

Materials I Need:

Memory Verse:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **What did Jesus and His disciples preach about when they went from town to town?** *(They preached about the kingdom of God. Sing the "Good News! Kingdom Is Coming" song.)*
2. **Did the Pharisees love God's Word or their own book of traditions the most?** *(They loved to hear their own words more than God's words.)*
3. **Did the Pharisees look as good inside their hearts as they tried to look on the outside?** *(No. They wanted people to think that they loved God and their neighbor, but their hearts were full of greed and love for themselves.)*
4. **When we ask Jesus to take away our selfish greed, does He hear our prayer? (Yes) Do we have to keep on asking Jesus to help us love our neighbor? (Yes)**
5. **Do you want to love Jesus with all your heart?** *(Repeat the first part of the memory verse "Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength and mind." Put your hands over your heart as you say the word "heart," make muscles when you say the word "strength," and point to your head as you say the word "mind.")*

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

1. **What did Jesus and His disciples preach about when they went from town to town?** *(They preached about the kingdom of God. Sing the "Good News! Kingdom Is Coming" song.)*
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3. **Did the Pharisees look as good inside their hearts as they tried to look on the outside?** *(No. They wanted people to think that they loved God and their neighbor, but their hearts were full of greed and love for themselves.)*
4. **Who cleans up our hearts from selfish greed?** *(Jesus)*
5. **What does Jesus tell us to do to receive good gifts from God?** *(Ask, seek, and "knock" on Jesus' "door" by praying for what we need.)*
6. **Do you want to be like the selfish Pharisee who pretends to love God but cares more about himself, or a person who knocks on Jesus' door to get a clean heart?** *(I want to look to Jesus as the Light who takes the darkness from my heart.)*

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.





This symbol represents ideas that are best used for two- and three-year-olds.




This symbol represents ideas that are best used for four-year-olds through kindergarten.

Hook:

 **Tradition!** Have one of the teachers be dressed up as a pompous Pharisee who carries his big, fancy book of traditions. He can tell the children that this is not God's Word; this is a book written by Pharisees. It tells people exactly how to wash their hands before eating. Demonstrate the tedious method of washing that the Pharisees expected from the people. Pretend to be the Pharisee saying something like, "Jesus doesn't wash his hands exactly the way it says in our book of traditions. He thinks that the Bible is the only important book. That's why I don't think he's the holy Son of God. He thinks God's words are the only words to obey. I think we should obey the Pharisee's words, too."

 **Book Table Center:** Put several interesting children's books on a table, along with a Bible. Read the simple stories to the children. Now open the Bible to the book of Luke and explain that these are God's words and they are all true. These other stories are people's fun stories. We enjoy reading them, but we don't obey their words. We obey God's words because they tell us about Jesus who is the key to God's kingdom.

 **Book of Class Traditions:** Gather a group of children around and talk about some traditions you have in the classroom or that the children have at home. For instance, it is our tradition to put on a name tag when you come into class, it is our tradition to sit at round tables while we work, etc. These traditions are fine and helpful, but if they are not in God's Word, not every family must obey them. Write or draw some traditions in a large book that you make. Call it "Class Traditions."

④ **Jesus Unlocks the Kingdom Door Activity:** Cut out a padlock from brown construction paper and hang it on the door knob. Lock the door and try to open it. Let the children try to open it. Make a large key from construction paper with the word "Jesus" written on it and pretend to unlock the padlock and unlock the door. Open the door to a banner that says, "God's Kingdom." Explain that we can't open the door to God's kingdom by ourselves. Only with Jesus can the door be unlocked and opened.


④ **"What Does a Key Do?" Center:** Bring in a bunch of differently shaped keys. Let the children look at them and touch them. If you can, bring in a padlock or some other lock to which one of the keys fits. Ask the children, "Can we open these locks with any of these keys? Why not? What does a key do?" Discuss this with the children. Ask the children if there are any doors in their homes which only their parents can open. Parents can be like a key because they can guard a door. Today in our Bible Adventure we will learn how Jesus is like a key and how He guards the door to God's kingdom.



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

 Show the **BLUK10ECGF1** and **BLUK10ECGF2** pictures as you talk about the Pharisees and their love for their traditions.

 Have someone dress up as a Pharisee, pompously coming into class, drawing attention to himself, moving someone out of a chair so that he can sit in the most prominent place. Several times during the Bible Adventure, he can stand up, open his book of traditions and say, "It says in my book of traditions that, "You have to. . ." or "You can't do. . .". The teacher will politely tell the Pharisee that God's Word is the book we must obey, not any other book of people's traditions. The Pharisee will huff and puff as he sits down, muttering something about "tradition!"

④ Bring a diary with a key that will open it. Show the children the words that are written inside. Explain that God's book, the Bible, has a "key" to opening the door to God's kingdom. It is not a little metal key like this one. The key to understanding God's Word and being in God's kingdom is Jesus. Jesus is the light that shines the way to God's kingdom.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's -

(Show a picture of God's Book of Life.) God has a book with the names of people who want to love Jesus with all their hearts and want to love their neighbors. God's Word, the Bible, says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

(Show a picture of the disciples going from town to town.) Jesus and His disciples kept preaching the Good News Gospel wherever they went. They said, "God's kingdom is coming! Get ready!" *(Sing the "Good News! Kingdom Is Coming" song.)*

(Shine a flashlight around the room.) When Jesus and His disciples were preaching the Good News Gospel, Jesus was shining God's light into the dark places in Jerusalem, Capernaum, and all the rest of Judea. These were places where people didn't know about God or Jesus, or if they did know about God, they didn't believe in Him or that Jesus was the Son of God. *(Turn off the lights for the 3's and shine a flashlight around the room, especially in the areas that are dark.)* Just like this flashlight helps us to see, Jesus was helping the people see, helping them to learn about God.

(Show GF1 picture of a Pharisee with two scrolls, one called Book of the Law and one called Pharisee Traditions.) This Pharisee knew all about God's Book, but he also had another book that he loved more. This book had all the Pharisees' traditions written down. A tradition is something we do because someone else taught us to do it and we have been doing it for a long time. For example, at my house I make lots of pretty hearts and decorate them when it is Valentines Day. My mom and dad taught me how to do it and their moms and dads taught them. The Pharisees' book had all their traditions written down, like washing your hands this way instead of this way. *(Show the difference in washing hands.)*

The Pharisees' book of traditions did not have God's words. This Pharisee loved the book of traditions more than God's Word because to follow the traditions, he didn't need a clean heart, he didn't need to love God with all his heart, he didn't need to tell God he was sorry or ask God to forgive him.

The Pharisee didn't love God or his neighbor as much as he loved himself. This Pharisee loved his fancy clothes and tassels. He loved to sit in the best seat in the synagogue. He loved for people to think he was a special man of God. He loved to hear people praise him and say how wonderful and smart he was.

(Shine the flashlight on the Pharisee sitting in the prominent place. If someone doesn't dress up as a Pharisee, show a picture of a Pharisee all dressed up holding a "Book of Traditions.") Jesus said to the Pharisee, "You look fancy on the outside, but your heart is full of darkness and greed. *(Pretend like you are trying to shine the light down into the Pharisee's heart.)* You want the best for yourself. You want people to praise you, not God."

Jesus continued, "You cannot live in My kingdom unless you get rid of your selfish, greedy heart. People in God's kingdom love God with all their hearts. They love their neighbors as much as they love themselves. You must repent, be sorry for the wrong things you have done, and ask God to forgive your selfish greed. You must 'knock' on God's kingdom door by following Me."

The Pharisee didn't like what Jesus was saying. The Pharisee thought, "I don't want to follow Jesus. I don't believe that Jesus is the holy Son of God."

(Show the GF2 picture of Jesus opening the door.) Jesus said, "I am the only One who can open the door to God's kingdom. Knock on God's door and I will open it for you. God will let you into His kingdom. It is the best place to be!"

Jesus said, "When you love God and your neighbor the way God loves, you can pray and ask God for anything you need. He gives good gifts to His children, like food and clothes. He also forgives your selfish, greedy heart if you ask."

Prayer: Dear God, I want to knock on Your "door" so that I can live with You in Your heavenly kingdom. Thank You for Jesus who opens the door to Your good kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.

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People who listened to Jesus' words and believed that He was the Holy One from God found the key to God's kingdom. *(Shine a flashlight around the room.)* When Jesus and His disciples were preaching the Good News Gospel, Jesus was shining God's light into the dark places in Jerusalem, Capernaum, and all the rest of Judea. These were places where people didn't know about God or Jesus, or if they did

know about God, they didn't believe in Him or that Jesus was the Son of God. *(Turn off the lights and shine a flashlight around the room, especially in the areas that are dark.)* Just like this flashlight helps us to see, Jesus was helping the people see, helping them to learn about God.

Some people said to Jesus, "We don't think you are the Holy One from God. We think you get your special powers from Satan."

Satan and Gabriel are both angels. We can't see angels because they are invisible, but they are there. Gabriel is a good angel because he loves Jesus and worships Him. Satan hates Jesus and only worships himself. Satan is full of selfish greed and wants people to worship him. Satan doesn't want anyone to believe that Jesus is the holy Son of God.

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Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Jesus, the Holy One, who opens the door to Your kingdom. I want to knock on Your "door" so that I will get rid of my selfish greed. Thank You for Jesus' words that will light my way to Your good kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.



Look:

- "Pharisee Says" Game:** Play a reverse "Simon Says" game, calling it "Pharisee Says." Instead of acting out what the Pharisee says, remain still. Act out the ones that don't include the words "Pharisee Says." Include various work situations and rest situations.
- "Jesus Opens the Door" Craft Page: (BLUK10ECGF2)** Copy the GF2 page and cut it in half. Fold a piece of construction paper in half. Glue the children looking at the door on the outside half of the construction paper. Then glue the picture of Jesus opening the door to the inside half of the construction paper. Talk about how only Jesus opens the door to God's Kingdom.
- Times to Pray Worksheet Center: (BLUK10ECGF5 & BLUK10ECGF6)** Use this page to talk about prayer even with the young children who may not be able to do the writing or drawing parts. Let the

children glue a GF6 praying boy picture in the GF5 square to remind the children that we can pray anytime throughout the day.

Path to God's Kingdom Maze: (BLUK10ECGF7) As the children follow the happy faces to Jesus' kingdom, talk about the pictures on the path. Let the children talk about what is happening in the pictures and whether these people are showing love for God and their neighbors. Cut out small rectangles from brown construction paper to make a door. Let the children tape the left side of the brown door over the picture of Jesus. The children can open the door and see Jesus as the way to God's kingdom.

Snack Time: Make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches as a helping your neighbor project. Bring peanut butter, bread, jelly, plastic knives, paper plates, napkins and a drink. Set up two stations. Make an assembly line at each station. Each child should have a job to do. At each station, there can be seven jobs. (1) Take the bread out, (2) Spread the peanut butter, (3) Spread the jam, (4) Put the top bread slice on, (5) Cut the sandwich in half, (6) Cut the sandwich in quarters, (7) Put the quarters on a plate. While the sandwiches are being made, a few other children can pass out napkins and a drink. When everything is ready, have all the children sit down with their snack and talk about how much fun it was to help their neighbors by making their snacks. Talk about Jesus teaching the disciples to pray before the blessing. Use the following rhyme or another that you know.

Thank You for the world so sweet.
Thank You for the food we eat.
Thank You for the birds that sing.
Thank You, God, for everything.

Songs:

This Is the Way We Wash Our Hands

This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands.
(Bend arms at elbows, raising forearms upwards, then downwards)
This is the way we wash our hands, in Pharisee opinion.
(Second Verse)

This is the way we walk around, walk around, walk around. *(Walk with nose in the air)*
This is the way we walk around, in Pharisee apparel.
(Third Verse)

This is the way we serve our neighbor, serve our neighbor, serve our neighbor. *(Pretend to pass out plates.)*
This is the way we serve our neighbor, just as Jesus said.

One Door and Only One

One door and only one, and yet its sides are two.
Inside or outside, on which side are you?
One door and only one, and yet its sides are two.
I'm on the inside, on which side are you?

The Happy Day Express

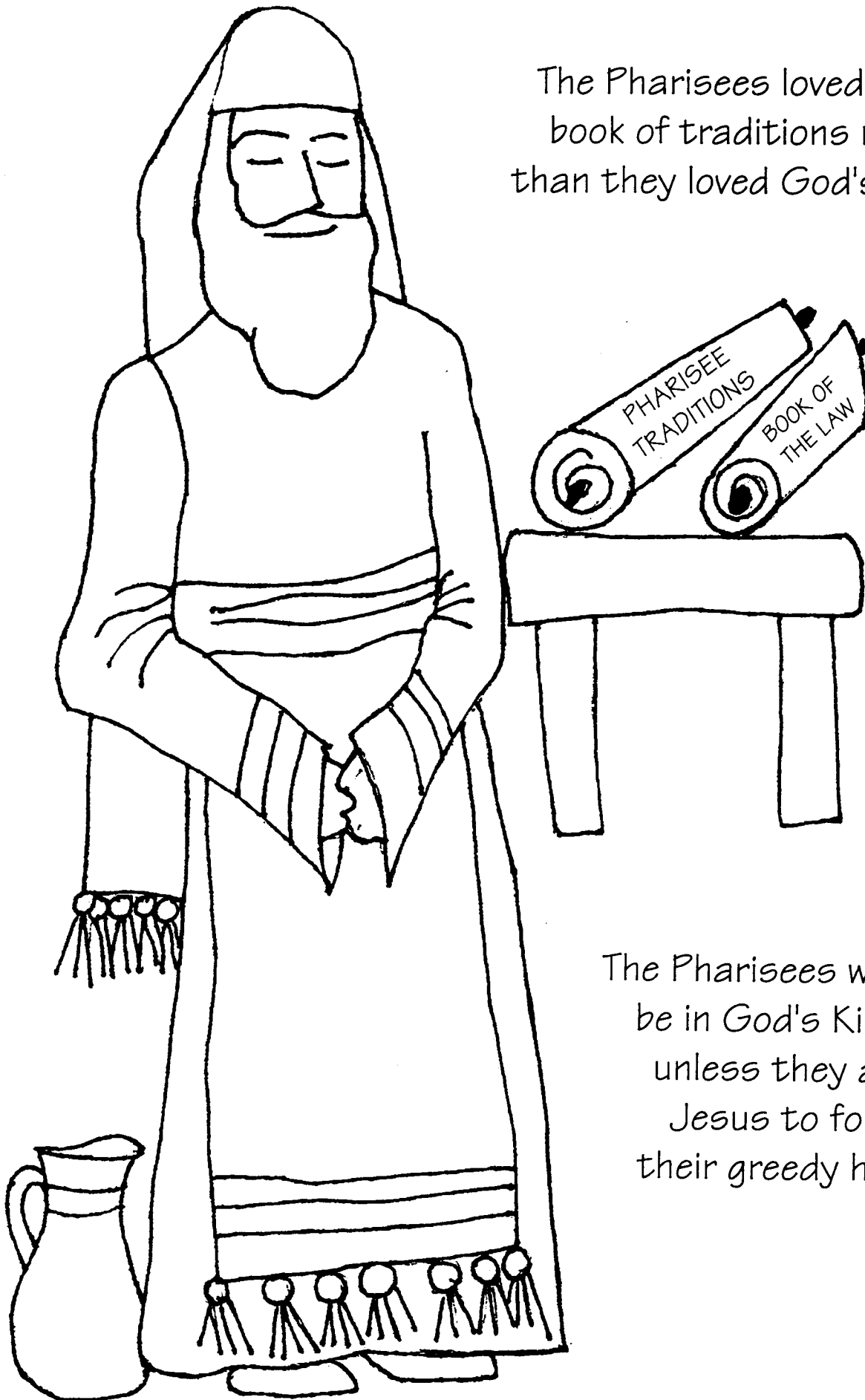
We're going to the kingdom on the Happy Day Express.
The letters on the engine are J-E-S-U-S.
The guard calls, "All for heaven!"
I'll gladly answer, "Yes!"
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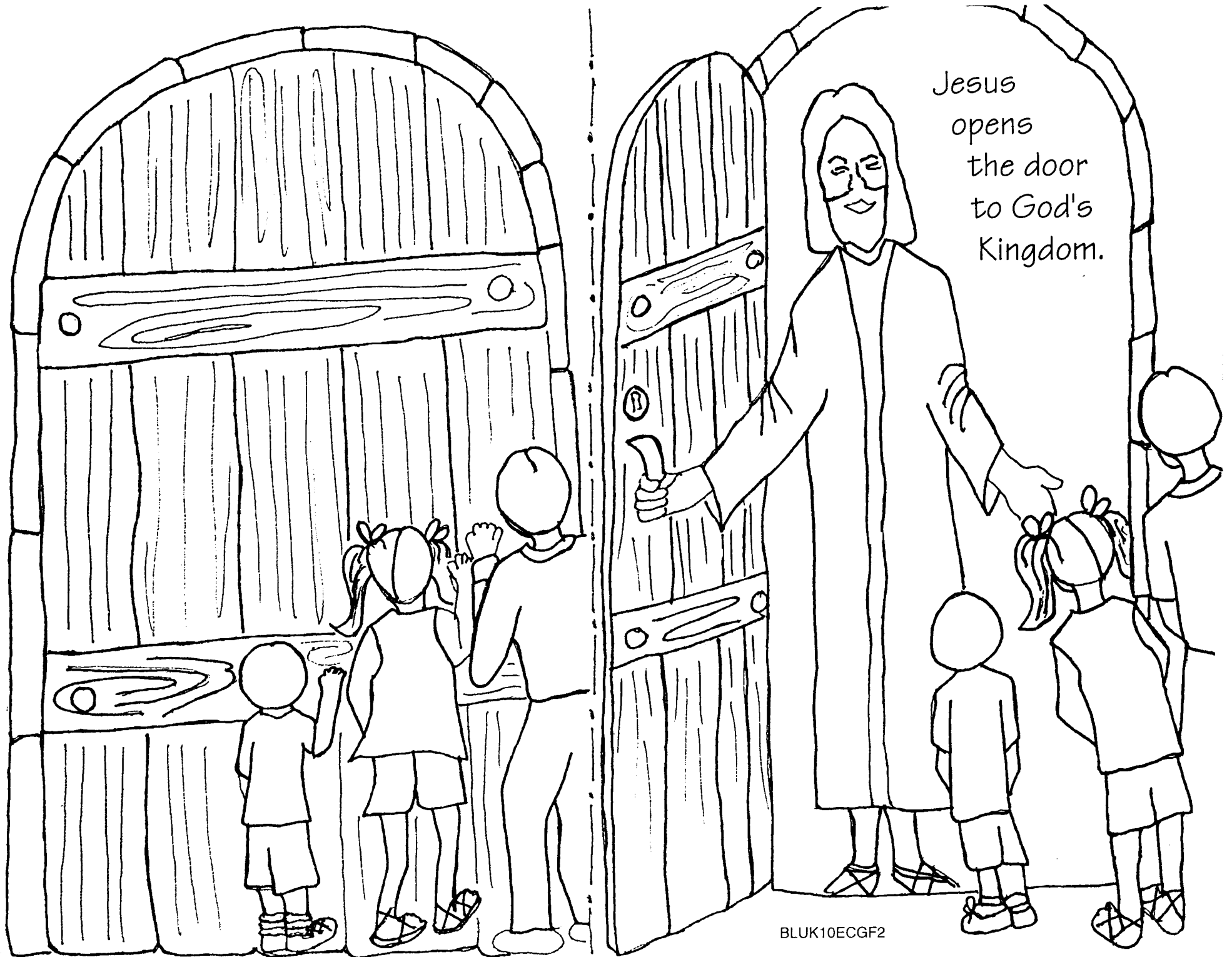
Took:

- Open the Door Craft Center: (BLUK10ECGF3 & BLUK10ECGF4)** When we seek Jesus, and ask Him to give us a new heart, He opens the door to God's Kingdom where we have clean hearts that want to obey God's Word. Let the children color the heart on the GF3 page dark colors or tear up pieces of construction paper and glue them to the page. Then staple or glue the GF3 page to the top of the GF4 page so that the GF3 page folds back and opens like a door onto the GF4 page. You may want to have children place a Bible sticker in the clean heart, since it is God's Word which changes us. Talk with the children about who opens the door to God's Kingdom for us, and what happens when we become a part of God's Kingdom.
- Door Knob Signs Center: (BLUK10ECGF8)** Copy the door knob sheet onto card stock paper. Cut on all the lines. Allow the children to color the picture. Explain to them how important it is to talk to God and listen to Him. We can talk to Him any time, every day. The children can take home their signs to put on their doors. It will remind them that when we ask, seek, and knock, Jesus opens the door to God's Kingdom.
- Praying Hands Necklace Center:** Trace both of the children's hands with the fingers together. Let the children cut out their hands with child safe scissors. Glue the hands together as in prayer, punch a hole on the top and put the hands on a string for a necklace. It will remind the children to talk to God throughout the day.
- Luke Review Story Circles: (BLUK10ECGF9)** Use the story circles as you have in the past lessons. See the Luke Review Methods page

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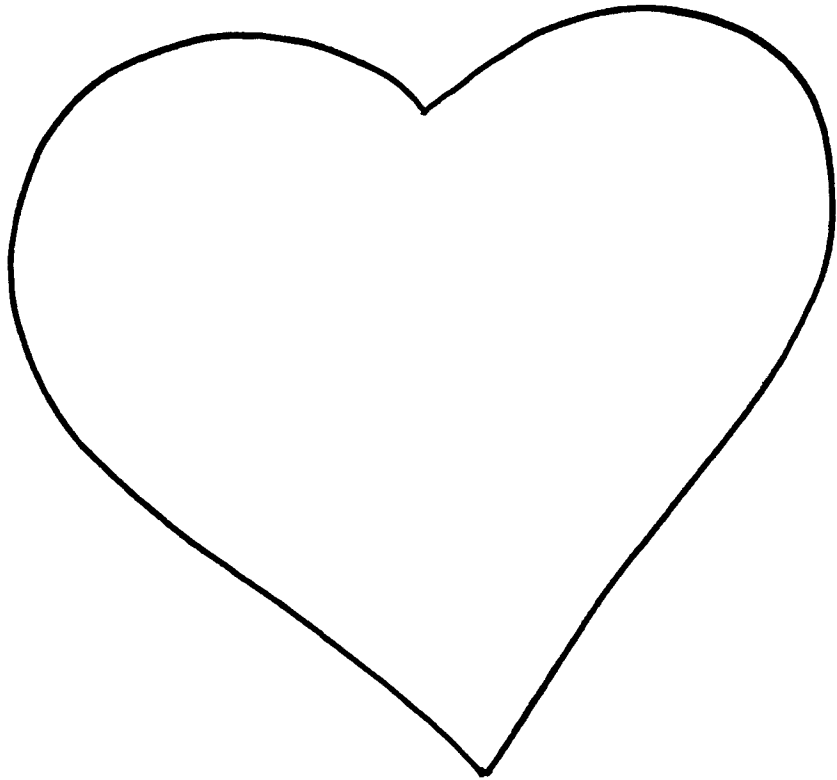


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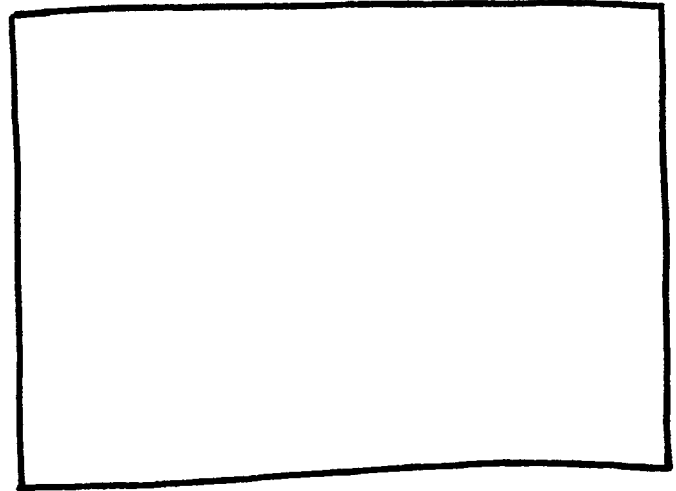
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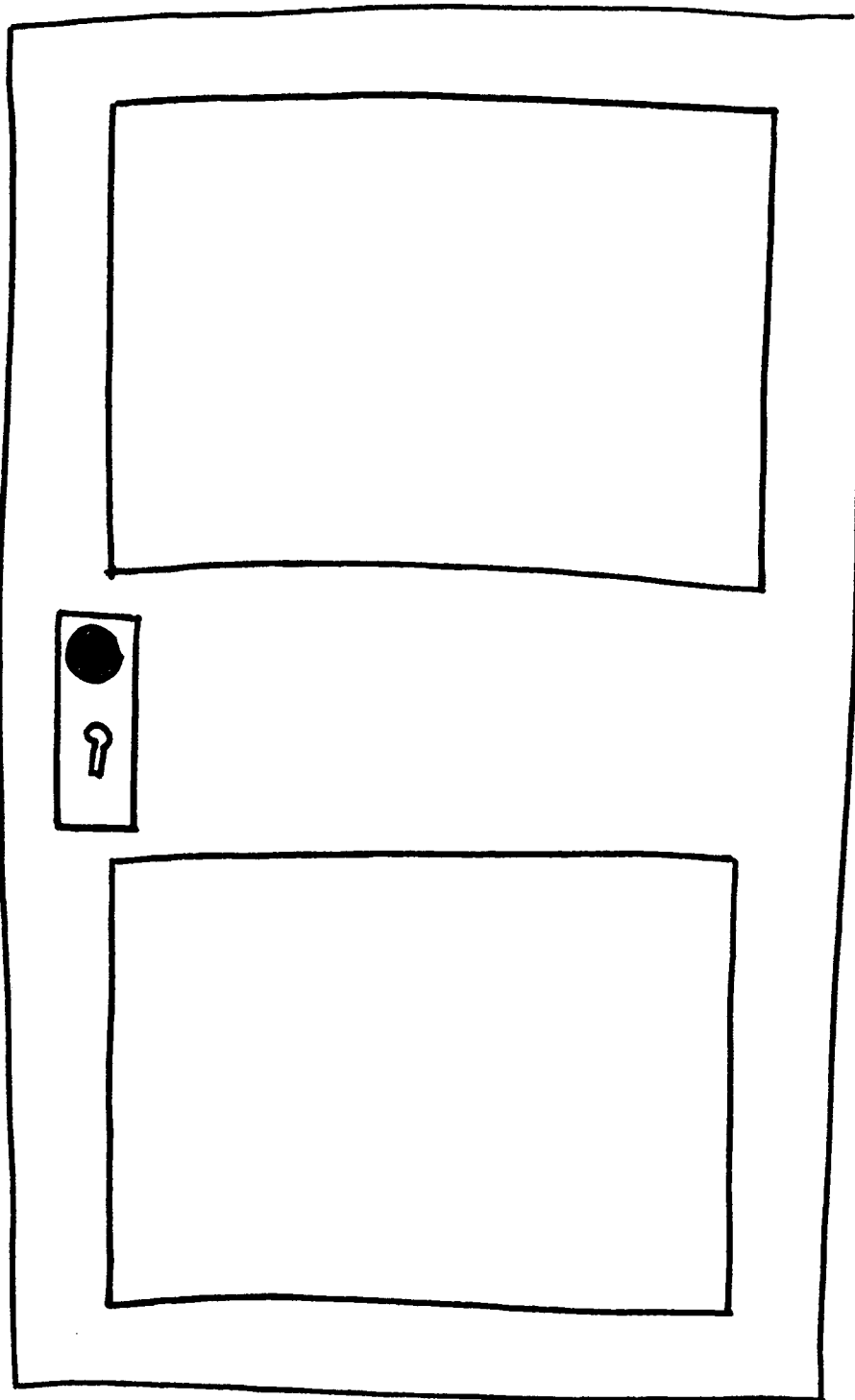
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"Knock and the door shall be opened for you."

Luke 11:9

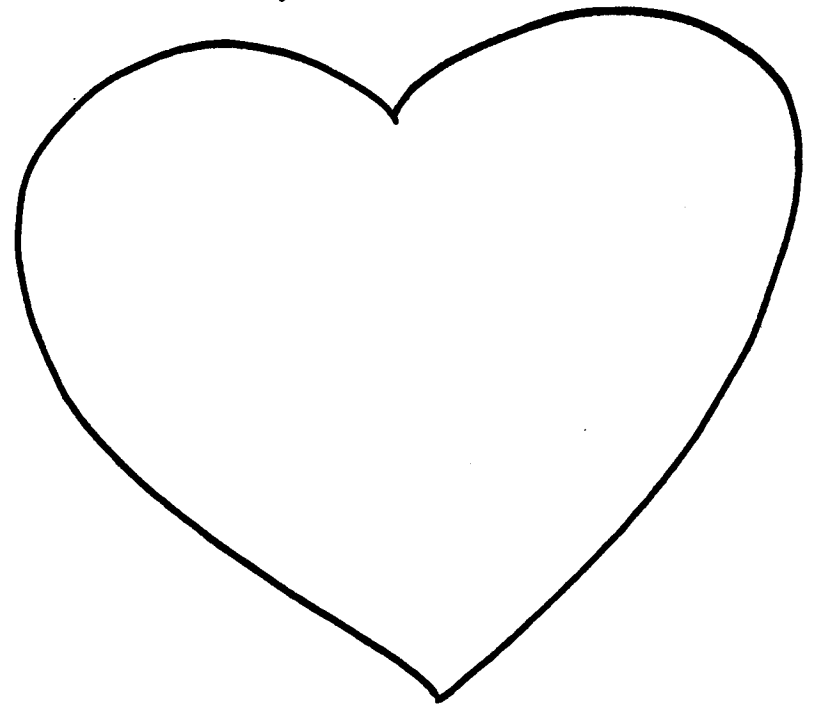


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Paste or glue this page
to the back of the GF3 page.
The right half of this page
will be stapled or glued to
the left half of the GF4 page.

In God's Kingdom,
we have beautiful, clean
hearts!



Times to Pray

Prayer is talking to God. We can talk to God any time. We can talk to God from any where, and we can talk to God about any thing.

You can tell God how you feel even when you can't tell any one else. When you are wanting to obey Him, God will always hear you when you pray.

Write the number of the sentence which tells when you can pray in the space beside the picture which shows when you can pray. What other times can you talk to God?

Then draw a picture of yourself talking to God.

1. I can talk to God at night when I am in bed.

2. I can talk to God when I am playing and having fun.

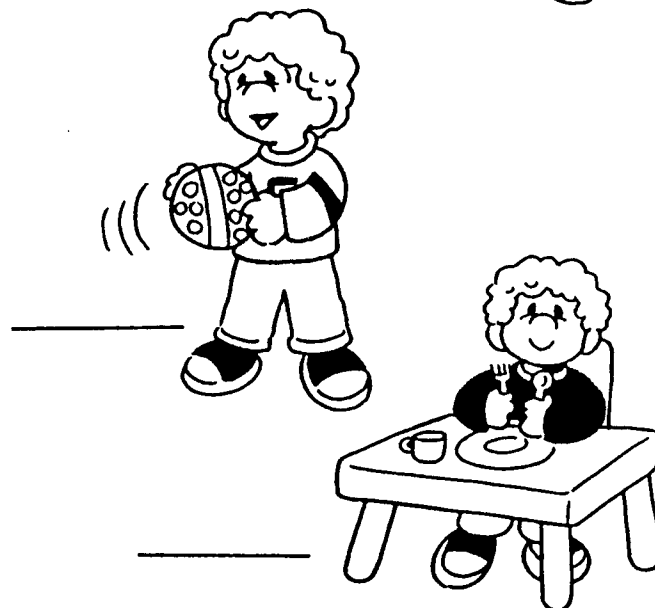
3. I can talk to God when it is time to eat.

4. I can talk to God when I am afraid.





Draw yourself talking to God:





For the Teacher: In addition to the situations shown, talk about other times the children can pray. Talk about things the children can tell God. Then guide each child to talk to God in a simple sentence prayer.

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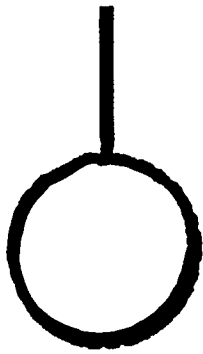


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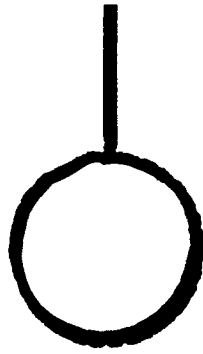
The Path to God's Kingdom

When we follow the path that the Bible shows us, we will know the way to God's Kingdom. With a pencil, follow the happy faces on the path from the children to Jesus. Don't go down the path with the sad faces. Talk about what the children are doing in the pictures. Tape the left side of a brown rectangle piece of construction paper over Jesus. Jesus is the only One who can open the door to God's Kingdom.

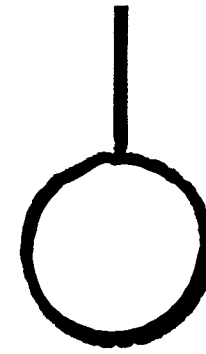




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Luke 11:9-10



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FOR LUKE
LESSON #10.

