

December 1, 1996  
4's, 5's & K  
God Is the Savior.

Isaiah 40-48  
3ISA13PK

**Materials I Need:**

**Memory Work:**

**The Prophet - *Isaiah***

**The Principle - *God is the Savior.***

**The People - *Israelites living around Jerusalem***

**God's Attribute - *God is the Savior.***

**Aim Questions:**

1. Who made the stars, trees, grass, flowers and people? (God)
2. How many true gods are there? (One)
3. Who was the prophet we learned about today? (Isaiah)
4. What did Isaiah tell people about idols? (They cannot save us.)
5. What did Isaiah say about God? (He is the only Savior.)
6. How would the coming Savior change people's hearts? (He would give them clean, holy hearts.)
7. Do you want a clean, holy heart? Are you ready for the Savior?

**Hook:**

Do some activities involving numbers today. Provide different sized buttons of different colors and ask the children to separate and count them. Count out ten buttons, put them in sequence from largest to smallest, take away all but the largest, and sort by colors. You might remember that God gave King Hezekiah 15 extra years to live, so count 15 buttons. Find one of each of the kinds of buttons. Emphasize the number one because in today's Bible Adventure, we will talk about the fact that there is only one true God.

Using magazine pictures, make paper plate collages of things that God has created. Distinguish between things people make and the things only God can make. Only God can make a tree. Talk about things made from wood. Idols are made from wood by people. We should never love the things people make more than we love God.

**Memory Matching Game: (3ISA13PKGF1)** Find sets of pictures that show only one thing (one apple, one person, one car, etc.). Glue them to 3" x 5" cards so that when they're turned over, you the picture doesn't show through. Add at least one set of the GF1 picture of Isaiah and let the children play a memory matching game.

**Musical Steps:** Walk on papers on the floor or on a masking tape trail. At one point on the path, write a #1. The child that is on #1 when the music stops gets to be the leader for the next round, choosing an action they are to follow while walking. Examples might be: rub tummy, pat head, clap hands, skip, put your index finger in the air to make a #1, etc.). Watch for the number ONE throughout the morning.

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**“Number 1” Lace-Up Cards: (3ISA13PKGF3)** Do lace-up cards using cardboard in the shape of the number one. These cards can be pre-punched with as many or as few holes as you want. In today's Bible Adventure, we are going to hear about the Israelites and their trouble following the one true God.

**The "Prophet" Center:** Ask the children's workers to provide several “touch-it-feel-it” books. These books have one texture to a page for the children to touch and feel. On the last page is a picture of Isaiah. Ask or tell the children about the items they can see and touch. "Do you see ONE stretchy rubber band? Can you touch the ONE furry piece of material?" Continue with a page of sand paper, foil, glue in a Baggie, felt and a sponge. On the last page of the book, ask the name of the prophet (Isaiah) in the picture. Today, Isaiah will tell the Israelites God's message; it has the word ONE in it.

**“Things God Makes” Coloring Center: (3ISA13PKGF2)** As the children color the picture of children playing at the beach, talk about which things were created by God and which things were created by people. Have the children draw a sun and a tree on the picture. Talk about God making trees from which men make wood. From wood, men make all kinds of things, such as boats, toy cars and idols.

**“Get the Wiggles Out” and Transition Activity:** Sing "Wheels on the Bus" including a verse about going over the bumps! (“The wheels on the bus go bump, bump, bump!”)

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### **Book:**

#### **Presentation Ideas -**

Show a picture of King Hezekiah and pictures from former Bible Adventures as you review the lessons.

**(3ISA13PKGF3)** Show a completed #1 lace-up card or any large number one.

The children can quietly raise their index fingers whenever the teacher says the number 1.

Request the idol made of wood to show today. This little idol is a "novelty" item purchased from a Hawaiian souvenir shop. There is only one available and you may have to share with the other classes. There are many trophies available that can serve as idols for your teaching purposes.

#### **Bible Adventure -**

**Review:** We have been hearing about the prophet, Isaiah. Who remembers what a prophet does? Yes, he tells people God's words and messages for them. Isaiah was a prophet to the Israelites living around Jerusalem. First, he told them they needed to clean up their lips and hearts. Then he said God would be sending a Savior. The Savior would clean their hearts and lips and save them from their sins. There would be two signs that the Savior is coming. What were the signs? Yes, He would be born to a young woman and the biggest star ever would show the way to where He was. For the last two weeks, we learned that Isaiah and King Hezekiah prayed to the Savior when they were in trouble.

Who remembers why Hezekiah was a good king? He was the best king because he held fast to the Lord God and obeyed Him. He prayed to God for everything he needed. He prayed for the Israelites and God saved them from the Assyrian soldiers. He prayed to the Lord God when he was sick and God let him live 15 more years. Hezekiah's prayers were not like snapping our fingers at God and He'll do whatever we say. Hezekiah wanted what God wanted for him.

How many fingers do you have on one hand? How many fingers do you have on both hands? How many toes are on one foot? How many toes do you have on both feet? How many children are in our room? How many teachers do you have today? I haven't heard you say the number 1 yet! Today in our Adventure, I want you to listen for the number one. You can quietly raise your index finger if you hear me say number 1.

Help me remember, again, what were the Israelites doing that was wrong? They were worshiping idols and not following the one true God. (Raise your index finger.) They were trying to get their help from

nations rather than from God. They didn't pray to God as Hezekiah did. Isaiah knew they needed help. They needed to know the one true Savior who could save them from their sins. Let me tell you something that might help you understand what Isaiah wanted the Israelites to understand. If you were having a family picnic and you happened to slip in the river nearby, and you couldn't swim, someone would try to help you and save you from drowning. Our sinful hearts make us like we can't swim and we can't save ourselves. There is only one Savior God who can save us from our dirty lips and hearts, and that is the one true, creator God.

Let's find out what Isaiah said to help them. Isaiah began by saying, "Only the one true God has enough power to save you." Who made the majestic, rocky mountains? Who put the swirling water in the oceans? Who made the colorful flowers and green grass?" He went on to say, "Look at the stars. Who created the twinkling stars? God not only creates stars but He also names every one and keeps them in space by His power. (40:26) That's a lot of power! Did God ask anyone to help Him when He created the universe? Did He say, "I need to talk to John (Use the name of a child or teacher in the room) to see if he has a better idea?" No, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit all agreed on what to do and they did it...perfectly right! God says, "I not only make stars and grass and trees, I make people. I form each baby from the very beginning, to be exactly as I want them. You are no accident. I formed you before you were born. I made you just the way I wanted you. You are precious to me. I chose you to be holy and righteous and good. I will take hold of your hand and show you the right path.

"No idols can save you," Isaiah said. God the Savior creates the trees, big and small, lacy and prickly, green, yellow and red. God creates trees and from trees we get wood to make all kinds of things, like toys, houses, chairs, tables, doors, etc. Isaiah said, "A man takes wood from a tree and uses half of the wood to make a fire to warm himself and bake bread. With the rest of the wood, he makes an idol and bows down to it. He worships it. He prays to the wood, 'Save me; you are my god.'" Isaiah said, "Does that make sense? Is it a true god if you can make it yourself from wood?" No, of course not! A wooden idol that can be burned in a fire can never be your Savior. An idol can't help you. There is only one God and only that one true God can be your Savior and help you.

God's Words never die or change. God who creates you and all people, all the trees and flowers, the earth and sky also creates the grass you love to walk on with bare feet. Does grass die? Yes, it does. In fact, the grass at your house is dead right now. It is brown, flat and dead. Isaiah said, "Grass dies and flowers wilt but the true God and His Words last forever. They never die and they never change." These words (Hold up your Bible) are always true and powerful because God said them and **this** God, the God of Isaiah and Hezekiah, the God of the Bible, is the only Savior.

Isaiah told the Israelites that they could not save themselves. Only God could clean their lips and hearts so they could walk on the road that leads to God and His heavenly home. We can't even stay on the "highway to holiness" by ourselves even if we wanted to. We could try as hard as we wanted, but only God our Savior can keep us on His straight path. This morning, we did the "Wheels on the Bus" game. Driving around (city) or out in the country, we went bump, bump, bump over rough roads. It was a bumpy ride at times. In your life, when you walk with God and hold onto Him, trying your best to do what He wants rather than what you want, the road of life won't be as rough. There will be bumps, but God is there to help you. God is powerful and strong. We can pray and He gives us strength to do what is right.

Isaiah said, "Get ready! God is coming to earth! You won't always have to go to the holy hill in Jerusalem to worship the holy God. God will come to earth as a man. This will be the sign, 'A virgin will have a son and she will call His name Jesus for He will save his people from their sins.' Get ready for the Savior! What a happy day it will be. There will be singing and celebration. God, the Savior, will come to earth and give us new holy hearts."

**Prayer:** You are the true God. You made the stars, the trees and You made me. You are the only one who can save me from my wrong thoughts and words. Save me, Lord, so I can walk with You. Amen.



### Look:



**Flip-Up Craft Center: (3ISA13PKGF3)** Copy the picture of the people worshipping ONE Savior onto white paper. Using the dark outline of the number 1 in the GF2 page, cut # 1's from colored construction paper. On class day, help the children tape the construction paper #1 over the top of

the black and white #1. Tape the construction paper at the top so it can be flipped up to reveal the black and white picture underneath. Let the children brighten the picture with markers. Isaiah reminded the Israelites to pray only to the God who created them and not to idols made by men. You might show the wooden idol again. This idol could be thrown into a fire and it would burn. Idols that burn would never save the Israelites and they can not save us.

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- “Only One Savior” Bookmark: (3ISA13PKGF4)** Print the bookmarks on card stock, one per child. Let the children decorate and put stickers on their bookmarks. It would be good if this bookmark could go in their Bible to remind them that there is only one Savior.
- God, the Savior, Is Our Guide: (3ISA10PKGF1 and 3ISA13PKGF5)** Request the steering wheel from the Isaiah #10 lesson. Cut out a steering wheel. In the middle, put a Jesus sticker or a #1. Glue on the words "God, the one and only Savior, is my guide." The path to holiness and doing the right thing is possible when the Savior guides us.
- Savior Craft Project: (3ISA13PKGF6)** Glue small pictures on a large #1 to show what the Savior does for us. He made us (picture of a baby), loves us (picture of Jesus and children), cleans our dirty hearts (a dark and a white heart), and guides us on the right path (two footsteps). Another idea would be to let children pull these pictures and others out of a bag and tell how they were involved in the lesson today.
- “Getting Ready for the Savior” Games:** Do "getting ready" relays. The Savior is coming! The first child can pretend to vacuum the floor, the second can wash the windows, the third can set the table, the fourth can hang a banner, the fifth can dust, etc. As the children are playing the game, they can sing a song, such as “There Is No Other God!”
- Snack Time:** Give each child one peanut, one pretzel, one licorice vine, one jelly bean, one kernel of popcorn, etc. Remind them that there is only one true God and we must worship Him only.

#### Songs:

- Sing Alleluia to the King**  
Sing Alleluia to the King (Children echo)  
Sing Alleluia to the King (Children echo “Sing alleluia”)  
Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia to the King.  
**(Second verse)**  
Jesus, the Savior, came to earth (Children echo)  
Jesus, the Savior, came to earth (Children echo “Came to earth”)  
Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia to the King.
- I Will Celebrate**  
I will celebrate, (clap, clap) sing unto the Lord, (clap, clap)  
I will sing to Him a new song. (Repeat first two lines)  
I will praise Him for He has triumphed victoriously  
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(Repeat first two lines)
- He Has Made Me Glad**  
He has made me glad. (clap, clap) He has made me glad. (clap, clap)  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad. (Repeat first two lines)
- God is God** (Tune: "Jesus Loves the Little Children")  
God is God; there is no other  
Nothing made of wood or stone  
He created all the earth,  
Knew his kids before their birth.  
He's the only Savior God has ever known.
- There is No Other God** (Tune: “Here We Go Loopty Loo”)  
There is no other God (repeat 3 times)

Jesus our Savior is God.



**Only God** (Tune "Only You")

Only God (children echo) Can be your Savior (Sing 3 times)  
He will clean up your heart.  
Tell me who (children echo) Can be your Savior (Sing 3 times)  
Only Jesus the Lord...He is God.

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**Do You See What I See?**

Do you see what I see? (Children echo)  
A star, a star, shining in the dark  
God will bring us goodness and light. He will bring us goodness and light.

Do you hear what I hear? Yes, I hear what you hear.  
God, the Savior, is coming to the earth.  
He will bring us goodness and right. He will bring us goodness and right.

Do you want a holy heart? Yes, I want a holy heart.  
A heart that's saved, pure right and good  
God will bring us goodness and right. He will bring us goodness and right.



**The True God** (Tune: "The Mulberry Bush")

There is only one true God,  
One true God, one true God.  
There is only one true God,  
And we should worship Him!

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**Took:**



Make banners telling everybody the Savior is coming. Go to another class and tell them. Hang the banners on the railing outside the classroom or ask the children to give them to their neighbors. On the banner should be a #1 and pictures of the star and baby in a manger. The one true Savior came to earth to save us from our dirty hearts and lips. Sing "Do You Hear What I Hear?" You may want to include the song with the banner so the children can sing it at home.



If you played a "Getting Ready" game with the children, talk about playing a "Getting Your Heart Ready" game that is not really a game. It is the most important thing the children will ever do. Ask the children how they know the Savior has come. (Isaiah foretold that the virgin would have a son and the star led the wise men to the place where Jesus lived.) Ask the children if their lips said any wrong words last week. "Do you need a Savior? Do I need a Savior? Yes, every person that God creates needs a Savior. Have you ever asked Jesus to change your wrong words to good words? Have you asked Jesus to be your Savior?" Ask the children to talk to their moms and dads about whether they have ever asked Jesus to be their Savior. Sing "Only God Can Be Your Savior." Pray for each child at the table, by name, to become what God created them to be, clean and right with God.



**"One Savior" Headband: (3ISA13PKGF6)** Attach the small pictures to a construction paper headband with a big gold number 1 at the center. The words "There is only one true God" could be written around the base of the headband. You will want the children to be able to tell you that the #1 means there is only one Savior who can change our dark hearts into righteous and holy hearts. Have the children march around the room with rhythm sticks, singing several of the songs. When the teacher shouts "Get ready for the Savior!" a new leader leads the "band."



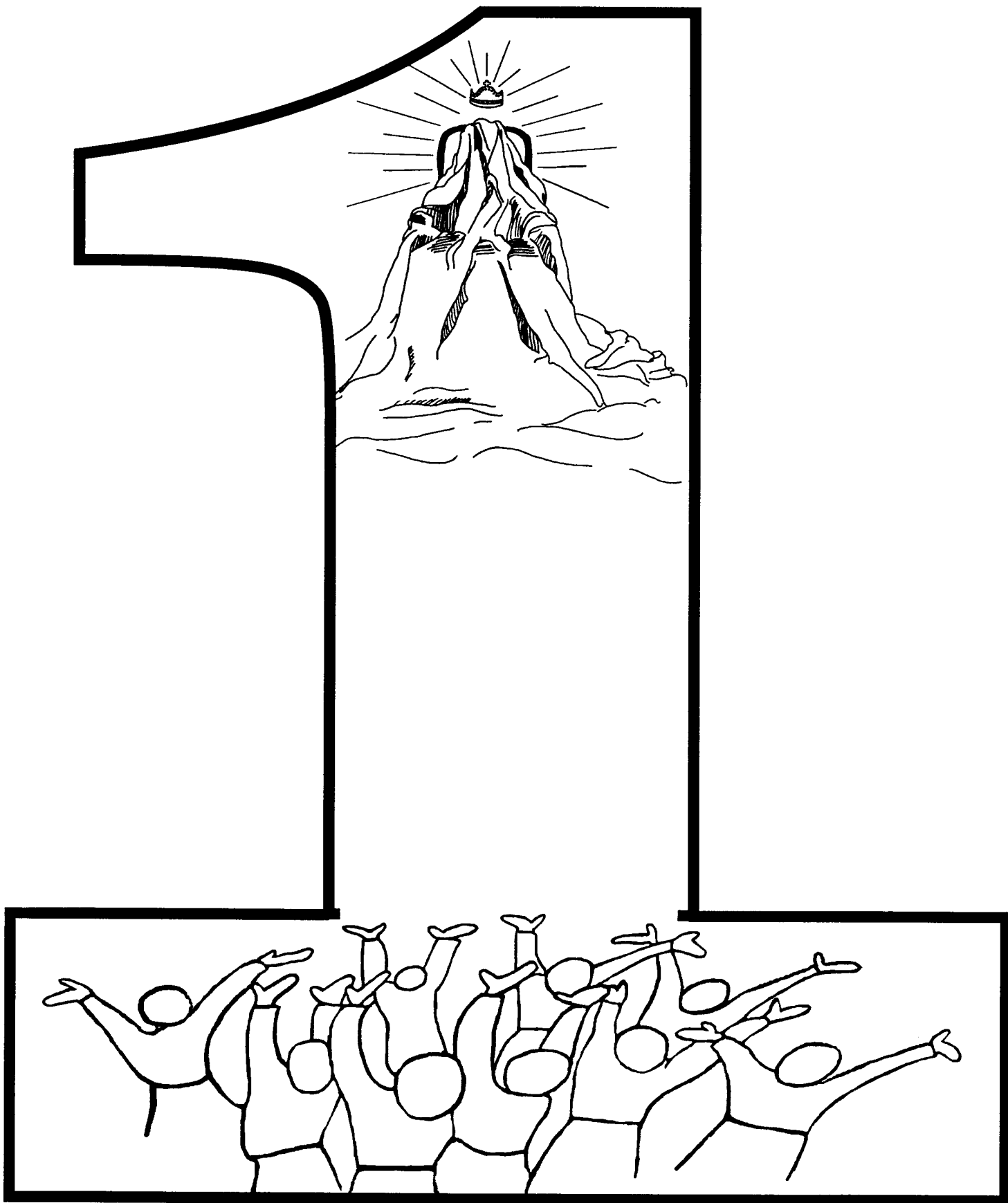
Take pictures of children who were not in class last week. Tell the children that you can't wait to find out what will be done with the pictures during our special celebration in two weeks. Remind the children that God made each child unique. It is fun to see how different we all are.

# Memory Matching Game



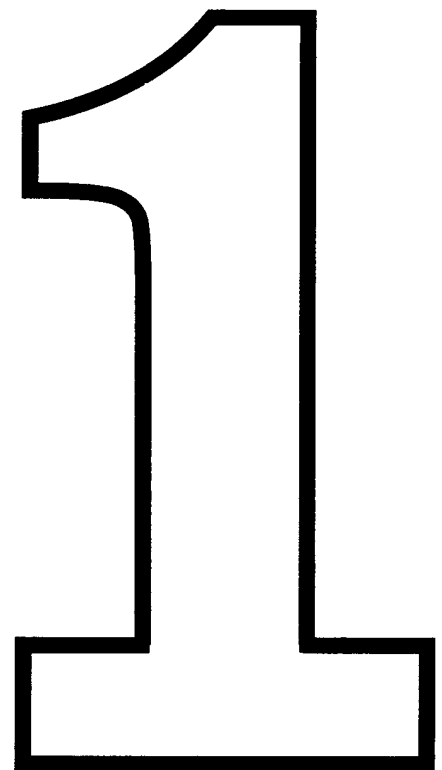
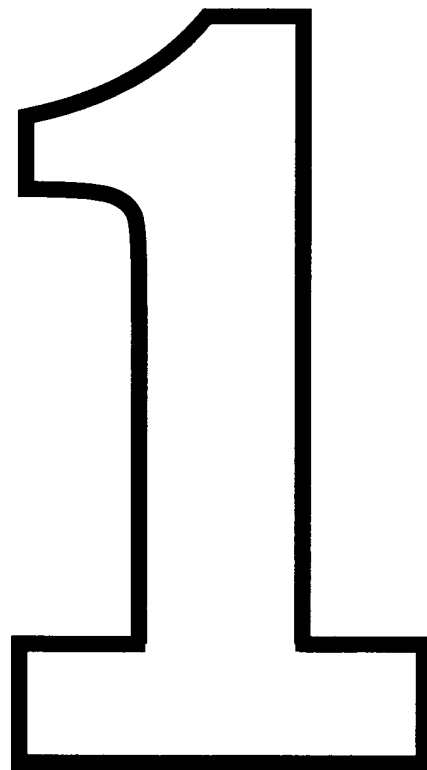
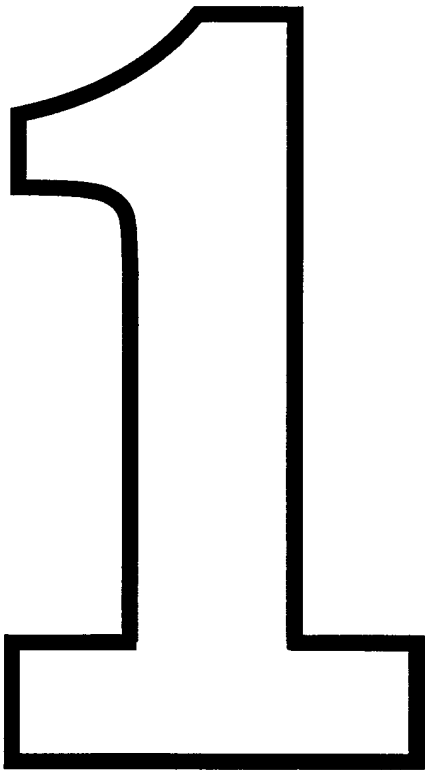
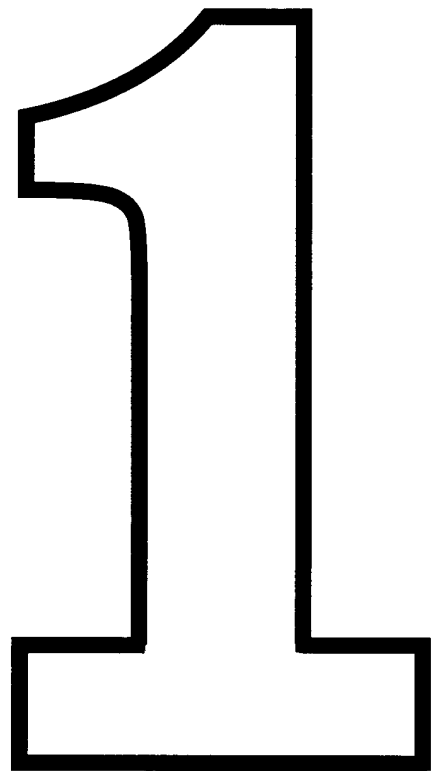
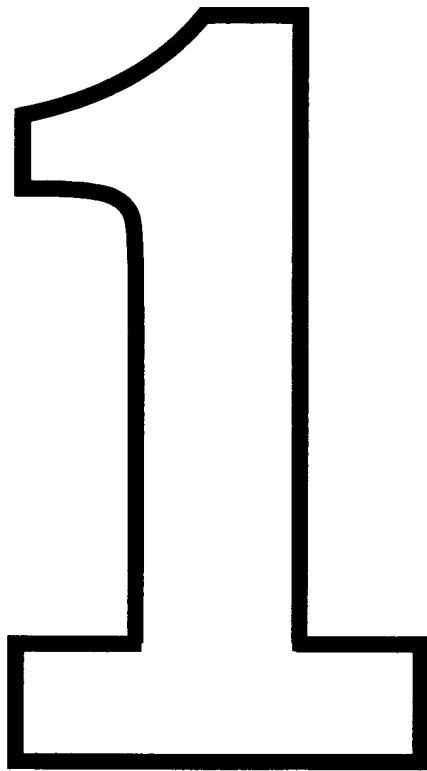
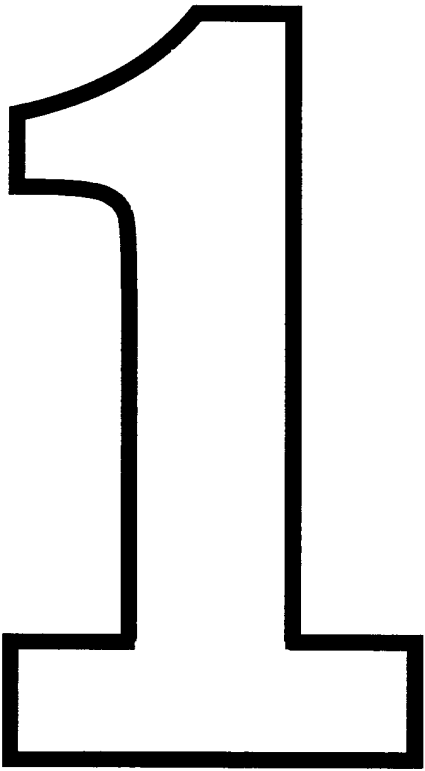


Which of the things in this picture were made by God and which things were made by people? 3ISA13PKG2



# "Only One Savior" Bookmark

Print bookmarks on white or beige cardstock, one per child.  
Let the children decorate them with stickers or small pictures.



God, the one and only Savior, is my guide.  
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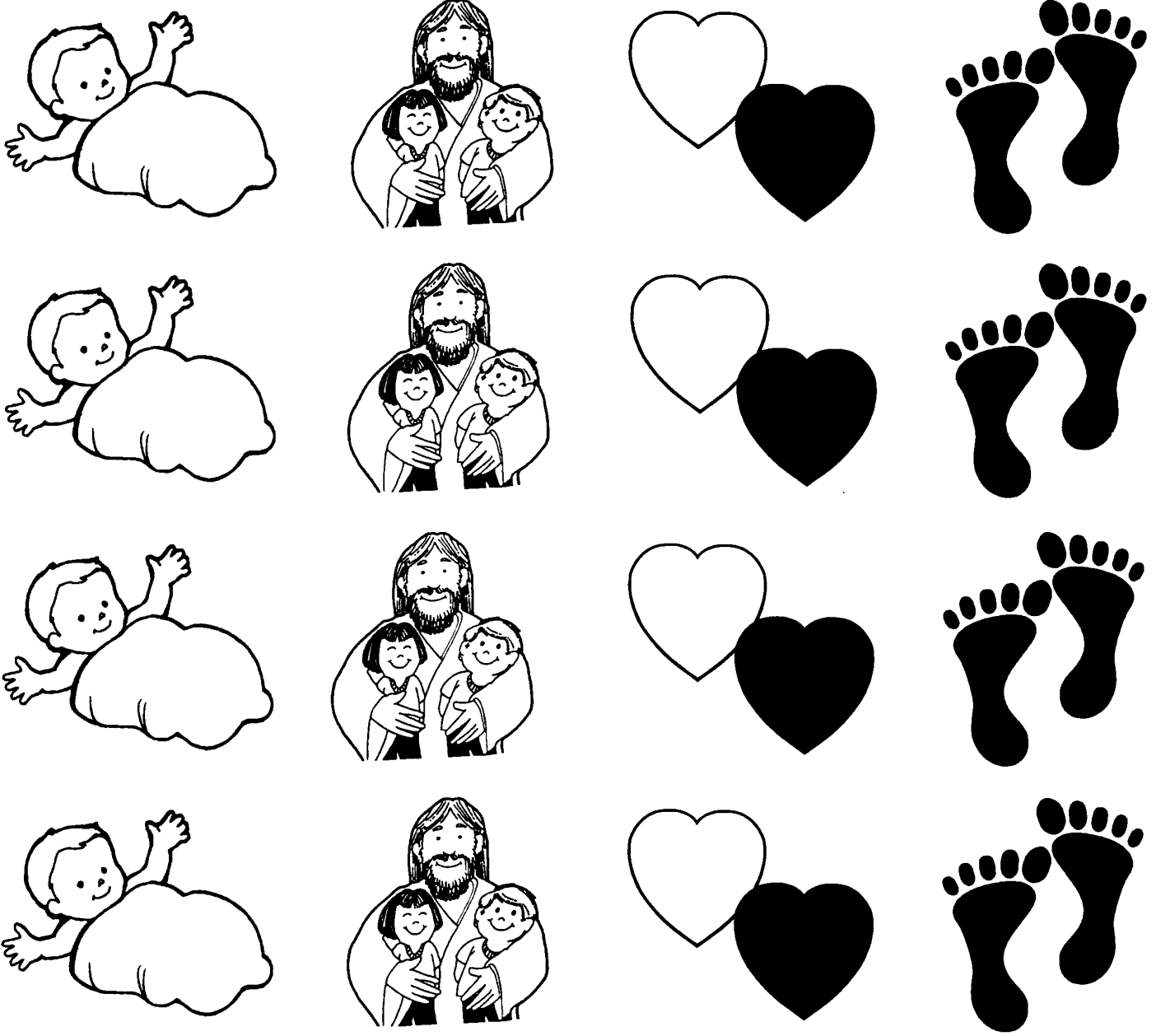
**The Savior Is Our Guide**

Cut one curved strip of writing per child. Let them glue it onto the steering wheel copied from the 3ISA10PKG1 page. Add a Jesus sticker to the center of the wheel, if desired.

God will keep us on the straight path if we ask the only true Savior to be our guide.

God, the one and only Savior, is my guide.  
God, the one and only Savior, is my guide.

Presentation Idea and Look Center Headband



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