

Materials I Need:



Legend:



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



Memory Verse:

“Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.” Galatians 2:16 (NIV)

 **Hook:**

Timeline from Kings to Galatians – Saul to Saul (Paul) (Visual Aid). ,  You may wish to make a copy of **GAL01.GF1** for each student or copy the timeline onto a whiteboard. Follow the chronological events from the reign of Kings Saul, David, and Solomon until the kingdom divided in 930 B.C. The northern kingdom was conquered by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. The Babylonians conquered Judah in 606 B.C. In 536 B.C., the temple was destroyed and the Israelites went into exile in Babylon for 70 years. In 536 B.C., Zerubbabel returned to Judah, and during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah the temple was rebuilt. The last words of the Old Testament were written in approximately 424 B.C. Following the birth and death of Christ, the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John were written. The book of Acts shows the birth and growth of the New Testament church. The missionary journeys of Paul were key factors in that growth. Paul wrote the book of Galatians after his first missionary journey, which is what the students will learn about in today’s Bible Adventure.

False Hopes (Discussion). ,  Bring in several items that demonstrate false hopes. For example, try to make a telephone call with a telephone that is not plugged in or has a cut cord, try to get a helium balloon with a brick tied to it to float up into the sky, try to ride a bicycle without a wheel, etc. Demonstrate with things that have something missing, changed, or added so that they will not work, no matter how much you hope or believe that they will. Ask the students why hoping that each of these would work as they were intended to is false hope. Tell them to listen to today’s Bible Adventure to hear about the only true hope.

Discern False Teaching (Activity). ,  Set up several stations in the room where the students can visit to learn what is being taught. These should be staged to take only a few minutes each so that they can visit all of them. At each station a teacher, who appears to be knowledgeable in his or her subject, teaches the visitors. As the teachers present the information, it is riddled with falsehoods that should be obvious. Once the students have visited all the stations, come together as a class and discuss the false information that they heard. Explain that, as we begin the study of Galatians this morning, the students will learn how Paul was concerned about believers who were listening to and following a false gospel. Suggestions for teaching stations: about how to prepare a recipe for baking; about colors and coloring; about making paper airplanes; about driving a car; about exercise; about animals; about proper behaviors in different situations; about how to plant seeds and flowers.

How Subtle Does It Need to Be? (Object Lesson). 🐛, 🦋 How subtle does it need to be to have something change completely? Use a variety of items to show the students that, by adding a little something, you can completely change whatever it is you've started with.

Option #1: Use a large bowl of water and show how by adding just a drop of food coloring you can turn the entire bowl into colored water.

Option #2: Use a glass of water and add a teaspoon of sugar. Taste the water and see the difference. Then add a teaspoon of salt and taste. Yuck! It doesn't look any different but it sure tastes different!

Option #3: Pour some vinegar into a bowl. Add a small amount of baking soda and see what happens.

Option #4: Using **GAL01.GF2**, ask the students which way gear #10 will turn if you turn gear #1 clockwise. By adding an additional gear next to gear #1 (they will need to draw this in themselves) and then turning the new gear clockwise, which way will #10 turn? How does this subtle change affect the results of the machine?

Discuss with the students about how little changes can make the outcome of something totally different. Today in the Bible Adventure, they will hear about how some subtle, and not so subtle, changes caused a great uproar.

Thou Shalt Smile (Skit & Activity). 🐛, 🦋 Describe or act out the following vignette: Eeyore has always been a generally unhappy person, rather depressed. Recently, however, he stumbled into a new religion that he believes will solve his problem. He first saw it on the infamous "DWBH" bracelets, and then finally built up enough courage to ask what the letters meant. "Don't Worry Be Happy" was the reply that began to set him free. Upon much study, he learned that the key to this religion's salvation lay in only one rule: Thou shalt always smile. As long as he would continue to force his face to smile, he would be happy and saved from depression. Immediately he began his spiritual therapy. At this point, ask the students to try this therapy for the next few minutes so that they can report its effectiveness. Ask them if there is validity to the claim of these DWBHers. Is this a solution for happiness? Has anyone told you to smile when you were sad or upset? Didn't you just want to read Ecclesiastes 3 to them? Living a perma-grin is not only an impossible rule; it is not a means to happiness. What is the truth of our joy in Christ? Can we be satisfied by following rules?

Before and After (Object Lesson). 🐛, 🦋 Demonstrate some drastic transformation that has taken place after some sort of change. Some examples might be a makeover such as a haircut, newly decorated room or remodeled house, washed car or windows, painted house, seasonal change for an oak tree, or the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly. Tell the students that, as they begin the study of Galatians this morning, they will learn about a man named Paul. His name had not always been Paul. Before he became Paul, his name was Saul. A major transformation occurred in this man.

What Opens the Door? (Activity/Game). 🐛, 🦋 Use a box with flaps on top. Decorate the flaps to look like doors. Write the words, "Salvation," "Eternal Life," or "Heaven" on the door. Put a treat for each student inside the box. Copy one **GAL01.GF3** for every four students. Cut the cards out and put them on the floor. Have the students randomly choose a card without letting the other students see it. If they think it is something that will enable them to get inside the door, have them bring it to you. (Although there are many good deeds on the cards, only the true Gospel card will open the door/box.) If they don't think it will work they place it face down again. If they bring a wrong card to you say, "That is a good thing, but it won't get you through the door. Try again." They shouldn't give away the "key" to the game once they have solved it. Have them keep playing until all the students have found the key and opened the door.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -



Only One Way to Be Freed from Sin (Object Lesson). 🍌, 🦋 At the beginning of class, have one of the teachers wear a large chain with one end wrapped around his or her waist. Wrap the other end around a heavy object like a cinder block or bag of sand. Padlock the chain so that it won't come off either end. It may take two locks. Get miscut keys from any local hardware store and hand them out to the students. Have them try to unlock the chain. The chain represents the bondage to sin and the weight is the sin itself. At the story time, have the teacher come up front and try to break off the chain. Explain that there is only one way to get free from sin and that is to hear the right Gospel message and receive the truth of it. Have one of the other teachers come up with the correct key and unlock the lock. The right Gospel is the only key to salvation.



New Math (Object Lesson). 🍌, 🦋 Dress up in official garb, or as an angel (as if with a false gospel) and enter the classroom as a special guest with a special announcement. Do all that you can to convince your students that $1 + 1 = 3$. Tell them that the numerals "2" and "3" have been officially switched by the United Nations to prevent the confusion between different language groups. The number "2" now resembles three units and "3" now resembles two units; thus, the above statement is true. Naturally, none of the students will believe it. But ask them what might have convinced them that this statement might be true. Is it easier to believe a false gospel? What if you had never studied math before and did not know the true answer to $1 + 1$. Could you be fooled? What if we do not know the true Gospel? How can we be fooled?



Paul's First Journey (Map). 🍌, 🦋 Use GAL01.GF4 to show the students the route that Paul took on his first missionary journey.



Paul Learns from Gamaliel (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍌, 🦋 GAL01.GF5.



Paul Witnesses Stephen's Stoning (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍌, 🦋 Acts 7:59 –8:1, GAL01.GF6.



Paul on the Road to Damascus (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍌, 🦋 Acts 9:1-9, GAL01.GF7.



Paul and Barnabas Preach the Gospel in the Synagogues (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍌, 🦋 Acts 13:4-5, GAL01.GF8.



Paul and Barnabas Preach the Gospel in the City (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍌, 🦋 Acts 13:13-41, GAL01.GF9.



Angry Jews Drive Paul and Barnabas Out of the City (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍌, 🦋 Acts 13:50, GAL01.GF10.



Paul Writes to the Galatians (Illustration/Coloring Page). 🍌, 🦋 GAL01.GF11.

Bible Adventure for K – 2nd Grades –

For the past several months we have been studying what God has to teach us in the Old Testament. We have learned many things about God including that He is holy, faithful and quick to forgive sin when His people humble themselves before Him. Now we're moving on to the New Testament, specifically the book of Galatians, to see what God has for us there.

Galatians was written by the Apostle Paul—one of the greatest Christians who ever lived. He devoted his life to being a missionary and sharing the good news about Jesus to people who had never heard before. But the Apostle Paul wasn't always like that. In fact, before God saved him, Paul was an angry, confused, and hateful young man.

Paul (his real name was Saul) was a Jew from the city of Tarsus. He was very smart and was quickly becoming one of the top religious leaders of the nation. He learned to hate Christians from his teachers and was given the authority to hunt them down and kill them or put them in jail. As you can imagine, the

Christian community feared him greatly. Paul wrongly thought that he was doing something that pleased God! He believed that if he could somehow keep all the Old Testament laws and all the religious rules of his day, God would allow him into heaven. In his eyes, Christians were completely disobedient to all the things he considered so important.

One day, as Paul was on his way to hunt down more Christians, he was met with a brilliant and blinding light. Then the voice of Jesus spoke to him asking, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Paul wanted to know who was talking to him and Jesus answered, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." After this incredible encounter with Jesus, Paul himself became a Christian. He would no longer hurt God's people, but he would instead suffer greatly for Christ's sake and be used as an instrument for God's glory.

After Paul became a Christian, he spent several years being trained by the Lord, who was getting him ready to fulfill the mission He had for him. Then Paul and another man named Barnabas headed out on a missionary journey to a region called Galatia. God did a marvelous work through Paul and Barnabas there. Both Jews and non-Jews, called Gentiles, were being saved. Paul and Barnabas visited the new churches they had established and strengthened the new believers in their faith and appointed elders in the churches. Then Paul and Barnabas returned to their home church and reported all that God had done and how He was not only saving Jews but Gentiles as well.

Unfortunately, after Paul and Barnabas left the churches in Galatia, some Jews sneaked into these churches and began to spread lies about how to be saved. They spread bad things about Paul and Barnabas and said that a Gentile could not be a true Christian unless they followed all the rituals of the Old Testament law. These false teachers were called Judaizers.

When Paul heard the report that this was happening to the new Christians he had personally led to faith in Christ, he took action immediately! He knew that the Judaizers who had entered into the Galatian churches needed to be stopped. So Paul, guided by the Holy Spirit, wrote a letter to the churches—a letter that we now know as the book of Galatians. He hoped that the people would be brought back to a correct understanding of the true Gospel.

Paul spoke very sternly to these Judaizers who were spreading lies among the Galatian believers. He began his letter by reminding the Galatians that he had authority from God to preach to them. The Judaizers had no authority whatsoever! Then Paul addressed the main issue: he could not believe that these Galatians had abandoned the truth so quickly. What in the world were they thinking? He made his point very clear; "If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!" (Galatians 1:9b). Wow! Paul basically told these Galatians that even if an angel appeared before them and told them a different Gospel message, they should not believe the angel, because what Paul had told them was the very truth!

Clearly, Paul wrote the book of Galatians to protect these believers from believing in a false gospel. He wanted his fellow Christians to fully understand that a person does not have to follow the Old Testament ritual laws to be saved. Only faith in Jesus Christ can save, period!

Do you know what the true Gospel is? If someone were to share something different, would you be able to tell? The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the "good news" of Christ. It is good news because of the bad news that came before it. What is the bad news? The bad news is that all men are sinners and sin has made us totally helpless to do anything on our own that could earn God's favor. The Bible tells us that we are sinners (Romans 3:23) and must suffer the penalty for sin: eternal punishment in hell (Romans 6:23). That's the bad news! No one can earn his or her way to heaven, and that leaves man totally and utterly helpless to do anything on his own.

That's why Jesus Christ's coming to earth as the God-Man is such good news! He came to die for all the sins of everyone. He came so that we might have eternal life and have our sins totally forgiven. And the only basis for His forgiveness is faith. That is the only thing He asks us to do: believe that His Word is true and place our trust in it. The Bible doesn't tell us that we need to go to church or to give our money or to do anything else in order to be saved. It tells us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and we will be saved!

Bible Adventure for 3^d – 6th Grades –

When you are close to someone and love them very much, you want what's best for them, don't you? If they were in danger, you would do what you could to protect them or help them. If someone were telling them lies that would be dangerous should they believe them, you would do what you could to present the truth to them. These are actions that show we have love for another person.

The New Testament of the Bible tells us a lot about the Apostle Paul, a man who showed his love for others by his actions. Not only can we read about him, but many books in the New Testament were written by Paul.

Paul was one of the greatest Christians who ever lived. Not only did he display great wisdom about the things of God, but he was also one of the greatest church starters of all time. But Paul didn't live for God his whole life. In fact, before God saved him, he was an angry young man filled with hatred for those who called themselves Christians.

Paul was a Jew from the city of Tarsus, a place known for learning and the discussion of great ideas. In such a city Paul was probably encouraged to think long and hard about his beliefs. He became a student of the famous Jewish teacher and leader Gamaliel. Paul was on his way to becoming a leader among the Jews.

As a young man, Paul was given authority by the Jewish leadership to punish the Christians. The Bible even tells the story of the stoning of a young Christian named Stephen, where Paul stood and watched in approval, even holding the coats of the ones throwing the stones. After that, Paul began to eagerly punish or persecute many Christians, until they were all fearful of him. Paul honestly (but wrongly) thought that God would be pleased with his punishment of the Christians. He believed that if he could somehow keep all the laws of the Old Testament, as well as all the traditions the Jews taught in his day, he would somehow be found innocent before the Lord. Paul was a man trying with all his might to get into heaven by his own "good" works.

One day Paul was on the road to Damascus, on his way to find and punish more Christians. Suddenly a brilliant, blinding light shone on him and a voice spoke to him saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" (Paul was named Saul before he became a Christian.) When Paul asked who was speaking, the voice answered, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:1-9). After meeting Jesus in such an awesome way, Paul himself became a Christian. No longer would he punish those who followed Jesus the Christ.

After this, Paul spent several years being trained by the Lord for the special mission God had just for him. Paul and another Christian, Barnabas, were serving in the church in Antioch when the Holy Spirit called them to send them on their first missionary journey (Acts 13). Paul and Barnabas left and traveled through the Galatian region visiting cities such as Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe.

In each new city, Paul and Barnabas went to the Jewish synagogues to teach about Jesus. Some of the Jews believed in Jesus as the Messiah, but most did not. When they went to the synagogue in Pisidian Antioch, the Jews became very angry with them for talking about Jesus and chased them out of the city. Paul and Barnabas then went to the city of Iconium and taught in the synagogue there. But Jews from Pisidian Antioch had followed them there and began to stir up the crowds against Paul and Barnabas. The same thing happened again as they left Iconium for the city of Lystra.

In spite of all this, God was doing His work in and through Paul and Barnabas. Both Jewish and Gentile people were being saved, so as the men finished their trip, they went back to the key cities of Galatia to strengthen the believers there and to choose elders for each church. When this was finished, they returned to their home church in Antioch of Syria. There they reported to the people all that God had done and how He was bringing Gentiles into His kingdom.

Back in Galatia, however, the Jews who had persecuted Paul and Barnabas were not finished stirring up trouble. After Paul and Barnabas had gone back to their home church, these troublemakers began attending the Galatian churches Paul and Barnabas had started. They began to spread lies about what the true Gospel was and about Paul and Barnabas. They told the people that a Gentile could not be a true Christian unless he or she also followed all the Old Testament laws. For example, they would say

that a Gentile believer must be circumcised in order to be truly saved. The men spreading these false ideas were called “Judaizers.”

Before long, Paul heard the report that lies were being told to the new Christians in Galatia, men and women he had personally led to faith in Christ. Paul knew that this was a very serious thing that was happening, so he took action right away. He knew that these Judaizers must be stopped from telling their lies. So guided by the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote the book of Galatians to the new Christians. He did not waste words, but immediately after greeting the people in his letter, he told them that he could not believe that they had turned so quickly away from the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. This was very serious. It was not like choosing between oranges and apples—they were choosing between life and death. Paul's words to them were sharp and clear: “If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned” (Gal. 1:9b). Paul leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that those who twist the truth of God for their own purposes are in deep, deep trouble. The original Gospel message, shared with the Galatians by Paul, was God's truth.

Paul reminded the Galatians that it was God Himself who had sent Paul to them. God had given him the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Paul had God's authority behind him; the Judaizers had only their traditions and empty religion. The apostle knew a lot about empty religion. He had been raised as a Pharisee and knew all the lies and false hope behind trying to earn your way into God's kingdom. It's an impossible task! Paul had tried to earn his way his whole life until Jesus saved him. He knew that keeping laws and rules were completely useless in impressing God. Only Jesus can save, period. Paul was an example of Christ's power to change a life. He wanted the same thing for others, but he knew it was not going to happen if the Gospel was not preached correctly. A gospel that did not contain God's truth would be just as useless as following the law to be saved.

So, Paul took out the best weapon he had in this situation—his pen. He wrote the book of Galatians to protect these new believers from being taken in by a false gospel. He wanted them to know that a people could enjoy a personal, right relationship with Jesus Christ by putting their faith and trust in Him. They didn't need to be circumcised, they didn't need to follow Jewish laws and rituals; they simply needed to believe in Christ.

If someone were to share something other than the true Gospel, would you be able to tell? Words cannot describe how important it is that people understand what the true message of saving faith is. In fact, it will make the difference between eternal life and eternal death for all of us. Think of it this way—how many people do you know who would eat a three-egg omelet if one of the eggs were totally rotten? In the same way, the entire Gospel message has to be true and right and accurate. To add certain conditions for salvation is like adding that rotten egg. It will eventually spoil the entire message and keep it from doing what it was designed to do: save sinners!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the “good news” of Christ. It is good news because of the bad news that came before it—that all men are sinners and sin has made us totally helpless to do anything on our own that could earn God's favor. The Bible tells us that we are sinners (Romans 3:23) and must suffer the penalty for sin: eternal punishment in hell (Romans 6:23). That's the bad news! No one can earn his or her way into heaven, and that leaves man totally and utterly helpless to do anything on his own.

That's why Jesus Christ's coming to earth as the God-Man is such good news! He came and died for all the sins of everyone. He came so that we might have eternal life and have our sins totally forgiven. And the only basis for His forgiveness is faith. That is the only thing He asks of us to do: believe that His Word is true and place our trust in it. The Bible doesn't tell us that we need to go to church, to give our money, to love our neighbor, or to do anything else in order to be saved. It tells us to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and we will be saved!

Aim Questions:

1. **Where was Saul from, and what was he in training to become?** *Tarsus; to become a Pharisee.*
2. **What did he think of Christians?** *He hated them and wanted them all dead.*
3. **What happened to him one day on the road to Damascus?** *Jesus saved him.*
4. **What did Jesus have in mind for Paul to do from that day forward?** *To be used to bring many people to Christ.*
5. **Where did Paul and Barnabas go on their first missionary journey?** *The cities of southern Galatia.*
6. **What did the majority of the Jews think of what Paul was saying?** *They disagreed with it and wanted Paul to stop saying these things.*
7. **What did God do in these cities?** *He raised up believers and established churches.*
8. **After Paul and Barnabas left, what happened to these Galatian churches?** *The Judaizers came and began to teach a false gospel.*
9. **What was the message of the Judaizers?** *That Gentiles needed to be circumcised in order to be saved.*



Look:



Who's Who in Galatians? (Worksheet/Discussion). 🍌, 🦋 Use **GAL01.GF12** as a guideline for a discussion. Write one of the terms on the whiteboard and call upon students to give short definitions of the words. Correct/complete any wrong/incomplete answers given. OR...Give each student a copy of **GAL01.GF12** and ask them to draw a line from the term to the correct definition. Go over the correct answers. Ask the students to be listening carefully for these names and places and learn what happens to or in them in today's Bible Adventure.



Is There a Former Judaizer in Your Midst? (Presentation/Discussion). 🍌, 🦋 You may know a former Catholic, Mormon, or Jew who you could invite to class and share how he or she came to know the true Gospel and share with the students the difference between the true Gospel and the false teachings they may have learned as a child. Allow the students a time to ask questions.



Presentation of the Gospel (Large Group Activity). 🍌, 🦋 Before class, color and assemble **GAL01.GF13**. Tape this to the wall and use as you present the true Gospel to the students.



Fill It In (Memory Verse Worksheet). 🍌, 🦋 Write the memory verse, Galatians 2:16, on the board. Drill the students on the verse by erasing the words that are used more than once. Have the students say the verse and then erase other words until all the words are erased and they know the verse. Give the **GAL01.GF14** to the students and have them fill in the blanks with the words found at the bottom of the page.



Good News/Bad News (Skit or Activity). 🍌, 🦋 Use **GAL01.GF15**, either for a short skit or a fun oral reading between two teams. If you choose to do this as a class, divide the students into two groups. You will need enough copies of the Good News/Bad News script so that each student may have one. Line the students up on opposite sides of the class and have them read the different parts back and forth. See if they can stay in unison as they read. Have them go through it several times, each time with more and more dramatics. How fun this would be to present to the parents when they arrive to pick up their children!



Catch the True Gospel (Game). 🍌, 🦋 Use **GAL01.GF16 Pgs. 1-6** copied onto cardstock. Have the students cut out each life preserver. Some of these life preservers have the true Gospel written on them and some do not. Have the students sit in a group on the floor and read what each life preserver says on it, then toss it into the group of students. If what was read represents the true Gospel, the students can catch it. If what was read was not true, the students are to let it drop to the floor.

- Only the True Gospel Is Your Life Preserver (Craft).** 🍌, 🦋 Each student will need:
 - instruction sheet from **GAL01.GF17 Pg. 1**
 - verse label from **GAL01.GF17 Pg. 2**
 - 2 paper plates
 - yarn
 - glue
 - coloring crayons or markers

Have the students color the paper plates and cut out the center circle portions of each. Next, have them glue or staple the inverted halves back together and wrap the yarn around the plate as shown on the instruction sheet. Have the students write "The True Gospel, My Life Preserver" on one side and paste the memory verse on the other. This can be the perfect doorknob decoration, or they could toss it to a friend who needs Christ.

- Aim Questions (Worksheet).** 🍌 Have the students answer the Aim Questions about today's Bible Adventure, **GAL01.GF18**.

- 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, **GAL01.GF19**.

- Galatians 2:16 (Memory Verse Song).** 🍌 Words and music for today's memory verse are available upon request from Children's Ministry.



Took:

- Is There a Before and After For You? (Discussion).** 🍌, 🦋 Ask the students if they have been transformed by the Gospel. Are they a new creature in Christ? Ask what evidence there is in the life of a true believer which reveals his or her relationship to the Lord. Discuss with the students the fruit or lack thereof in their lives.

- Gospel Presentation Necklace (Craft).** 🍌, 🦋 Each student will need:
 - GAL01.GF20**
 - 24-inch piece of yarn
 - coloring crayons or markers
 - scissors

Have the students cut and color the symbols on **GAL01.GF20** and string them on a piece of yarn. Go through the Gospel presentation with them, using the following representation of each symbol. Have the students practice saying the Gospel presentation with each other so that they can use these necklaces effectively with their friends.

Crown:	God is perfect and righteous.
Dark cloud:	Sin.
Thunderbolt:	Separation from God.
Cross:	Christ died on the cross for our sins.
Cloud:	Together with God in heaven.

- Gospel Letter (Craft/Discussion).** 🍌, 🦋 Give the students a copy of **GAL01.GF21** on cardstock. As they color and decorate it, ask them to think of an unsaved person to whom they can give it. Discuss why it is important for us to understand and share the TRUE Gospel.

- Who's in Charge? (Take-Home Craft).** 🍌, 🦋 Have the students color and fold the Gospel tract available from Children's Ministry to take home and share with someone. Have them practice sharing with each other and explaining the only road to salvation.



Gospel Key Rings (Craft/Discussion). 🍌, 🦋 Give each student the supplies needed to make their Gospel key ring (choices are listed below). Discuss what each color represents. Encourage them to use the key ring to decorate their backpack or use as a jacket zipper pull to share its meaning with friends at school.

Option #1: Supplies for one ring:

1 metal ring

1/10 sheet of Shrinky-Dink

PERMANANT colored markers in wordless book colors

Make stained glass window design on the Shrinky-Dink; be sure to use some of each color AND leave some space clear (for white). With the black marker have the students write something appropriate (their name AND Galatians 2:6, "Justified by Faith," etc.). These shrink to 1" x 2" size so the writing should be large. Punch a 1/2-inch hole 3/4 inch from the top. Put on a LIGHTLY floured aluminum cookie sheet in 300 degree oven for three minutes. Re-flatten if needed.

Option #2: Supplies for one ring:

1 metal ring

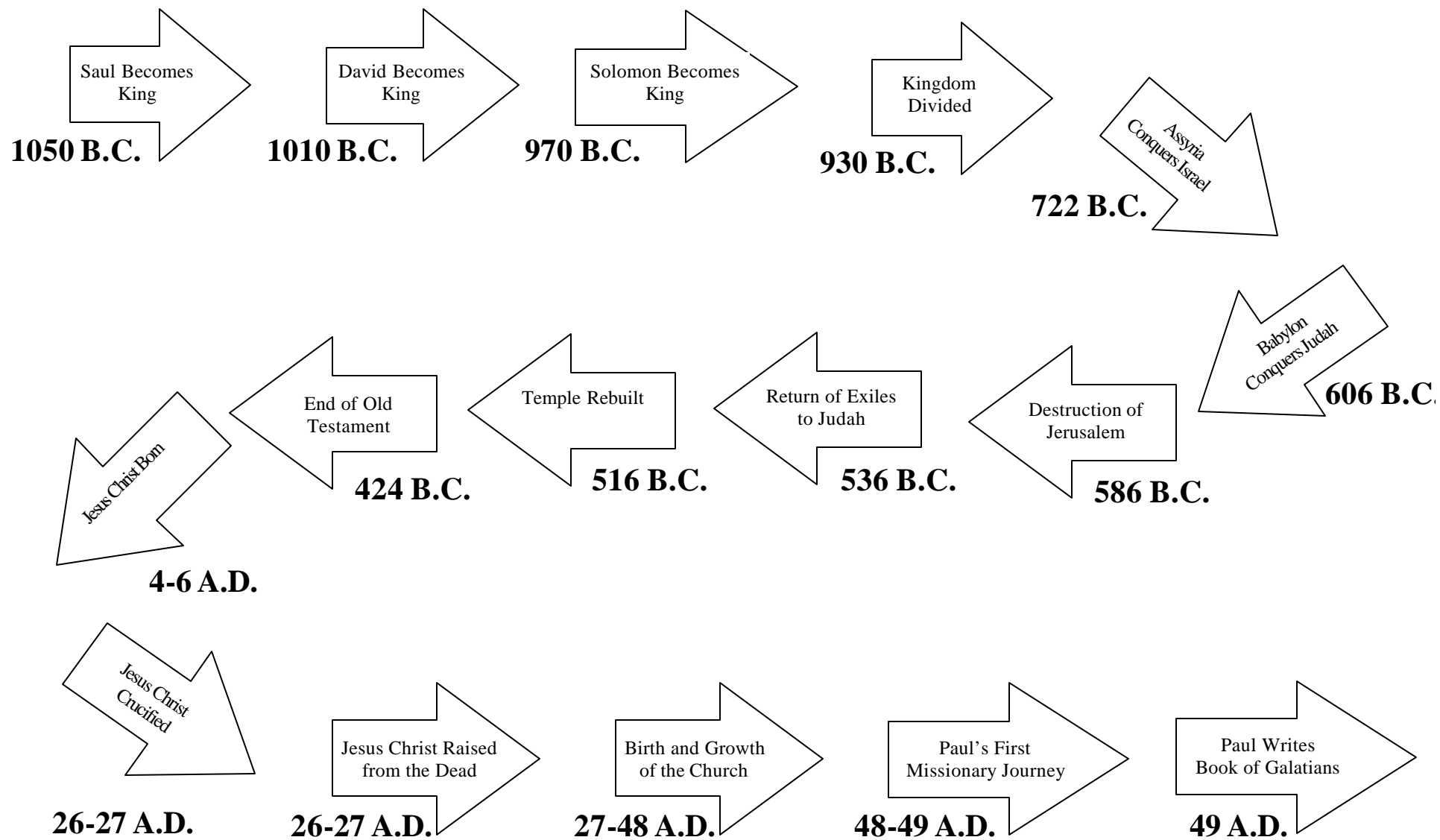
1/2 pipe cleaner

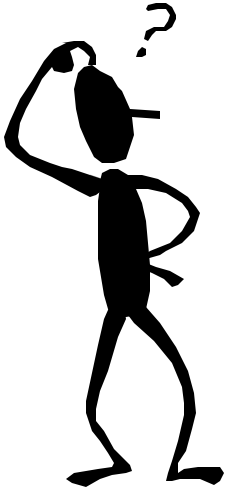
1 bead for each wordless book color (use plastic or pom-pom beads)

String ring to middle of pipe cleaner, fold pipe cleaner in half, and string beads through both ends of pipe cleaner in wordless book order. To finish, loop ends around last bead in opposite directions and put the ends back up through the second to the last bead.

Timeline From Kings to Galatians

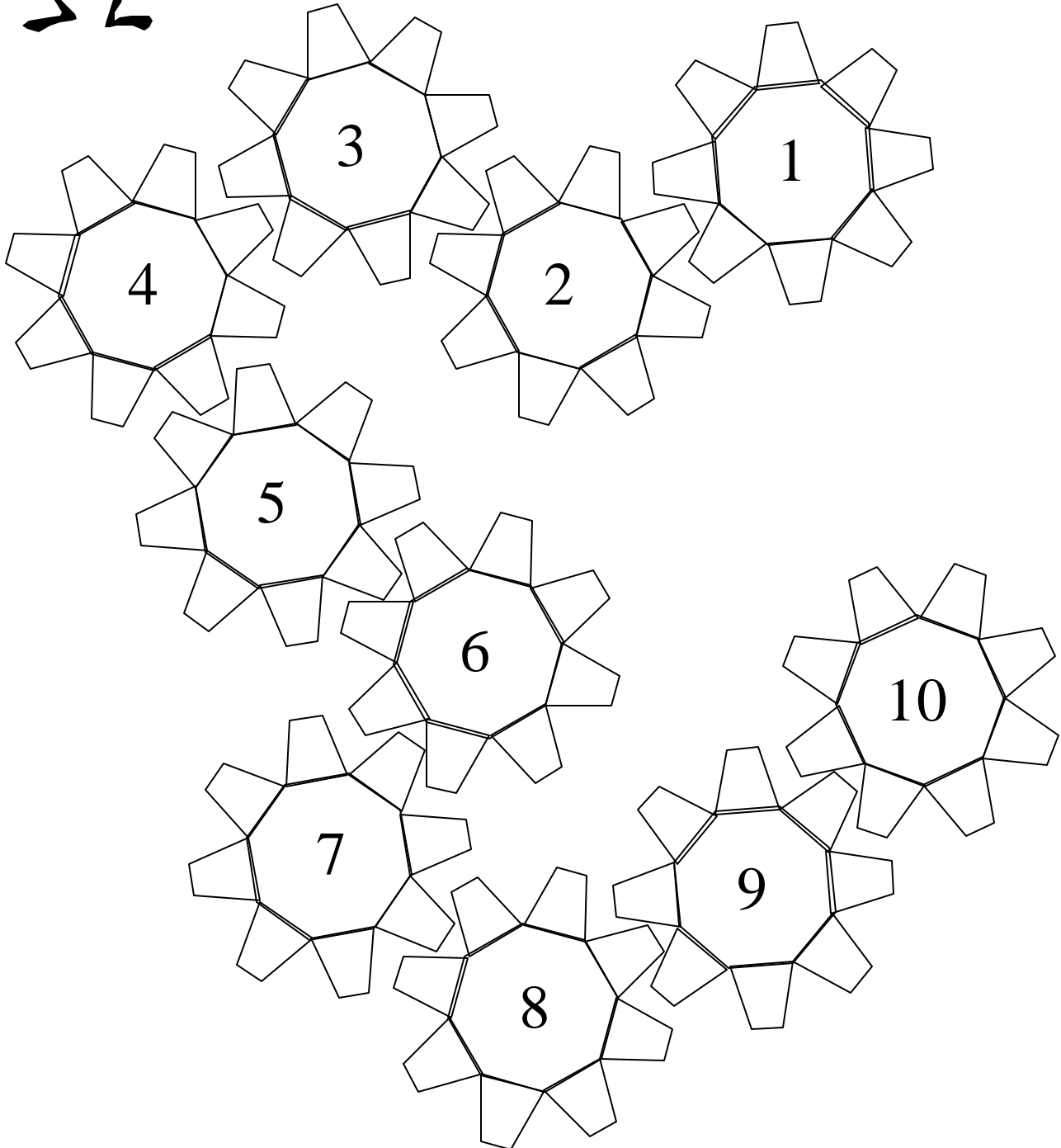
Saul to Saul (Paul)





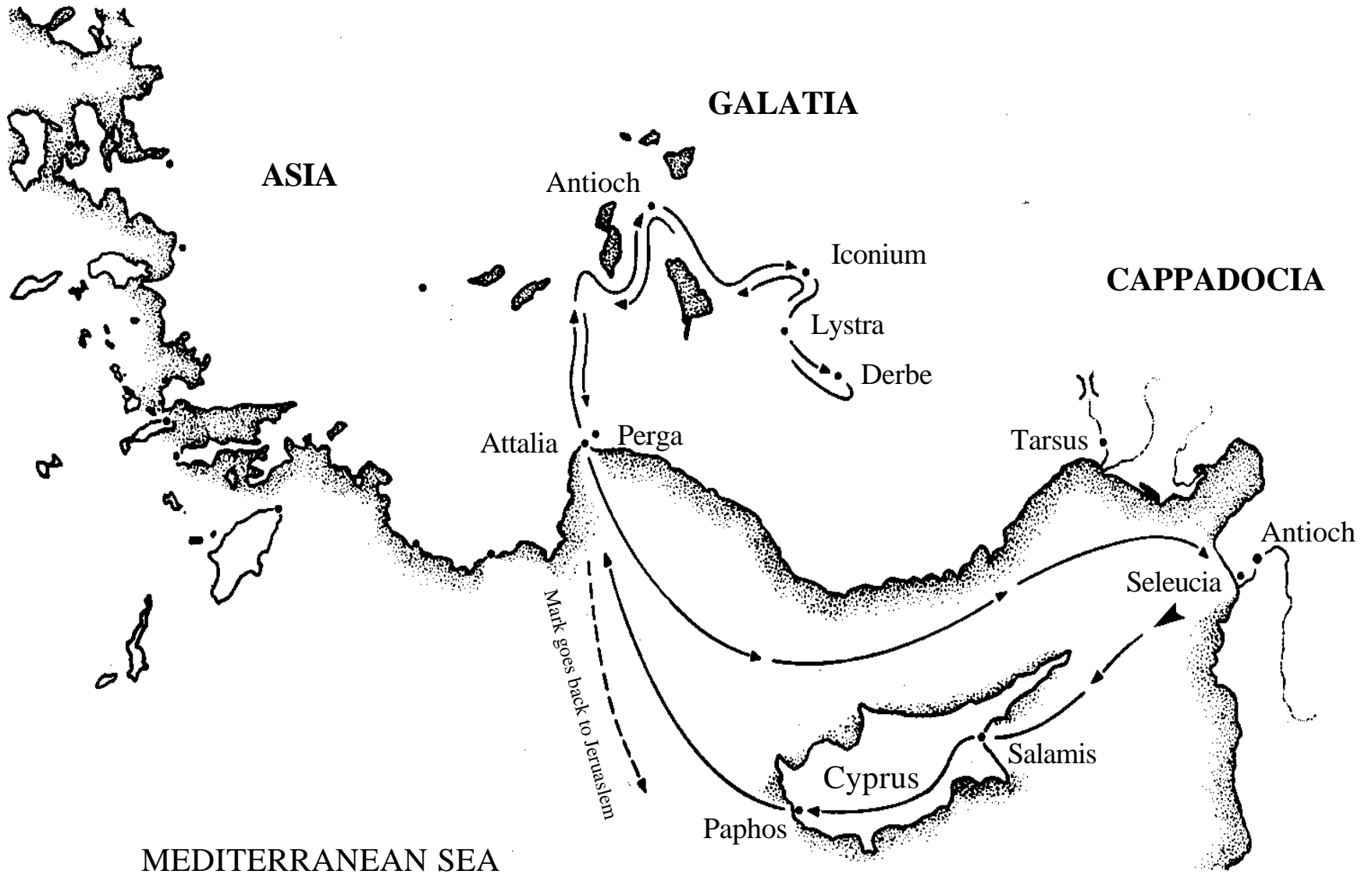
Which Way to Turn?

How subtle would it be to change gears? What would happen if you just added one more gear to the big machine below? Would it work the same way or would it change rotation? Turn gear #1 clockwise. Which way does gear #10 turn? If you add another gear next to gear #1 (draw it in yourself), and turn the new gear clockwise, then which way would gear #10 turn? If it changed direction, what would you need to do to get it back on track?



GO TO CHURCH	USE GOOD MANNERS	READ MY BIBLE	PRAY
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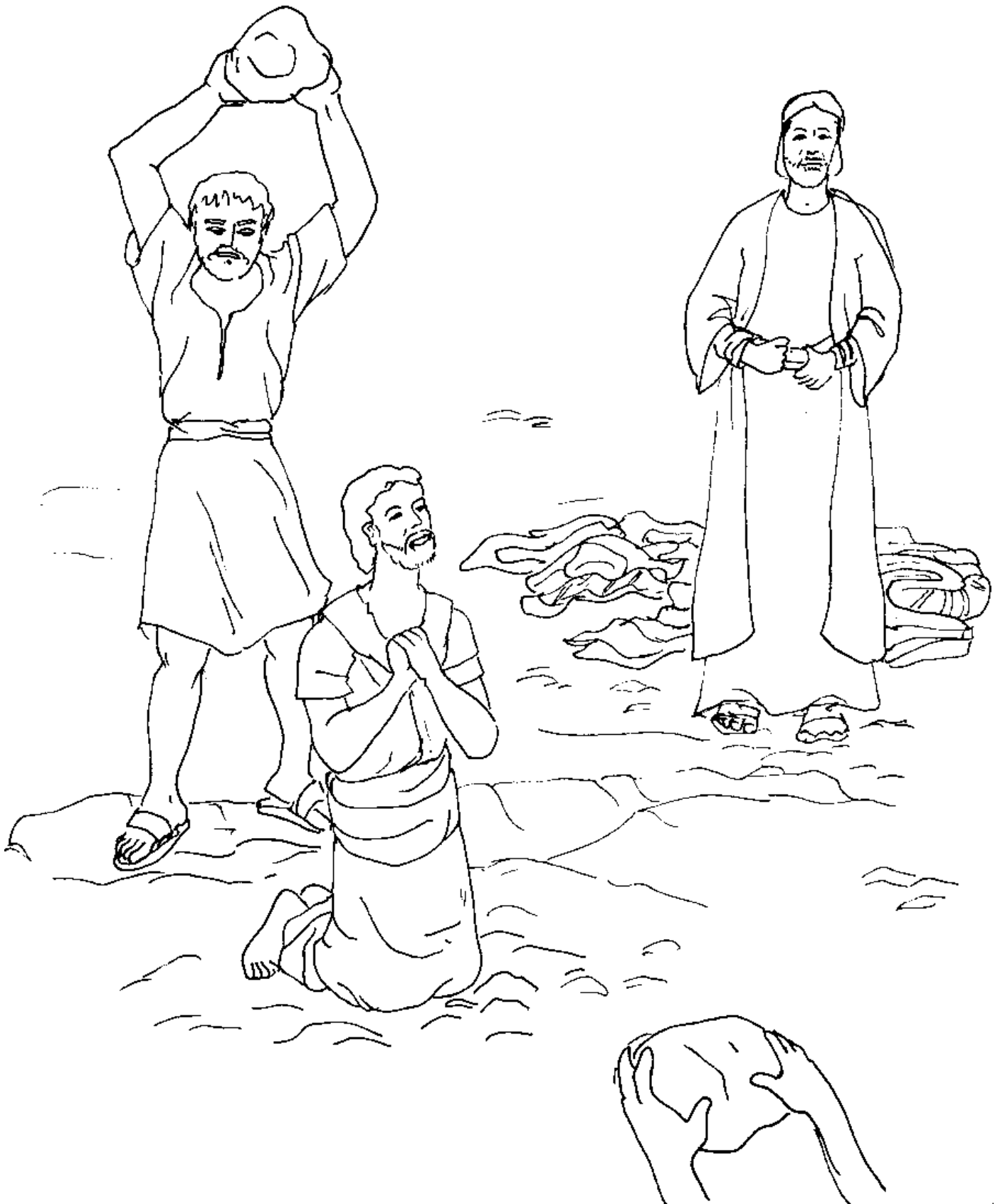
Paul's First Journey



Paul Learns from Gamaliel



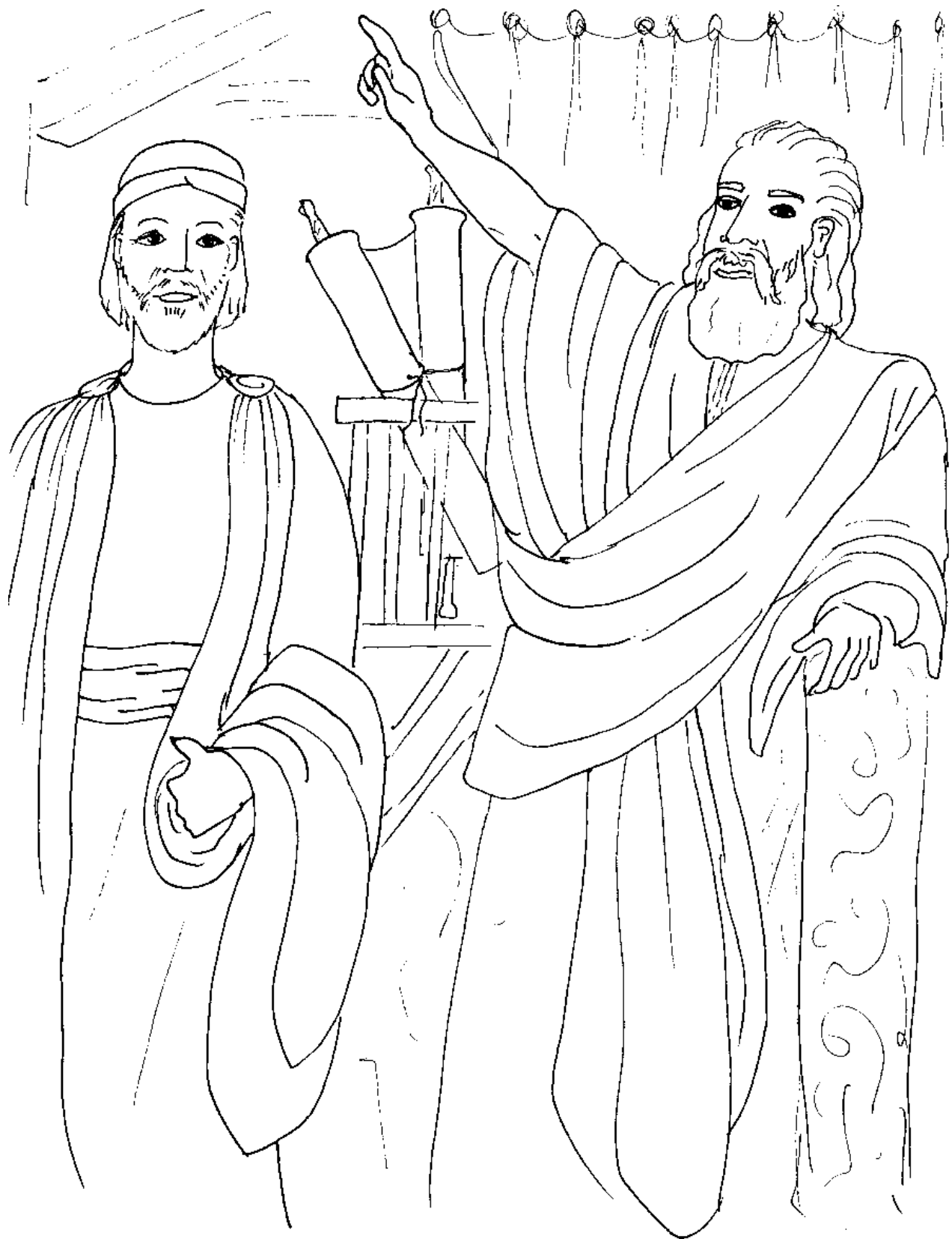
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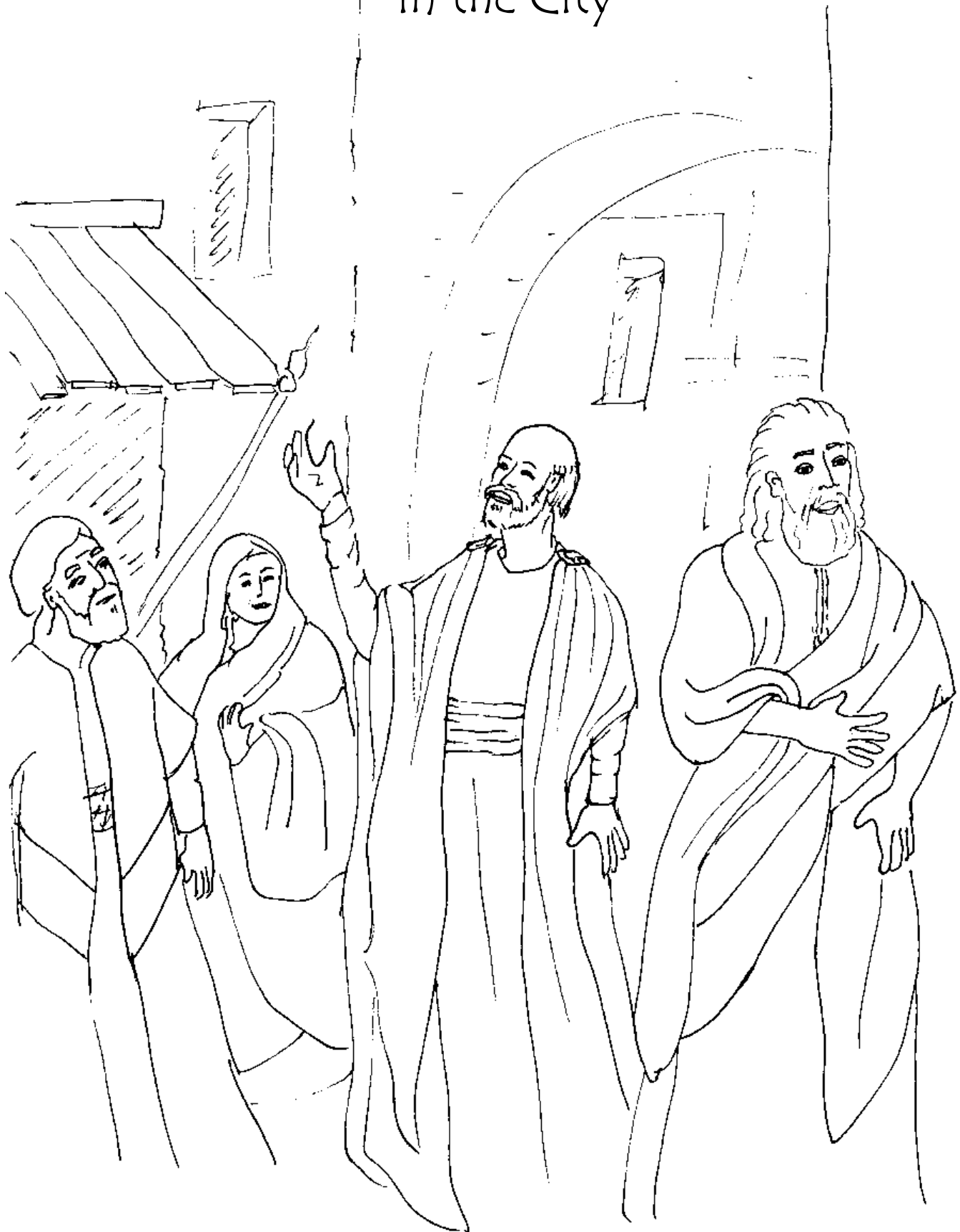
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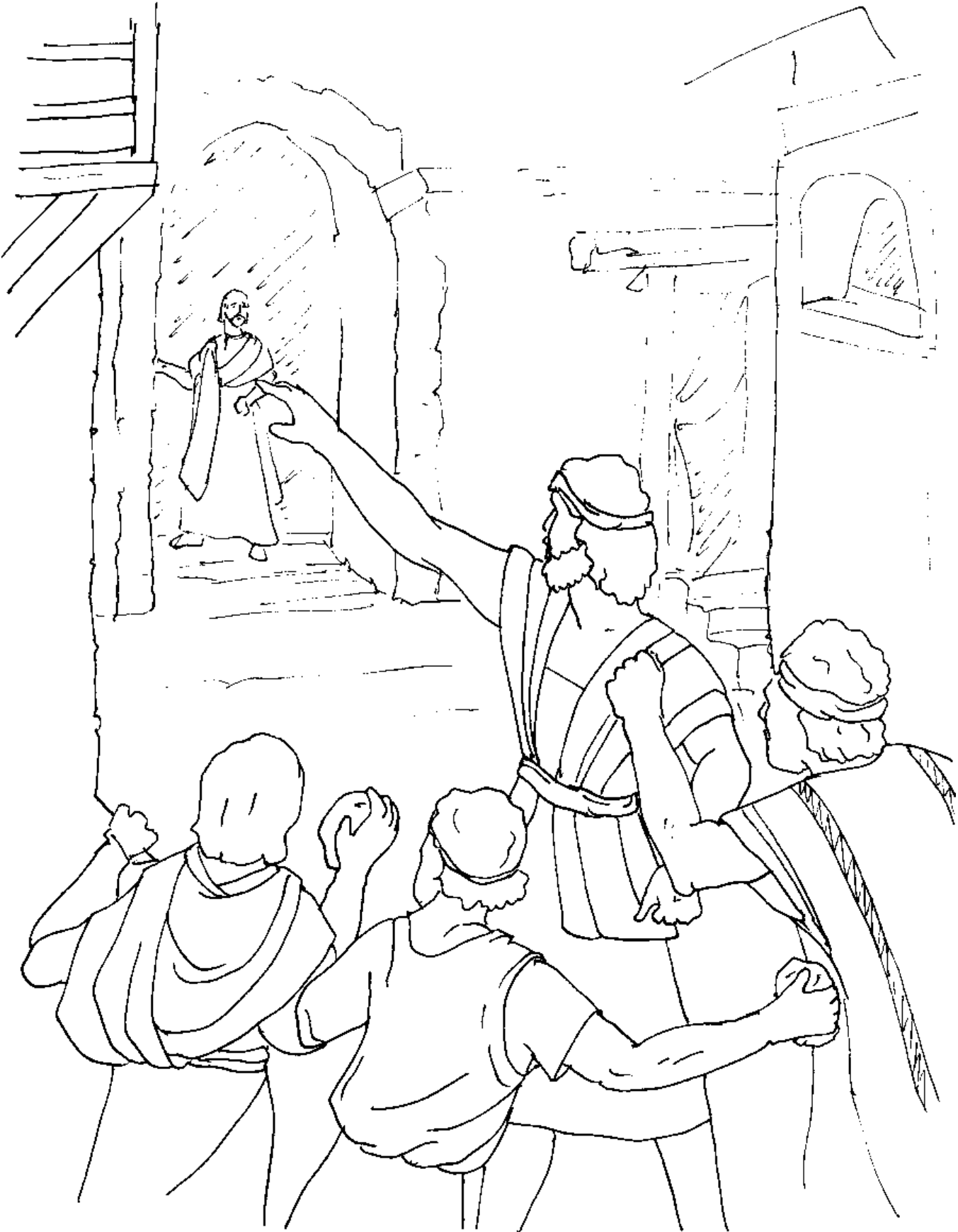
Paul and Barnabas Preach the Gospel in the Synagogues



Paul and Barnabas Preach the Gospel in the City



Angry Jews Drive Paul and Barnabas Out of the City



Paul Writes to the Galatians



Who's
Who?

GALATIANS

What's
What?

Draw a line from the name to the correct definition

True Christian

Gentiles

Paul

Galatia

Barnabas

Judaizers

Tarsus

Galatians

Gospel

Jew

New Testament

Apostles

Justification

The act of God in declaring sinners to be righteous.

- 1.The people living in Galatia.
- 2.Book of the New Testament.

Originally Saul, a Jew who persecuted Christians. He became a great Christian leader and missionary inspired to write many Books of the Bible.

The city Paul was from.

Person of the Hebrew race.

A Christian serving in the Antioch church who accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey.

All the people of the world who are not Jews.

Men sent by God to be His messengers of the Gospel; these men were those who actually saw Jesus Christ.

Jewish men who said they were Christians but spread lies and false teaching in the churches of Galatia.

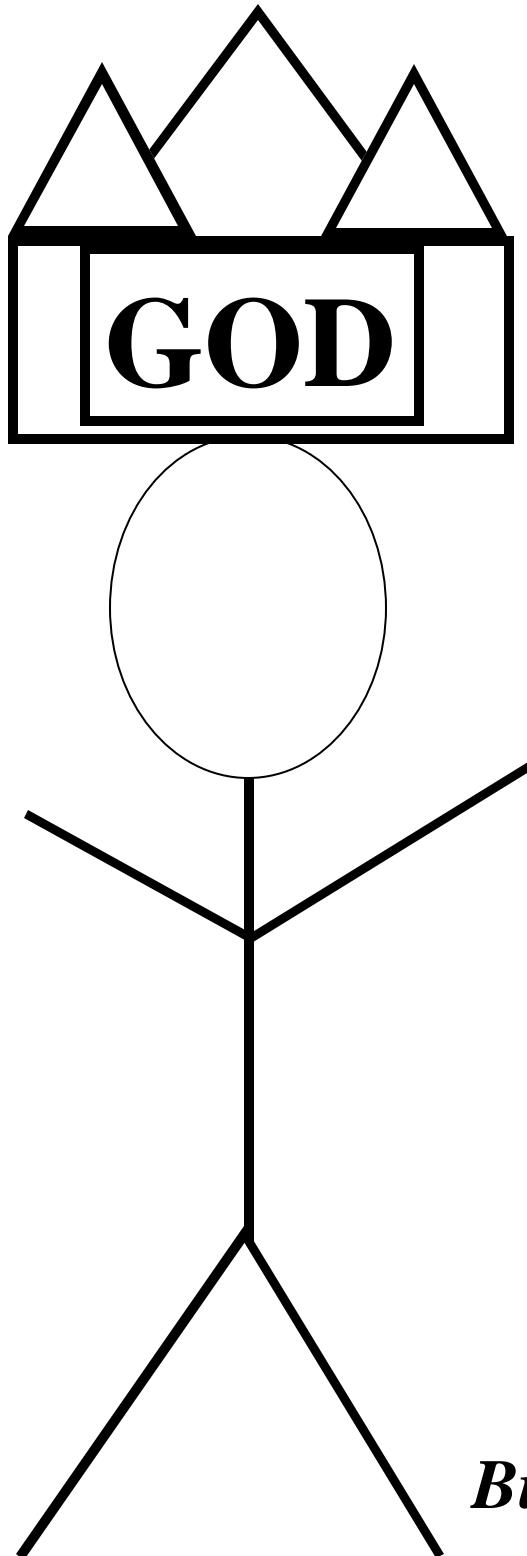
26 Books of the Bible, written after 400 years of silence from God, beginning with the birth of Christ.

The area in which the Judaizers had infiltrated the Christian church.

One who has his sins totally forgiven (salvation) through faith in Jesus Christ, believes that God's Word is true and has his hope and trust in Christ.

The "good news" of Jesus Christ's coming to earth as the God-man and dying for man's sins; that man can be saved by faith in Christ alone.

1



God is righteous and created man and the world to submit to His loving rule.

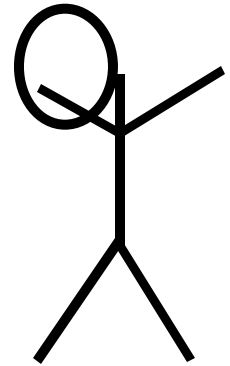
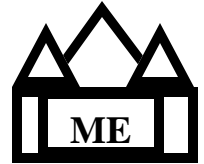
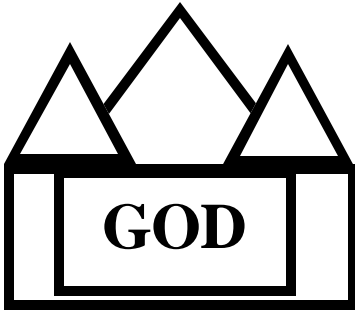
“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being.”

Revelation 4:11

But is that the way it is now?

2

We are all eternally separated from God by sinfully rejecting His loving rule and trying to run our lives our own way without Him.

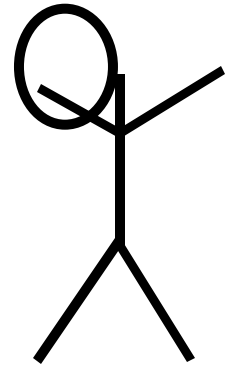
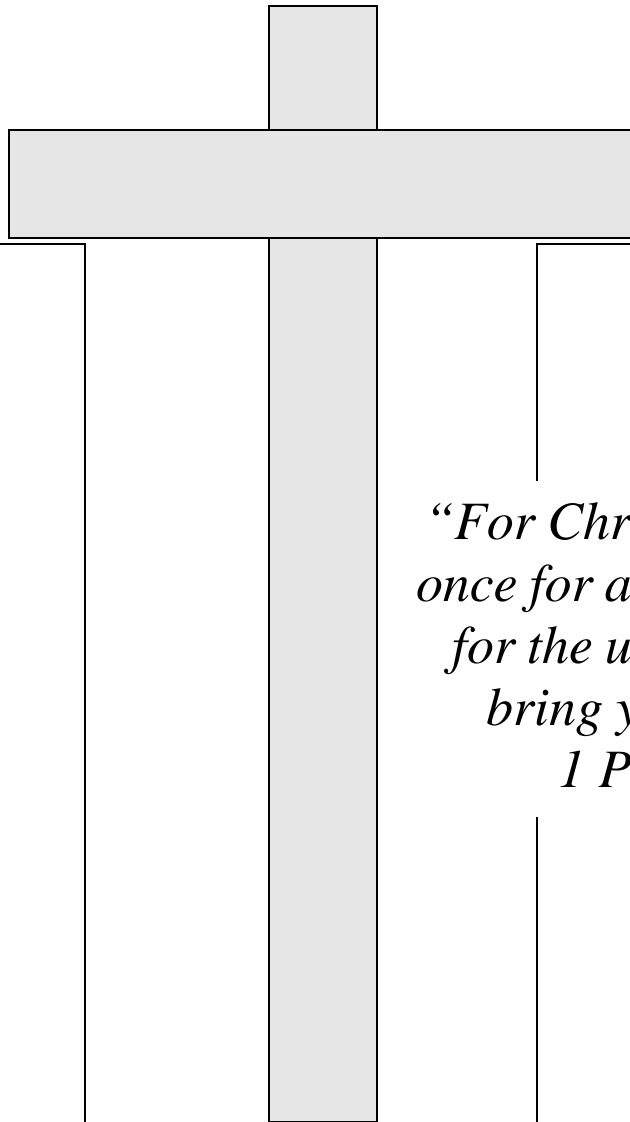
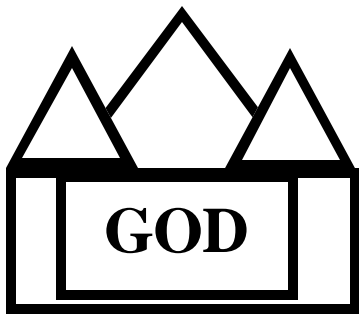


“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Isaiah 59:2

God’s justice sounds hard. But...

3

Because of His love, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die in our place and take our punishment. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we can now have a relationship with our creator God.



*“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.”
1 Peter 3:18*

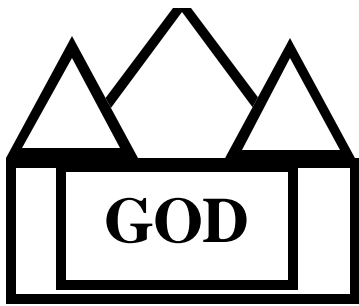
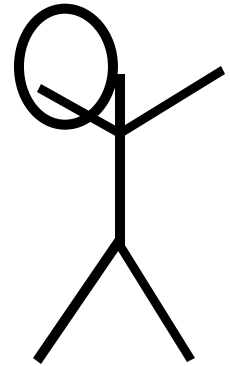
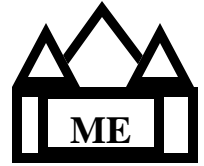
Well, where does that leave us?

4

Who's in

*Our way: Reject Jesus as our ruler.
Try to run life our own way on our own strength.
Seek happiness through our own works.*

*Consequences: Separated from God - now and forever.
Condemnation and no spiritual resources.*

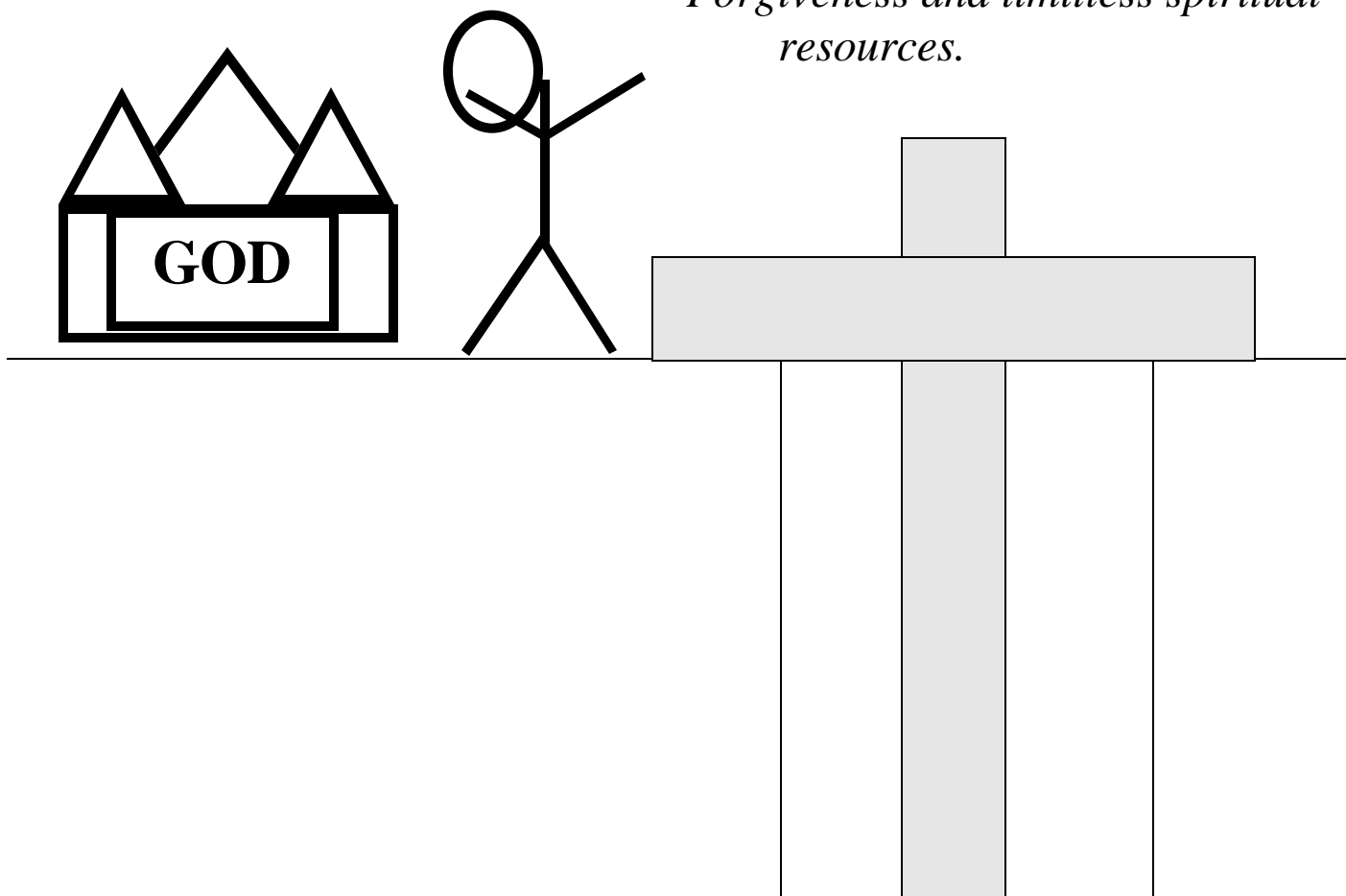


*“They will be
punished with
everlasting
destruction and shut
out from the
presence of the Lord
and from the
majesty of His
power.”
2 Thessalonians 1:9*

Charge ?

*God's way: Repent from rebellion and submit to Christ.
Rely/believe on Jesus' death and resurrection.
Accept God's free gift of salvation.*

*God's work: Relationship with God
now and forever.
Forgiveness and limitless spiritual
resources.*



*“That if you confess with your
mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and
believe in your heart that God
raised Him from the dead, you will
be saved.” Romans 10:9*

Fill It In

To find out what the memory verse is, fill in the blanks with the words below.

Galatians 2:16

Know that a man is not _____ by
_____ the _____, but by _____ in
_____. So we, too, have put
our _____ in _____ that we
may be _____ by _____ in _____
and not by _____ the _____, because
by _____ the _____ no one will be
_____. Galatians 2:16 (NIV)

Use these words to fill in the blanks above. The number beside them will tell you how many times they are used.

justified (x3)

observing (x3)

law (x3)

faith (x3)

Christ (x3)

Jesus (x2)

**God is
righteous and holy.**

**CATCH THE
TRUE GOSPEL**

**We have sinned and
fallen short of God's standards.**

**Sin separates
a person from God.**

**God
created us.**

**We have rejected
God's loving rule over us.**

**We deserve
eternal punishment in hell.**

CATCH THE

**God sent His only
begotten Son to die in our place.**

TRUE GOSPEL

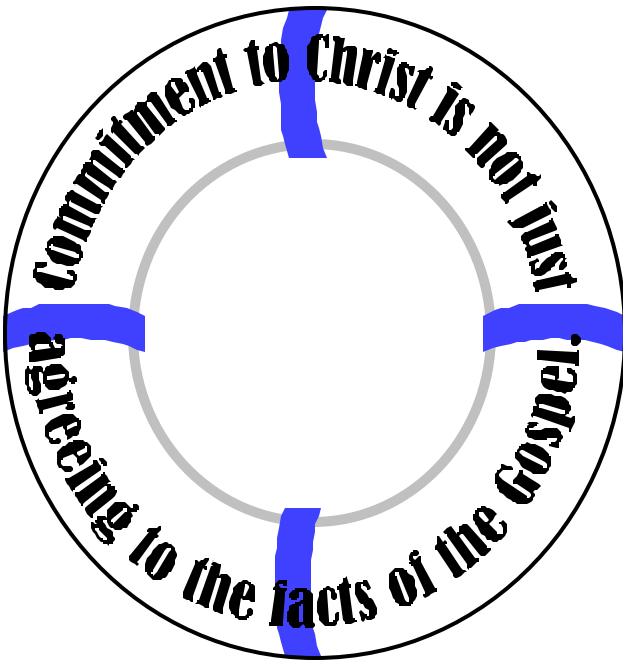
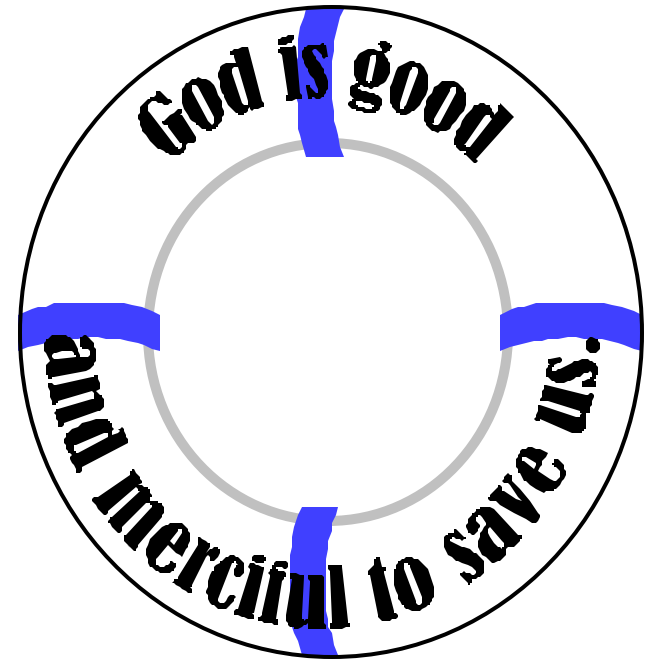
**Jesus
suffered our punishment.**

**Jesus arose from the dead
and sits with God in heaven now.**

**Jesus had
victory over sin and death.**



**CATCH THE
TRUE GOSPEL**



**God is
warm and fuzzy.**

CATCH THEM

**We have not worked
hard enough to earn salvation.**

TRUE GOSPEL

**We should look
inside ourselves for the answers.**

**If we clean ourselves up,
God will accept us.**

**We evolved
from cosmic matter.**

**God is politically
correct and tolerant.**

CATCH THE TRUE GOSPEL

**Sin is only wrong
because it brings negative consequences.**

**God created Jesus
to be a good example of love for us.**

**We are not
responsible for our sin.**

**We are
in charge of our own lives.**

**CHRIST'S resurrection
is NOT what is important.**

CATCH THE TRUE GOSPEL

**There is no
real eternal punishment in hell.**

**We only need to confess
Jesus as "Savior" to go to heaven.**

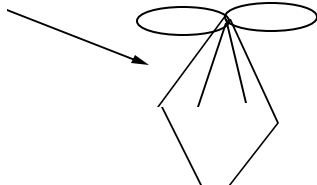
**We are
saved by doing good.**

**Some sins are
too big for God to forgive.**

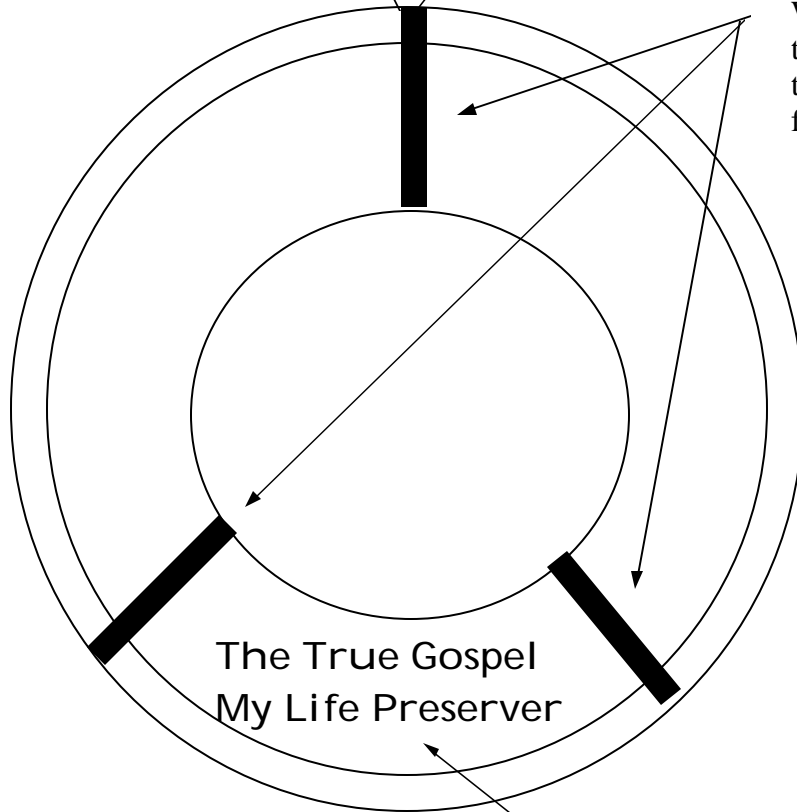
The True Gospel - My Life Preserver

Paper plate craft

Attach another piece of yarn at the top to be used as a hanger.



Wrap yarn around the plate multiple times, keeping each strand right next to the one before. Tie off or glue finished end.

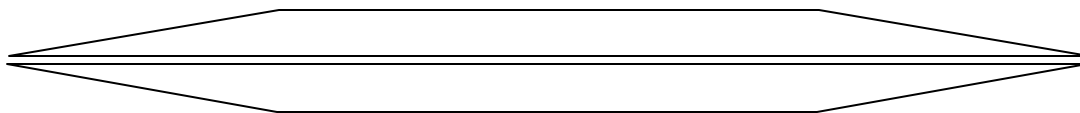


Cut out the center of the two plates. Invert and staple or glue the plates together.

See side view below.

Paste the memory verse on the back.

Write this on the front.



Side View

Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. Where was Saul from, and what was he in training to become?
2. What did he think of Christians?
3. What happened to him one day on the road to Damascus?
4. What did Jesus have in mind for Paul to do from that day forward?
5. Where did Paul and Barnabus go on their first missionary journey?
6. What did the majority of the Jews think of what Paul was saying?
7. What did God do in these cities?
8. After Paul and Barnabus left, what happened to these Galatian churches?
9. What was the message of the Judaizers?

Remember that the true Gospel is not about how good we are, but just the opposite: how sinful we truly are before a holy God. Therefore, no amount of good works will save anyone, period! Only Christ can save us.

“Know that a man is not justified by observing the laws, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.”

Galatians 2:16

Galatians
Chapter
1

Passage Review Questions
Galatians 2

Was Paul an apostle? (1:1)

Who sent Paul out as an apostle? (1:1)

Who gave His life for our sins? (1:3-4)

Describe Paul's feeling when he learned that the church had begun believing this false doctrine. (1:6)

What was happening in the churches of Galatia that was causing Paul to be so concerned about them? (1:6-9)

If an angel came and began teaching them something different than what Paul was teaching, what should the people do? (1:8)

What did Paul do in his early years before he came to know Christ? (1:13)

Did Paul go directly to Jerusalem after he became a believer? (1:17)

Where did Paul go to be prepared for ministry? (1:17)

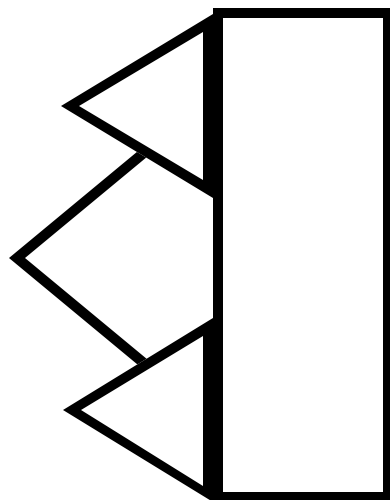
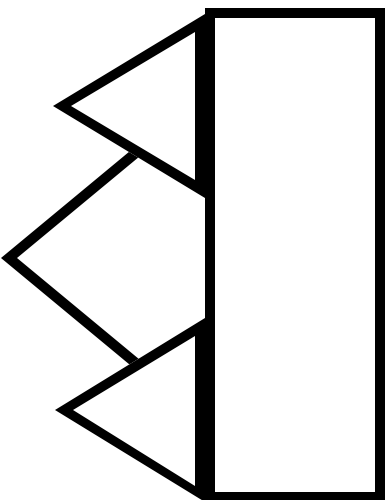
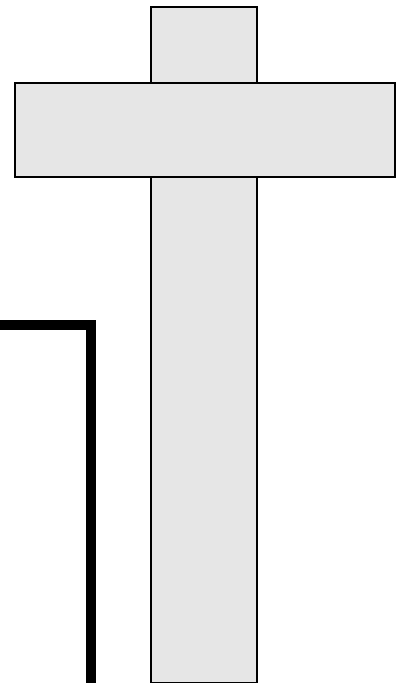
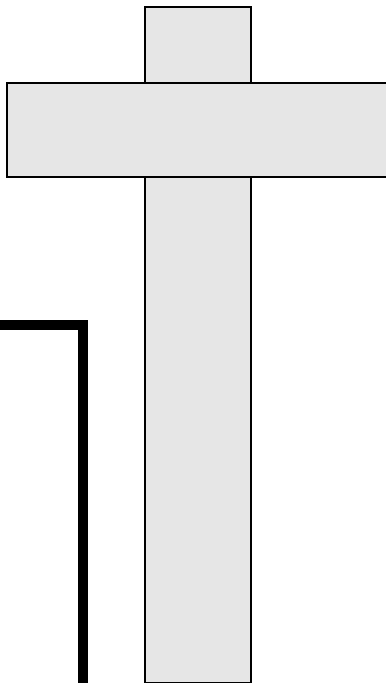
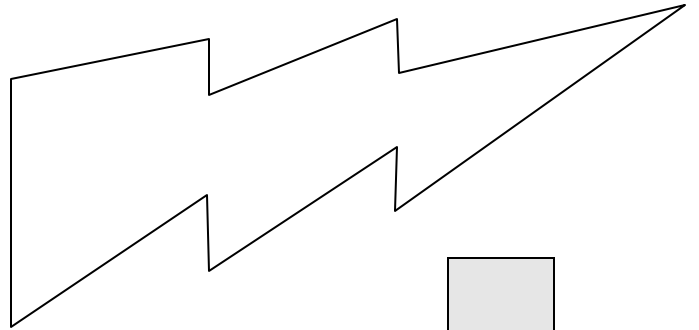
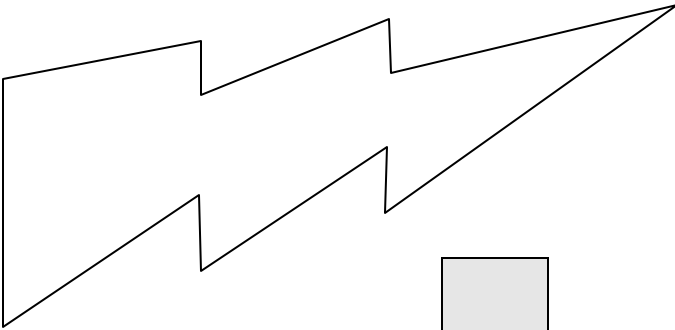
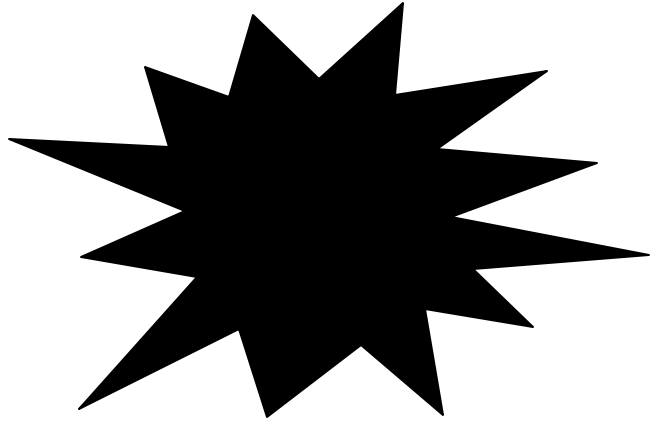
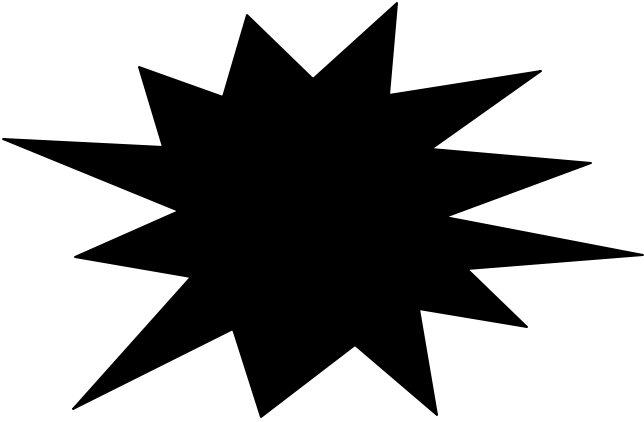
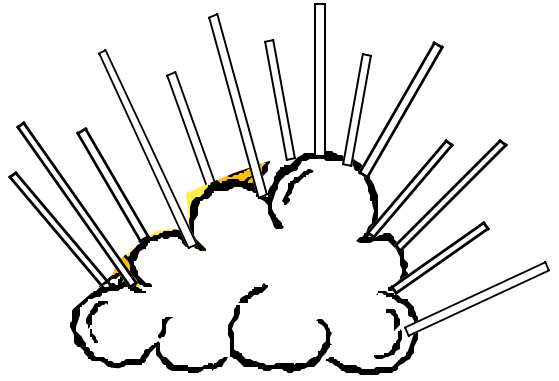
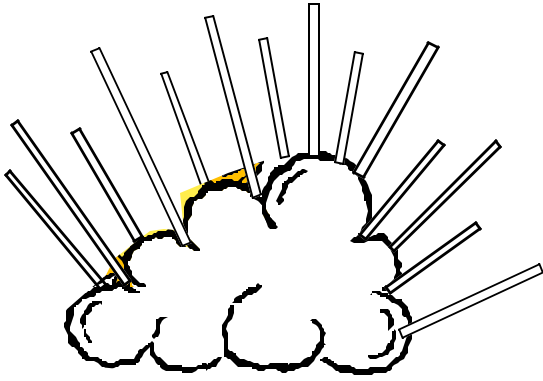
How long did Paul prepare for ministry before he went to Jerusalem? (1:18)

With whom did Paul stay, and for how long? (1:18)

With whom did Paul visit in Jerusalem? (1:19)

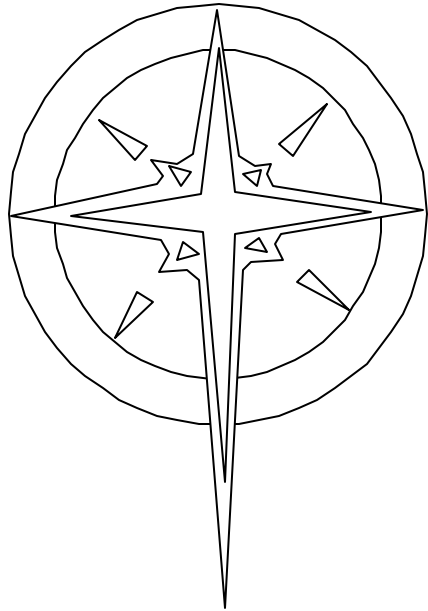
After Paul's time in Jerusalem was over, where did he go minister next? (1:21)

Why were the people so amazed that Paul was preaching Christ? (1:23-24)



I've got
"Good News"
to tell you!





God loves you so much that He sent His Son to earth for you.

Jesus came to earth to die for all the sins of everyone.

He came so that we might have eternal life and have our sins totally forgiven.

And the only basis for His forgiveness is faith.

That is the only thing He asks us to do: believe that His Word is true and place our trust in it.

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