

Memory Verse:

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

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Who wrote the book of Galatians found in the New Testament?** *(Paul.)*
2. **Who told Peter he should eat with Jews and Gentiles?** *(God and Paul.)*
3. **What is the only way to be right with God?** *(By faith in Jesus Christ.)*

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

1. **What did the Judaizers say to the Galatians about Jewish rules?** *(Keep the Jewish laws; faith in Jesus is not enough.)*
2. **What did Peter find out about Gentiles when God sent the vision of the sheet with all the animals in it?** *(Gentiles who have faith in Jesus will go to heaven. They don't have to keep the Jewish rules to be right with God.)*
3. **Were there Jews and Gentiles in the Galatian churches?** *(Yes. They all had faith in Jesus, not in the Jewish laws.)*
4. **What is the name of the book in the Bible we are learning from today, and who wrote it?** *(Galatians; Paul.)*


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:


Snack Preparation Center: Materials needed: Large vinyl tablecloth, table knives, big bowl, hand wipes or dishpan to wash hands, dishcloths, and towels. Bring in some fresh fruit for the children to prepare for snack time. Ideas may include grapes (pull from stems), bananas, melons (with a melon ball scoop), apples, oranges, kiwi, strawberries, etc. Allow the children to cut the fruit into small pieces and place in the large serving bowl. "We are fixing our snack to share with everyone in the room. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul tells his Jewish friend, Peter, to eat with others who are not Jewish. The Jews were not used to eating with Gentiles (those who were not born Jews). Paul wanted everyone to know that faith in Jesus is what makes us right with God whether we are a Jew or a Gentile."


"Cooking" Home Center: Using the kitchen area and a bin of rice or beans, allow the children to cook, stir, and scoop the rice or beans. Provide toy dishes and utensils. A tarp under the cooking unit will make it easier at clean up time. Encourage the children to cook for others in the group and sit down and share the meal together. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul tells the people of Galatia that they are to eat with all Christians whether they were Jews or Gentiles.

 **Foods God Has Given Us to Eat:** Provide a paper plate for each child and pictures of food or magazines with pictures of food that the children can cut out. Have the children choose pictures of foods they like and arrange them on their plate. When full, glue the pictures of food to the plate. In today's Bible Adventure, the Jews were not used to eating meals with the Gentiles (people who were not Jews). Paul said in his letter that it was now all right to eat together.

 **Galatian Friendship Center:**
One Galatian, two Galatians, three Galatians, four,
Five Galatians, six Galatians, seven Galatians, MORE.
This game is played like "Hot Potato." The children stand in a short line with fists held out in front of them. One child is "it" (Paul) and faces the line. "It" pounds each fist in turn, including his own, in rhythm as the words are said out loud. The fist pounded on "MORE" is placed behind that child's back. This continues until one fist remains. That child is the winner and becomes the new "Paul." The leader may want to be "it" (Paul) for the smaller children.

 **Peter on the Roof: (GAL02ECGF7 and GAL02ECGF8)** Materials needed: GF7 picture of a house, a cut-out GF8 picture of Peter, glue sticks, popsicle sticks, and crayons. During the Bible Adventure today, the children will learn about Peter having a dream on the roof of a house. Have the children color the building and Peter. Glue the surprised Peter onto a popsicle stick. Cut a slot in the roof to fit the little figure of Peter on the popsicle stick in to the roof. God showed Peter that it was okay for Jews to eat all kinds of animals. He wanted Peter to know that Jews could eat with Gentiles in His church.

 Read the story of Peter and the vision from a children's Bible (Acts 10:9-16) or story book. God showed Peter that it was okay for Jews to eat all kinds of animals. He wanted Peter to know that Jews could eat with Gentiles in His church.


 Use any activities that were used or not used from last week's lesson as a review during the Hook time.




Book:

Presentation Ideas -

 Show the **GAL02ECGF1, GAL02ECGF2, GAL01ECGF3, GAL02ECGF4, GAL02ECGF5, and GAL02ECGF6** pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Keep the pictures for review in future lessons.

 **Galatians Mailbox:** Place a mailbox in the classroom. Before the Bible Adventure, have a child go to the mailbox and pull out Paul's letter to the Galatians and take it to the teacher.

 Instead of the first paragraph of the 4's & 5's Bible Adventure, sing "Paul Wrote a Letter" (see the song section) as you show the review GAL01ECGF6 picture.

 As the story is being told, have the children react to the word "Judaizer" by placing their hands on their cheeks or by making a sad face along with the storyteller. It is to show the children that the Judaizers were wrong and Paul was sad.

 **Finger Play to "Get the Wiggles Out:"** Point to body parts and do as the words suggest.

I have two eyes that wink and blink,
I have a mind to make me think,
I have two hands that clap for fun,
I have two feet that jump and run, (*Can be done while sitting down.*)
I have two ears to hear a song,
Two lips to praise Him all day long,
I have a body strong and good,
To use for Jesus as I should.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(*Show the review GAL01ECGF6 picture.*) Paul wrote a letter called Galatians. Galatians is found in the New Testament part of the Bible. Paul was a Jew and followed the rules of the Jews. He thought that following the Jewish rules would make him right with God. But when Jesus spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus, Paul learned that the only way to be right with God is through faith in Jesus.

(Show the GAL02ECGF2 picture.) Paul took the good news about Jesus to the people of Galatia. Most of the people of Galatia were Gentiles. Gentiles did not keep any of the Jewish rules. They were people who were not born into Jewish families. I am a Gentile, (teacher) is a Gentile, and most of us are Gentiles. At the time Paul was teaching about Jesus, Jews did not like Gentiles; they could not even eat with them. Paul was a Jew, but he learned to love the Gentiles of Galatia. He wanted God's very best for them. In Jesus' church, there would be Jews and Gentiles who had faith in Jesus.

Paul learned that the Judaizers or false teachers were in the churches in Galatia and were telling the people wrong things. The Judaizers said, "Faith in Jesus is not the only way to God. You must also keep all of the Jewish rules, too." This made Paul sad. What they were saying was wrong! Paul wrote his letter to the Galatians to help them understand that Jesus died for the sins of the Jews and the Gentiles.

(Show the GAL02ECGF5 picture.) Paul's Jewish friend, Peter, came to visit Paul. Peter (point to him) had learned to love the Gentiles and enjoyed eating with them. But when the Judaizers came to town, Peter started eating only with the Jews. Peter had become afraid of what the Judaizers might think. Paul told him it was wrong to treat Jews and Gentiles differently. Jesus had died for all people, Jews and Gentiles. All people are the same to God. All people are sinners and need a Savior. Following Jewish rules didn't make him right with God any more. Paul told Peter that he needed to keep eating with Gentiles who loved Jesus.

(Show the GAL02ECGF6 picture.) Paul was glad that there were Jews and Gentiles in the Galatian church. He wanted to preach the good news to all the people so they could hear the truth. Faith in Jesus is enough to be right with God.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for Paul's letter to the Jews and Gentiles in Galatia. We know we can be right with You when we put our faith in Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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

(Show the review GAL01ECGF6 picture.) Paul was an amazing man. He wrote a letter called Galatians that is found in the New Testament part of the Bible.

(Show the GAL02ECGF1 picture. Point to the Jewish rules.) Paul was raised in a Jewish family and learned to obey the Jewish rules. He would eat right, worship right, and play right. That is the way he lived, and that is what he talked about. He thought he was right with God and would go to heaven because he obeyed the Jewish rules. When Jesus died for our sins, came alive again, and went to heaven, faith in Him was all that was needed to be right with God. *(Point to the children who are worshipping.)* Paul didn't believe this until God blinded him and helped him understand that being right with God is through faith in Jesus--the true gospel--the good news gospel.

(Show the GAL02ECGF2 picture.) After this, Paul became a new person. He believed in Jesus and was given a new job of telling people everywhere how to be right with God. This was a new and different life for him. He shared with Jews (God's chosen nation of people), but mostly he shared the good news with Gentiles. Gentiles were people who were not born into Jewish families. Gentiles did not keep any of the Jewish rules. I am a Gentile, (teacher) is a Gentile, and most of us are Gentiles. Jesus and Paul were Jews. At the time when Paul was born, Jews did not want anything to do with Gentiles; they couldn't even eat with them.

Paul traveled to the area of Galatia spreading the good news gospel. Many people there believed in Jesus. Paul loved these people very much. He wanted God's very best for them. Later, Paul heard that the Judaizers or false teachers had come into the churches in Galatia and were telling the people wrong things. The Judaizers said, "Faith in Jesus is not the only way to God. You must also keep all of the Jewish rules, too." This made Paul sad. What they were saying was very wrong. Immediately Paul wrote this letter to them to make it clear that the only way to be right with God is to believe in Jesus alone.

(Show the GAL02ECGF3 picture.) Paul traveled to Jerusalem and talked with James, Peter and John. They agreed with Paul that faith in Jesus is the only thing that makes Jews and Gentiles right with God. Later, when Peter came to visit Paul, Peter ate with the Gentiles and enjoyed being with them.

(Show the GAL02ECGF4 picture.) When the Judaizers came to town with their list of Jewish rules, Peter wanted to look right, so he only ate with the Jews. Peter had become afraid of what the Judaizers might think if they saw him eating with Gentiles, so he stopped eating with them. Paul told him it was wrong to treat Jews and Gentiles differently. Jesus had died for all people, Jews and Gentiles. All people are the same to God. All people are sinners and need a Savior. Following Jewish rules didn't make anyone right with God.

(Show the GAL02ECGF5 picture.) Peter knew how wrong he was because God had given him a dream one day with a very important message. In Peter's dream, he saw something like a sheet coming down

from heaven. The sheet was filled with all kinds of animals. There were clean animals and unclean animals in the sheet. There were animals God called unclean and could not be eaten by Jewish people. There were animals God called clean, so His people could cook and eat them.

The Lord said to Peter, "From now on, Peter, you may eat all the different kinds of meats. You do not have to obey the Jewish rules about food anymore, and you can eat now eat with Gentiles." God showed him that it was not the Jewish rules that made his heart clean, but it was faith in Jesus. Now Peter knew that God wanted Gentiles to have faith in Jesus just as much as He wanted Jews to love Jesus. Peter was glad to eat with Gentile Christians.

(Show the GAL02ECGF6 picture.) Today, people make up their own rules about how to be right with God. They believe that doing good things will make them right with God and get them to heaven. They think that if they just go to church, help a sick friend, never lie, never steal anything, help their parents, or are kind to others that they deserve to live with God. That is the the same kind of lie the Judaizers were telling. We are all sinners. We choose to sin, doing the very thing that God hates. Nothing we do can make us right with God. Jesus came to earth to die for all the sins of everyone who would ever believe. He came so that we might believe and have eternal life in heaven. When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and have faith in Him, we will be right with God.

Paul was glad that there were Jews and Gentiles in the Galatian church. He wanted to preach the good news to all the people so they could hear the truth about faith in Jesus.


Prayer: Dear God, we can only be right with You when our sins have been forgiven by Jesus. Thank You for Paul's letter to the Galatians that talks about faith in Jesus. I pray in Jesus' name, amen.





Look:


- Aim Questions:** Place the questions on stationary paper, fold them, and place them in envelopes. The envelopes can be numbered on the outside so the questions are asked in the correct order. Each child who is chosen will pick up the corresponding envelope, take out the question, and have it read by the teacher.
- Snack Idea:** Serve the fresh fruit prepared during the Hook time. One teacher may sit by himself while the others discuss asking him to join their table. Was it right for the Jews to not eat with the Gentiles? (No.)
- Faith in Jesus Booklet: (GAL02ECGF9)** Fold the GF9 page in fourths so that it becomes a booklet. Let the children color their pictures as you review the Aim Questions with them. Sing appropriate songs as the children decorate their booklets.
- "Jews and Gentiles" Musical Chairs:** Arrange enough chairs in two lines with backs together for every child in the class. Place a "J" or "G" on each chair. Play some music while the children march in a line along the chairs. When the music stops, they each find a chair and sit down. Hold up a letter "J" or "G" so the children will understand which letter they are sitting on. The teacher may say one of two things. "You must follow Jewish laws," and holds up the letter "J." Those children who are sitting on a "J" may stay. Those who found a chair with "G" must leave and sit against the wall. Repeat. If the teacher holds up a "G" and says, "Paul taught the Gentiles about Jesus," then those sitting on a "G" may stay while the others sit against the wall. Repeat until only a few are left and repeat the game if time allows.
- Song: Jesus Loves the Little Children:** Jesus loves all people, the Jews and the Gentiles.
Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Jews and Gentiles, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.
- "Good Works Are Not Enough" Pictures & Discussion:** Find and show the children pictures of children doing good things. Ask them if taking out the garbage will help a person have faith in Jesus? Will taking out the garbage make a person right with God? No, it pleases God, but it doesn't cover our sins. Only faith in Jesus makes us right with God and cleanses our sins. As each child pulls a picture out of a bag, ask them the same question. Remind them that when we have faith in Jesus, then we

want to obey our parents and do what is right, but doing right doesn't give us faith in Jesus and eternal life.

 **Sharing the Gospel Verse:** Paul shared the true good news gospel with people everywhere he traveled. Divide the class into "cities" in different corners of the room. It would be fun to give them the names of towns in Galatia—Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. Let the children plan their city with chairs, boxes, pictures, tape, and paper. Practice the memory verse in each city and then take turns visiting the other cities and sharing it with them. Include the statement that Paul preached, "Faith in Jesus is the only way to God." Make arrangements to visit another class and tell them the gospel also.

 **Follow the Rules Game:** Judaizers came and told the Gentiles that they had to follow rules to be right with God, not by faith in Jesus alone. When the teacher points to a child and says "Judaizer" they have to respond quickly with "rules," but if the teacher says "Paul" or "true gospel," they are to respond with "faith in Jesus alone." Go quickly in order to challenge them and make it more fun. To make it harder, add a "thumbs down" with the "rules" and a "thumbs up" with "faith in Jesus alone."

 **Family Play Acting:** With children divided into two groups, assign them to be a family that reads the Bible together, prays together, and confesses their faith in Jesus to each other and to a friend that comes to visit. Let each put on their play for the others with the assistance of a teacher and props.

 **Paul Says, Judaizer Says:** Play "Simon Says" using "Paul says" in place of Simon. If you say "Judaizer says" to do something and catch a child doing it, that child is the next leader or Paul! Include motions like shaking hands, smiling, touching toes, turning around, pulling weeds, eating an ice cream cone, sweeping the floor, hopping on one foot, drying the dishes, rubbing your tummy, etc.

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!"



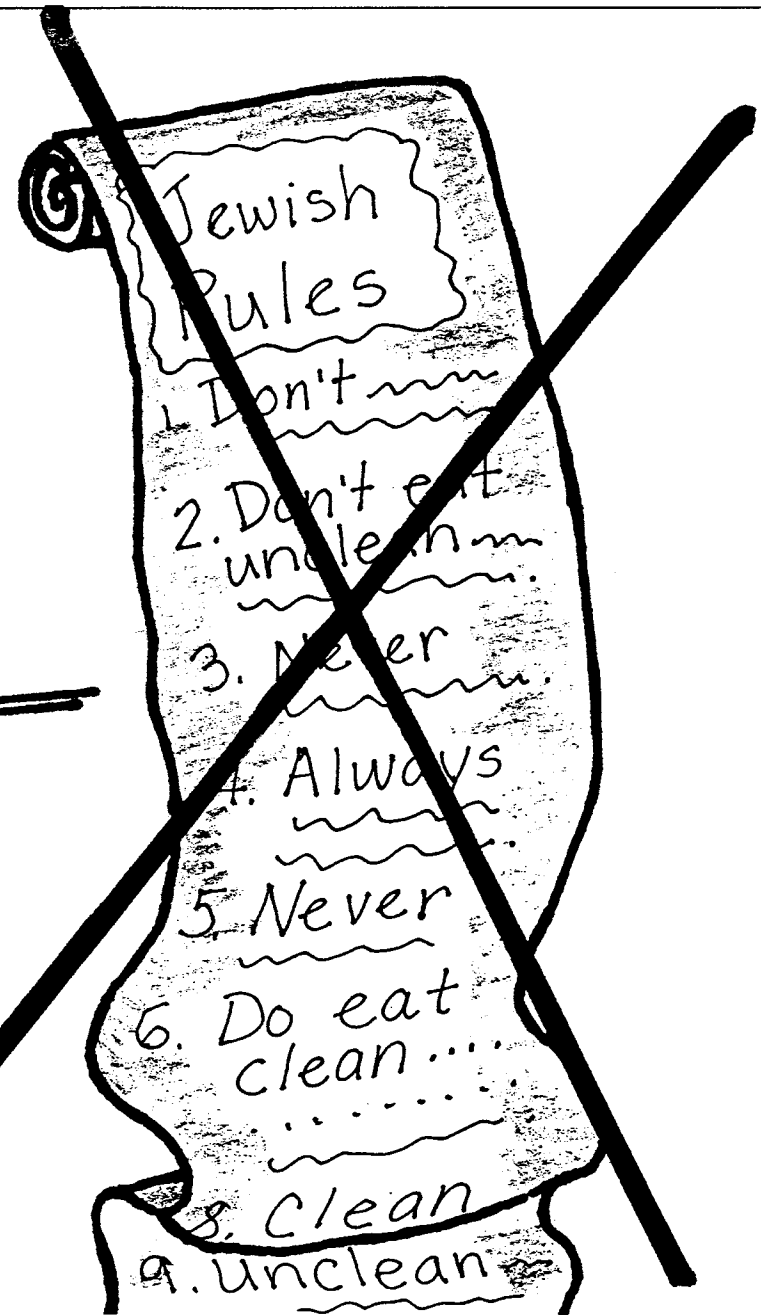
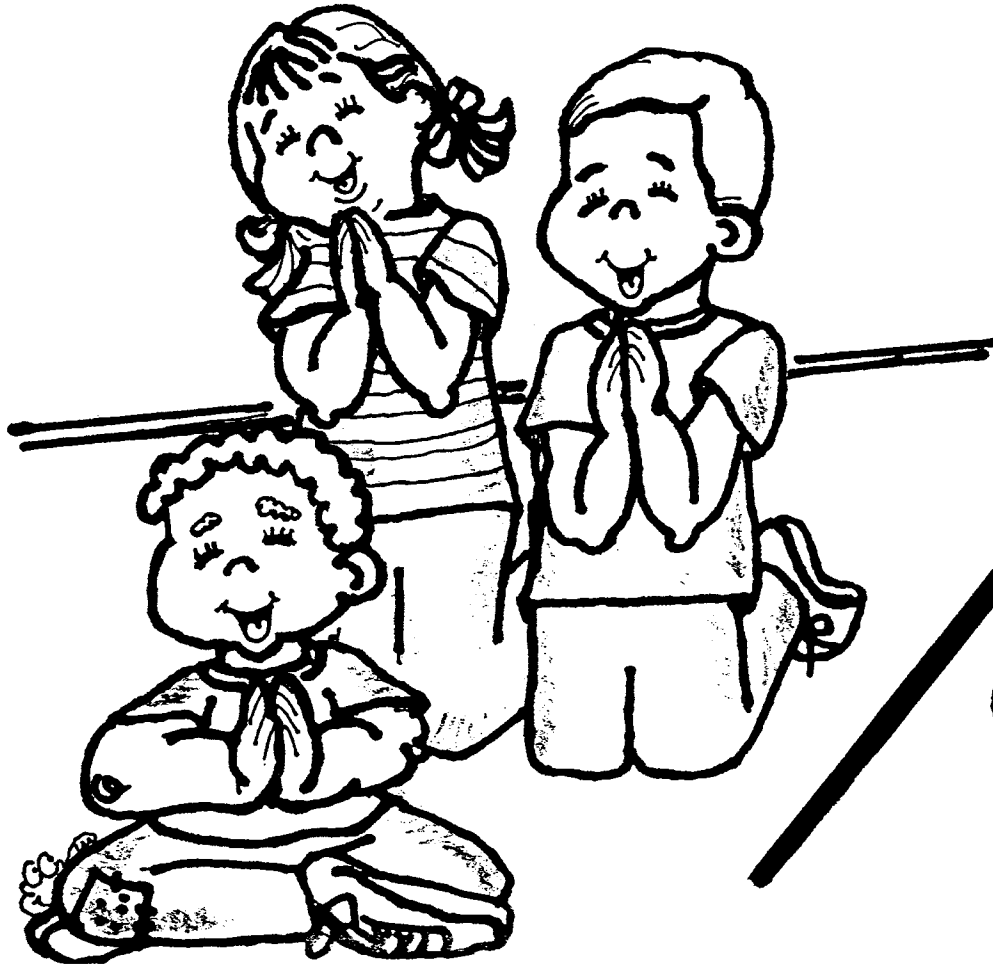
Took:

 **"One Way to God" Maze: (GAL02ECGF10)** Follow the path that goes directly to God through Jesus with a pencil and then a marker. Along this path, place a sticker of Jesus. Talk about the dead ends.

We can never earn our way to God and heaven by keeping a list of rules. We have to have faith that Jesus is God's own Son who died for our sins.

- Good News Newspaper: (GAL02ECGF11 and GAL02ECGF12)** This activity will allow the children to make their own front page newspaper telling about the good news that faith in Jesus makes us right with God. Allow the children to glue different items on their paper, then take it home to share this news with friends and family.
- “Faith in Jesus” Banner: (GAL02ECGF13)** Materials needed: Piece of felt or material about 4 by 6 inches (or copy onto card stock and tape the left side to a straw), glue sticks (4), and the GF13 memory verse. Faith in Jesus makes us right with God. Have each child glue a memory verse to a piece of material. They can take their “banners” home and tack them up on a wall or bulletin board, or use a magnetic device to put it on the refrigerator.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (GAL02ECPPP)** 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.

Faith in Jesus



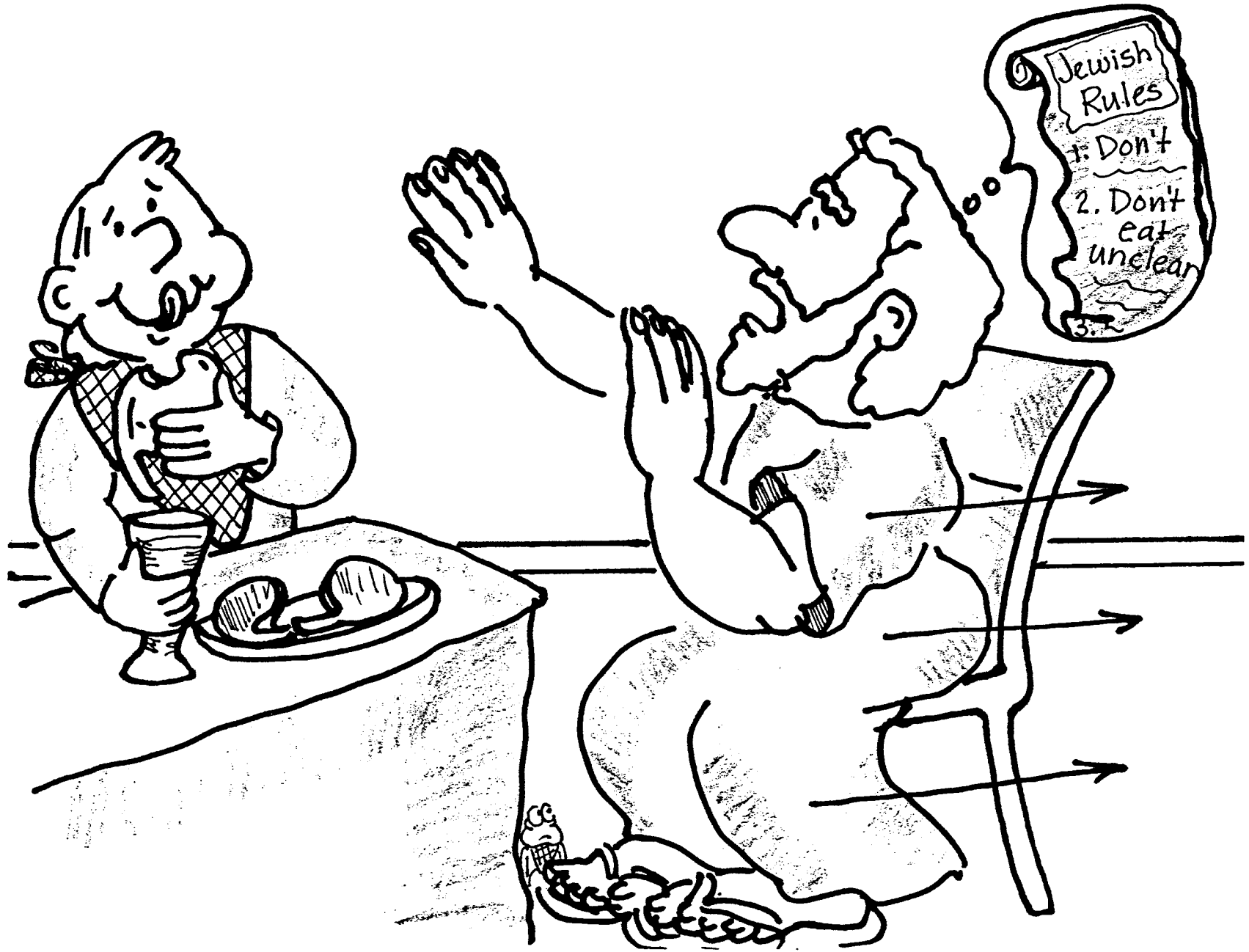
It is faith in Jesus Christ, not keeping the Jewish rules, that makes people right with God.



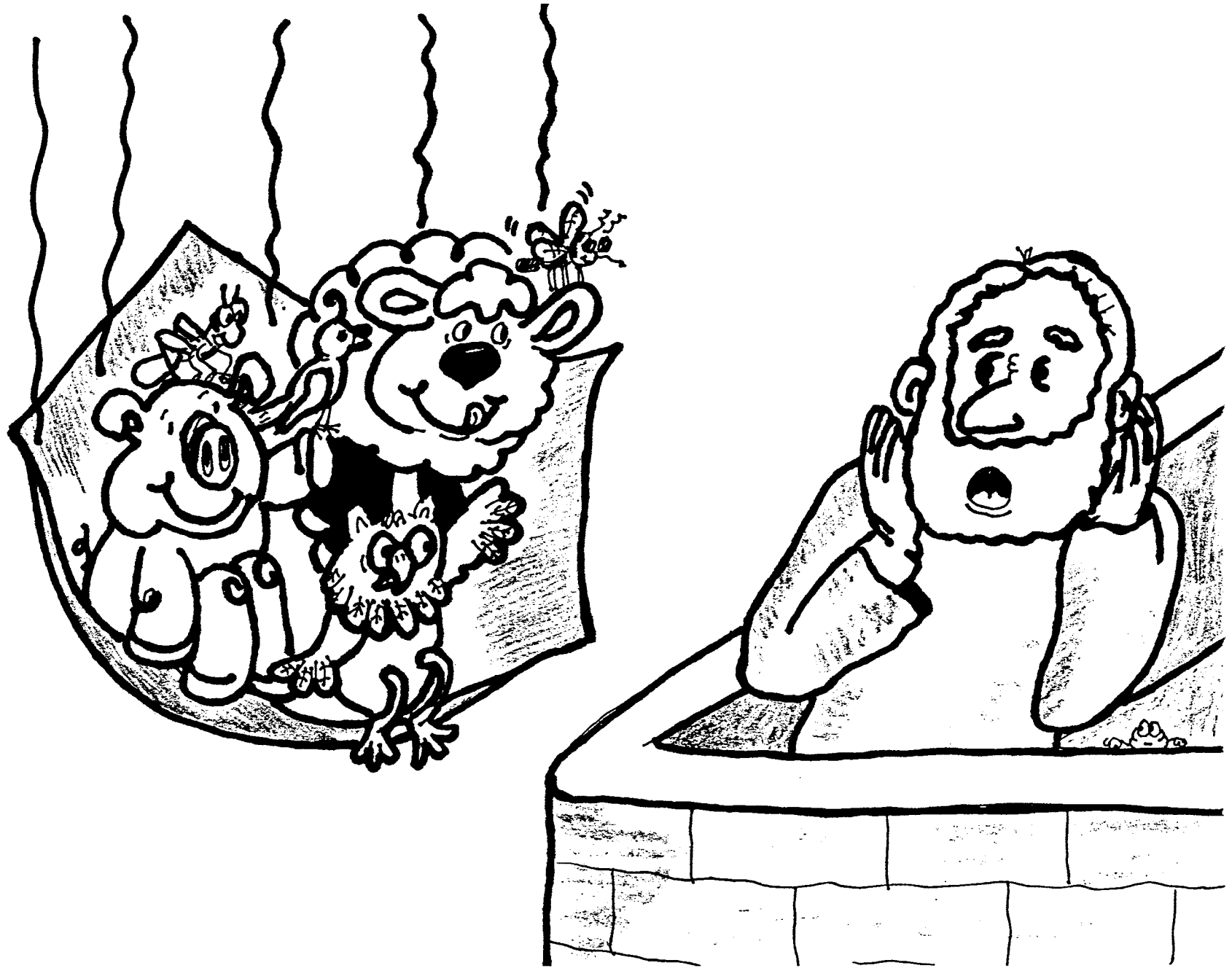
Paul taught the Gentiles in Galatia how to be right with God by faith in Jesus Christ.



Peter, James, and John agreed with Paul that faith in Jesus,
not keeping the Jewish rules, makes us right with God.



The Judaizers said to Peter, "Don't eat with Gentiles. Keep the Jewish rules."

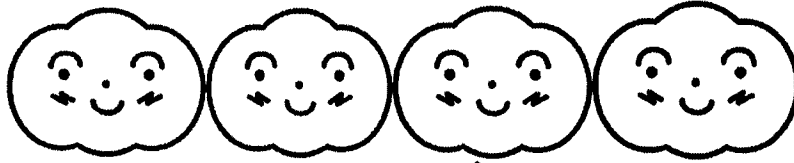


God showed Peter that Jews could eat all meats with Gentiles.

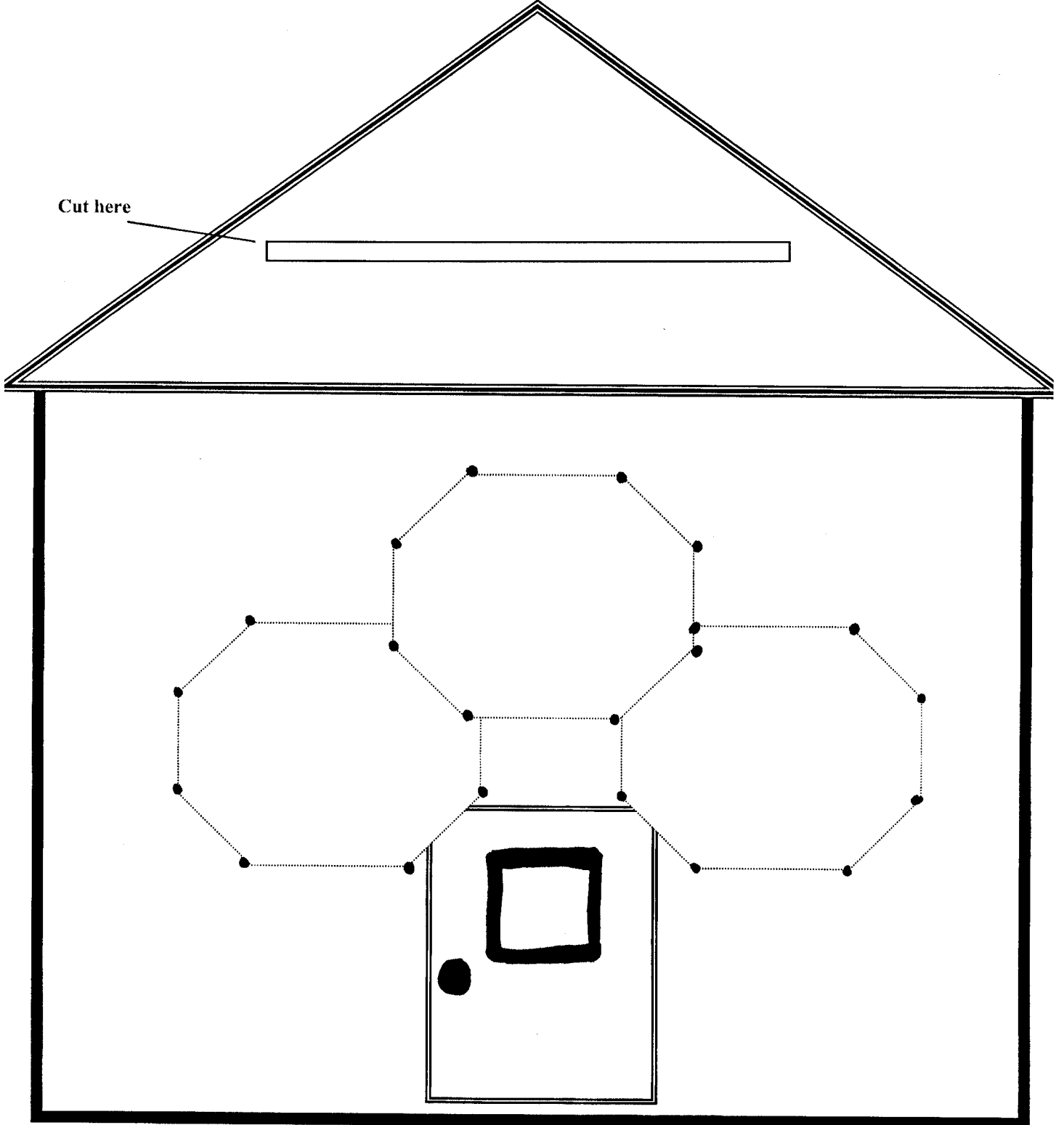


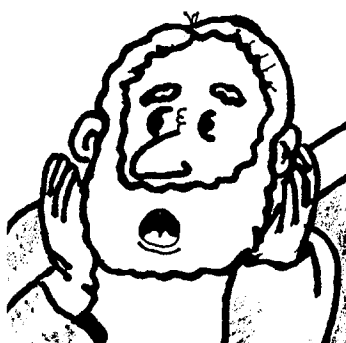
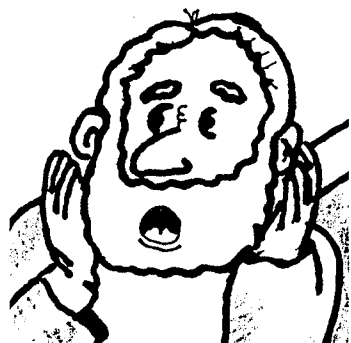
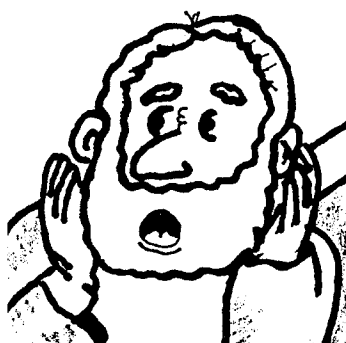
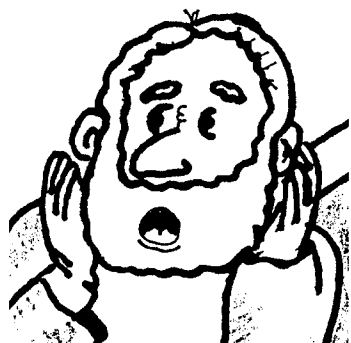
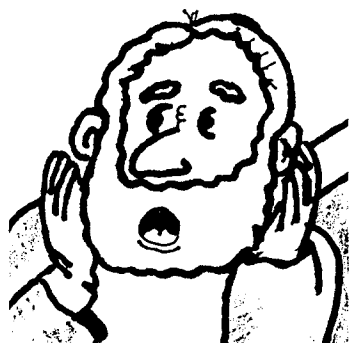
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The Roof where God gave Peter a dream

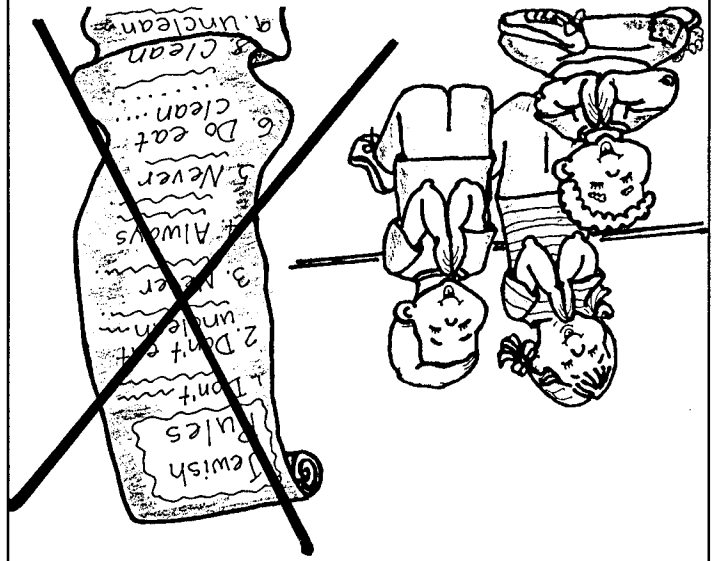


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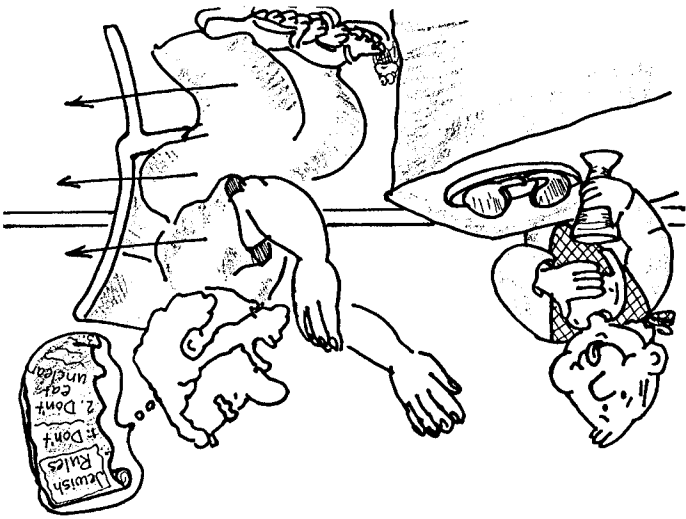




Gentiles did not have to follow Jewish rules to be made right with God. 2.



The Judaizers said, "Don't eat with Gentiles." 3.



Paul told Gentiles to have faith in Jesus Christ.



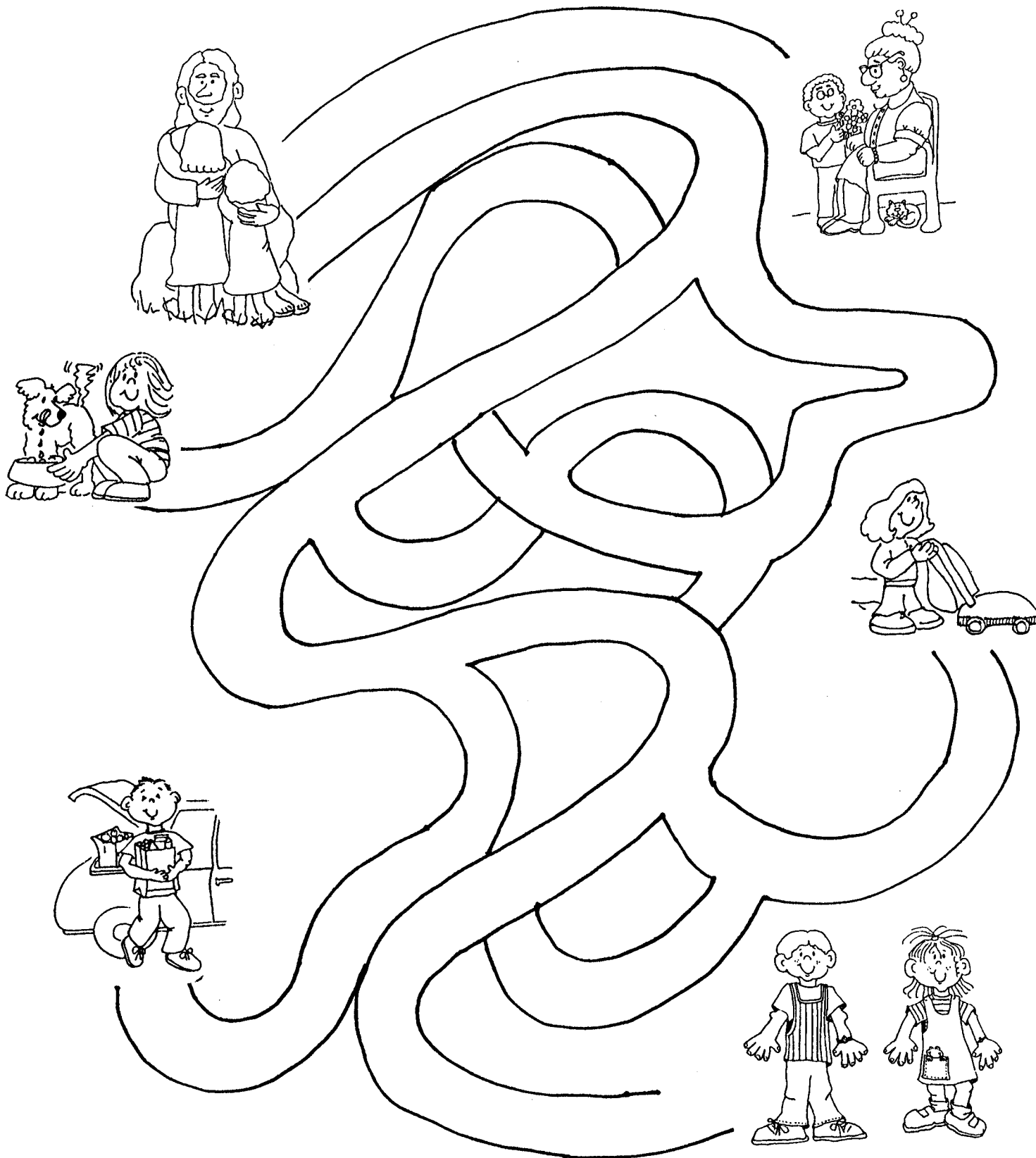
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Faith in Jesus is the One Way to God!

Jesus makes you right with God, not doing good things. Find the one right way to God.



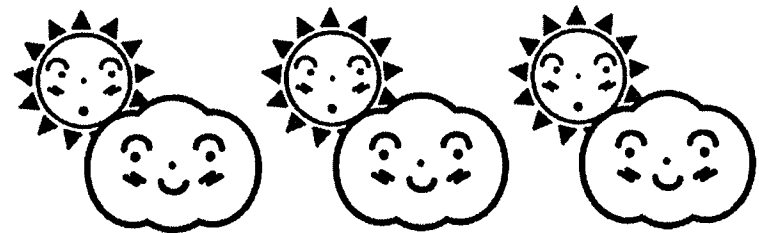
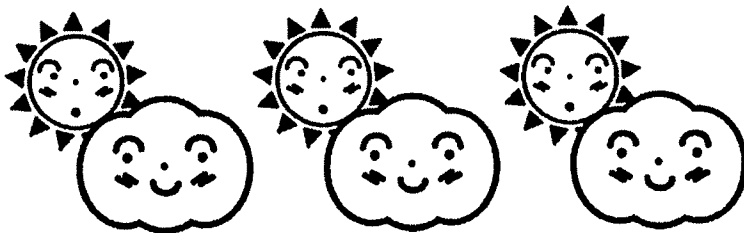
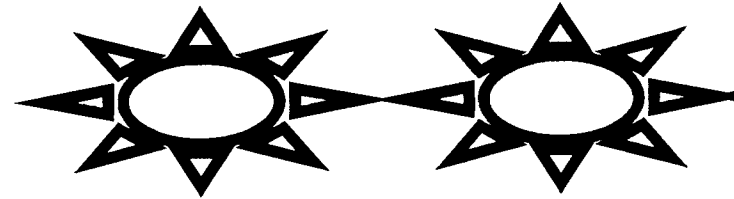
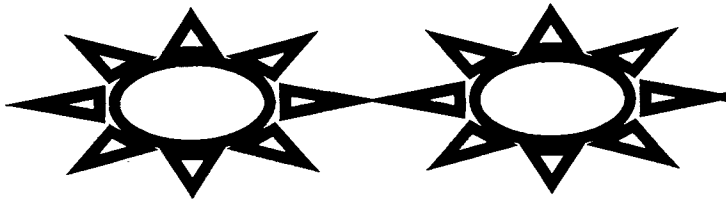
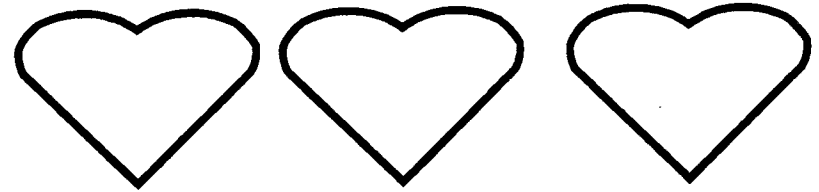
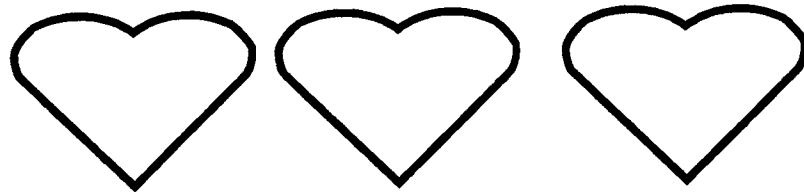
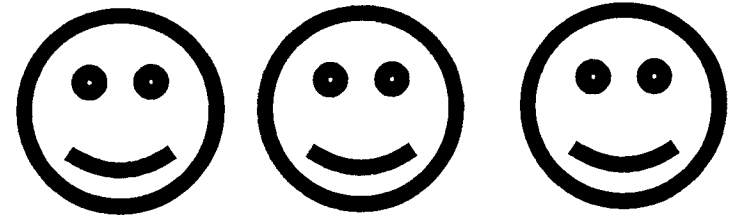
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Children's Bible School



Good News Newspaper

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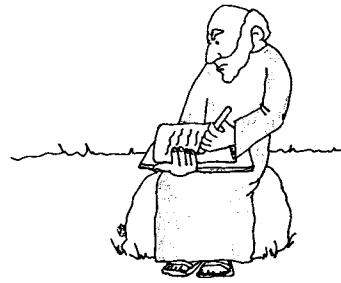
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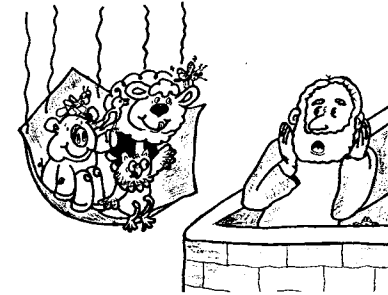
This is what I learned today!

Today we learned that Paul was a Jew and had always followed the Jewish rules. After Jesus talked to Paul on the road to Damascus, Paul learned that he was to tell all people, Jews and Gentiles, the good news Gospel about Jesus. Gentiles were people who were not Jews. People no longer had to follow all the Jewish rules but could have faith in Jesus, and that would make them right with God. Paul knew that some Jews (Judaizers) were telling the new Christians in Galatia they still needed to follow the Jewish rules. That was wrong, and Paul's letter to the Galatians told them so. Paul wrote to say that we are all sinners, Jews and Gentiles. The good news of Jesus was that He had come to earth to die for the sins of all the Jews and Gentiles who had faith in Him.

Today's Memory Verse

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Galatians 2:16**

Jewish Food Rules



Talk as a family about your family rules. These are good rules, but they will not make us right with God. The Jews had food rules (Leviticus chapter 11), but they thought that those rules would get them to heaven. Sing the Galatians 2:16, Memory Verse Song found below to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," substituting one of your family rules for the last two lines.

I am just-i-fied, by faith in Jesus Christ.
Not by cleaning up my plate,
Justified by faith.

I am just-i-fied, by faith in Jesus Christ.
Not by taking out the garbage,
Justified by faith.

Galatians 2:16, Memory Verse Song (tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

A man is justified
By faith in Jesus Christ.
Galatians two, sixteen says,
"Justified by faith."
(Repeat)

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

Faith in Jesus



It is faith in Jesus Christ, not keeping the Jewish rules, that makes people right with God.