

Memory Verse:

Galatians 2:16: A man is justified. . . by faith in Jesus Christ.

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. Who spoke from a bright light to Paul and changed his life? (*Jesus.*)
2. In whom did Paul tell the Galatian Christians to put their faith? (*Jesus.*)
3. What is the name of the book in the Bible we are learning from today? (*Galatians.*)

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

1. What was the name of the man who was chosen by God to preach the Gospel of Jesus? (*Paul, formerly known as Saul.*)
2. Who spoke from a bright light to Paul and changed his life? (*Jesus.*)
3. What Gospel did Paul preach? (*Paul preached the one, true Gospel that faith in Jesus is the only way to God. Say the memory verse.*)
4. What is the name of the book in the Bible we are learning from today? (*Galatians.*)








Key for symbols:

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

Hook:

- Letter Writing Center:** Provide paper, envelopes, stamps (any variety), and pencils for the children. Encourage them to write a letter, fold it, stuff the envelope, and place a stamp on the outside. Who are they writing to? What are they telling them? The leader may help the child by writing a sentence or two in the letter. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul is writing a letter to the Christians in Galatia.
- Being Blind Center:** Have one child put on a blindfold. Set up an obstacle course at one end of the room using chairs, cones, ropes, etc. A second child (his friend) will take his hand and lead him around the obstacles. Choose a second child to be led, blindfold him, and then change the obstacle course. Did you trust your friend to get you through the obstacles? How do you feel when you cannot see? In today's Bible Adventure, a man named Paul was blinded by the brilliant light of Jesus. He was blind for three days so his friends led him by the hand into the town of Damascus.
- Map Play: (GAL01ECGF6)** Place an enlarged map of Paul's journeys in the middle of the table, and while discussing where he went in Galatia, let the children walk their fingers from town to town and make a rowing motion with two fingers over the water. You could bring a small toy boat to move across that area. Let the children take turns tracing on the journey lines with a different colored crayon. On Paul's first journey, he and Barnabas sailed from Antioch to Cyprus, then to Perga. From there they



walked to Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. They went back through each town before sailing back to Antioch.

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-  **Getting Ready for a Trip:** In the Home Center, provide a couple of small suitcases or bags. Have the children talk about going on a trip and what they would pack in the bags. Provide toiletries, clothes, and anything else in the room that will fit in their bags. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul had traveled on a long trip to the region of Galatia to start new churches. He told the people the good news (Gospel) about Jesus. Faith in Jesus Christ was the only way to be right with God.
 -  **Post Office Center:** Bring some old letters or envelopes and a pouch handbag. Set up a row of shoe boxes to represent mailboxes. A larger box with a slit in the top could represent the postal box in which the children can mail their letters. One child is busy delivering the mail while others can read the mail and then go to the post office box and mail the letter again. As soon as all the mail has been delivered, read and mail the letters again. The mailman can empty the post office box and repeat the cycle. In today's Bible Adventure, we'll learn that Paul wrote a letter, and it was delivered to several different churches in the region of Galatia.
 -  **What Is in the Bag?** "Some people in our Bible Adventure today tell the truth about the Bible and some don't. As I pull things out of this bag, see if you can tell me if I am telling the truth or a lie!" Fill the bag with items from around the house like an apple that you tell them is an orange, an orange that you say is blue, a teddy bear that is a mouse, a book that is a cookie, a milk carton that is not good for you, a ball that is used to wash dishes, etc. In the Bible Adventure, some men called Judaizers were telling the Galatians that they had to keep all the Jewish rules to be right with God. Paul wrote to tell them that was not true. It is faith in Jesus that gets us to heaven.
 -  **Sunglasses and Mirror:** Provide different styles of sunglasses that you borrow from your family or others. Cover some with black construction paper so that you can't see through them. Talk about what it would be like to be blind and not see anything. Ask the older children if they know who was blinded in the Bible and why he was blinded? Ask the children to listen carefully today to find out. (Tell the younger children it was Paul. The more repetition you use, the better the learning.)
 -  **Freeing the Christians: (GAL01ECGF3)** Materials needed: Glue stick, yarn (in supply room), GF3 picture, crayons. Using the GF3 picture, have the children glue the yarn as bars around the men. On the front of the page, have the children glue the yarn coming apart to free the Christians. In today's Bible Adventure, the children will learn about how Paul (formerly known as Saul) first wanted to put Christians in jail, and then after Jesus talked to him, he knew he was wrong and began obeying God.
 -  **4 Keys and Door:** If available, provide a small model door with knob and several keys. The children love trying to open the door with the keys. Discuss that believing in Jesus is the "key" to being right with God and opens the door to God and heaven for us.
 -  **4 Changing Saul to Paul: (GAL01ECGF12)** Materials needed: Activity page with Saul and Paul printed on it, glue sticks, and pieces of pasta. Set this craft up at a single table during Hook time. Make four or five at a time. Instruct the children how Saul the Jewish leader was named Paul after he became a follower of Jesus. Have the children trace the letters "S" and "P" with the glue sticks. Then have the children set the pieces of pasta over the glue. With only one letter change, Saul's name became Paul. God made Paul a new man and one of the strongest Christians that ever lived. Pray to be a strong Christian like Paul.




Book:

Presentation Ideas -

-  Show the **GAL01ECGF1**, **GAL01ECGF2**, **GAL01ECGF3**, **GAL01ECGF4**, **GAL01ECGF5**, **GAL01ECGF6**, and **GAL01ECGF7** pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Keep the pictures for review in future lessons.
-  **Presentation Idea:** Tell the story as Paul. Take a letter out of your pocket at the beginning of the story and put it back in your pocket at the end. Explain how you felt (sad and upset) when you wrote

the letter and how you hope the Christians in Galatia will receive it. (You want them to know a person can have a right relationship with Jesus Christ on the basis of faith alone!)

 **Galatians Mailbox:** Supplies: a shoebox (or any other rectangular type of box), a cereal box or empty pop can case cardboard, gray and red construction paper, one large brass paper holder, clear mailing tape, stapler, colored pens, and a copy of the **GAL01ECGF6** picture. Make a mailbox to keep "Paul's letter" (a rolled up or folded piece of paper) he wrote to the Galatian churches. At the beginning of each story time, the teacher can pull out Paul's letter from the mailbox or select one of the students to get it. Review why Paul wrote to the Galatians, that faith in Jesus Christ, not the Jewish rules, makes a person right with God. At the end of the story time, put the letter back so it's ready for next week's lesson. Make a mailbox by poking a hole in the long side of the shoebox for the brass paper fastener to hold the flag. Cut the cardboard to fit like a dome shape over the shoebox and tape it in place. You may need to overlap the cardboard. Cover one short end and the body of the mailbox with the gray construction paper, taping the ends securely. Make a flag with a leftover piece of cardboard and cover it with red construction paper. Staple or tape the paper to cardboard. Poke a hole through the flag (about 1/4 from the end) and fasten the flag to the mailbox with a large brass paper holder. For the opening, cut the open end of the shoebox to make a lip that folds out. Be sure not to cut all the way to the end of the box. Cover the lid with gray construction paper. Color Paul's picture and tape it to the lid. Write Galatians 2:16 on the long side of the mailbox.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

Today's Bible Adventure comes from a book in the New Testament. The book is called Galatians. (Say *Galatians* several times.)

(Show the *GAL01ECGF3* picture and point to Paul.) Paul was a Jewish leader who had heard about the life and death of Jesus Christ. Paul did not believe that Jesus was alive in heaven. Paul was very angry with all the Christians who kept talking about Jesus like He was alive. He wanted to put every Christian in jail so they would stop talking about Jesus.

One day, Paul was walking on the road toward the city of Damascus with some men. He was looking for Christians to put in jail.

(Show the *GAL01ECGF4* picture.) Suddenly, a bright light from heaven flashed around him and blinded Paul's eyes so that he could not see. A voice from heaven said, "Paul, Paul, why are you trying to hurt Me?" It was the voice of Jesus!

(Show the *GAL01ECGF5* picture.) God told a man named Ananias to go and put his hands on Paul. When he obeyed, immediately, Paul's eyes cleared. Paul could see again! Paul wanted to tell everyone in Damascus about what had happened to him. He was so excited! Jesus was alive! Paul told all who would listen that Jesus was the Son of God just as He had said. Paul had seen His bright light, and he had heard the voice of the living Jesus.

Many people believed in Jesus because of Paul's words. Paul became a missionary and traveled to a land called Galatia. (Show the *GAL01ECGF6* map and point to the word *Galatia*.) The people in Galatia heard the good news and wanted Jesus to forgive their sins. They believed the Gospel message that Paul gave them and became part of the Galatian church.

After Paul left Galatia, he heard some news that made him sad and upset. Some men, called Judaizers, were telling the Christians of Galatia that Paul hadn't told them the whole truth about Jesus. They taught that faith in Jesus alone was not enough to be right with God. They told the Christians they must also keep all of the Jewish rules.

(Show the *GAL01ECGF7* picture.) Paul wanted to go visit the Galatian Christians and talk to them in person. Since he could not go, Paul sat down and wrote the Christians in Galatia a letter. In his letter, Paul tells the Galatians to not listen to the Judaizers. The new Christians did not have to keep all of the Jewish rules. The Galatian Christians could be clean in their hearts just by having faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Paul's letter to the Galatians and for telling us that faith in Christ Jesus is enough to be right with You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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

(Show the *GAL01ECGF1* picture.) God promised King David a kingdom that would last forever. David's sons, grandsons, and great grandsons disobeyed God and loved idols more than they loved God.

(Show the *GAL01ECGF2* picture.) But, God kept His promise to David and sent Jesus, God's own Son, to be born in Bethlehem. Magi came looking for the King and worshiped the King of the Jews.

The Jewish leaders, however, did not want to worship Jesus as their king. They put Jesus on a cross, and He died to take the punishment you and I deserve for our sin. But Jesus came back to life and is now in heaven with God the Father.

(Show the GAL01ECGF3 picture.) The Jewish leaders did not want Jesus' disciples to keep telling people that Jesus was alive. One of the Jewish leaders was a man named Paul. Paul's name was Saul before he became a Christian.

Paul was very angry with all the Christians who kept talking about Jesus like He was the Son of God. Paul wanted to put every Christian in jail so they would stop talking about Jesus.

Paul was walking on the road toward the city of Damascus with some fellow Jews, looking for Christians to put in jail. He thought that if all the Christians were in jail, they would stop telling everyone to have faith in Jesus.

(Show the GAL01ECGF4 picture.) Suddenly, a bright light shone from the sky and blinded Paul's eyes so that he could not see. A voice from heaven said, "Saul, Saul, why are you trying to hurt Me?"

Paul said, "Who are You, Lord?" The voice said, "I am Jesus whom you are trying to hurt. Now get up and wait for instructions in Damascus. I will show you what to do."

(Show the GAL01ECGF5 picture.) The men with Paul led him into town where he waited with blind eyes in a room. God spoke to a Christian named Ananias and said, "Go put your hands on Paul so that his eyes can see again. I have chosen him to take My Gospel to the Gentiles." After Ananias obeyed and put his hands on Paul, Paul's eyes could see again. He was very sorry that he had been hurting Christians. Paul immediately went to be baptized in the water.

Paul wanted to tell everyone in Damascus about what had happened to him. He was so excited. Jesus was alive! He went to the Jewish synagogue church and told the Jews, "I have good news! Jesus is alive! I saw His bright light. I heard His voice. Jesus is the Son of God, just like He said." All the people were surprised at what Paul was saying. They said, "Isn't Paul the one who has been trying to hurt Christians? Why is he now preaching the Gospel of Jesus?"

(Show the GAL01ECGF6 map and point to the word "Galatia.") Paul became a missionary and went to a region called Galatia. When people heard the good news and wanted Jesus to forgive their sins, they believed the Gospel and became part of the Galatian church. Paul had to leave the towns of Galatia (*point to Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe*), but he was glad that there were many Galatians who loved Jesus.

(Show the GAL01ECGF7 picture.) One day, Paul heard some news that made him sad and upset. Paul heard that there were men called Judaizers who were telling the Galatian church people, "Paul didn't tell you the whole truth. Faith in Jesus is not enough to be right with God. You must also keep all of the Jewish rules, too." Christians in the Galatian church were confused by what the Judaizers said.

Paul wanted to go visit the Galatians and talk to them in person, but he could not. Paul had no telephone, so he sat down and wrote the Galatians a letter. *(Hold up your Bible to Galatians.)* Paul's letter is in our Bibles. It is called Galatians. *(Say "Galatians" several times.)*

Paul wrote to the Galatians, "Don't listen to the Judaizers who tell you that you must keep all of the Jewish rules to be right with God. Keeping the Jewish rules will not help you get to heaven. To be clean in your hearts, you must have faith in Jesus Christ as the only way to God."

(Fold up a letter and put it in your pocket.) Next week, we will learn more of what Paul wrote to the Galatians. I know it will be more good news about faith in Jesus.




Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Paul's letter to the Galatians and for telling us that faith in Christ Jesus is enough to be right with You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.





Look:


Aim Questions: Place the questions on the floor inside the story circle. Blindfold a volunteer and have him crawl around and feel for the questions. He finds a card, takes off the blindfold, and takes the question to the teacher. The questions can be asked in any order.


Snack: Place trail mix or crackers in individual sandwich bags along with a note that says, "Faith in Jesus Christ is enough!" Have the a leader deliver the snack to each child from a mail bag (or pouch purse). Go on a journey like Paul. Each table of children can travel to a different corner of the room or even down the hall or in the foyer. Gather each little group together to eat their snack while learning the memory verse because this is what Paul shared with the people on his journey.


-  **Paul Has Faith in Jesus: (GAL01ECGF8)** Fold the GF8 page in fourths so that it form a booklet telling about Paul's new faith in Jesus.
-  **"Key to God" Necklace: (GAL01ECGF9)** Glue the GF9 pictures of a key, God, Jesus, and the memory verse on four, three-inch, colored, cardstock squares that have a hole punched in one corner of each. Let children thread yarn through the holes and tie it. Review with them that the "key" to being right with God and living with Him in heaven is faith in Jesus.
-  **"Making Silly Rules" Activity:** "The Judaizers who came to Galatia were telling the people in the Galatian church that they must follow old Jewish rules. They taught that faith in Jesus was not enough. Let's make some silly rules and see how long we can do them. Everyone smile big enough to show teeth and don't stop. While you are smiling, touch your finger to your nose. Keep smiling. Now touch your elbow to your knee. Keep smiling and touching your nose. Cover your ear with your other hand. Keep smiling, touching your nose, and elbow touches knee. Stick out your tongue. Keep smiling, touching your nose, elbow touches knee, and hand covers the ear. Wow! How are you doing following my silly rules? It was hard for the Christians in Galatia to follow the Jewish rules because all they needed to do was have faith in Jesus." Repeat with other ideas and/or a different leader if time allows.

 **Paul's First Missionary Journey:** Space the children around the room facing the leader. "Paul went on a long trip to a region called Galatia to tell the people about Jesus being the Son of God. He wanted them to know that Jesus was alive and living in heaven. It was not easy to travel in those days. Let's pretend we are Paul and act out what he might have experienced in his travels." Sing a song to the tune of "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes" and use the following suggestions for Paul's actions: Walk to Galatia, pray on our knees, eat a meal, go to sleep, run down the road, row a boat, look for people, look so thirsty, dust ourselves, call our friends, etc.
"This is the way we walk to Galatia, walk to Galatia, walk to Galatia.
This is the way we walk to Galatia, to tell our faith in Jesus."

 **One Way Play:** The children are to stand along one side of the room. There is one way to go to the other side of the room and that might be a motion like hopping on one foot, patting the head, and rubbing the tummy, hands behind head, hands behind knees, etc. If the children don't do that particular action, they have to stand back by the wall until the children get to that side of the room again. Go back and forth doing different motions. Remind them of the "one way" to the other side. Finally, ask them what the one way is to be right with God? When they say "to believe in Jesus" or "have faith in Jesus," then everyone points up and says the memory verse together while marching in place.

 **"Jesus Is Alive" Game:** Materials needed: A flashlight, covering for the windows to darken the room somewhat, but not too dark. As Paul walked down the road the Lord shone brightly upon him and talked to him. He was very surprised and then began to obey God. Have the children remember how God changed Saul into a new person. Darken the room and instruct the children to walk around the room in a big circle hand in hand. The teacher will start in the middle with the flashlight. When the teacher shines the light on a child, that child will shout, "Jesus is alive" or "Faith in Jesus!" Then that child will go in to the middle of the circle and shine the flashlight on another child. Continue until all children have had a turn in the middle. If there is a song to sing while the circle is moving, this could be an added option.

 **Blinded Paul Game:** Materials needed: Handkerchief or a blindfold of some kind. Paul had been blinded for a time and God instructed Ananias to put his hands on Paul's eyes, allowing him to see again. God chose Paul to take His Gospel to the Gentiles. Have each child take a turn putting the blindfold on. All the other children will stand in a circle as the blindfolded child moves around the center trying to touch a child in the circle. When the blindfolded child touches a child in the circle, that child must repeat the Galatians 2:16 memory verse. After the child says the memory verse, it is his turn to wear the blind fold and go to the center of the circle. Play continues until most children have had a turn.

 **Bad News--Good News:** Let children pick a happy or sad face out of a basket. All the "sad faces" stand along one wall of the room and the "happy faces" on the other. Assign a teacher to each side. They each practice telling their news!
The bad news is that we are all sinners. We have done wrong, bad things. We can't be right with God. We can't live with Him forever.

The good news is that Jesus came. Jesus died for our sins. We have to have faith in Him. Then we can live with Him forever.

There are four statements for each "news." You could give a few children each statement to say. Ask the whole group, "What is the bad news you have?" Then ask, "What is the good news?" Remind the children that the good news about Jesus is the Gospel. Share it with your friends.

- Chair Share and Verse Review:** Use half as many chairs as children and place them in a circle. Two children must sit on one chair together. As you give instructions, the children who move will exchange places with children on another chair. (Include right and left in directions if they know what that means.)
If you had cereal for breakfast, change places with someone two chairs to your left.
If you have a brother, change places with someone sitting one chair to your right.
If you like ice cream (hot dogs, hamburgers, spinach), move one chair.
If you have a pet, move three chairs.
If you are wearing red (blue, yellow, brown, pink), move two chairs.
If you enjoy playing with dolls (trucks, swings, tricycles, etc.), move one chair.
Add others as you think of them, but interject occasionally and end with the following words: "If you know the Bible verse, stand up!" Recite it together.

- My Name Is Paul** (*Robert C. Evans, Bible Songs Volume 2--2nd song on tape, Donut Man*) This is a fun marching song. You could get bells, shakers, and other noise makers from the supply room and have students march around the classroom echoing you or the tape.


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- Acting Like Paul:** Children can follow the teacher's actions accordingly.
Paul walked to Damascus, looking here and there for someone talking about Jesus. (Walk in place, hands over eyes.)
Paul was angry with the Christians for saying that Jesus was alive. (Stomp feet and look very mad.)
"Stop," he said. "Stop telling people about Jesus." (Hand up, palm up as if to stop.)
A bright light from heaven blinded Paul. (Look up and then cover eyes as you crouch down.)
Paul heard Jesus say, "Paul, why are you trying to hurt Me?" (Hands cup ears.)
God gave Paul his sight back and told him to teach the Gospel to the Gentiles. (Uncover eyes.)
Paul was sorry for hurting Christians and knew that Jesus really was alive. (Kneel, fold hands, and look up.)
Paul was excited and told everyone "Jesus is alive." (Jump in place and swing arms. Say together "Jesus is alive.")
Some people believed the gospel of Jesus when Paul said "Faith in Jesus is the only way to God," and some didn't. (Look happy and then dejected.)
Paul went on a missionary journey to Galatia riding in a boat and walking. (Pretend to row and then walk in place.)
Paul told everyone he saw that "faith in Jesus is the only way to God." (Walk in place, cup hands around mouth, and repeat.)
Later Paul heard that Judaizers were in Galatia telling the people a different gospel. (Cup ears and shake head.)
Paul wrote a letter to the people in Galatia saying, "Faith in Jesus is the only way to be right with God." (Pretend to be writing.)
That was good news to hear. Yay! (Jump in place and cheer.)

Songs:

- Galatians 2:16, Memory Verse Song** (*tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"*)
Teacher: A man is justified
By faith in Jesus Christ
Galatians two, sixteen says, justified by faith.
(Repeat)
Students echo: A man is justified
By faith in Jesus Christ
Galatians two, sixteen says, justified by faith.
- Oh, When Paul Went** (*tune: "Oh, When the Saints"*)
Oh, when Paul went
To Galatia (Repeat first two lines.)


He shared the good news of the Gospel—
Faith in Jesus Christ alone.

Oh, when Paul sent
His letter to
The churches in Ga-la-ti-a,
He shared the good news of the Gospel—
Faith in Jesus Christ alone.

 **Paul Wrote a Letter** (tune: "Ring Around the Rosie")

Paul wrote a letter
To the Galatians.
"Faith in Christ! Faith in Christ! He's enough!"


(The Judaizers said,
"Keep the Jewish rules! Keep the Jewish rules!
Faith in Christ! Faith in Christ! Not enough!"


 **I Love to Tell the Story** (Could Paul have sung this on his first missionary journey?)


I love to tell the sto-ry, of un-seen things a-bove,
Of Je-sus and His glo-ry, of Je-sus and His love.
I love to tell the sto-ry, be-cause I know 'tis true;
It sat-is-fies my longings, as no-thing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glo-ry,
To tell the old, old sto-ry, of Jesus and His love.




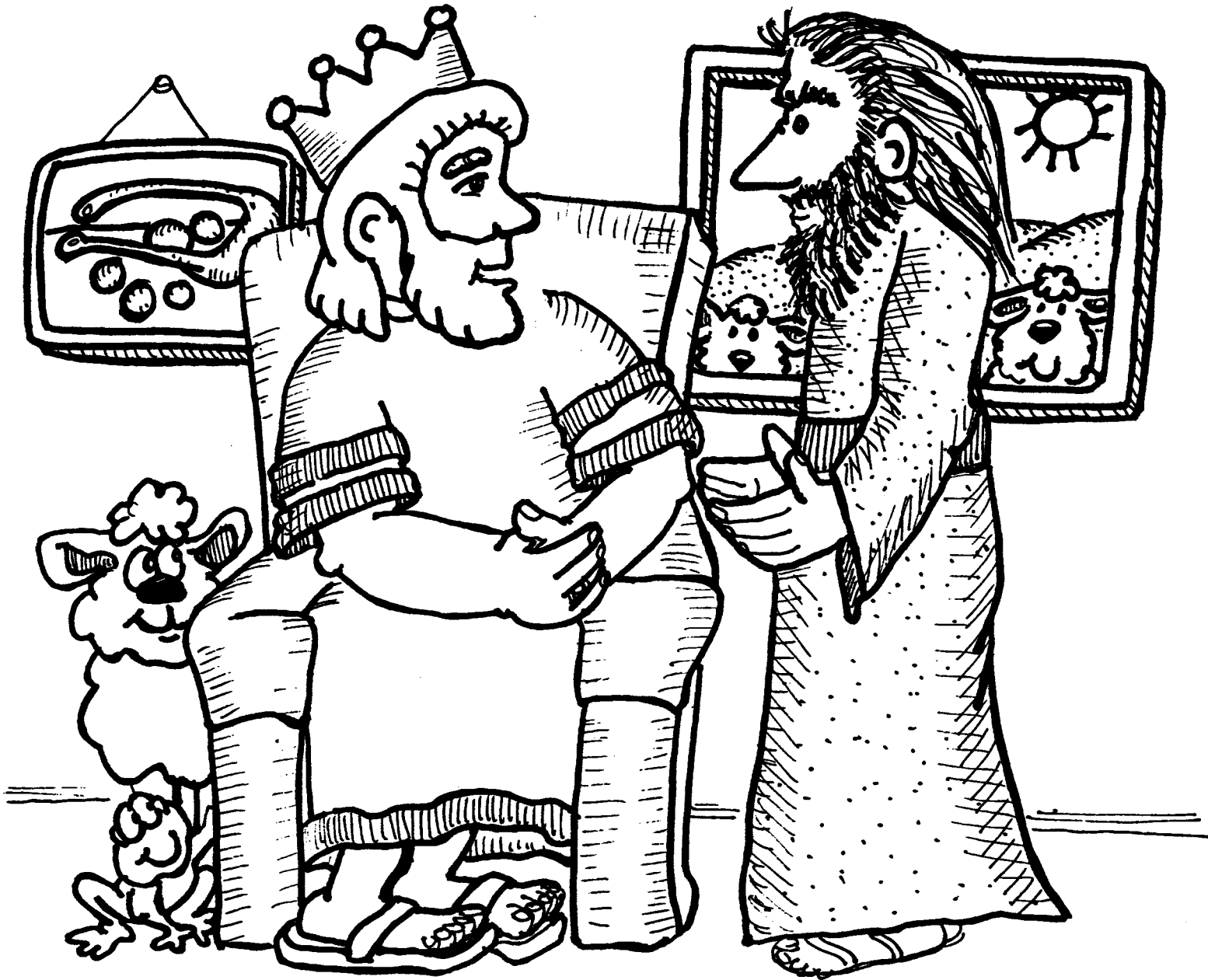
Took:

 **Crayons Explain the Gospel:** (Hold up a gold crayon.) Gold reminds us of heaven where God is and where He wants us to be with Him forever. (Hold up a black crayon, etc.) Black reminds us of our sin. Red tells us of Jesus who died on the cross for our sins. White reminds us that when we believe in Jesus, He forgives our sins and makes our hearts clean. Green reminds us that when we have faith in Jesus and trust Him, we can start growing to become more like Him.

 **Coloring a Friend: (GAL01ECGF10)** Color the picture of a friend who doesn't know Jesus or go to church. Pray for this friend and someday you will be able to share the "good news gospel" with them.

 **Card to Share: (GAL01ECGF11)** Fold the GF8 page in fourths so that it forms a booklet telling the children and their families how to be right with God by faith in Jesus.

 **Preschool Page for Parents: (GAL01ECPPP)** Send a page home with each child, encouraging parents to reinforce the Bible truths at home. Spend a few minutes before the children go home creatively reviewing the song and memory verse.



Prophet Nathan told King David of God's promise to give him an everlasting kingdom.

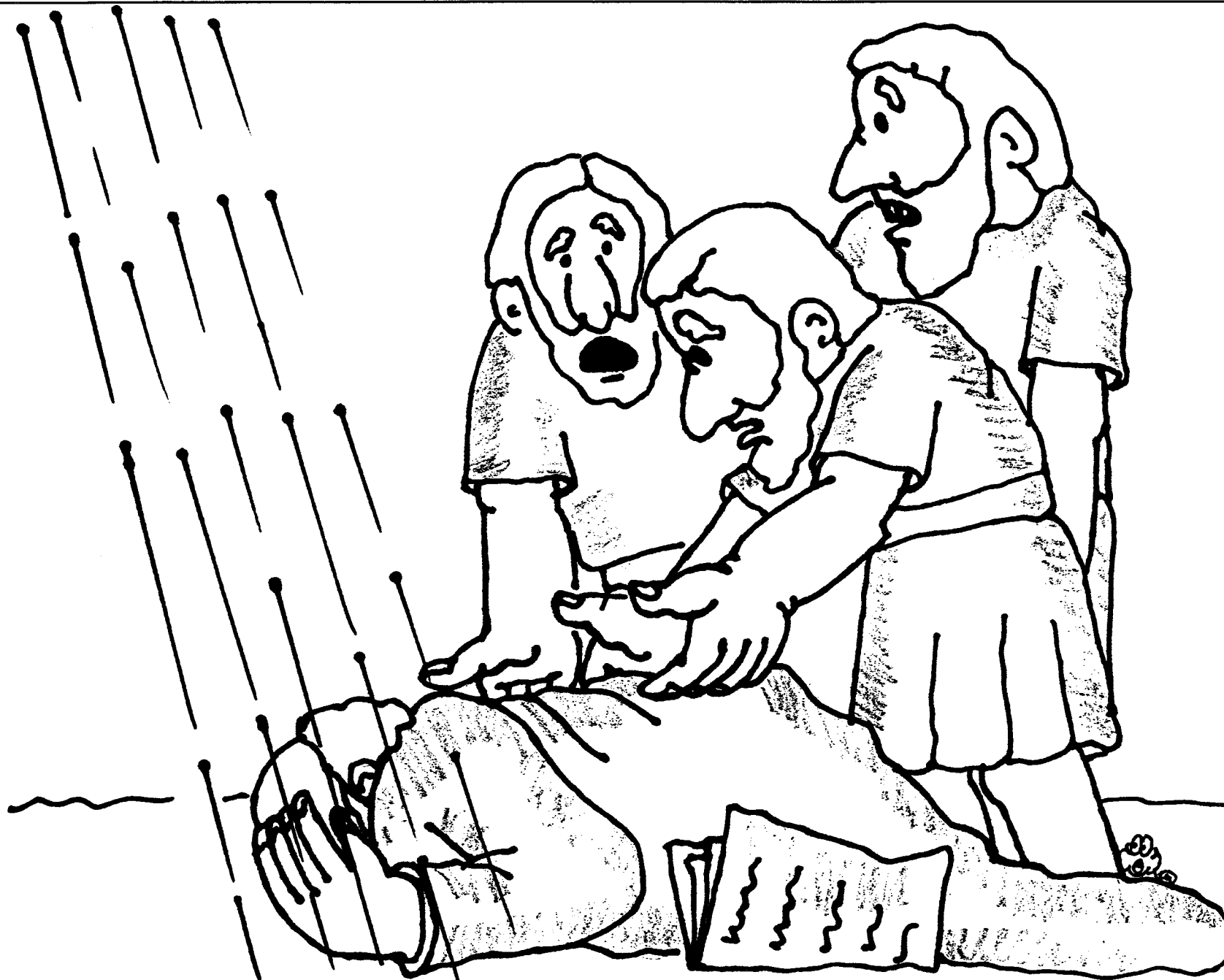
"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me." 2 Samuel 7:16



The Magi offered King Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Paul walked toward Damascus to find Christians to put in jail.



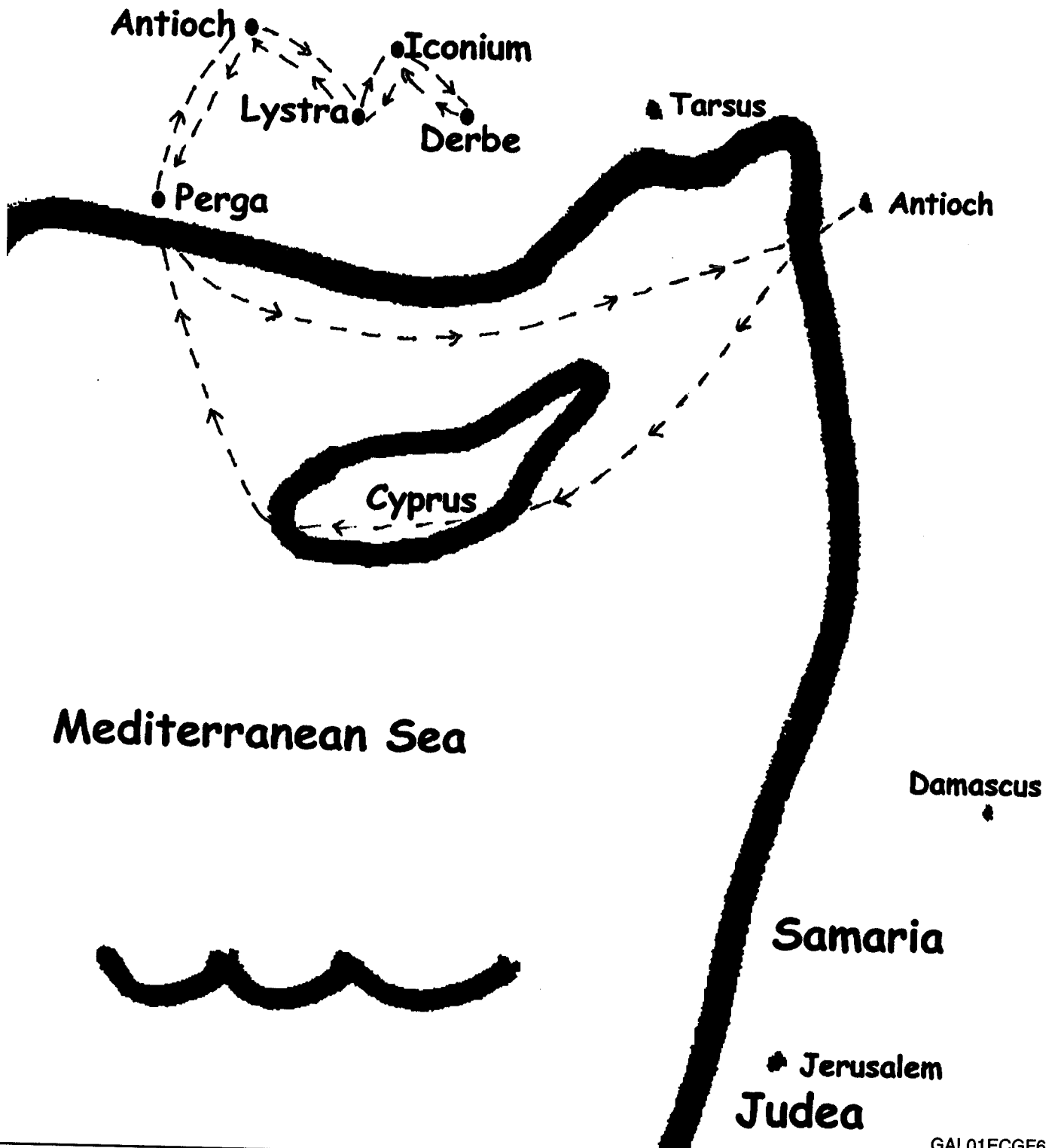
Jesus' bright light blinded Paul's eyes, and he fell to the ground.



Ananias obeyed God and went to help Paul see again.

Paul went on his first missionary journey to Galatia.

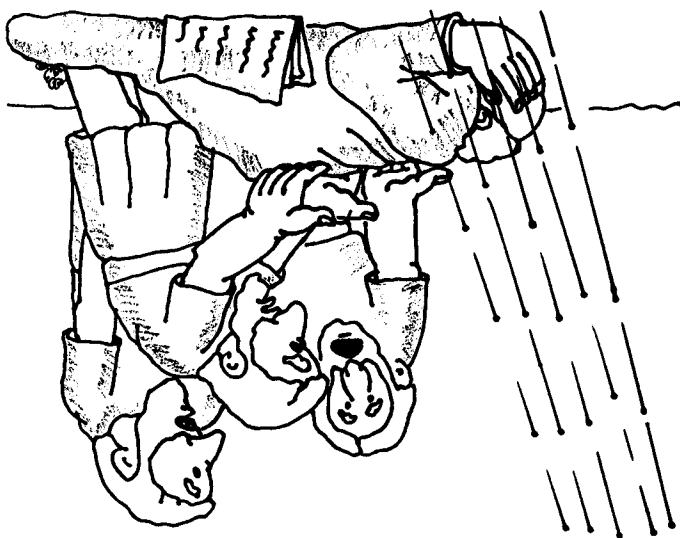
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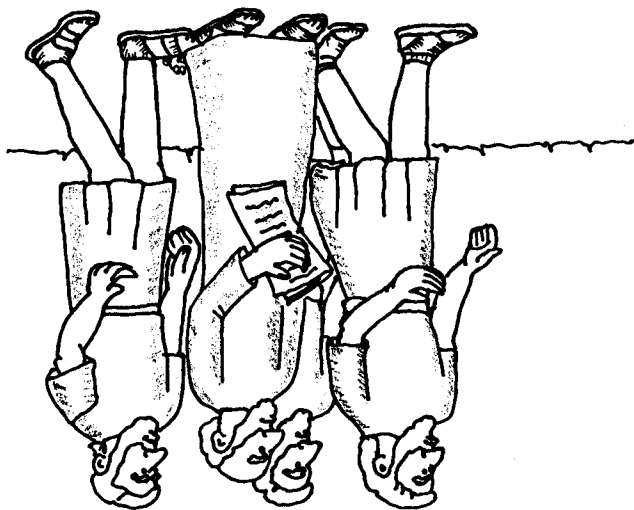


Paul wrote a letter to the Galatian churches.

3. Jesus blinded Paul's eyes and spoke to him about preaching the good news of faith in Jesus Christ.



2. At first, Paul wanted to stop the Christians from telling people that Jesus was alive in heaven.



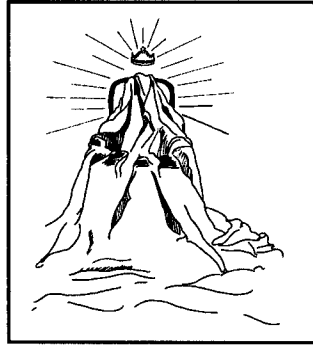
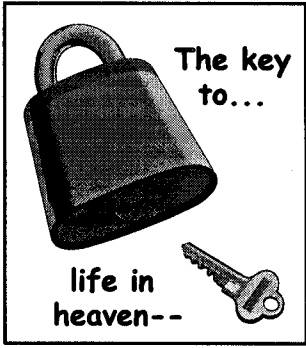
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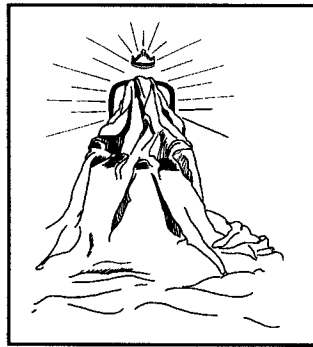
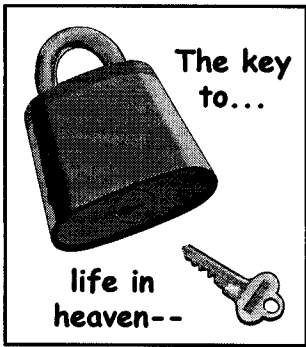
Paul told everyone to have faith in Christ.

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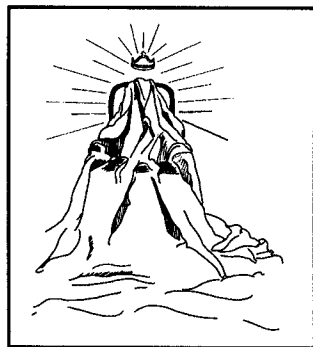
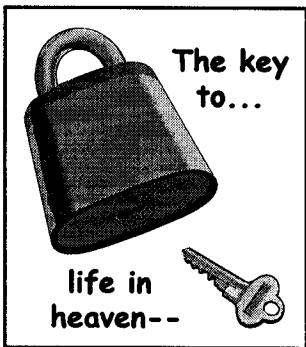
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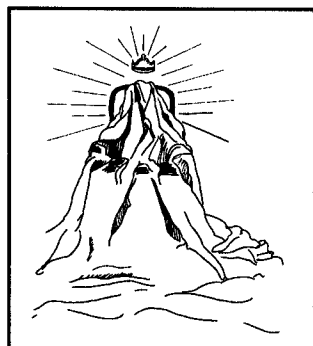
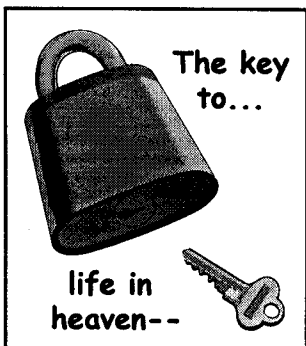
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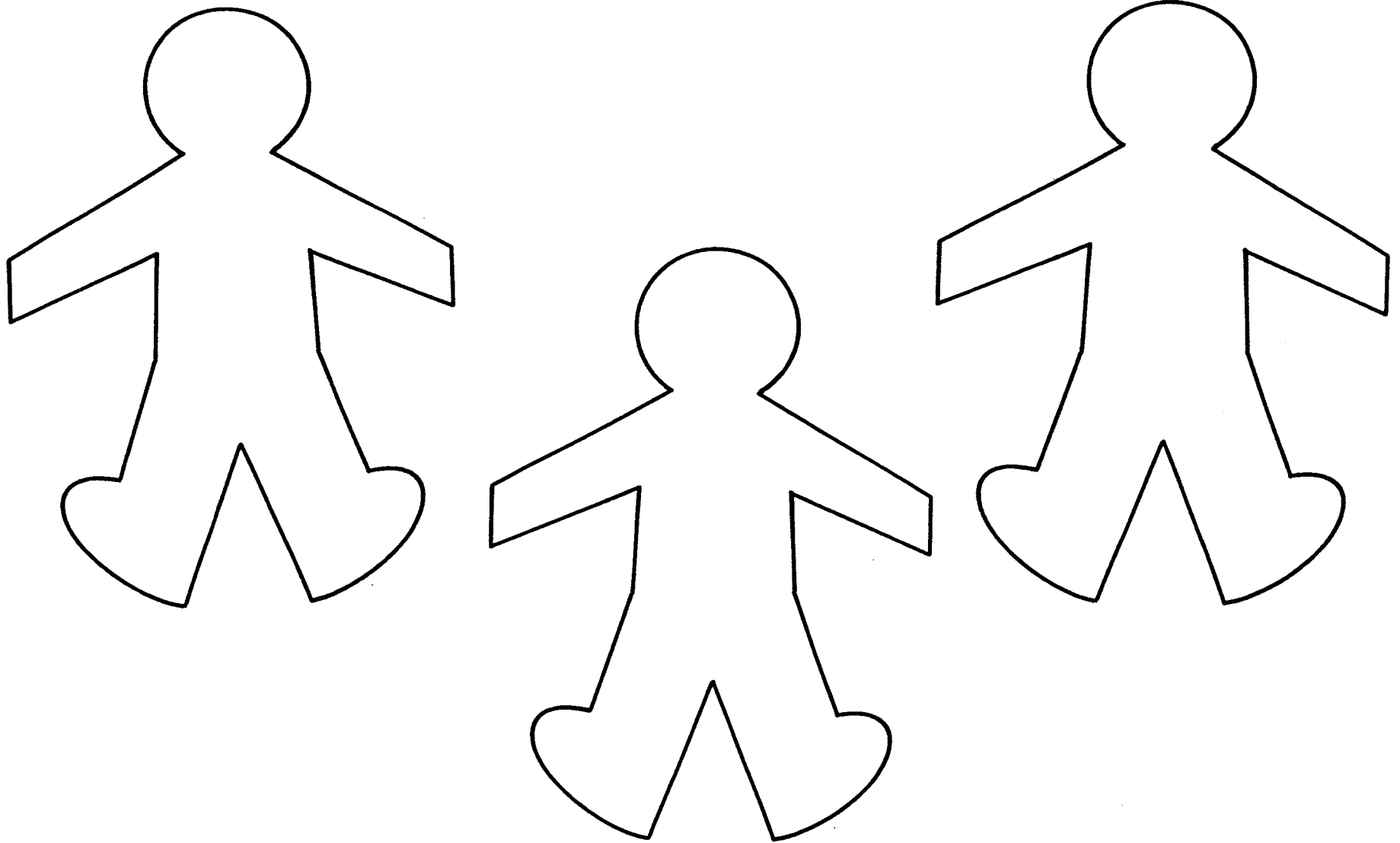
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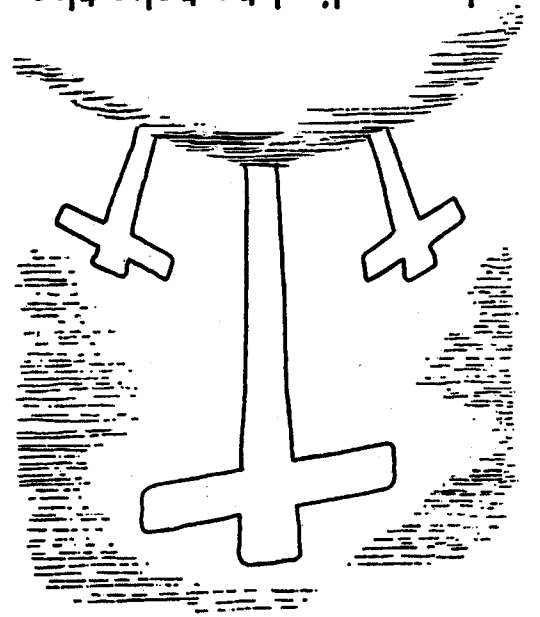


Praying for friends who need to know Jesus!

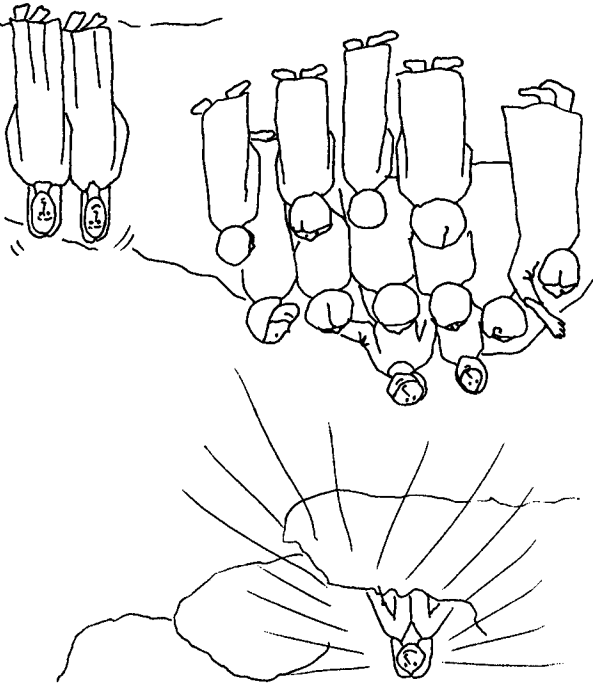


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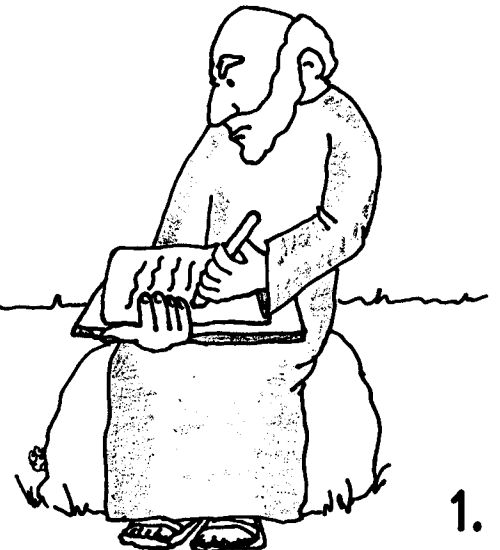
Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins.



Jesus came back to life and is living in heaven.



Paul wrote a letter to the Galatians about the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Faith in Jesus makes us right with God so that we can live forever with Him.

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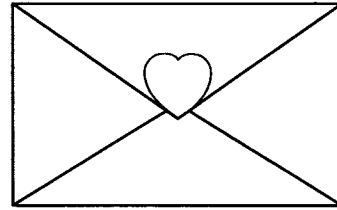
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Paul



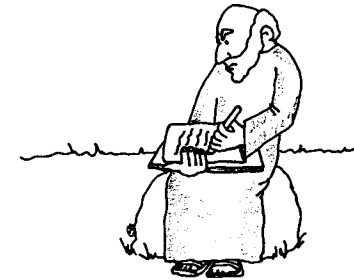
This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in the region of Galatia. Paul made his missionary journey to Galatia after he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. The bright light of Jesus had blinded Paul, but after he got his sight back, he told everyone that Jesus was alive and had spoken to him. He traveled through Galatia and told the people the good news (Gospel) about Jesus. When people heard Paul's message and wanted Jesus to forgive their sins, they believed the good news (Gospel) and became part of the Galatian church. After Paul left, men called Judaizers came and taught the new believers that they must keep all of the Jewish rules, too. Christians in the Galatian church became confused. Paul's letter made it clear that faith in Jesus Christ alone was the only way to be right with God.

Today's Memory Verse

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Paul's Letter to the Galatians



Get out paper and envelopes and "write" a letter like Paul wrote to the Galatians. As the children draw a picture of Jesus (it doesn't matter what it looks like), explain that Paul wrote a letter about faith in Jesus. Let the child put the letter in an envelope and put a sticker on it for a stamp. As the family takes it to the "post office," sing the second verse of the song below. A simple song younger children could sing could be the following words sung to the tune of "Ring Around the Rosie." "Paul wrote a letter, to the Galatians. Faith in Christ! Faith in Christ! He's enough!"

Oh, When Paul Went (tune: "Oh, When the Saints")

Oh, when Paul went
To Galatia (Repeat first two lines.)
He shared the good news of the Gospel—
Faith in Jesus Christ alone.

(Verse two)
Oh, when Paul sent
his letter to
the churches in Ga-la-ti-a,
He shared the good news of the Gospel—
Faith in Jesus Christ alone.

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

Paul went on his first missionary journey to Galatia.

Galatia

