Judaizers would not eat with the Gentile Christians because their food was not cooked the way Moses had commanded. The Judaizers caused big arguments between the Jews and Gentiles in the Antioch church.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF2 picture.) Paul and Barnabas said to the Judaizers, “You are wrong to say that these Gentiles are not saved unless they become Jews like us. God has already accepted them as they are. He has already filled their hearts with His Holy Spirit.”

The Judaizers would not stop arguing about the Jewish rules. The Antioch church decided to send Paul and Barnabas down to Jerusalem to talk with Peter, James, and the other apostles about it.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF3 picture.) Paul and Barnabas, along with a few other men, walked to Jerusalem. *(Walk, walk, walk the men to Jerusalem.)* As Paul and Barnabas were walking along through the towns of Samaria, they stopped in villages and visited with the Christians. The Christians in the villages were happy to hear about the Gentiles in Antioch and on the island of Cyprus.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF4 picture.) When Paul and Barnabas arrived in Jerusalem, they found the apostles and elders. They told Peter, James, and the other apostles all about the exciting things that God was doing among the Gentiles in Antioch and on their first missionary journey.

“But we have this problem,” Paul and Barnabas told the apostles. “The Judaizers came and told the Gentiles, ‘You Gentiles cannot be saved and be in Jesus’ church family unless you follow the rules exactly like we Jews do.’”

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF5 picture.) The apostles and elders talked and talked about what to do. Finally, Peter stood and said, “The Gentiles are saved by faith in Jesus only, not by rules that they keep. They don’t have to keep every law of Moses.”

Paul and Barnabas were happy with the decision of the apostles and elders. The apostles and elders in the Jerusalem church wrote a letter and sent it with Paul and Barnabas back to Antioch. *(Walk, walk, to Antioch.)*

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF6 picture.) Paul and Barnabas were sent with a letter to make sure the church in Antioch understood what the apostles in Jerusalem were saying. The letter said, “We apostles have heard about the

Judaizers who want you to keep all the Jewish rules. Because God the Holy Spirit has already come to you and accepted you, then we do, too. We only ask you to stay away from idols and keep your hearts clean from sin.”

The Gentiles were glad when they heard the letter being read. They were happy to stay away from idols and from sin. They wanted to please God and do what was right.

Prayer. Dear God, thank You for Jesus who saved me from my sin. I could never be good enough by myself to live with You in heaven. Please help me live in a way that pleases You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Aim Questions for 2s & 3s

1. **Who came from Jerusalem to the Antioch church saying that the Gentiles had to follow all the Jewish rules?** (Judaizers.)
 2. **Who did Paul and Barnabas go see in Jerusalem to ask about the Gentiles following the Jewish rules?** (Apostles, church leaders.)
 3. **Who first accepted the Gentiles and cleaned their hearts from sin without them following the Jewish rules?** (God.)
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Bible Adventure for 4s & 5s

(On the large wall map, place Paul and Barnabas at Antioch of Syria.)

Everyone in the Antioch church was happy to have Paul and Barnabas back with them. Everyone was rejoicing over the Gentiles who were becoming part of Jesus’ church family.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF1 picture.) There were men, whom we will call Judaizers, who walked from Jerusalem to Antioch. The Judaizers said to the Gentiles, “You cannot be saved and be in Jesus’ church family unless you keep all of the Jewish rules like we do. Your baby boys must be circumcised on the eighth day, like Jewish babies. You have to cook your foods the way we do. *(Put a little meat in a pan with some milk. Say, “Never cook meat and milk together!”)* You have to clean yourselves with water in a certain way like we do. *(Dip your hands in water and let the water drip off your elbows.)* You have to obey every law of Moses like we do.”

These Judaizers would not eat with the Gentile Christians because their food was not cooked the way Moses had commanded. The Judaizers caused big arguments between the Jews and Gentiles in the Antioch church.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF2 picture.) Paul and Barnabas said to the Judaizers, “You are wrong to say that these Gentiles are not saved unless they become Jews like us. God has already accepted them as they are. He has already filled their hearts with His Holy Spirit.”

The Judaizers would not stop arguing about it. They wanted their own way. The Antioch church decided to send Paul and Barnabas down to Jerusalem to talk with Peter, James, and the other apostles about it.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF3 picture.) Paul and Barnabas, along with a few other men, walked to Jerusalem. *(Walk, walk, walk the men to Jerusalem.)* As Paul and Barnabas were walking along through the towns of Samaria, they stopped in villages and visited with people who loved Jesus. Paul said, “Many Gentiles are believing in Jesus.” The Christians in the villages were happy to hear about the Gentiles in Antioch and the ones who were believing on the island of Cyprus. *(As you are “walking” Paul and Barnabas from Antioch to Jerusalem, stop them at two of the villages as you say, “Many Gentiles have believed in Jesus!” Have the children clap their hands and cheer.)*

When Paul and Barnabas arrived in Jerusalem, they found the apostles and elders. They told Peter, James, and the other apostles all about the exciting things that God was doing among the Gentiles in Antioch and on their first missionary journey.

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF4 picture.) “But we have this problem,” Paul and Barnabas told the apostles. “The Judaizers came and told the Gentiles, ‘You cannot be saved and be in Jesus’ church family unless you do everything exactly like we Jews do. Your baby boys must be circumcised. You have to cook your foods the way we do. You have to clean yourselves with water in a certain way like we do. You have to obey every law of Moses like we do.’”

The apostles and elders talked and talked about what to do. Were the Gentiles already saved because they believed in Jesus? They had already received the Holy Spirit which meant that they were already accepted by God. Should the Gentiles have to start keeping every Jewish law? Why should they have to start keeping every Jewish ritual that even the Jews had a hard time doing?

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF5 picture.) Finally, Peter stood and said, “The Gentiles are saved by faith in Jesus only, not by rules that they keep. They don’t have to circumcise their baby boys. They don’t have to cook their foods like we do. They don’t have to clean themselves with water in a certain way to go to heaven. They don’t have to keep every law of Moses.”

Paul and Barnabas were happy with the decision of the apostles and elders. The Jerusalem church apostles and elders wrote a letter and sent it with Paul and Barnabas back to Antioch. *(Walk, walk, to Antioch.)*

(Show the 2.ACT13ECGF6 picture.) A group of men were sent with the letter to make sure the church in Antioch understood what the apostles in Jerusalem were saying. The letter said, “We apostles have heard about the Judaizers who want you to keep all the Jewish rules. Because God the Holy Spirit has already come to you and accepted you, then we do, too. We only ask you to keep your hearts clean from sin. We also ask you to keep away from idols and from the meat that has been offered to idols.”

The Gentiles were glad when they heard the letter from the apostles and elders. They were happy to stay away from idols and from sin. They wanted to please God and do what was right .

Prayer. Dear God, thank You for Jesus who saved me from my sin. I could never be good enough by myself to live with You in heaven. Please help me live in a way that pleases You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Aim Questions for 4s & 5s

- 1. What did the Judaizers tell the Gentiles in Antioch?** (They had to keep all the Jewish rules to be saved.)
 - 2. What did the apostles in Jerusalem say about Gentiles having to keep all the Jewish rules?** (They decided that Gentiles and Jews are saved by faith in Jesus, not by keeping the law of Moses.)
 - 3. What did the letter to the Gentiles say?** (“God has already accepted you, and so do we. We only ask you to keep away from sin, from idols, and from the meat that has been offered to idols.”)
 - 4. Are you and I saved by faith in Jesus or by doing what the law of Moses says?** (Faith in Jesus.)
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LOOK

Aim Questions. Write the Aim Questions on a smaller role of butcher paper that can be unrolled by the children to show one question at a time. This will represent the rules written on the Jewish scrolls that the Judaizers wanted the Gentiles to follow.

Transition Idea. Have the children shake their fingers as if they are scolding the Gentiles for not following the Jewish rules.

Hand Washing. (Do before the snack.) At each table have a tub of water and paper towels. Tell the children that they are going to wash their hands. Ask them, "Who said there were rules to follow when we wash our hands? Did the Judaizers tell the Gentiles they had to follow these laws/rules to be God's children? But we know that following rules does not make us God's children. We know that trusting in Jesus is what really makes us God's children. Only Jesus can clean our hearts from sin. So, we can wash our hands any way we want!!!" Have everyone wash their hands and dry them off. Sing "Saved by Faith" as you wash and dry.

Snack Discussion. In small groups of children, talk about rules they have at home for their family. "We all have house rules in our families, and it is very important to obey our moms and dads." Talk about "rules" Jesus has for being in His family. The only "rule" God has for us to get into His family is believing that Jesus died for our sins, that He came back to life, and that when we ask Him to forgive our sins, He sends the Holy Spirit to live inside us. If we need to know if something is right or wrong for us to do we talk to dads, moms, teachers, and people who love God. Use pictures to make this more interesting. For example, show a picture of a dinner table, a bedroom, toys to pick up, clothes to wear, yard where toys have been picked up, etc.

Faith in Jesus Activity Page (2.ACT13ECGF1). Give each child a GF1 picture to color. Give the children yarn or strips of black construction paper and have them glue a big "X" over the Judaizers who told the Gentiles in Antioch that they had to follow all the Jewish rules to be in Jesus' church family. Explain some of the Jewish rules. Place a sticker of Jesus on the hearts of the who believed in Jesus as the only way to be saved. Sing "Acts 15:11 Memory Verse Song" as the children work.

Jerusalem to Antioch Activity Page (2.ACT13ECGF8 and 2.ACT13ECGF9). Copy the GF8 and GF9 pages on card stock paper and give a GF8 page to each child to color. Give each child a GF9 picture of the apostles in Jerusalem to glue in the lower left corner of the page and a GF9 picture of the Antioch church receiving the letter in the upper right corner of the page. These pictures can be glued or stapled so that they are slightly off the page. For young children, let them glue the GF9 Paul and Barnabas on the path in the center of the GF8 page. Older children can tape the back of the picture to the center of a 12-inch piece of string. Punch the two holes out of the GF8 picture and thread the ends of the string through the holes. Tie the string in the back. As you move the string from side to side, Paul and Barnabas will walk the path from Jerusalem to Antioch. Sing "Saved by Faith" or the "Acts 15:11 Memory Verse Song" as the children slide Paul and Barnabas back toward Antioch.

Judaizer March. Have the children line up and grab a length of rope. Go on a march around the church grounds and sing the "Judaizer" song from the Song section. If you're marching inside the building, have the children whisper the song as they march. You may want to stop along your march and practice doing various things like the Judaizers would (i.e., washing hands, cooking food, worshipping God, or whatever else you'd like to make up).

Memory Verse Review. First review the verse, clapping the rhythm of the words and then clapping and marching from Antioch to Jerusalem saying the verse together. Select some children to be Judaizers. Give them black cloth stripes to tie around their heads for headbands. The Judaizers from Jerusalem are to shake their fingers and say, "Cook like us! Wash like us!" The rest of the class repeats the memory verse back to them or sings "Saved by Faith."

Pin the Law on the Gentile. If you made a large crowd of Gentiles during the Hook time, you may use it for this activity. Show the children how to roll up a paper to make a scroll. Have them write some numbers and rules (scribble) on their personal scroll. Then they can tape the scroll onto a Gentile on the wall. As they are writing and taping, ask them the Aim Questions, particularly focusing on question number one. Sing "Judaizers" at the end of the activity.

Bible Adventure Review. As you set the pace with an action for the story, ask the children to follow your actions. Have a second leader read the review while the children imitate your actions.

1. Paul and Barnabas taught and preached. (Fold hands like a Bible while moving your mouth.)
2. Everyone is happy to be part of Jesus' church family. (Swing your arms while waving your hands in the air.)
3. Pretend to be angry Judaizers who came with rules to follow. (Angry face and shaking finger.) You must cook your food like us. (Pretend to mix up something.) You must wash your hands like us. (Pretend to wash hands.)
4. Paul and Barnabas walked to Jerusalem to talk to the apostles about the Jewish rules. (March in place.)
5. Paul and Barnabas told the good news to people in villages along the way. (Stop and say, "Gentiles believe in Jesus.")
6. Paul and Barnabas met with the apostles and told them that the Judaizers were saying, "You cannot be saved unless you follow the same rules we follow." (Stomp your foot.)
7. The apostles and elders talked together in Jerusalem. (Murmur to each other.)
8. Peter stood and said, "God has already accepted the Gentiles by their faith in Jesus. Nothing else will help them be saved." (Put your hands on your hips and repeat the message.)
9. The apostles wrote a letter to take back to the Gentile Christians in Antioch. (Pretend to write.) The letter said, "It is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that all are saved."
10. The Gentiles in Antioch were happy to hear the words written in the letter. (Big smiles and jubilation.)

Believe in Jesus Parade. Be creative with hats and noise makers and march around singing the songs from today's lesson. The Gentiles were happy and celebrated when they heard the letter that they were saved by faith in Jesus and not by the way they cooked their food or washed their hands.

Scavenger Hunt. Around the room, hide pictures of travel methods, soaps, and food. As children come together with their finds, talk about the following: "How would you cook this food? Does God care how we cook it? Does how we cook our food help us believe in Jesus? No! Where do you think the people are going in their motor home? Are they going to California? Can they believe in Jesus even if they don't follow the old rule to travel to Jerusalem every year? What do we use these soaps for? If you wash with this soap and I wash with this one, does that mean that you can believe in Jesus and I can't? That is like what those Judaizers were saying. They said that if the Gentiles didn't wash their hands a certain way, they were wrong and couldn't be in Jesus' church family. They were very wrong, weren't they?"

Family Team Selections. Ask different teachers to stand in different parts of the room. Have them take turns asking children to come and join their family team if they are wearing red, if they ate cereal this morning, ate pancakes for breakfast, have black shoes on, brought their Bible to church, etc. The children change groups if the new criteria is true for that child. Talk about what is necessary to be in Jesus' church family. Do we have to follow rules like wearing red or eating certain foods? No.

Jesus/Judaizers Situations. In a basket, place the following situations that have been written on individual pieces of paper. After a child selects a paper, read it. The children then yell, "Jesus!" with a happy, smiley face or, "Judaizers," with a sad face. Variation: Stand up for Jesus' right answers and sit with a frown on your face for Judaizers.

1. You can't ride in our car unless you wash your face.
2. You can't play at my house unless you take a bath before you come over.
3. You can't eat with our family unless you wear a red shirt.
4. You can't play with my toys unless you buy me a new toy first.
5. You can't be in Jesus' church family unless you follow my rules.
6. You are saved by faith in Jesus only.
7. Jesus makes our hearts clean and saves us.
8. Following rules doesn't make us part of Jesus' church family.
9. To be in Jesus' church family, believe in Jesus.

Songs.

Acts 15:11 Memory Verse Song (tune: "Skip to My Lou").

"We believe it is through grace,
"We believe it is through grace,
"Grace of our Lord Je-esus."
Acts fifteen, eleven.

Worship God (tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat").

1. Paul and Barnabas
Healed the lame man's foot.
The crowd said, "We will worship you!"
The men said, "You will not!"
2. Paul and Barnabas
Told them about God
And the Holy One, Jesus,
Who is the Son of God.

Judaizers (tune: "The Ants Go Marching").

The Ju-da-i-zers came to say,
"You must, you must *(Shake your index finger.)*
You must keep all the law like us,
You must, you must.
You must keep all the law like us
Or else you're not a Jew like us." *(Point to yourself with your thumb.)*
And the Ju-da-i-zers came *(March in place with fists clenched.)*
To us, to tell us all this stuff.

Saved by Faith (tune: "Jimmy Crack Corn").

Saved by faith and not by works.
You cannot be good enough.
Jesus is the only way.
He makes you right with God.

This Is the Way We Cook Our Food (tune: "Mulberry Bush").

1. This is the way we cook our food, cook our food, cook our food.
This is the way we cook our food, in the Jewish way.
2. This is the way we clean our hands. . .
3. This is the way we worship God. . .
4. This is the way we celebrate. . .



TOOK

Clean Heart Page (2.ACT13ECGF10). Give each child a piece of white paper and the words, "Only Jesus," to glue at the top of one side of the paper. At the top of the back side, glue the words, "Can Make My Heart Clean." Give the children a black heart and have them tape the left side of the black heart over the heart with a cross in it. The black heart can be lifted open to reveal the cross below. It is faith in Jesus' death on the cross and coming back to life that makes our hearts clean from sin. Glue the white heart over the top of the heart on the "Can Make My Heart Clean" side of their papers. Talk about today's Bible Adventure by reviewing the Aim Questions. Sing "Saved by Faith."

Lace Heart Necklace (2.ACT13ECGF10). Provide each child with a small GF10 heart cut from poster board. Punch holes around the edge and give each child a long piece of yarn (dip ends in melted wax or wrap with tape). The children can lace the yarn through the holes. In the center of the heart, place a sticker of Jesus. If there is time, give each child a small bag of Cheerios to glue to the necklace. Use an extra piece of yarn (22") to tie it around the neck. Talk about believing in Jesus as the only way to be in His church family. The Judaizers wanted the Gentile people to follow their Jewish rules also, and that was wrong.

Saved by Faith Art Craft (2.ACT13ECGF11). Copy the GF11 page on a colorful paper and cut apart the two halves of the heart pattern and the song. Give each child a white piece of paper on which to glue the GF11 pieces. Let the children assemble and decorate the heart craft as described on the GF11 page. Sing "Saved by Faith" as the children work.

Finger Paint. Make hearts on heavy paper with fingers using the following recipe that makes enough for about 30 children. Talk about believing in Jesus with your whole heart and keeping your heart clean from sin.

1 cup laundry starch

2 rounded tablespoons cornstarch

1 cup cold water

Mix to form a smooth paste.

1 cup Ivory flakes

1/2 cup salt

Add and mix until smooth.

3 cups warm water

Add and cook slowly until thick (can use double boiler).

1 teaspoon glycerin (optional–makes it smoother)

Add, mixing with beater.

Food coloring

Place in paper cups for each child.

Preschool Page for Parents (2.ACT13ECPPP). 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 memory verse song.



Some Jews from Jerusalem told the Antioch Gentiles, "You must keep all of the rules of the Law of Moses like we do."



Paul and Barnabas said, "God has accepted Gentiles without making them follow Jewish rules."



Paul and Barnabas walked to Jerusalem to ask the apostles about the Gentiles in Antioch.



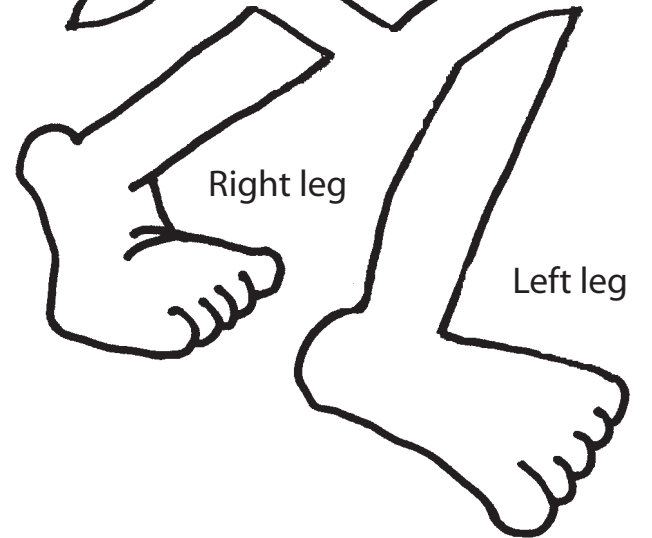
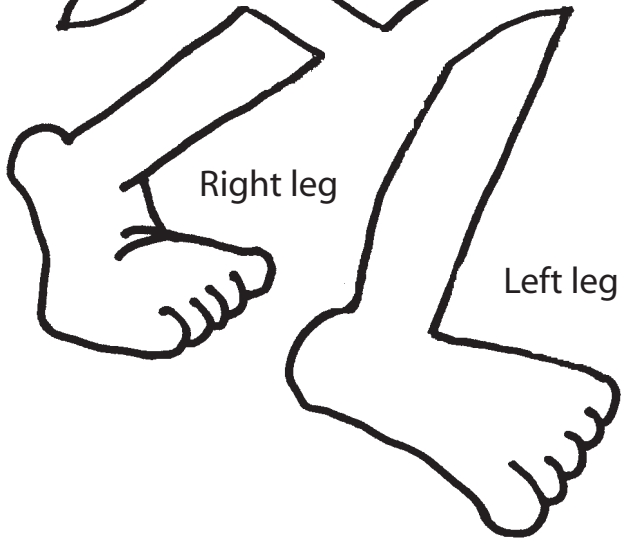
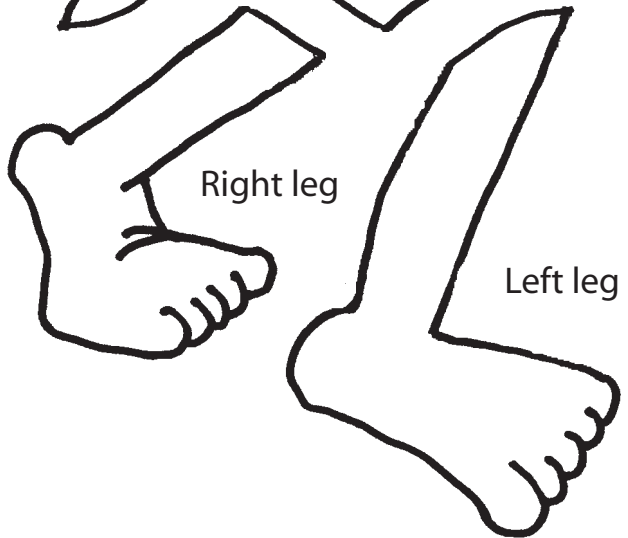
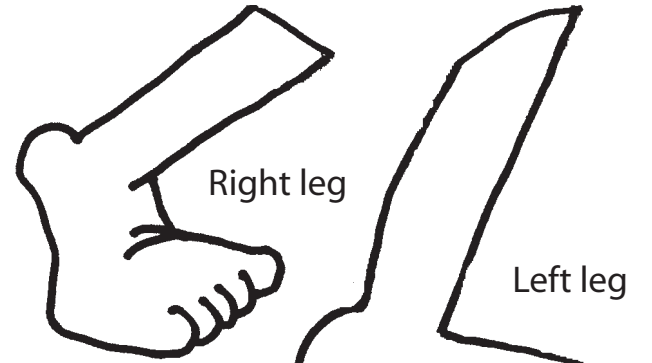
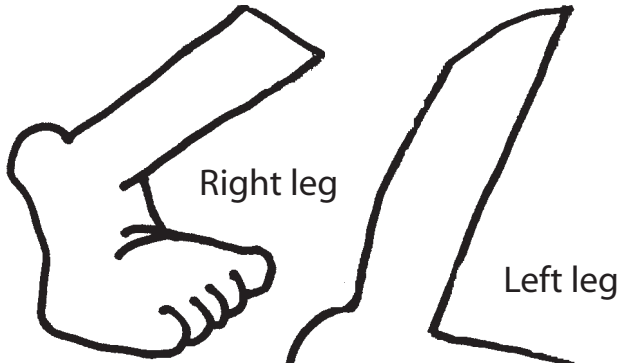
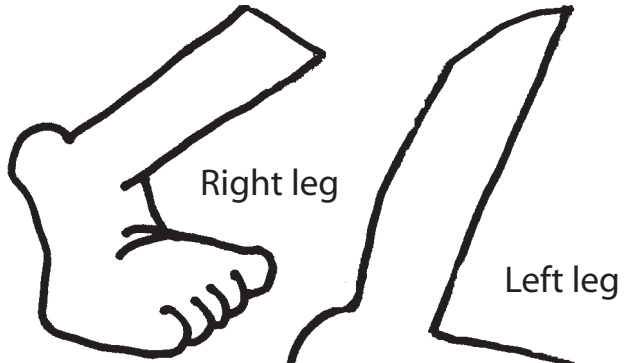
Paul and Barnabas asked the apostles if the Gentiles had to keep the Jewish rules.

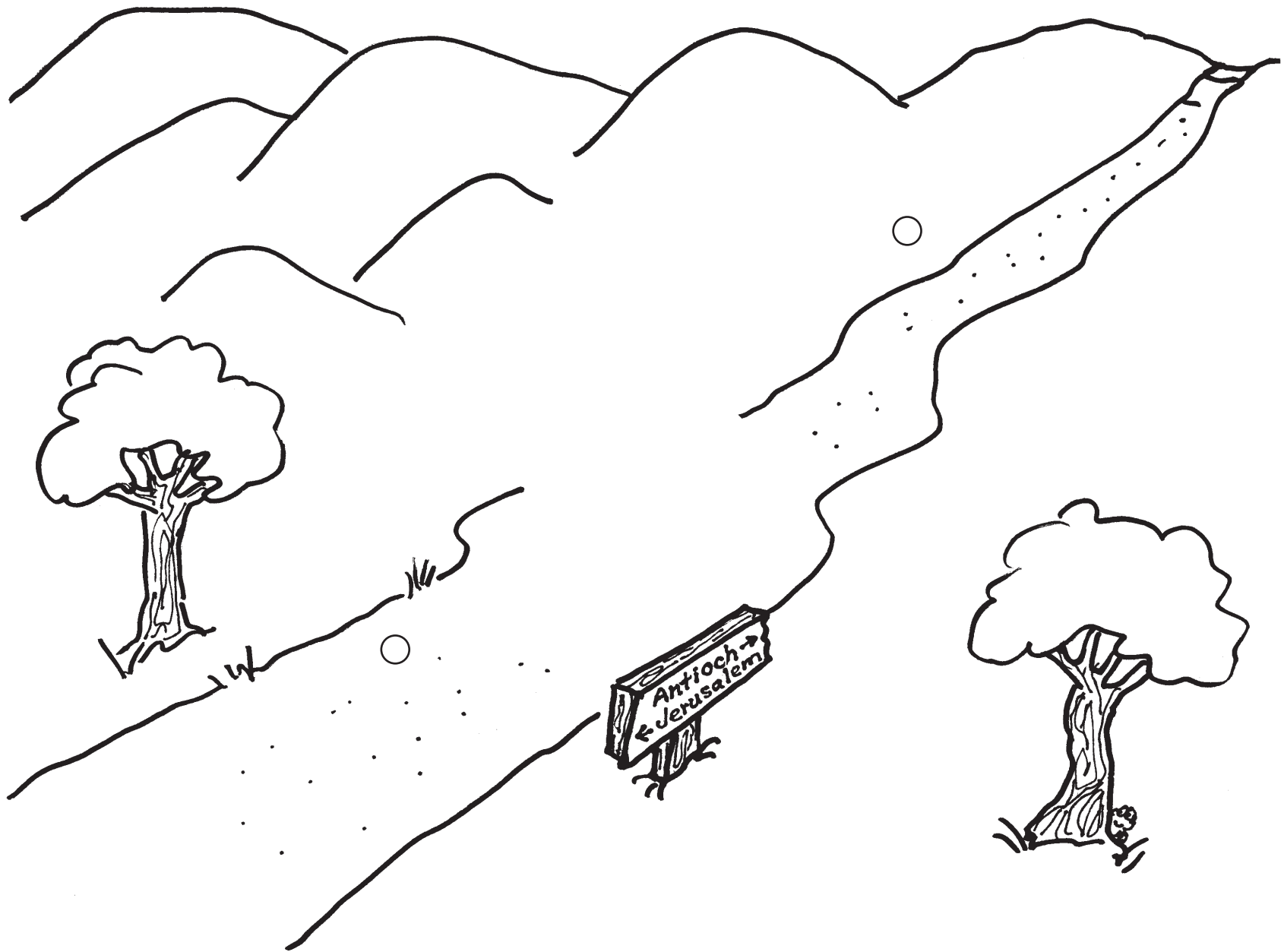


Peter said, "Gentiles and Jews are all saved by faith in Jesus, not by rules that they keep."



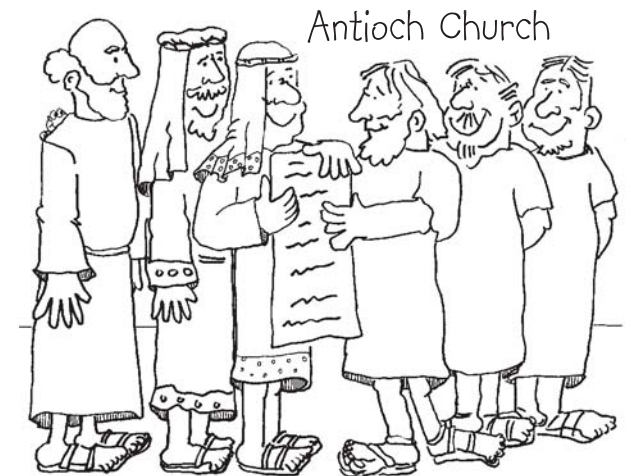
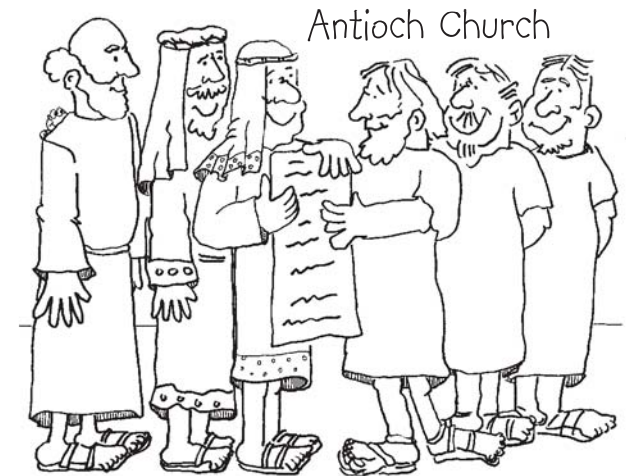
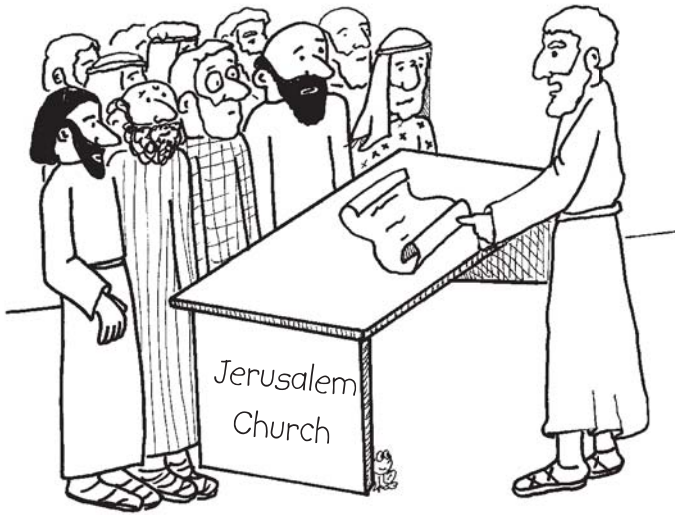
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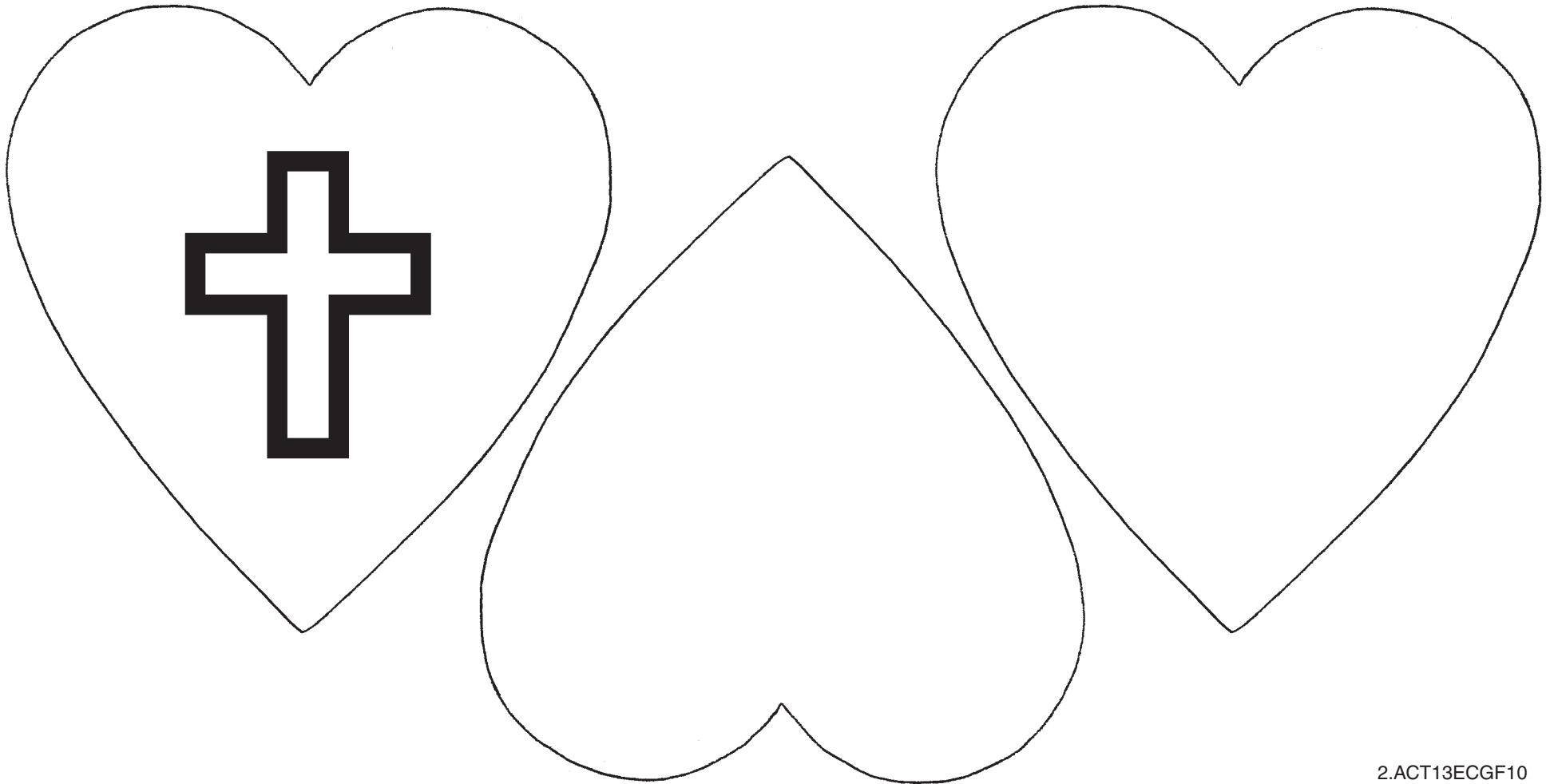
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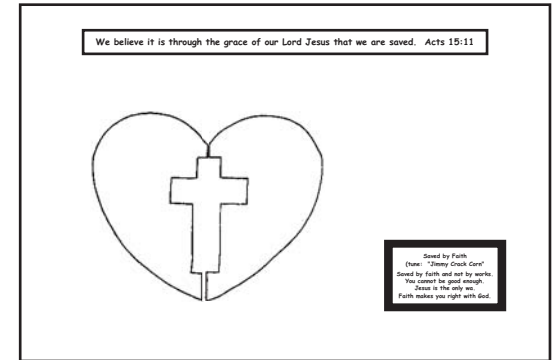
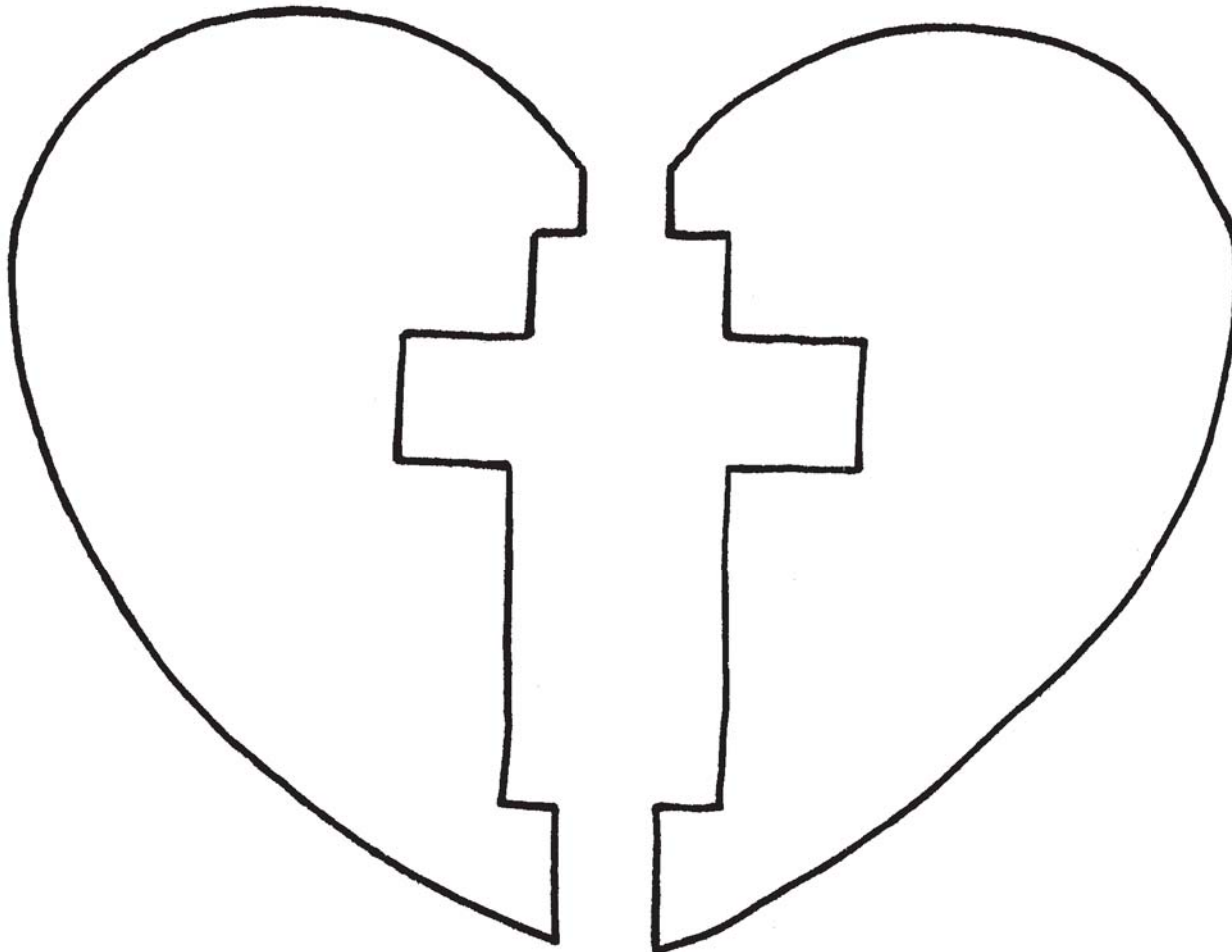
Only Jesus

Can Make My Heart Clean



Saved by Faith Heart Craft

Cut out one of each heart half and the song for each child. Let the children glue the heart pieces together on a piece of construction so that the cross halves almost touch each other and the cross is evident between them. Glue the song and memory verse on the paper, also. Let the children decorate the edges of the heart and cross with glitter, sequins, or pasta (being careful that the young twos do not eat the small pieces). Try to keep the middle sections of the heart clean and white since our hearts are clean before God when Jesus forgives our sins.



Sample

Saved by Faith
(tune: "Jimmy Crack Corn")
Saved by faith and not by works.
You cannot be good enough.
Jesus is the only way.
Faith makes you right with God.

We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved. Acts 15:11

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Acts Chapters 15:1-35--Salvation by Grace Through Faith in Christ Alone



This is what I learned today!

Some men whom we will call "Judaizers" came to the city of Antioch where Paul and Barnabas were teaching God's Word. They told the Gentiles that they must keep all the Jewish rules as well as have faith in Jesus. This caused arguments in the Antioch church. Paul and Barnabas were sent to Jerusalem to talk to the apostles. The apostles and elders in Jerusalem discussed what to do. Peter finally stated that God had given the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles, and they were accepted by Him. Their hearts were clean from sin. God accepted them before they followed any Jewish rules, so that was good enough for the apostles. Peter wrote a letter to the Antioch church telling them to keep loving Jesus with all their hearts. The Gentiles in Antioch were happy to receive the letter. They wanted to please God and do what was right.

Acts Memory Verse

We believe it is through the grace
of our Lord Jesus that we are saved.

Acts 15:11

"You Must"



Write the words "You must" on a piece of paper and roll it up like a scroll. Unroll the scroll and tell your young child that this rolled paper is like an Old Testament scroll. Some men we will call "Judaizers" told Gentiles, "You must keep all the rules." Wag your index finger as you sing the following words to the tune "The Ants Go Marching."

**The Ju-da-i-zers came to say,
"You must! You must!
You must keep all the rules like us;
You must; you must.
You must keep all the rules like us
Or else you're not a Jew like us."
And the Ju-da-i-zers came
To us, to tell us all this stuff.**

Acts 15:11 Memory Verse Song
(tune: "Skip to My Lou")

We believe that it is grace,
We believe that it is grace,
Grace of our Lord Je-esus.
Acts fifteen, eleven.



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