

Materials I Need:

Key for symbols:

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

Memory Verse:

Romans 1:16: I am not ashamed of the Gospel.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** The Took Time is spent reviewing what the student has learned from the passage. It is a time of accountability for students and teachers. The Preschool Page for Parents is to be sent home each week to reinforce what the child learned with his family. It could also mean doing a craft, game, or skit that will "stick" with them during the coming week.
- Statue Making:** Provide play dough for the children but no tools. Have the children shape a statue, making it as tall as they can without it falling over. In today's Bible Adventure, the Gentile people would make statues out of wood or metals with their hands. They thought they were gods. They prayed to the statues and worshiped them. Are these statues you made really gods? Is this something you should worship? (No. God is who we should worship.)
- Gentile City Center:** Use any kind of building blocks to make a row of houses. Use human figures to travel from house to house. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul left the synagogues where the Jews worshiped and started going house to house where the Gentiles lived. Both the Jews and the Gentiles needed to hear the Gospel news about Jesus.
- Washing Center:** As the children enter the classroom, stamp their hands several times with a stamp. Tell them that to get their hands clean, they must visit the washing center and scrub the ink off. Have a table set up with warm sudsy water and a towel. The ink represents dirty hearts and hands, and God represents the washing center. "Only God can wash the sin from our hearts and make them clean, just as we are washing our hands. In today's Bible Adventure, Paul writes that God can fix our sin problem. With God's help, we can have clean hearts and do what God says is right."
- "I Have a Problem" Game:** Teachers will wear something that is obviously out of place, like a shoe on their head or a sock on their ear. The teacher says to the children, "I have a problem. Can you help me figure out what's wrong with me?" Let the children tell you what the problem is and how to fix the problem. Continue this activity with different objects that are obviously out of place. End by telling the children that we all have a problem—a sin problem—that's wrong and needs to be fixed.
- Cover Up Those Silly Idols: (ROM02ECGF5 and ROM02ECGF6)** Materials needed: GF5 activity page with idols, GF6 activity page with small Bibles, glue sticks, and crayons. Cut out the Bibles before class (more than one Bible can be cut together) to be glued over the idols. Today the children will learn that the Gentiles worshiped idols made of wood and stone. Paul taught the Gentiles not to worship idols; we are to worship the Father in heaven who created everything.

"I Have a Problem" Chant:

Teacher:	Children echo:
I have a problem!	I have a problem!
What's your problem?	What's your problem?
Sin's my problem!	Sin's my problem!
I don't always obey!	I don't always obey!

Happy-Sad Face Puppets: (ROM02ECGF10) Each child receives two paper plates and a GF10 happy and mad face. On the bottom side of each plate, the children glue a GF10 face and color it with hair, etc. With the plates right sides together, staple around the edge leaving a 4" space at the bottom for their hand to go in. Use this later during review and Look activities. Talk about how our sin is a sad thing to do. It is wrong to disobey, hurt someone, lie, steal, and do selfish things. Jesus came to forgive our sins.

Hot Potato: With children seated in a circle and facing each other, ask them to pass the "sin bag" (bean bag) very quickly. When the music stops, the one with the bag is caught. He responds by saying, "Jesus forgives sins." The game continues. Stop occasionally and talk about sins being lying, stealing, hurting someone, disobedience, whining when we don't get what we want, being stubborn, bragging, and saying bad things about people when they aren't around.

People Pictures: Give children a piece of paper to fill with pictures of people from magazines. While cutting (or tearing) and gluing, talk about everyone having a problem with sin. Discuss the difference between Jews and Gentiles and how all are sinners. The answer to our sins is in the Bible Adventure today.

Greet with Stamp: As the children arrive, stamp their hand with a sad face. Tell them they will find out why they got a sad face when we have the Bible Adventure. (We all have a problem--we are all sinners and not right in God's eyes. Jews are sinners. Gentiles are sinners. All people are sinners. It is a sad thing, but Jesus makes it a good thing when we put our faith in Him and He forgives our sins.)

Jew & Gentile Game: Assign some children to be Jews, and tie a strip of cloth on their heads and/or pin a copy of the GF2 picture on their shirts. Talk about how the Jews made up their own laws rather than turning to Jesus for their sin problem. The rest of the children are Gentiles, and they could put a t-shirt over their clothes to wear and/or pin the GF3 picture of idols on their shirts. (For younger children, you could copy the pictures back to back on a piece of paper and pin it on them. They could turn over the picture you were playing at the time.) The children stand in their separate circles, and when you say, "Jews," the Jews walk in a circle while singing the following words to the tune of "Farmer in the Dell." Repeat with Gentiles. "Faith in Jesus is the answer. I can't wait to hear what Paul says in our Bible Adventure today."
Jews follow the law. Jews follow the law. They sin without Jesus. They all fall down.
Gentiles look to idols. Gentiles look to idols. They sin without Jesus. They all fall down.

② **"God Made Our World" Center:** Provide a paper and glue for each child. In the center of the work area, spread out a selection of natural objects such as seeds, sand, leaves, shells, feathers, grain, etc., that the children can glue onto their papers. At the top of the collage paper write the words, "God Made Our World."

④ **Creation Book Center:** Provide several large picture books of photographs of God's creation. Have a Bible at this station and look up which day of the week that object was created by God (Genesis 1). Read from the Bible the appropriate section and add, "And God saw that it was good."



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

Color and show the **ROM02ECGF1**, **ROM02ECGF2**, **ROM02ECGF3**, and **ROM02ECGF4** pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Keep these pictures for review in future lessons.

Review Like Paul: Provide a special "Paul" chair (drape a decorative cloth or sheet over a bigger chair), a small writing desk, and a "Romans" shirt for a child to wear. This shirt can be a white t-shirt

on which the teacher draws a different symbol each week to remind the children of the Roman lessons. This week, the symbol is a sad face with the word "Sin" written on it. A child is selected (pull a name out of a basket) to sit on the chair and wear the shirt. The child tells us something about Paul and what he wrote to tell the Romans in the letter today.

 **"God Made it All!" Finger Play:**

God made the sea; (Move hand in wave motion.)
The waves tickle me! (Giggle.)
God made the fish (Make a fish mouth and "swim" hands.)
Who swim in the sea.
God made the sun, (Point up.)
And God made the breeze.
The sun makes me hot; (Fan self.)
The wind can make me freeze. (Shiver.)
Whether it be summer,
Winter, spring, or fall, (Hold up four fingers and point to them.)
God is in control. (Point up.)
He made it all.

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the review ROM01ECGF3 picture.) Paul wrote a letter to the Romans to tell them that he loved them and prayed for them. He also had many things to tell them about Jesus. Paul said, "Everyone has a problem--a problem with sin. It is a sin not to obey your father and mother. It is a sin to tell a lie. It is a sin to steal something that belongs to someone else. It is a sin to hurt someone. Faith in Jesus is the only way in which we can get the bad sin out of our hearts and minds. Jesus is the only One who can put God's goodness in our hearts."

(Show the ROM02ECGF2 picture.) The Jewish people had God's Law which told them about God's right ways. But, when Jesus came to His own Jewish people, they did not want Him to be their Savior. (Shake your finger "no.") They wanted to continue following their own rules even though they weren't able to do all that God had asked of them.

Paul wrote to the new Christians in Rome that God's good Law doesn't make the Jewish people good and righteous. Knowing what is right doesn't help a person be good. Everyone has a sin problem in his heart and needs forgiveness. Everyone must repent of their sins and put their faith in Jesus.

(Show the ROM02ECGF3 picture.) Paul was writing to the Gentile Christians in Rome, also. The Gentiles were all the people who were not Jews. The Gentiles had a problem because they thought that their idols would help them. They made statues out of wood or metals with their hands and thought they were gods. They prayed to the statues and worshiped them.

Paul wrote to the Romans, "Don't worship idols. (Shake your finger "no.") Idols are statues made by people. They are not alive. They can't hear you. Only the powerful God who created you and everything else in the world can help you. God can fix your problem. He can forgive your sin. Faith in Jesus will make you right with God."

The good news Gospel is for everyone--the Jewish people and the Gentile people. Both Jews and Gentiles have a problem with selfish sin. Faith in Jesus is the only way to be forgiven so that we can be right with God.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Jesus. He has power to save me from my sins. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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

(Show the review ROM01ECGF3 picture.) Paul wrote a letter to the Romans to tell them that he loved them and prayed for them. He also had many things to tell them about Jesus. Paul said, "Everyone has a problem—a problem with sin. Not obeying is a sin. Telling a lie is a sin. Taking something that doesn't belong to you is stealing, and stealing is a sin. Trying to hurt someone is a sin. Jesus is the only way in which we can get the bad sin out of our hearts and get God's goodness in. Everyone needs faith in Jesus because He is the only One who has power to forgive sin."

(Show the ROM02ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote his letter to the Romans while he was staying in the city of Corinth. When Paul first arrived in Corinth, he went to the Jewish synagogue and talked with the Jews about their problem with sin. Paul said, "Jesus is the Christ we have been looking for. He's the only One who can put God's goodness in our hearts."

(Show the ROM02ECGF2 picture.) The Jewish people had God's Law which told them about God's right ways. But, when Jesus came to His own Jewish people, they did not want Him to be their Savior. The Jewish leaders said, "We don't need You to forgive our sins. We're good enough already because we have the Law."

Paul said, "Just because you have God's good Law doesn't make you good and righteous. Knowing what is right doesn't help you be good. Everyone has a sin problem in his heart and needs forgiveness. You must repent of your sins and put your faith in Jesus."

(Show the ROM02ECGF1 picture again.) The Jewish leaders in the synagogue said, "We will not have faith in Jesus. We don't have a sin problem." Paul said to them, "Okay, then, from now on, I will preach only to the Gentiles in Corinth." And Paul went to a house right next door to the synagogue and began telling the Gentiles about the Gospel of Jesus. This made the Jewish leaders angry at Paul because they thought they were better than the Gentiles.

(Show the ROM02ECGF3 picture.) Gentiles were all the people who were not Jews. Gentiles had a problem because they thought that their idols would help them. Gentiles made statues out of wood or metals with their hands and thought they were gods. They prayed to the statues, and worshiped them. Isn't that silly?

Paul wrote to the Romans, "Don't worship idols. Idols are statues made by people's hands, so how can they help anyone? They are not alive; they can't hear you. Only the powerful God who created you and everything else in the world can help you. God can fix your problem. He can forgive your sin. He can make you righteous enough to go to heaven. Faith in Jesus is what makes us right with God."

(Show the ROM02ECGF4 picture.) Paul continued telling the Romans, "Everyone in the whole world has a problem with selfish sin in his heart. There is not one person good enough to live with God. Every person will be punished for his sin, whether he is a Jew or a Gentile. Faith in Jesus is the only way to be forgiven so that we can be right with God.

"This is the Gospel, and I am not ashamed to tell you about it. It is good news. The Gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. The Gospel is for everyone." Isn't that good news? God can fix our sin problem. We can have clean hearts and do what God says is right. Let's thank God for Jesus.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for Jesus who is my salvation. He has power to save me from my sins. Thank You for helping me obey. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

1. **Who was writing a letter to the new Christians in Rome?** *(Paul.)*
2. **Who did Paul say had a problem with sin and needed forgiveness?** *(Everyone—Jews and Gentiles.)*
3. **Who is the only One who has power to save people from their sin?** *(Jesus.)*

Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

1. **What book of the Bible did we learn from today?** *(The book of Romans.)*
2. **Why did Paul start preaching only to the Gentiles in Corinth?** *(The Jews in the synagogue would not believe in Jesus.)*
3. **How many people have sin in their hearts?** *(Every person who has ever lived except Jesus—both Jew and Gentile.)*
4. **Why wasn't Paul ashamed of the Gospel?** *(It is the power of God for salvation. Say the memory verse.)*



Look:

Aim Questions: On a chalkboard, write S-I-N(S). The first child called will come up and erase the first letter of sin before answering his question. Repeat until the whole word is erased and the questions have been answered. Who is the only One who can clean our hearts from sin? (Jesus, God.)

Transition Idea: Have the children wash different parts of their bodies with their hands (including hearts) as they move from one area to another. "We can wash with soap and water to get our bodies clean, but Jesus is the only One to wash our sins away from our hearts."

- Snack Suggestion:** Give the children several straight pretzels and cubes of cheese. Have them build a statue and show it to the table leader before they destroy it by eating it!
- Memory Verse Review:** (*tune: "Ring Around the Rosie"*) Put the children in a circle after the Bible Adventure. Walk in the circle slowly singing the following lines:
I am not asha-amed,
Of the-e Gospel.
Romans One, Sixteen.
We all bow down!
- What Did Paul Teach? (ROM02ECGF1 and ROM02ECGF6)** Give each child a GF1 page and talk about what Paul was teaching the Corinthians in the synagogue (the Gospel of Jesus). Talk about the people who teach us about Jesus—parents, Sunday school teachers, and pastors. Let the children glue a GF6 Bible in Paul’s hand and sing the memory verse song.
- Open Bible Pages: (ROM02ECGF7 and ROM02ECGF8)** Materials needed: GF7 activity page with the open Bible on it, the GF8 pages with the memory verse, glue sticks. Assist the children with taping or stapling several GF8 pages onto the GF7 open Bible. They can turn the pages they have glued in their Bibles to create a fun way to remember to share the Bible with friends, family, and neighbors. Review the memory verse from their very own Bible pages.
- Bible Book Mark: (ROM02ECGF9 and ROM02ECGF6)** Materials needed: Cut out GF9 pattern for book mark, a GF6 Bible to glue on the book mark, piece of yarn, hole punch, glue sticks, crayons or markers, any stickers for decorating. Assist the children in decorating their own bookmarks for their own Bibles or for their parents.
- Review with Cereal Strings and Snack:** Each child receives an 18” piece of yarn, a small bag of fruit loop cereal, and a paper plate. Put enough cereal in the bag to fill the yarn and also for a snack. Tie one end of the yarn to a piece of cereal. Lace the whole yarn with cereal, and tie off the other end, also. Place the string on the paper plate and ask the children to look for different shapes (hearts, circles, squares, sad mouth, happy mouth) or letters in their name. Write a “J” for Jesus and an “S” for sin. Talk about how we are all sinners except for Jesus who died so our sins could be forgiven. Use this for review.
- Hidden Faces:** Hide a lot of sad face stickers around the room. At some point in the morning, ask the children to find a sad face but leave it there. We don’t want sad sins in our life. Only Jesus can forgive sins and put God’s goodness in our hearts. Give each child a Jesus sticker to go back and cover up the sad sin sticker. If desired, they could bring the stickers back and place them on the picture of a person they got from a magazine (see Hook section).
- Snowball Catch Verse:** Tie a white sock in a knot and use for a snowball. Ask children to stand and toss the sock with a soft, underhanded toss (not throw) to another person in the circle. That person gets to say the first part of the verse and toss it to someone else who who gives the reference. Try the same thing, kneeling, sitting, and squatting.
- The Jews and the Gentiles Game:** Divide the class in half and put a bandaid (or sticker) on the back of the shirt of every child. Use two different colors, and keep the teams even. Allow the children to dance in the middle of the room to music or do different locomotor movements. Choose an adult to be a Jew and one to be a Gentile. Their job is to see who is on their team and to lead them off the floor over to a place where their team is gathering. A leader may only lead one child off the floor at a time. Who can get their team together first? Who has all the right people on their team? Other adults can dance with the class or call out different actions to perform to keep the children busy while the two leaders are looking for the right colored bandaid. Remember that both the Jews and the Gentiles needed to believe the Gospel of Jesus to be right with God. The bandaids can be hidden under the hair or a shirt tale, so the leaders have to really look to get their team together. Switch some of the bandaids around and repeat if time allows.
- Head Shoulders:** Do appropriate actions while saying:
Jesus made me...
Head, shoulders, knees, toes, ankle, legs, neck and nose.
Jesus loves me...
Jesus forgives me...
Jesus wants me to obey...

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- ④ **What Did You See?** On a tray, place a couple of pictures of disobedient children and one obedient one. Cover it up with a towel. Ask the children to come, one at a time, and look at the pictures. Give them a minute, and then cover it up again. They get to tell you what they saw. What were the wrong things the children were doing that were their problem sins? Who can fix our sin problems? Change the pictures occasionally.

Songs:

- Bible Themes Song** (tune: "Bible Songs for Preschool Children—Romans" tape)
(Chorus)

We like to sing about the Bible themes.
We like to sing about the Bible themes.
We like to sing about the Bible themes.
It helps us understand (God's Wo-ord).

Matthew—Jesus, the king;
Mark—Jesus, the servant;
Luke—Jesus, the perfect man;
And John—He's the Son of God.
(Repeat chorus.)

Acts—birth and growth of the church;
"Whose church?" God's church!
Romans—righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel.
(Repeat chorus.)

- Romans One, Sixteen, Memory Verse Song** (tune: "Ring Around the Rosie")

I am not asha-amed,
Of the-e Gospel.
Romans One, Sixteen.
It's the truth!

- Good News!** (tune: "Good News! Chariots Are Coming")
Good news! (Echo.) Jesus forgives. (Sing three times.)
He can make us right with God.

Bad news! (Echo.) We have a problem! (Sing three times.)
Our problem is our sin.
(Sing the first verse again.)

- For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.



Took:

- Object Lesson:** Put lots of small cars (or blocks) that are one color (red) and a second color (yellow) into a large bag. Let each child take a turn pulling one car out of the bag. Have all the children say the color of that car as soon as they see it. Put each car in a red pile or a yellow pile. Make this fun by being excited when the children can name the color. "We have pulled all these toys out of our bag. How are they all the same? (All cars.) How were they different? (Some reds and some yellows.) That is the same with the people who need God. Paul taught the Jews that they needed Jesus even though they had God's Law. Paul also told the Gentiles they needed Jesus instead of their wooden statues. Both Jews and Gentiles were the same in that they needed the Gospel of Jesus."

- Getting Sin out of Our Hearts: (ROM02ECGF11 and ROM02ECGF12)** Materials needed: two GF11 hearts cut from card stock per child, glue sticks, black paper, GF12 sin pictures cut-out and glued to black paper, yellow paper circles with a GF12 picture of Jesus glued on them, crayons. Make the heart pocket by cutting and stapling the two hearts from the bottom around to the sides, leaving the top open. In today's Bible Adventure, the children learned about sinful hearts. The children can put the black sins and the yellow forgiveness into their heart pockets, then reach in and pull out one or the other and discuss it in class. They can take this activity home and share it with their parents as a game.
- Coloring Picture Page: (ROM02ECGF12)** Color only the picture that shows who can forgive sins. Mark out the other "sin" pictures with an "X." Sing "Good News" as the children work on their pages (see Song section).
- Preschool Page for Parents: (ROM02ECPPP)** 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.



Paul taught the *Gospel of Jesus* in the synagogue-church at Corinth.



Paul taught the Gospel of Jesus to the Jews who had God's Law.

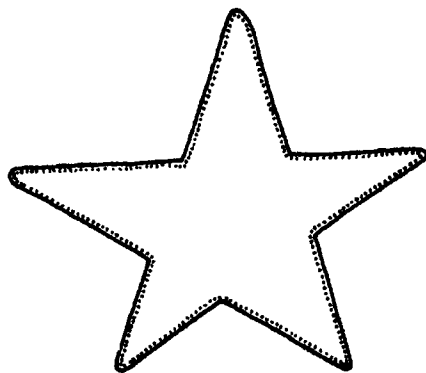
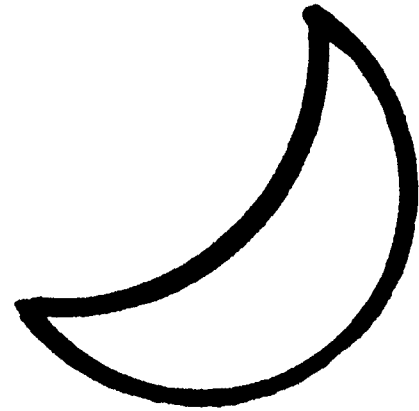
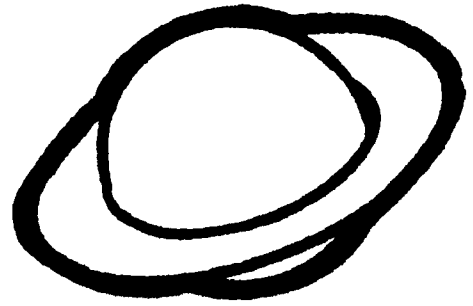
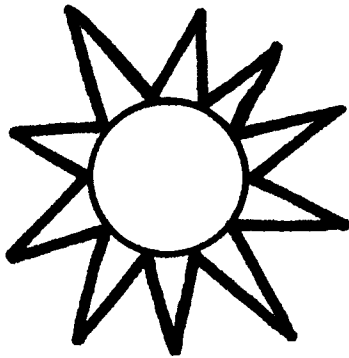


Paul taught the Gospel of Jesus to the Gentiles who made idols to worship.



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Cover up Those Silly Idols



BIBLE

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Gospel.**

**Romans
1:16**

**I am not
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Pages for GF7 Bible

**Cut out, fold in half, and staple
to the center of the GF7 Bible.
Give each child several pages.**

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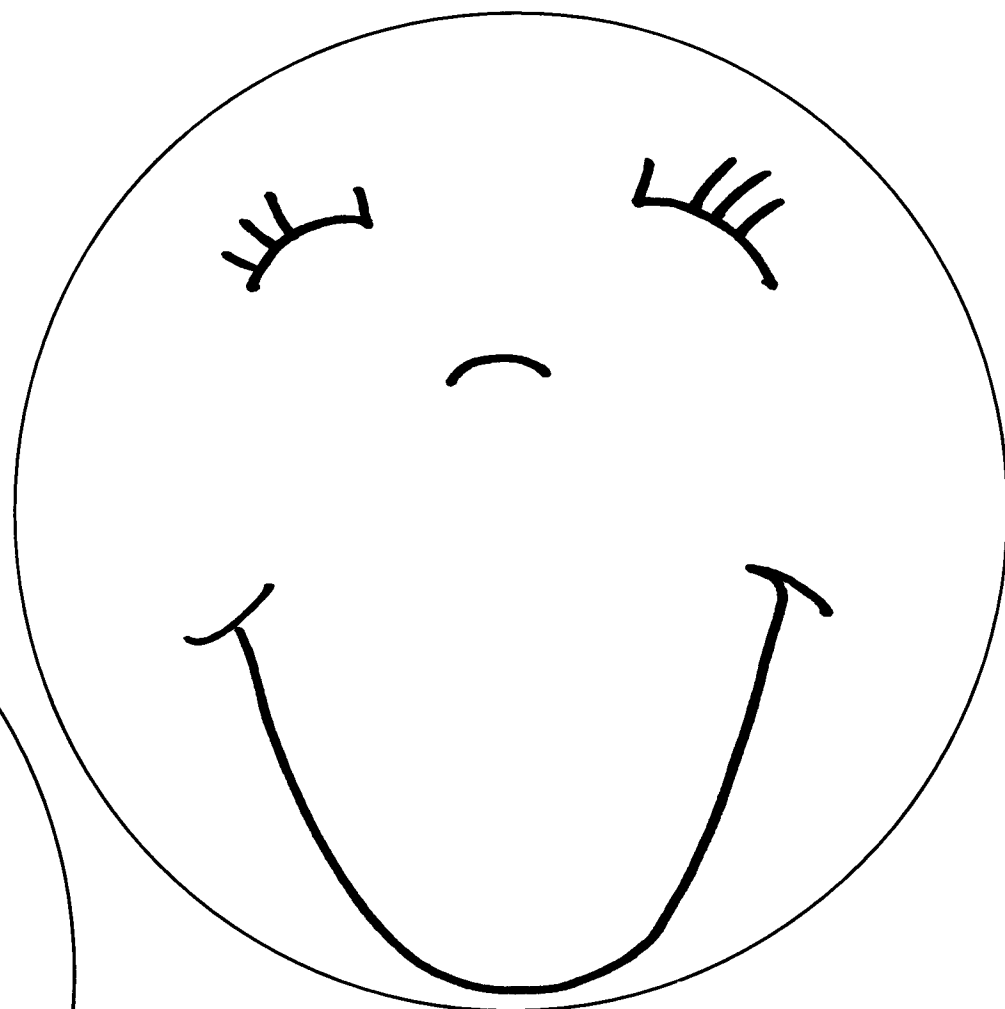
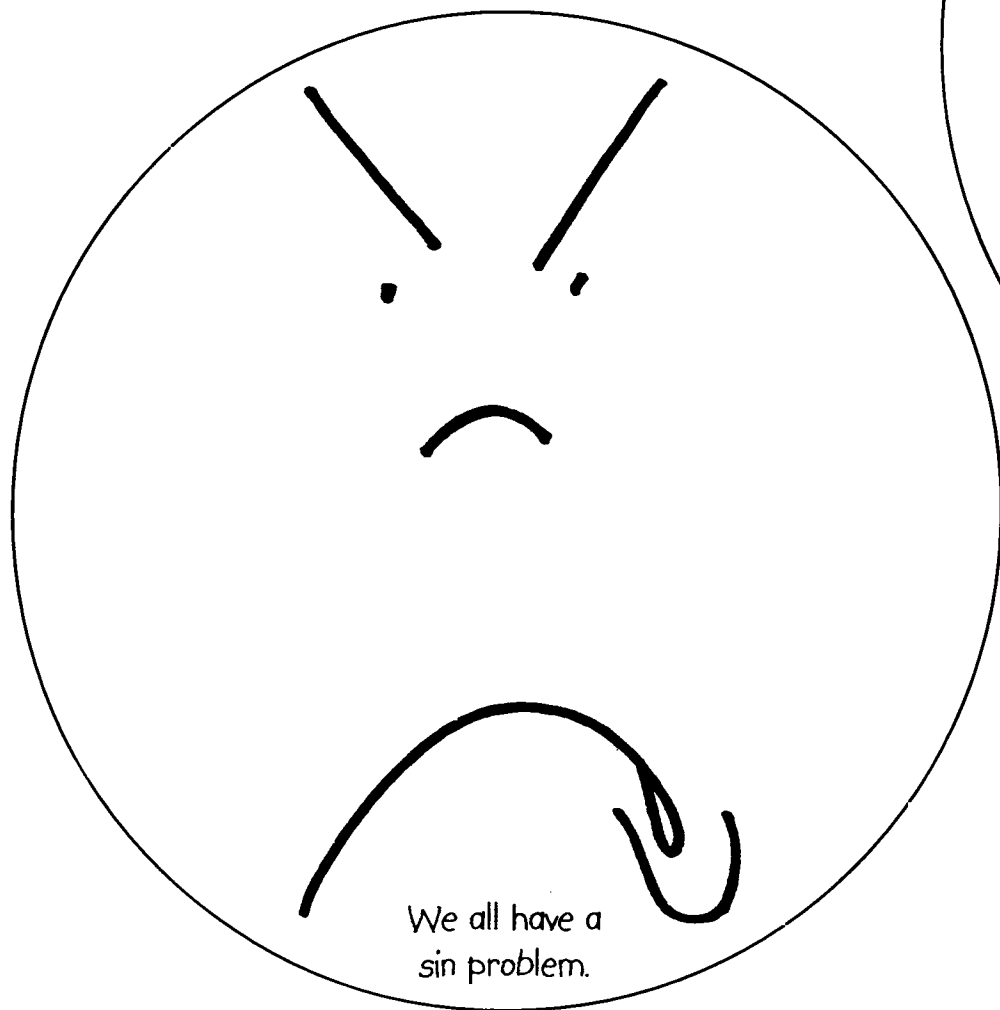
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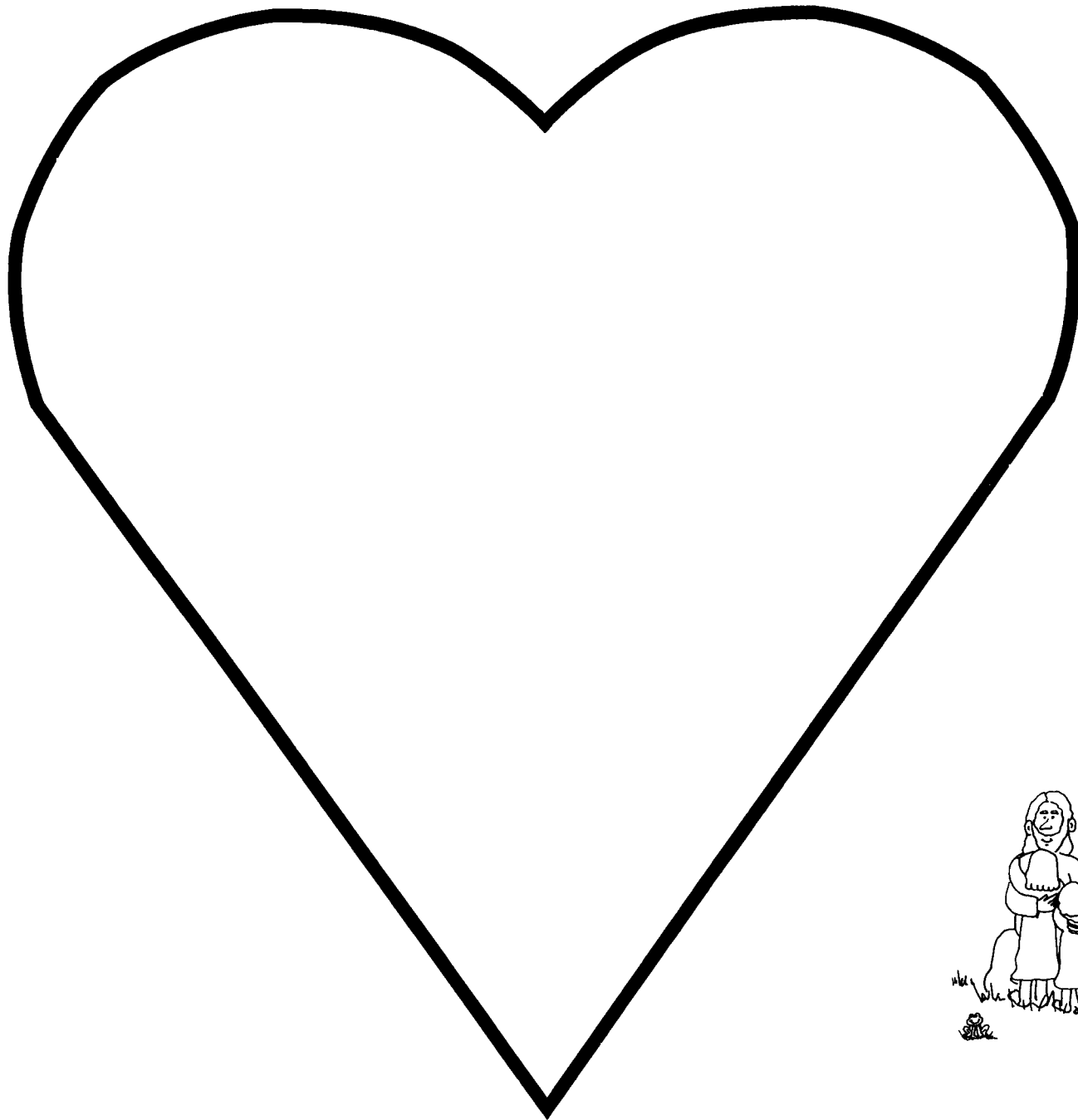
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Happy-Sad Face Puppets



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Good News!

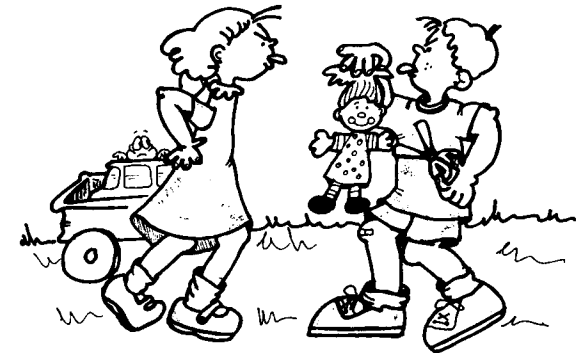
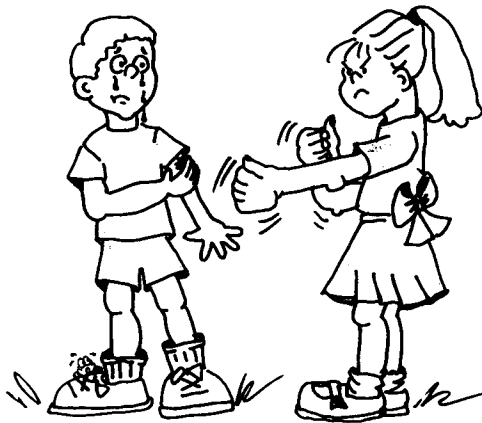
Gospel

Romans 1:16



We are all sinners who need to trust Jesus to forgive us.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation. Romans 1:16



Color the picture that shows who can forgive sins. Mark out the "sin" pictures with an "X".



This is what I learned today!

Paul wrote to the Christians in Rome to tell them he loved them and prayed for them. He told them that all people have a problem with sin. Jesus is the only way in which they can get the bad sin out of their hearts and get God's goodness in. The Jewish people had God's Law. Their sin problem was that they thought they were good enough with God's Law and did not want to have Jesus as their Savior. Paul said that the Gentile people also had a sin problem because they thought that their wooden gods would help them. Only the powerful God who created everyone and everything in the world can help. God can fix our sin problem. He can forgive our sins. Faith in Jesus is the only way to be forgiven so that we can be right with God.

Today's Memory Verse

I am not ashamed of the Gospel.
Romans 1:16

What's my problem?



Teach your young children that we all have a problem, and that problem is sin. Sin makes us selfish and want to disobey and do what we know is wrong. Sing with your preschool child the following words to the tune "Ring Around the Rosie."

I have a problem!
You have a problem!
Sin is the problem;
We all disobey!

Jesus is the answer!
Jesus is the answer!
He forgives! He forgives!
We want to obey!

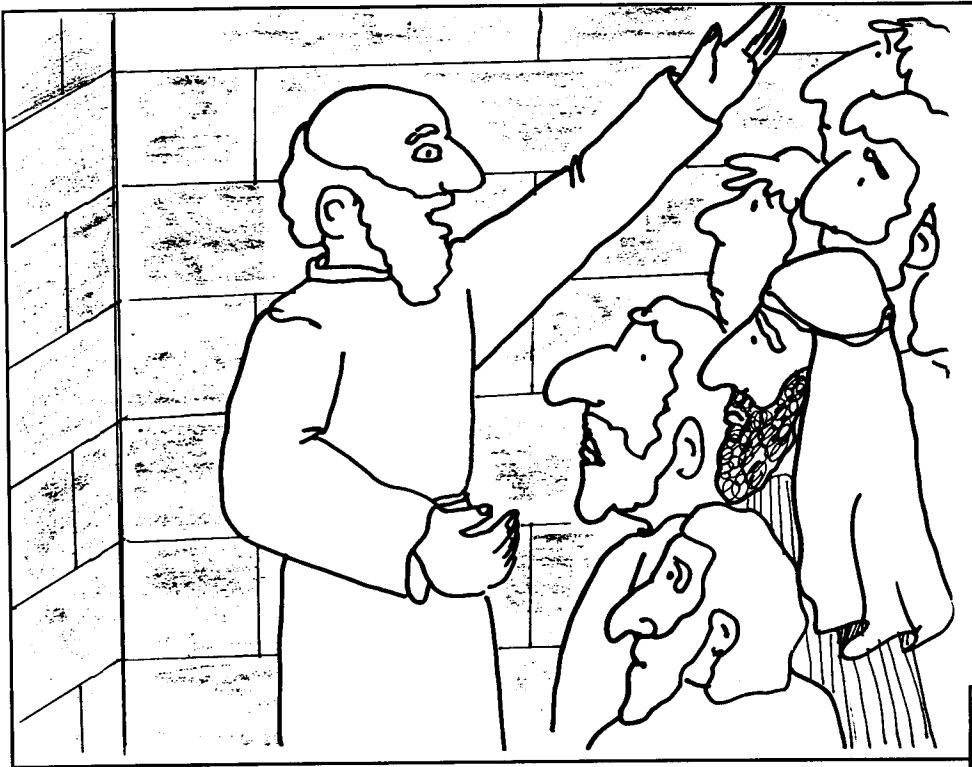
Good News!

(tune: "Good News! Chariots Are Coming")

Good news! (Echo.) **Jesus forgives.** (Sing three times.)
He can make us right with God.

Bad news! (Echo.) **We have a problem!** (Sing three times.)
Our problem is our sin.
(Sing the first verse again.)

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



Paul taught that Jews and Gentiles all have a problem with sin in their hearts.

Faith in Jesus is the only way to have our sin problem fixed.

