

God Chooses Gentiles and Jews for His Family.

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 10:9: Confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord."

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** It is a good idea to carry a tape recorder and cassette tape of action songs and activities to pull out when needed. There are wonderful Christian activity tapes available to which the children would enjoy listening and moving. Become familiar with one tape and the activities on it to use as a supplement to the curriculum or a filler during your teaching times.
- Paul Crying Center: (Review picture ROM01ECGF3)** Use the ROM01ECGF3 picture to color while talking about why Paul was sad at this time. (Paul was thinking of all his fellow Israelites who would not be in God's family. Paul was working very hard to help his fellow Israelites believe in Jesus. They did not all believe that Jesus came to die for their sins, and this was making Paul sad.) After the picture is colored and labeled with the child's name, give him a sparkle glitter glue pen. And show him how to make dots for teardrops on the picture. Allow thirty minutes for the glue to dry.
- "Mighty Miracles of God" Book Center:** Bring to class the stories of how God helped the Israelites in the desert. Include the stories of the plagues in Egypt, parting the waters of the Red Sea, manna from heaven, Abraham and Sarah, and giving the Law to Moses. "Paul's fellow countrymen had all the ways of knowing God because they were God's chosen people. They had written down in their own books what we are reading today. They were expecting someone to come save them, but they did not want to believe that God had sent Jesus to save them. They would not put their faith in Jesus. This made Paul sad because he was an Israelite."
- God Chooses People Center: (ROM07ECGF5)** Use the ROM07ECGF5 picture showing Jesus as the cornerstone. Provide small, cutout faces from catalogues and magazines, and allow the children to add faces using glue sticks to "build the church larger." God chooses people from all over the world, Jews and Gentiles, to be in His family.
- Block Center: (ROM07ECGF6)** Choose some blocks that are not normally in your classroom. Tape a GF6 picture of Jesus from the curriculum onto the largest block and have the children build a structure on top of it. (If desired, tape the apostles' pictures on smaller blocks. Older children can review the names of the apostles.) "Just as we are placing blocks on top of the picture of Jesus, Jesus is the cornerstone of God's church family. The church is built on faith in Him. Without Jesus, there is no true church." Take away the block with the picture of Jesus and have them build a structure. "This structure or building is not God's true church because Jesus is not the center of it."
- Language Visitors:** Invite people who know different languages to come and say the memory verse to the children. An alternate plan would be to tape record these people and play it for the children. God's family includes people of all nationalities.


-  **"What Does It Mean to Stumble?" Center:** Set up an obstacle course of three or four soft items. Ask the children to jump or step over the items. (Suggestions could include a bean bag chair, large stuffed animals, pillows, etc. These items could be placed on a tumbling mat.) A teacher may help by holding a hand to steady the child. If a child falls down at any time, tell him he stumbled over that object. "Today's Bible Adventure tells about Paul's fellow Israelites who stumbled over learning about faith in Jesus. They fell down when it came to believing Jesus was the Son of God."



Book:

Presentation Ideas -

-  Color and show the **ROM07ECGF1**, **ROM07ECGF2**, **ROM07ECGF3**, and **ROM07CGF4** pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure. Keep these pictures for review in future lessons.

-  **"God's Family Grows" Finger Play:** Have the children stand in front of their chairs.

When I was a baby,
I was very small. *(Reach down to floor with palm toward floor.)*
Now I am (three) years old, *(Hold up fingers.)*
And I'm growing big and tall! *(Raise hand above head.)*
When I was a baby,
I could only crawl. *(Down on hands and knees.)*
Now I can walk, and I can jump,
But sometimes, down I fall! *(Jump and fall.)*

When the church was a baby,
It was very small, *(Reach down to floor with palm toward floor.)*
Paul wrote to tell the Romans,
"Speak Jesus to one and all!" *(Cup hands around mouth.)*
The church family grew;
Bigger and bigger it got, *(Spread arms out wider and wider.)*
Now there are many families,
Who come to church to be taught. *(Make church steeple with two hands.)*

Bible Adventure for 2's & 3's-

(Show the review ROM01ECGF3 picture.) Paul has been writing his letter to the Roman churches about the good news Gospel. It is happy news to know that we don't have to be slaves to selfish sin. It makes us happy to know that we can belong in God's special family.

(Show the review ROM06ECGF2 picture.) Paul was sad because the Israelites had all the help they needed to become a part of God's family. They had God's law, and they were God's chosen people through Abraham. But many of them would not be in God's family because they didn't put their faith in Jesus. They did not believe that Jesus was God over all, and so they would not confess with their mouths, "Jesus is Lord."

(Show the ROM07ECGF3 picture.) Paul wrote that it was not good deeds that would get people into heaven. The Israelites did good deeds but would not accept the fact that Jesus is the cornerstone of God's church family. The church is built on Him. Without Jesus, there is no true church. Some people think that the church is a building, like where we come on Sunday morning. But, Jesus' true church is not a building; it is people who belong to Jesus. The disciples are at the foundation of God's church family because they have God's Word. Jews and Gentiles who believe the truth are in God's church family.

(Show the ROM07ECGF4 picture.) Paul wrote the Romans to say that God is in charge of the whole world. God decides who will be in His family. Jesus is God over all. Jesus knows who will be in His family and what is best for them. Some Jews will be in God's family. God has also chosen many Gentiles to be in His family. These are the people who are not ashamed of the Gospel. They are grateful for the good news. They confess with their mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and they are safe in God's family. The people who bow and worship Jesus will receive the Holy Spirit to help them obey.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for making a way for me to belong to Your family. You always know what is best for me, and I trust You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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

(Show the review ROM01ECGF3 picture of Paul writing a letter. Draw tears dropping from his eyes.) Paul has been writing his letter to the Roman churches about the good news Gospel. It is happy news to know that we don't have to be slaves to selfish sin. It makes us happy to know that we can belong in God's special family. But in chapter nine, Paul wrote that he was very sad when he thought of all of his fellow Israelites who would not be in God's family. Paul said, "I would do anything I could to help my fellow Israelites believe in Jesus. I would even give up my own place in heaven if I could. It breaks my heart to think of so many Israelites not going to heaven."

(Show the ROM07ECGF1 picture.) Paul continued writing, "The Israelites have had all the advantages in knowing God; they are God's chosen people. They have the promises of blessing given to their ancestor, Abraham, and they have God's Law that He gave to Moses. The Israelites know all about God's righteousness and power. They saw how God sent the plagues so Pharaoh would let them leave Egypt. They saw many mighty miracles from God—parting the waters, and food from heaven. Then, finally, God sent Jesus to them—their Messiah. Jesus proved He was the Son of God by coming back to life from the dead. What more could the Israelites possibly need in order to believe and be saved in God's family?"

(Show the review ROM06ECGF2 picture. Draw an "X" through Jesus.) Paul wrote, "The Israelites have all they need to be in God's family, but most of them will not be because they don't put their faith in Jesus. They do not believe that Jesus is God over all (Romans 9:5), and so they won't become part of God's family even though they are in Abraham's family tree. The blessings promised to Abraham will not be theirs even though they came from Abraham's family. Just being in a family with parents who believe in God does not mean that a child will automatically be in God's family. Each person must give his sins to Jesus and take Jesus' righteousness by faith to be in God's family. Each person must confess with his mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' to be safe."

(Show the ROM07ECGF2 picture.) Paul wrote, "The Israelites stumbled over faith in Jesus, like a person stumbles over a stone. The Israelites who would not humble themselves and ask Jesus for forgiveness, would not become part of God's family because they thought they were good enough without Jesus. They were busy doing their own good deeds that they thought would get them to heaven. They thought that it was good deeds that got them into heaven.

(Show the ROM07ECGF3 picture.) "It is not good deeds that get people into heaven. The Israelites have not accepted the fact that Jesus is the cornerstone of God's church family. The church is built on Him. Without Jesus, there is no true church, just as without a cornerstone, there is no safe building. Some people think that the church is a building, like where we come on Sunday—to church. But, Jesus' true church is not a building; it is people who belong to Jesus. The apostles are at the foundation of God's church family because they have God's Word, which is the truth for all people, whether they are Israelites or Gentiles."

(Show the ROM07ECGF4 picture.) Paul wrote, "God is in charge of the whole world. God decides who will be in His family. Jesus is God over all. He knows who will be in His family, and what is best for them. God has chosen many Gentiles to invite into His family. These are the people who are not ashamed of the Gospel; they are grateful for the good news. They confess with their mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and they are taken into God's family. The people who bow and worship Jesus rather than stumble over Him will receive the Holy Spirit to help them obey."

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for making a way for me to belong to Your family. You always know what is best for me, and I trust You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2's & 3's:

- 1. Who was writing a letter to the Christians in Rome?** *(Paul.)*
- 2. Who is in charge of the whole world?** *(God, Jesus.)*
- 3. Who has God chosen to be in His family?** *(Jews and Gentiles who say that Jesus is Lord. Say the memory verse.)*

Aim Questions for 4's & 5's:

- 1. Why was Paul sad when he wrote Romans chapter nine?** *(Many of Paul's fellow Israelites would not be included in God's family.)*
- 2. What were the Israelites "stumbling over"?** *(They were stumbling over Jesus, the "cornerstone" of God's family.)*
- 3. Who does God choose to live in His family?** *(Jews and Gentiles who confess that Jesus is Lord. Say the memory verse.)*



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write out the words "Jesus is Lord" on three different pieces of paper and place them in a prominent position. Ask for a particular word which the child "reads" and takes to the teacher. Say the memory verse after the questions have been answered and "read" the three words by pointing at them as the verse is said.
- Snack Suggestion:** Serve vanilla wafers and talk about the manna being like white wafers that God gave to the Israelites when they were traveling through the desert. The Israelites were hungry, and God fed them. The Israelites knew who God was through their "books" (the Old Testament), but they did not believe that Jesus died for their sins. This is what made Paul sad.
- Transition Idea:** Show how Paul was sad because he knew that many of his fellow Israelites would not be in God's family. We should be sad, too, when we know someone who does not know about Jesus.
- God's Church Family Activity Page: (ROM07ECGF3 and ROM07ECGF7)** Each child receives a GF3 picture and a set of GF7 apostles that have been cut apart. Younger children can match the GF7 apostles to the GF3 picture and glue them anywhere on the page. Talk about Jesus and the apostles' teaching being the foundation of what people in God's family believe.
- Building "Bingo": (ROM07ECGF8)** Place a set of GF8 pictures in a bag. Children take turns picking a picture out of the bag and placing it on their GF8 colored sheet. Repeat as time and interest allows. We must believe what the apostles taught in the Bible, and we also must receive Jesus' forgiveness and righteousness into our own individual lives.
- Don't Stumble without Faith: (ROM07ECGF9 and ROM07ECGF10)** Give children a GF9 page and a band-aid to put on the Israelites' toe. The proud Israelite "stumbled" and hurt himself when he wouldn't confess Jesus as Lord over all. Give each child a GF10 memory to glue over the angry Israelite. Sing "Romans 10:9, Memory Verse Song" several times as the children are working.
- Jesus' Family Puppets: (ROM07ECGF11)** Copy the GF11 page so that each child has one of the pictures for a puppet. He can color his puppet, if desired, or glue bits of fabric onto the clothes. Assist the children in creating a puppet by taping their picture to a straw or popsicle (craft) stick. As the teacher briefly reviews the Bible Adventure about the advantages of being an Israelite, the children who have the Israelite puppets (Abraham and Moses pictures) hold up their puppets or have them bow down to the Jesus puppets. Those who have the Gentile puppets bow them before Jesus as the teacher explains that God also chooses Gentiles who never knew any of the promises or the commandments of the Law. These puppets can be stored in a basket marked "Jesus' Family" when not in use. These puppets can be used to review the memory verse later in the morning, if desired.
- Sad Paul Musical Chairs:** While music is playing, walk around sad-faced and slumped over, swaying to the music. When the music stops and children are seated, ask "Why was Paul sad? Because his fellow Israelites didn't believe in Jesus and wouldn't be in God's family." Repeat several times.
- "What Did God Give Israelites to Help Them Believe in Jesus?" Treasure Hunt:** Hide pictures around the room of God's miracles from the Old Testament. These can be pictures from former studies or Bible story books with a marker in them to designate the miracles. When the children find the pictures that have been hidden, let them take turns sitting in the Paul chair, explaining their picture.
- "God Is in Charge" March:** March in place, singing the following words to the tune "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In":
God is in charge. God is in charge. (*Swing arms.*)
God is in charge of the whole world. (*Swing arms, and then form in a big circle.*)
He decides who is in His family. (*Point to each other.*)
He-e is the One in charge. (*Point up, and then swing arms.*)
- Confess, Confess Game:** Seat the children in a big circle. This game will be played as "Duck, Duck, Goose." Have one child outside the circle touching the seated children on their shoulders while he says, "Confess, confess, confess, confess." When the child says, "Jesus is Lord," the child he has

touched must get up and chase the little one back to the empty spot on the floor. If he makes it back without getting touched, he can sit down, and the game begins again with the new player in position.

- "Jesus Is Lord" Activity:** Provide two identical bins of objects on one side of the room. It could contain blocks with only one red block in each bin, or stuffed animals with only one blue animal, etc. Divide the class into two teams and group them on the opposite side of the room from the bins. Show each team which bin is theirs. When they are touched on the shoulder, one member from each team runs to his bin, digs through it till he finds the (red) object and shouts, "Jesus is Lord," throws the object back in the bin, and goes back to his group. Station a leader by the bins to stir up the contents so that each player has to dig for the different colored object. Which team claims "Jesus is Lord" from all of its members first? Was it hard to find the different object? Repeat the game with a different object being found. (It could be the blue object, object with legs, object with no nose, etc.) Encourage the class members to cheer for the person working on their team.

Songs:

- Romans 10:9, Memory Verse Song** (tune: "He's Got the Whole World")
Con-fess with your mou-outh, "Jesus is Lord." (Sing three times.)
Romans chapter ten, verse nine.
(Repeat.)

- Father Abraham**
Father Abraham had many sons; many sons had Father Abraham.
I am one of them, if I confess
That Jesus is the Lord (right arm, left arm, etc.).

- My God is so Great** (with revisions)
My God is so great, so strong, and so mighty;
There's nothing my God cannot do! (Clap, clap.)
My God is so great, so strong, and so mighty;
There's nothing my God cannot do! (Clap, clap.)
The Gentiles are His; the Jewish are His;
God's family, His handiwork, too.
My God is so great, so strong, and so mighty;
There's nothing my God cannot do! For you!



Took:

- Verse Review Megaphones: (ROM07ECGF10)** Use paper tubes with a hole punched on one end. Tie a piece of yarn through this hole so the megaphone can hang around the child's neck. Let the children decorate with stickers, markers, and a GF10 memory verse sticker. Ask the children, "When you believe in Jesus, what does God want us to do? He wants us to 'Confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord' (Romans 10:9). When you have Jesus' righteousness in you, and you love Him, you want to tell others about Him." Say the verse together, using the megaphone for "Jesus is Lord."
- "Wheels on the Bus" Verse Review:** Sing the memory verse song several times and then between each of the following verses while seated in a long line of pairs of chairs:
The wheels on the bus go round and round. Round and round. Round and round.
The wheels on the bus go round and round all around the town.
The people on the bus say, "Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is Lord."
The people on the bus say "Jesus is Lord" all around the town.
The horn on the bus goes "Honk, honk, honk. Honk, honk, honk. Honk, honk, honk."
The horn on the bus goes "Honk, honk, honk all around the town."
The driver on the bus says "Move on back. Move on back. Move on back."
The driver on the bus says "Move on back" all around the town.
Add other verses as you think of them!

- Happy Face Stamps and Map: (ROM07ECGF12 or ROM07ECGF3)** Give each child a world map or picture of a church building and let them stamp happy believers all over it. God is in charge of the world, and He knows who will be in his church family wherever they might live.
- Globe and Missionary Review:** Ask children to come up one at a time and point to a place on a world map or globe. Give them the name of the area, and ask who is in charge of _____? Their response together is, "God is in charge of the whole world." Be sure to include the areas where our missionaries are located.
- "What Did God Give You to Help You Believe in Jesus?" Picture Bag: (ROM07ECGF13)** Let a child pull a picture out of a bag and discuss how each one helps a person understand Jesus and the gospel of salvation. Include a Bible, a Bible story cassette tape and booklet, and any of the GF13 pictures. Be sure that the children understand that just because their dad and mom believe in Jesus and have Him in their lives, does not mean they are automatically in God's family. They each must put their faith in Jesus and receive His righteous life.
- Preschool Page for Parents: (ROM07ECPPP)** 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.

The Israelites had many advantages for getting into God's kingdom family. They had the promises given to Abraham, the Law given to Moses, and the promised Messiah, Jesus.



God promised Abraham and his family many blessings.



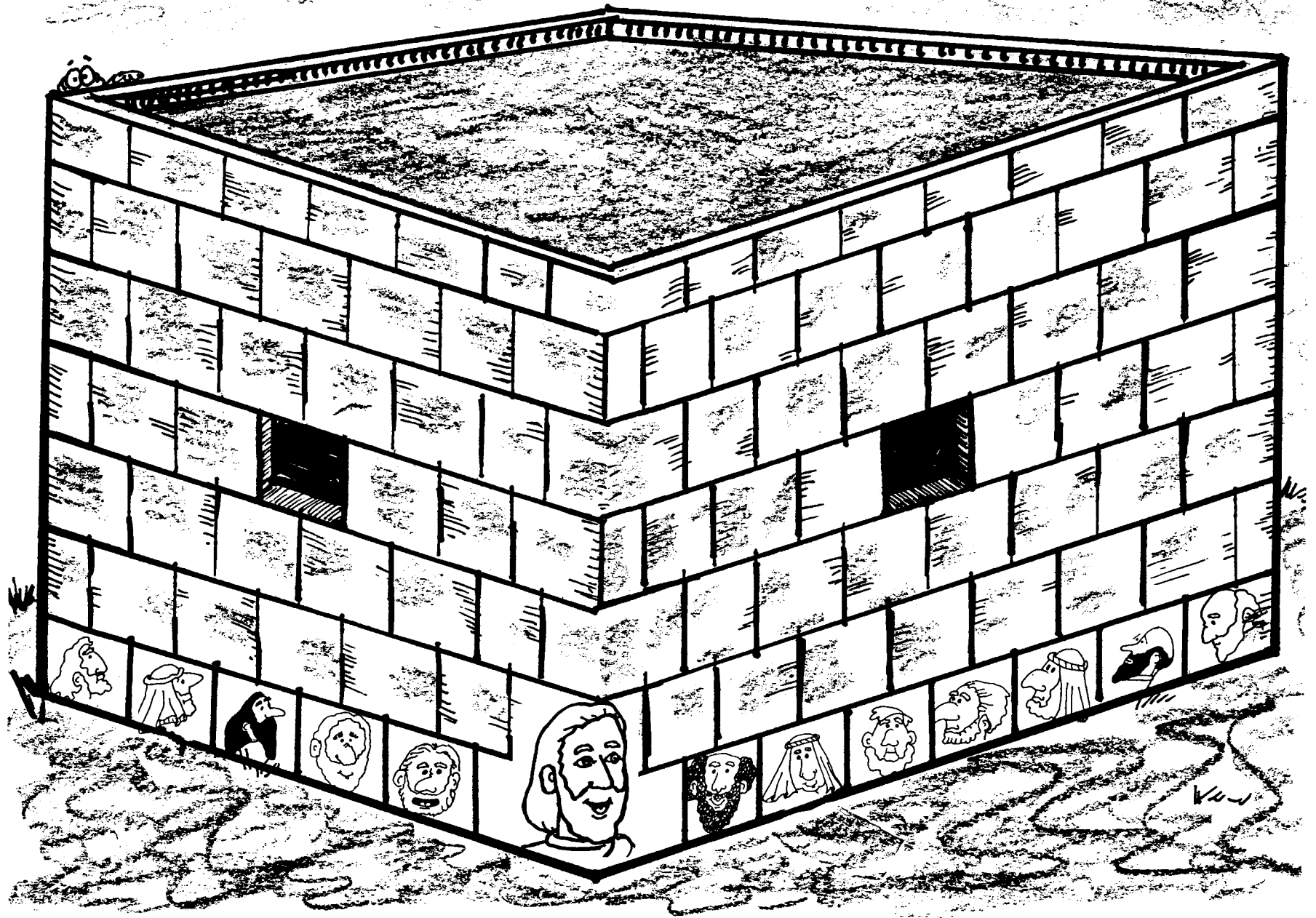
God gave Moses the holy Law.



God sent His Son, Jesus, to forgive sins.



The Israelites "stumbled" over faith in Jesus, like a person stumbles over a stone.



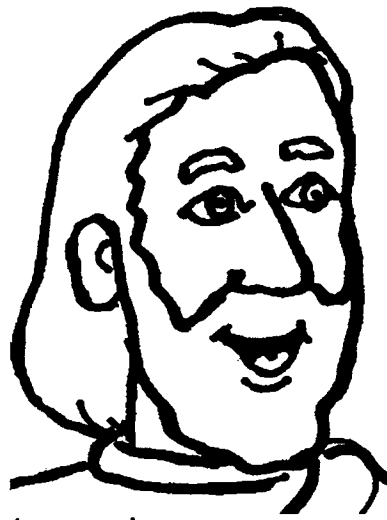
God's church family is built upon Jesus and God's Word given to the apostles.



God chooses Jews and Gentiles for His family to have Jesus' righteousness.



God chooses Israelites and Gentiles to be in His family.



Jesus, the cornerstone



Apostle Peter



Apostle Andrew



Apostle John



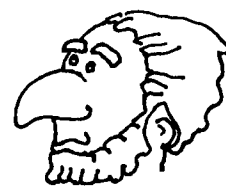
Apostle Paul



Apostle James



Apostle James



Apostle Thomas



Apostle Simon



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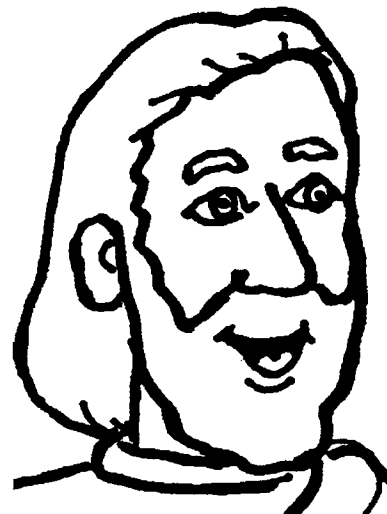
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Apostle Nathaniel



Jesus, the cornerstone



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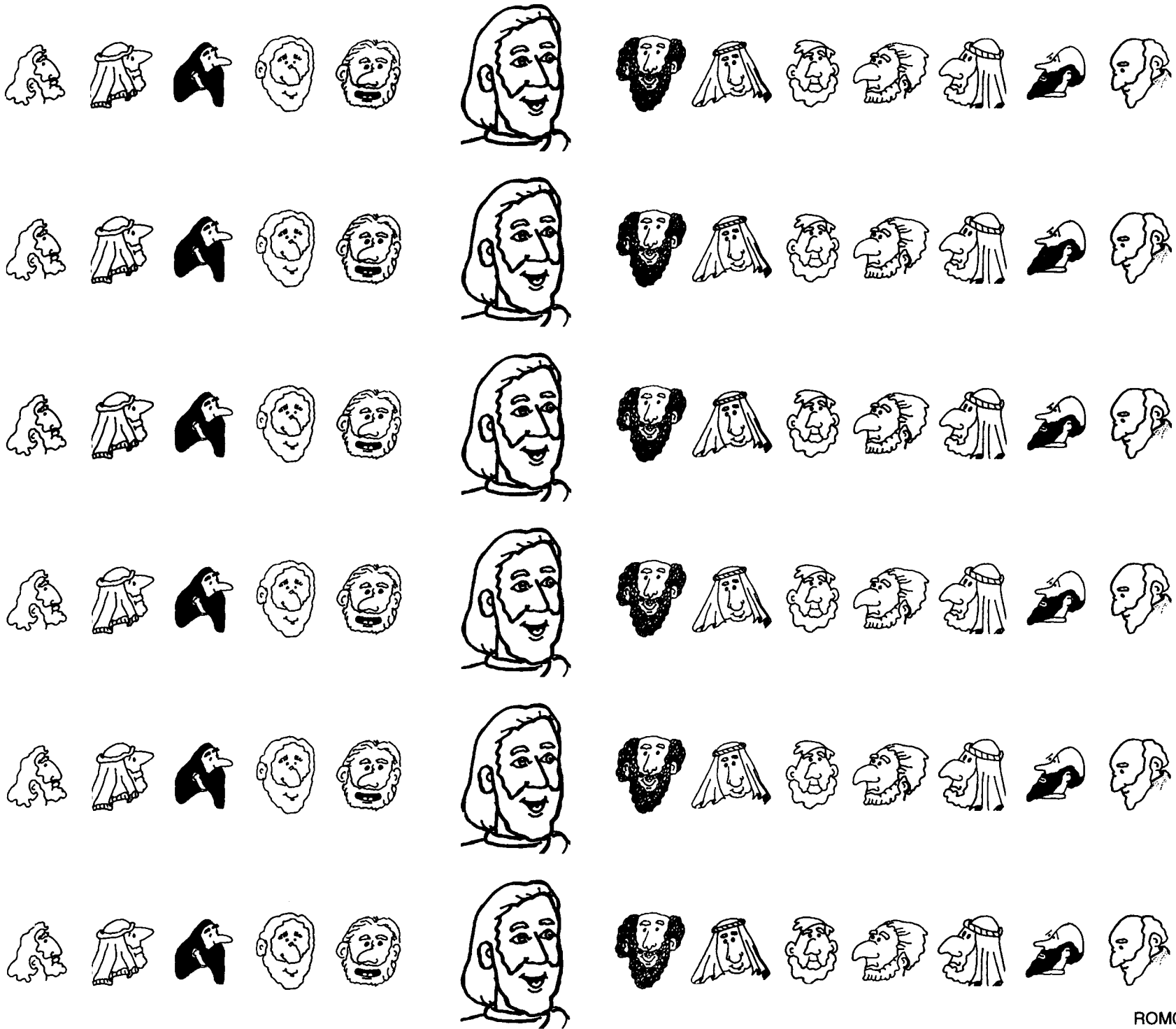
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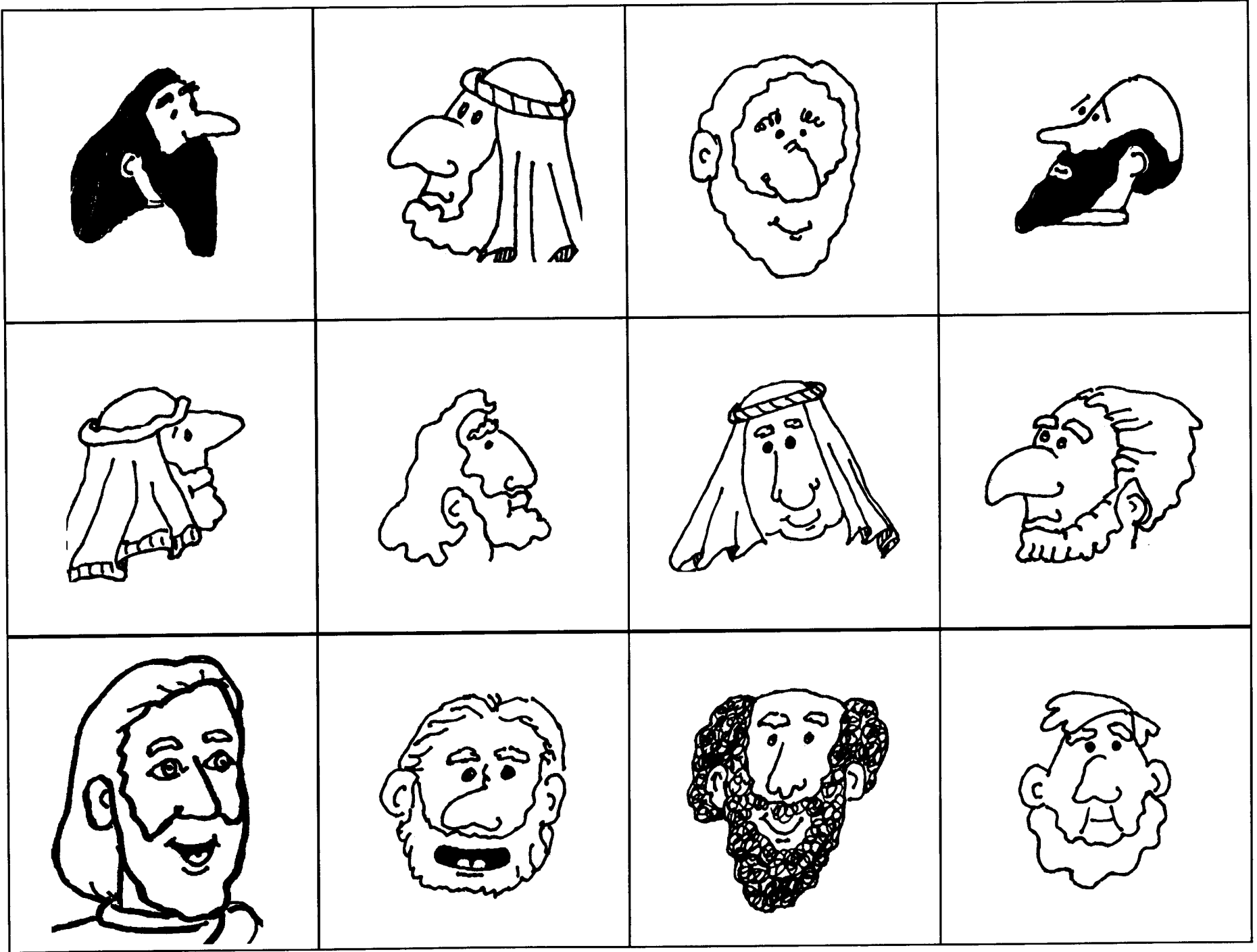


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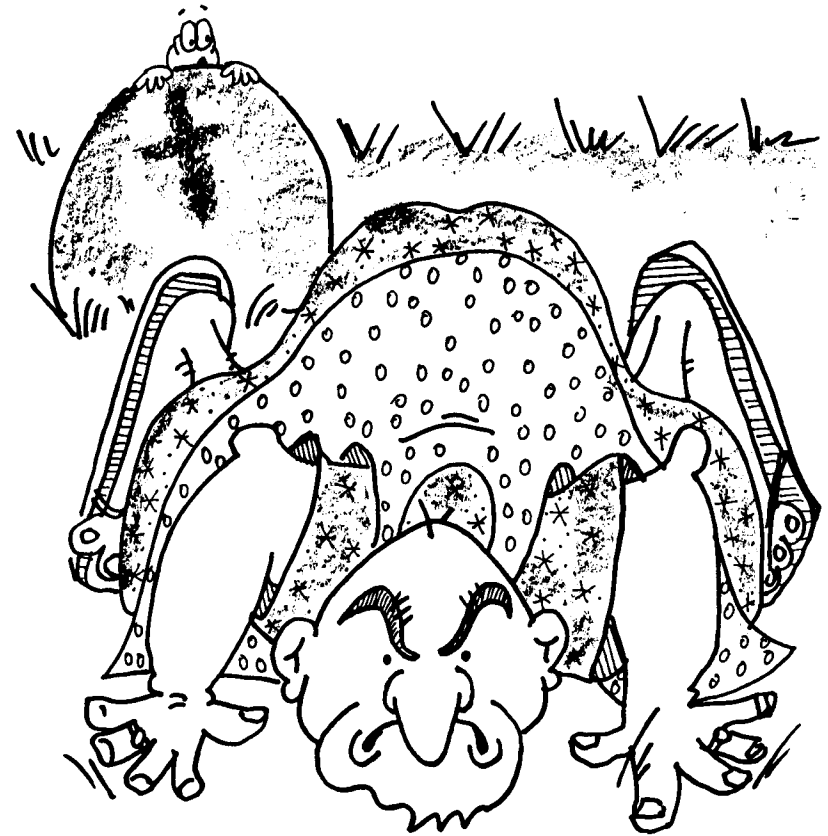
Apostle Nathaniel







Don't be like the proud Israelite who "stumbled" over faith in Jesus, like a person stumbles over a stone.



The only way to get into God's family is by faith in Jesus. Glue a GF10 memory verse sticker over this man.



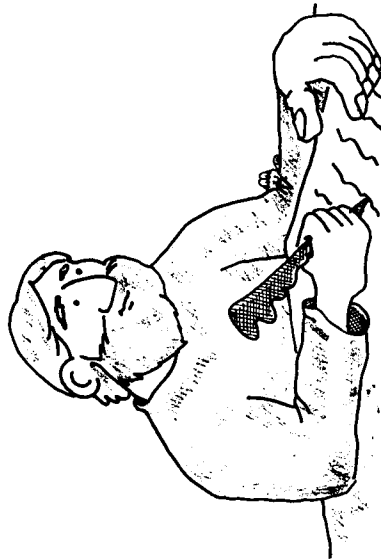
Israelite Abraham



Israelite Moses



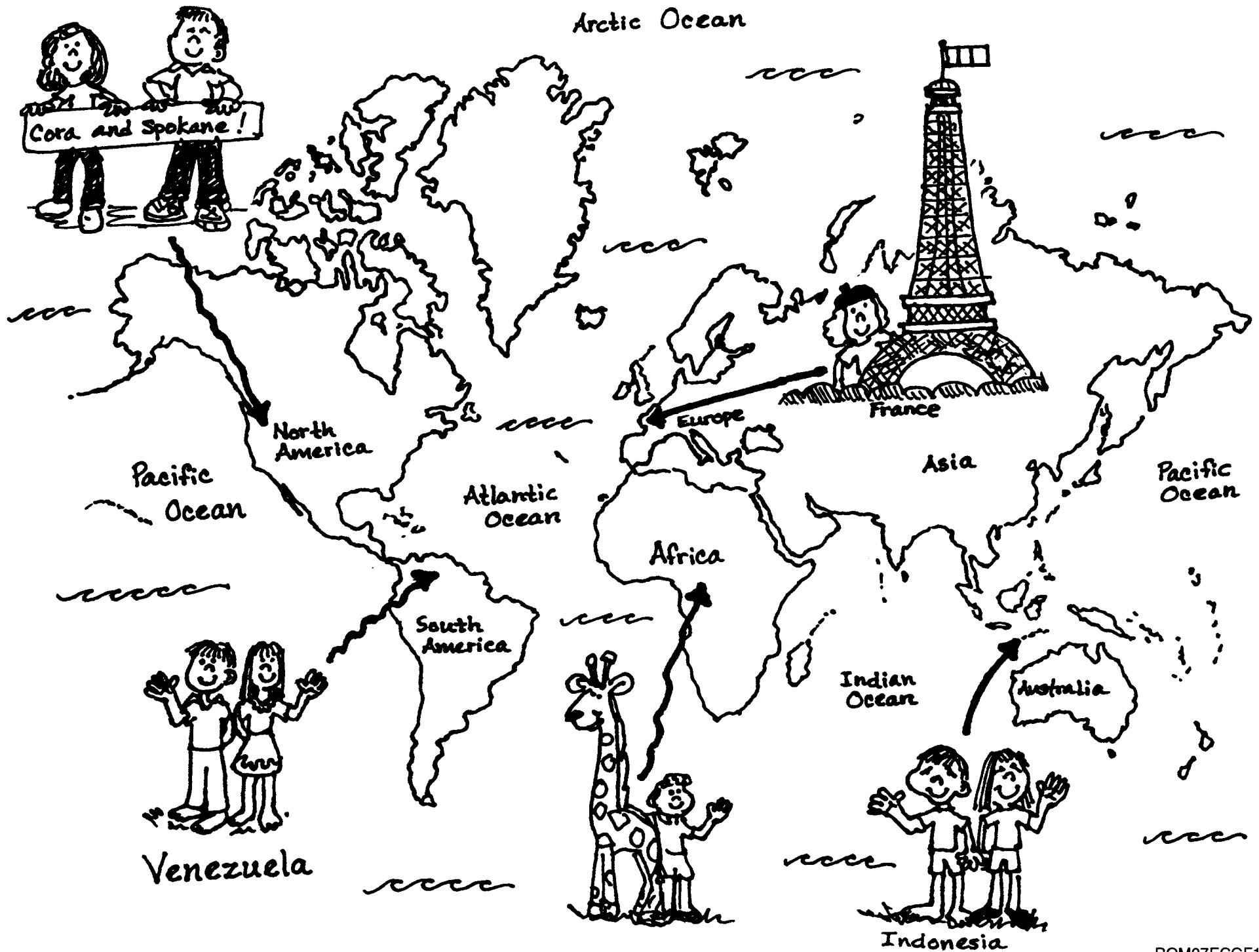
Israelite Messiah,
Jesus

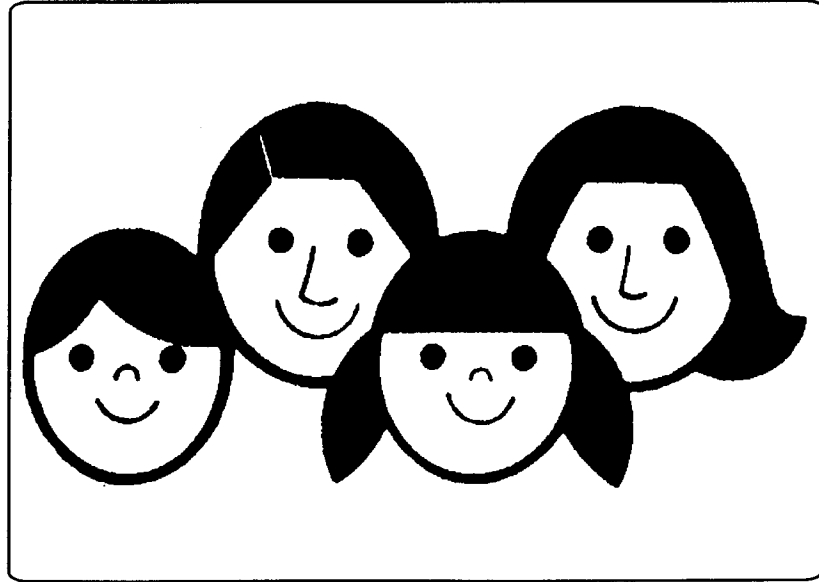
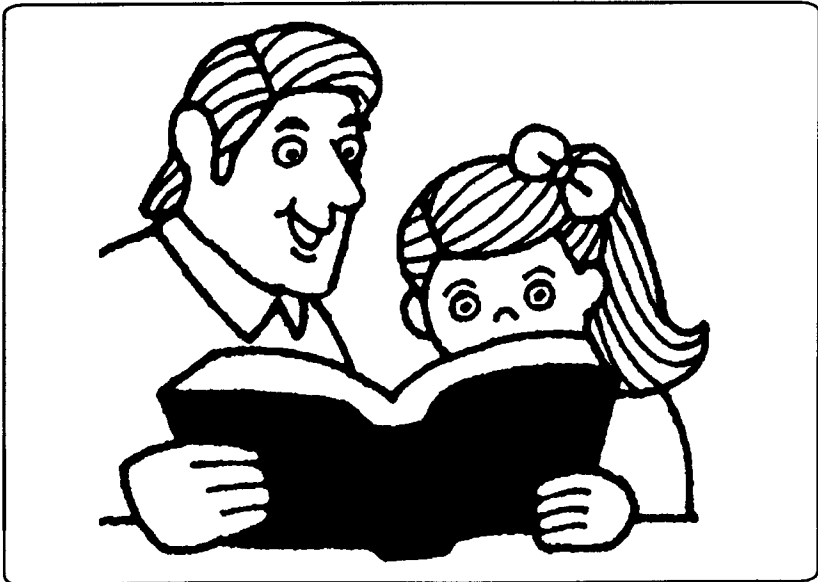
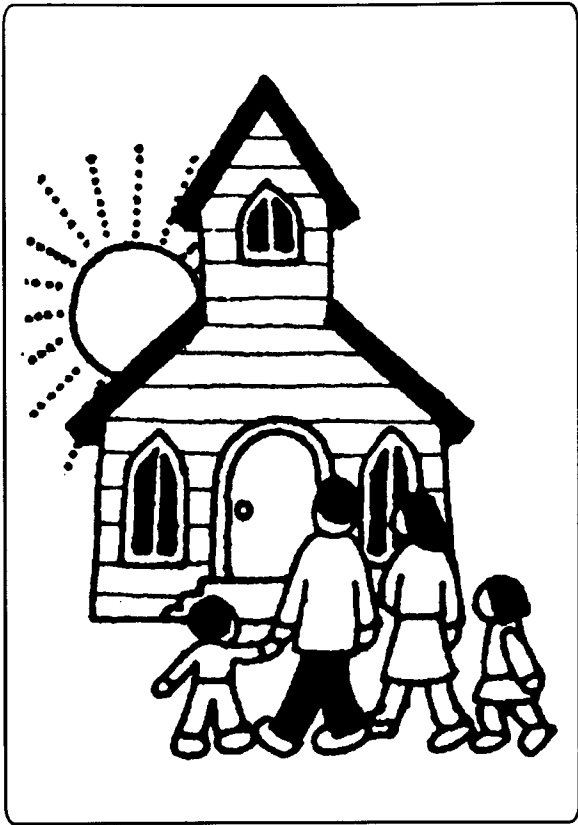


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This is what I learned today!

Paul wrote the Christians in Rome to tell them that Jews and Gentiles would be in God's church family. Paul was sad when he thought of all his fellow Israelites who would not be in God's family. The Israelites were God's chosen people with all the promises and blessings given to Abraham. But they were not willing to give their sins to Jesus and take Jesus' righteousness by faith so they could be in God's family. They thought they were good enough without Jesus. Only by confessing "Jesus is Lord" could they be safe in God's family. God is in charge of the whole world and has chosen many Gentiles to be in His family. These are the people who are not ashamed of the Gospel. Jews and Gentiles who bow and worship Jesus will receive the Holy Spirit to help them obey God.

Today's Memory Verse

**Confess with your mouth,
"Jesus is Lord."
Romans 10:9**

**Confess with
your mouth.**



Give each of your preschool children a "megaphone" to use to confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. This megaphone can be a toilet paper tube, paper towel tube, or paper shaped into a megaphone. Each time a parent (or a child) says, "Confess with your mouth," the child will get his megaphone and say, "Jesus is Lord." Have fun throughout the week reminding each other that Jesus is Lord over all.

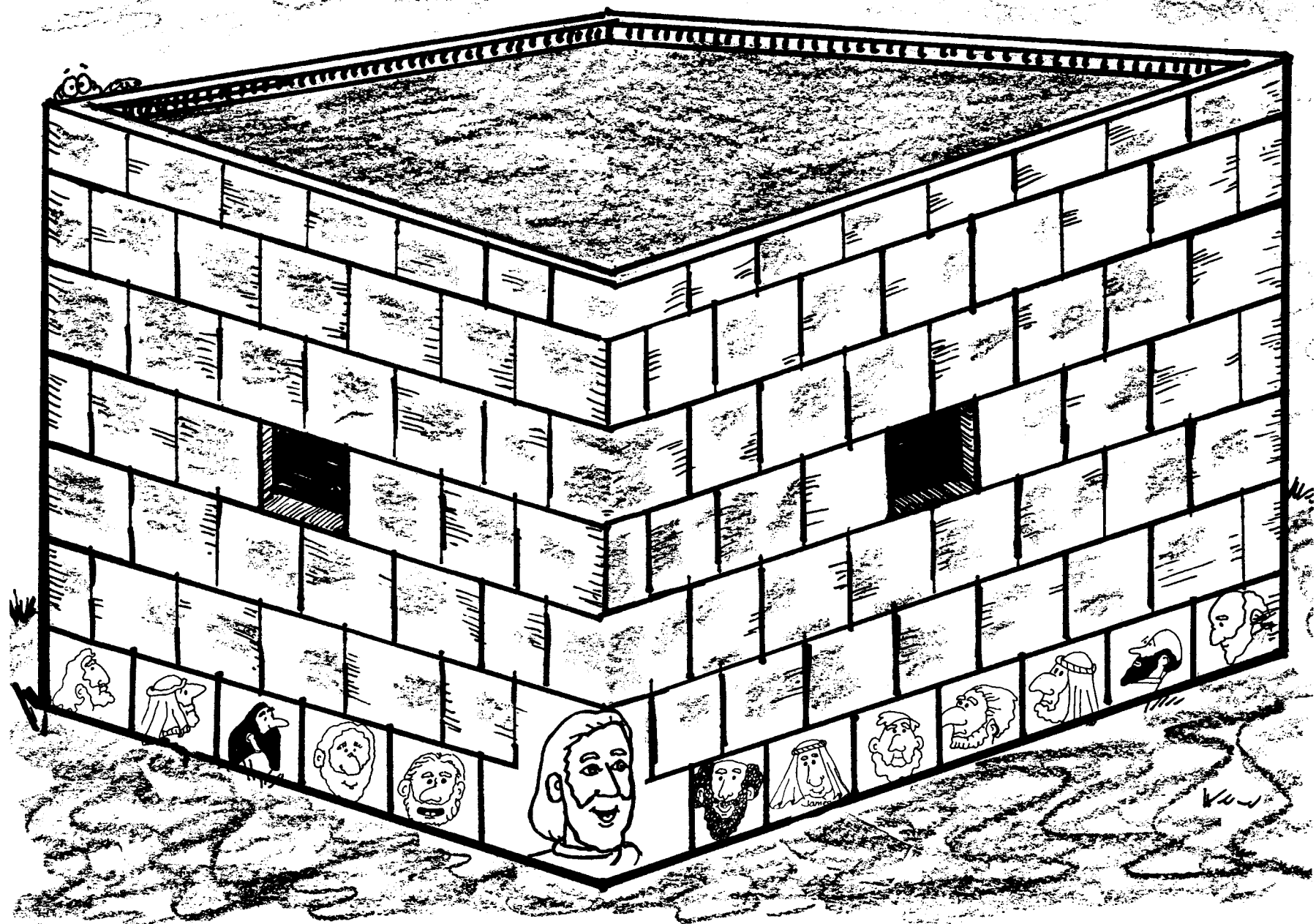
Sing the memory verse song through the megaphone, too.

Romans 10:9, Memory Verse Song
(tune: "He's Got the Whole World")

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Romans chapter ten, verse nine.**

Turn this paper over to the back side and let your child draw happy faces on the bricks of the building. Those who belong to Jesus' church family will be happy to learn God's Word and obey what it says.

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



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