

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:

Titus 2:12: Live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.

Hook:

- Teacher Tip:** It is important for husbands and wives to work together in the classroom whenever and wherever possible. This keeps families together and provides more "male leadership" in the classroom. It is important for the children to see a working relationship between a husband and wife. As teachers, we are all learners. We should study the children's lesson to apply to our own lives each week. We teach better if we have "lived" the lesson ourselves in our families.
- Traffic Stop Center:** Set up roads and bridges with blocks or use a floor road map and let the children play with cars and trucks. Have a red stop sign for the leader to use. As the children play with the vehicles, the leader will put up a stop sign on a place on the road. The cars and trucks must obey the sign and wait as long as the sign is in place on the road. A police car could also be used by the leader to "pull over" other cars. As soon as the sign (or car) is removed by the leader, the cars and trucks can continue to move. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul tells Titus to remind the Christians on Crete that they must obey government rulers and the laws they set up, just like we must obey traffic laws and the policemen who enforce them today."
- How Many Students Are to be Obedient?** Bring several small boxes with lids. On each box, write a number. These are the classrooms. Cut out several "paper" children. Have the students place the designated number of children in each classroom. Use lower numbers for the younger children. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul tells Titus to remind the Christians on Crete to obey rulers and authorities over them. An example of this today is that children should obey their teachers. How many children are there in each classroom? How many should obey their teachers?" (Should be the same number) Collect the paper children and start over again.
- Missionary Envelope:** Provide a variety of articles for the children to package and send to your classroom missionary family. Some things to include could be vegetable seeds, candy, dry mix packages of soup or drinks, personal hygiene items, and CDs or tapes. Bring a bubble pack envelope to put the items in. Encourage the children to draw a picture or dictate a card to someone in the missionary family. Have the children put their cards or pictures in and choose one of the articles to pack along with it. "In the book of Titus, we have been learning about Titus on the island of Crete where he is teaching the Christians how to act toward others in the church. Our missionaries are like Titus in that they went far from home to teach others about good conduct in the church. Our package will encourage the missionaries to keep teaching about God's goodness."

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- How Is Your Conduct? (TIT03ECGF6 and TIT03ECGF7)** Materials needed: One GF6 picture per child, three GF7 pictures of the troublemaker and three or more GF7 pictures of Jesus per child. Talk about what is happening in each GF6 picture and help the children decide which people have good conduct and which people have wrong conduct. Glue a GF7 troublemaker above the people who show wrong conduct and a GF7 Jesus over the people who show good conduct. The picture over the head shows the heart condition of the person doing the actions. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul tells Titus to remind the Christians on Crete to do what is good and right. Only Jesus takes away hate and envy and puts kindness in our hearts towards other people. God gives us His goodness, and we can share that goodness with others."
 - Making Our Hearts Clean:** Bring a white board or chalkboard and let the children draw pictures on it. After everyone is finished, pass out two or three erasers and have those children get the board as clean as they can. Repeat. "In today's Bible Adventure, Paul reminds Titus that Jesus was kind to him when he washed Paul's heart clean and the Holy Spirit brought God's goodness into his heart. Jesus does that for each of His children. Just as we are washing the board clean of any marks, Jesus washes our hearts clean of any sin."
 - Building Churches on Crete:** Build a church building as a group, using a large-piece Lego set. Pretend like you are building a church on the island of Crete. How might a church on Crete look different from our church here in Spokane? (Smaller, looked like a house, no cars in front because everyone walked, etc.) Save your church building for the remainder of the class. It could be used to hold the **Aim Questions** after the Bible Adventure.
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Book:

Presentation Ideas

- Color the **TIT03ECGF1, TIT03ECGF2, TIT03ECGF3, TIT03ECGF4, and TIT03ECGF5** pictures and glue them onto colored construction paper. Show these pictures as you tell the Bible Adventure.
- "Here Is the Church" Theme Finger Play:**
 Here is the church and here is the steeple. *(Hands together to make a church with fingers inside)*
 Open the church and see all the people. *(Invert intertwined fingers and wiggle fingers)*
(Ask the children, "How are these church people acting? Respectfully? With good conduct?")
- Unroll a Scroll:** Unroll a scroll and refer to it as the letter from Paul to Titus. "Paul will finish his letter to Titus today." After finishing the Bible Adventure, roll the scroll back up and seal it with a sticker. Either put it in a large mailbox that is available in the Children's Workroom or give it to another leader to take to Titus. The "courier" could put the letter in his pocket and "row" a boat to the island of Crete (out in the hallway).
- "Two Eyes to See" Finger Play:**
 Two lips to smile the whole day through, *(Point to lips)*
 Two eyes to see nice things to do, *(Point to eyes)*
 Two hands to put the toys away, *(Open fingers wide)*
 A tongue to speak kind words each day, *(Point to tongue)*
 Two feet that errands quickly run, *(Run in place)*
 Make blessed times for everyone! *(Open arms wide)*

Bible Adventure for 2s & 3s

(Show the review TIT02ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote a letter to Titus while Titus was on the island of Crete. *(Have the children do the "Here is the Church" Finger Play with you. See Presentation Ideas.)* Paul wrote that it was important to teach people in the church that their conduct should be good. It was important how they acted and how they treated each other. Others would want to know more about Jesus if His people were respectful and self-controlled.

(Show the TIT03ECGF1 picture.) Paul understood what it was like to be disobedient and wanting to do wrong things. His heart used to be full of hate for Christians who loved Jesus. He had envy in his heart, wanting what other people had. Paul argued and fought for what he wanted, but he never got enough. But Jesus was kind to Paul. Jesus washed Paul's heart clean and the Holy Spirit brought God's goodness into his heart. Jesus does that for each of His children. He takes away the hate and puts kindness in people's hearts towards others.

(Show the TIT03ECGF3 picture.) Paul explained that when we have been filled with God's goodness, then we are ready to do what is good and right. It is good to be respectful and obedient to all the people who are in charge over us. Children should obey their parents and teachers. The whole family should respect the police and obey the laws. When Christians show respect to those in charge of them, it shows that God is working in their hearts. It helps others want to hear about Jesus and how they can have God's goodness in their hearts.

(Show the TIT03ECGF4 picture.) If a person wants to do what is good, then he will not talk about anyone in a bad way (point to the girl who is whispering). This girl is saying something bad about this girl (point to the third girl). That is called slander. God does not want us to slander anyone or use our words to hurt anyone. That is not good conduct.

(Point to the fourth girl who is being kind.) God wants us be kind to everyone. Our kindness shows other people that God is kind and good. God has been kind to us by forgiving all our sins, so we want to be kind to other people rather than trying to hurt them or being angry at them. We have to be careful to do the good and right thing, not the selfish, wrong thing.

Paul finished his letter to Titus. He was glad that Titus would choose elders for the churches on the island of Crete who would have good conduct. They would love God's good ways and teach all Christians to do the same.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for wanting us in Your family. Help me learn to be kind and self-controlled so others will want to learn about You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

Bible Adventure for 4s, 5s & K

(Show the review TIT02ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote a letter to Titus while Titus was on the island of Crete. (Have the children do the "Here Is the Church" Finger Play with you. See **Presentation Ideas**.) Paul wrote, "It is important to remind people in the church that their conduct should be good. People will want to know more about Jesus if His people are self-controlled and respectful."

(Show the review TIT02ECGF6 picture.) Paul wrote, "Teach all the church people to say "no" to ungodliness—not being quick-tempered or mean (point to the evil brute), not listening to lies (point to the false teacher), and not being lazy gluttons (point to the lazy glutton). Teach the people to be self-controlled and respectful at home and wherever they go."

(Show the TIT03ECGF1 picture.) Paul wrote, "I understand what it is like to be disobedient and wanting to do wrong things. I used to disobey God's laws. My heart was full of hate for Christians who loved Jesus. I tried to hurt as many Christians as I could. I used to be a slave to sin; we all were before Jesus saved us and cleaned our hearts from selfish sin." The child in this picture has a disobedient heart, doesn't he?

(Show the TIT03ECGF2 picture.) "I also had envy in my heart, wanting what other people had, never content with what I had. I argued and fought for what I wanted, but I never got enough. I was never content. But Jesus was kind and merciful to me. He washed my heart clean and the Holy Spirit brought God's goodness into my heart. He does that for each of His children. He takes away our hate and envy and puts kindness in our hearts towards other people."

(Show the TIT03ECGF3 picture.) Paul wrote, "When we have been filled with God's goodness, then we are ready to do what is good and right. Titus, teach the Christians what good conduct is. It is good to be respectful and obedient to all the people who are in charge of us." Children should obey their parents and teachers. The whole family should respect policemen and obey the law. When Christians show respect to those in charge of them, it shows that God is working in their hearts. It helps other people want to hear about Jesus and how they can have God's goodness in their hearts.

(Show the TIT03ECGF4 picture.) Paul wrote, "Having good conduct means you will not talk about anyone in a bad way (point to the girl who is whispering)." This girl is saying something bad about this girl (point to the third girl). That is called slander. God does not want us to slander anyone or use our words to hurt anyone. That is not good conduct.

(Point to the fourth girl who is being kind.) Paul told Titus, "God wants us to be kind to everyone. Our kindness shows other people that God is kind and good. God showed His kindness to us by forgiving our sins, so we should show God's kindness to other people rather than trying to hurt them, being angry at them or being jealous of what they have. We have to be careful of our conduct."

(Show the TIT03ECGF4 picture.) Paul said to Titus, "Devote yourself to doing good. Teach the Christians to devote themselves to what is good. If there is a person in the church who does not want to love good and who is always stirring up trouble—arguing, slandering, envying, hating, and refusing to obey those in charge of them, then someone must tell that person that he has bad conduct and needs to repent. If the trouble-maker keeps stirring up trouble, warn him a second time to stop sinning. If he will not repent after two warnings, then stop talking with him. Don't hang around with a trouble-maker at all.

He needs to learn to say “no” to ungodliness and start devoting himself to doing what is good. We all must learn to do what God says is good conduct.”

(Roll the scroll up and seal it with a sticker.) Paul finished his letter to Titus. He was glad that Titus would choose elders for the churches on the island of Crete who had good conduct. They would love God’s good things and be devoted to God’s good ways.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for inviting us to be in Your family where people are respectful and kind. Help me learn to be self-controlled, upright and godly. In Jesus’ name I pray, amen.

Aim Questions

Aim Questions for 2s & 3s:

1. **Who wrote a letter to Titus on the island of Crete?** *(Paul)*
2. **Who does Jesus want us to be kind to?** *(Everyone)*
3. **Whose goodness do we show when we are kind to other people?** *(God’s, Jesus’)*

Aim Questions for 4s & 5s:

1. **What is the name of the book of the Bible we learned from today, and who wrote the book?** *(Titus, Paul)*
2. **What conduct did Paul say was wrong for Christians?** *(Slander, hate, envy, ungodliness)*
3. **What conduct did Paul say was good for Christians?** *(Christians devote themselves to doing what is good—respect and obey those in charge of us and be kind to all people. Say the Memory Verse.)*
4. **Why do Christians want to be kind to all people?** *(God was kind to us when He forgave our sins and put His goodness in our hearts. We want to be like Jesus.)*



Look:

- Aim Questions:** Write the **Aim Questions** on the back of different pictures of church buildings. “Who helped the Christians on the island of Crete choose elders to lead their churches?” (Titus)
- Transition Idea:** Point to different body parts and say which ways each could be used to show kindness to others. (I use my mouth to say kind things. I use my hands to help my mother. I use my ears to listen gently to others.)
- Snack Suggestion:** Set out several items in the center of the table, both good and bad, for people to eat. Ask if it is good to eat a rock, a banana, a house plant leaf, a cracker, etc. “Just as you can choose what is good to eat, God gives you the power to choose to be good to other people.” Choose the good things from the center of the table and include them in the day’s snacks.
- Snack Time Preparation Activity:** Place a tub of soapy water onto the table before snack time. Have each child wash his hands before he eats. Bring a towel for drying. As the children wash their hands, talk about Jesus washing our hearts clean and the Holy Spirit bringing God’s goodness into our hearts.
- Titus “Good Conduct” Booklet:** (TIT03ECGF8 and TIT03ECGF9) Copy a GF8 and GF9 page for each child. Fold the pages in fourths and insert the GF9 page inside the GF8 page to form a booklet. Staple the booklet on the left side. As the children color the pictures in their booklets, review the theme of Titus—“Conduct of the Church.” Relate each page to good or wrong conduct.
- “Good Conduct” Activity Page:** (TIT03ECGF3 and last week’s TIT02ECGF12) Copy the GF3 on cardstock paper and give one to each child. Provide colorful rick rack or yarn to glue around the picture to make a frame. As the children are coloring their pictures and gluing on green, yellow, and red circles on the stop light (made with a hole punch) and last week’s GF12 Memory Verse, talk about how God gives us parents, teachers, and policemen to help us learn to obey the rules. It is good conduct to respect and obey those who are in charge of us.
- Memory Verse Review:** Live self-controlled, (pound fist on open hand), upright (quickly stand) and godly lives (sit down). Titus 2:12 (hold up two fingers).

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- "Island of Crete" Ball Game:** (*tune: "Pop Goes the Weasel"*) Form a circle and provide a soft ball. Sing the following verse while passing the ball around the circle. On "Wow," the child with the ball tosses it across the circle to another player who begins the passing again from his side.

All around the island of Crete
Titus set up churches.
Paul said, "Choose some el-el-elders."
Wow! God is working!

- Cleaning Up the House Activity:** "In today's Bible Adventure, we learned that we can be kind to others if we have God's kindness in our hearts. You children can show kindness at home by helping your parents clean the house. Today we will work hard at jobs we find around the house while we sing a fun song." The classroom can be divided into pretend rooms of a house. Send a child to each of the appropriate rooms to "clean." The rest of the class watches and sings while a different child cleans a different room. Point to each child as his verse is sung to the tune "Paw Paw Patch."

Picking up clothes and putting them in the basket.
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Gathering the laundry. (*Use a laundry basket and doll clothes.*)
Washing the dishes and putting them in the cabinet
Cleaning up the kitchen. (*Use play dishes.*)
Fluffing up the pillows and making the bed
Cleaning up the bedroom. (*Use a pillow and blanket.*)
Running the water and cleaning out the tub
Cleaning up the bathroom. (*Use a sponge on a table top.*)

- Self-Control Game-Red Light/Green Light:** Have all the children stand on one side of the room. Have one adult stand with his back toward the children at the opposite side of the room. The adult must yell out either "red light" or "green light." When the children hear "green light," they should move toward the adult; but when the adult yells "red light," the children have to freeze, not move, until the adult says "green light." The game is over when one of the children is close enough to touch the adult at the opposite side of the room. Tell the children that to be self-controlled and obedient we need to listen closely to what God says we should do.

Songs:

- Titus 2:12 Memory Verse Song** (*tune: "Ten Little Indians"*)
Live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.
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Live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.
Ti-tus two, verse twelve.

- Christian Conduct** (*tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"*)
Christian conduct must be good—
Treat all people as we should.
Self-controlled and upright lives
Shows the world that God is wise.
Christian conduct must be good—
Treat all people as we should.

- Good Conduct** (*tune: "Skip to My Lou"*)
Goo-ood conduct in our homes
Goo-ood conduct in our church
Goo-ood conduct everywhere
Goo-ood conduct we will share.



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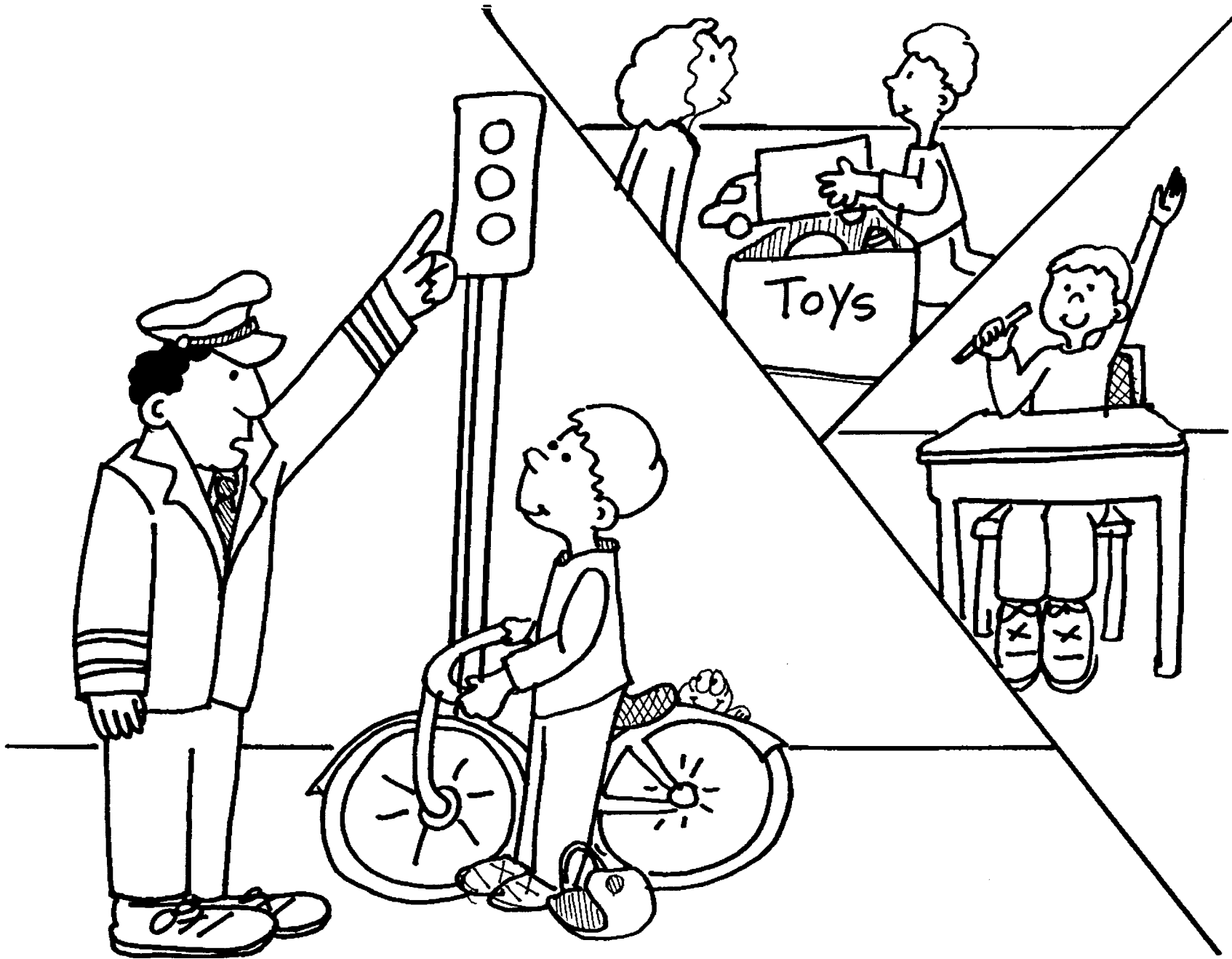
- Island Of Crete Project: (TIT03ECGF10)** Materials needed: Paper plate and GF10 church patterns for each child, liquid glue, lentils, blue water color, tape. Cut the church patterns apart and fold each on the center lines. Tape each church back-to-back. Put the child's name on the top of the plate. Turn the plate upside down and tape the bases of the three church patterns to the top of the plate. Take the water color (or blue markers) and paint only the outside ridge of the paper plate to represent the water. Carefully smear or drizzle the glue around the churches and sprinkle the lentils on the glue. Press into the glue. Let it dry. Sing songs about the island of Crete and the fact that Titus was teaching the church people about good conduct.
- Titus Review:** Provide numerous Titus review story pictures, envelopes and stickers. Have each child color a picture, put it in an envelope, stamp it and give it to a leader who writes another child's name on it. Designate one child as the mail carrier and have him/her deliver the letter to that person in the room. Have each child open the envelope and describe the picture inside. "Keep your picture throughout the week as a reminder of the letter from Paul. He told us to be kind so others would want to learn about Jesus from us."
- Preschool Page for Parents: (TIT03ECPPP)** 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.



Every person has a disobedient heart until He knows and loves Jesus.



God can take away our envy and put kindness in our hearts.



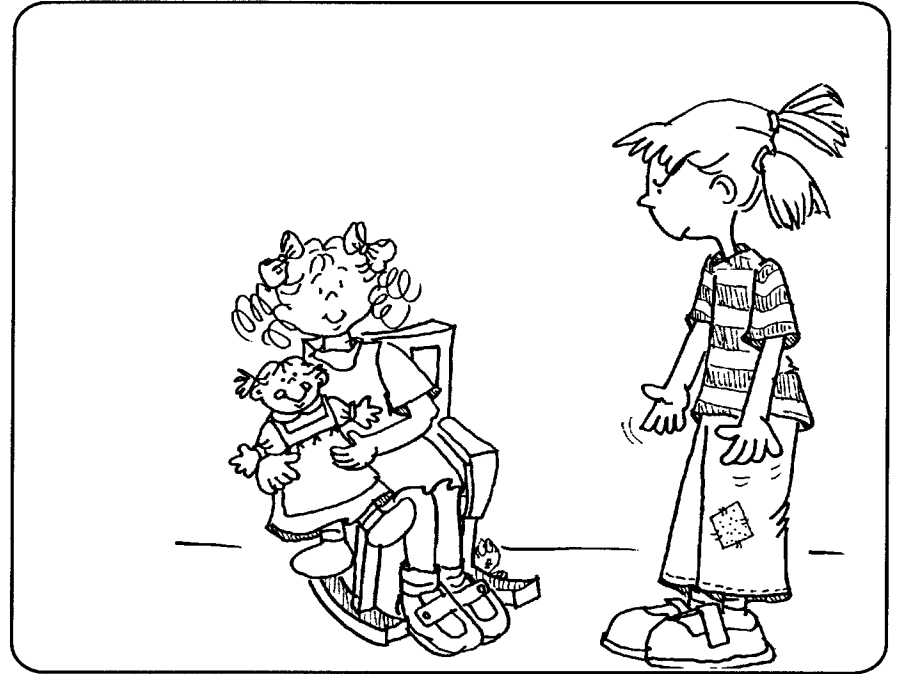
It is good conduct to respect and obey those who are in charge of us.



It is bad conduct to slander someone. It is good conduct to be kind.

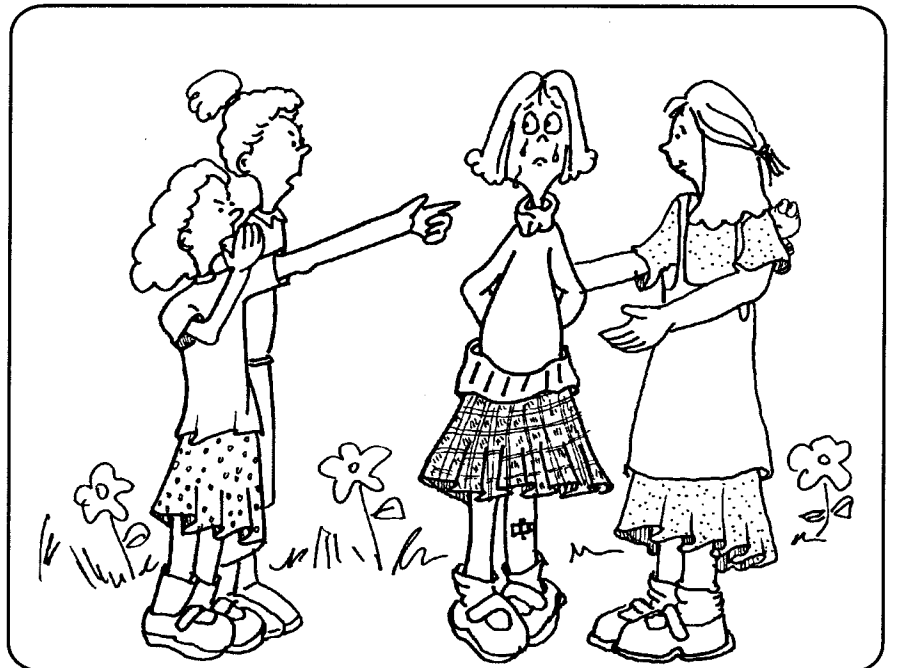
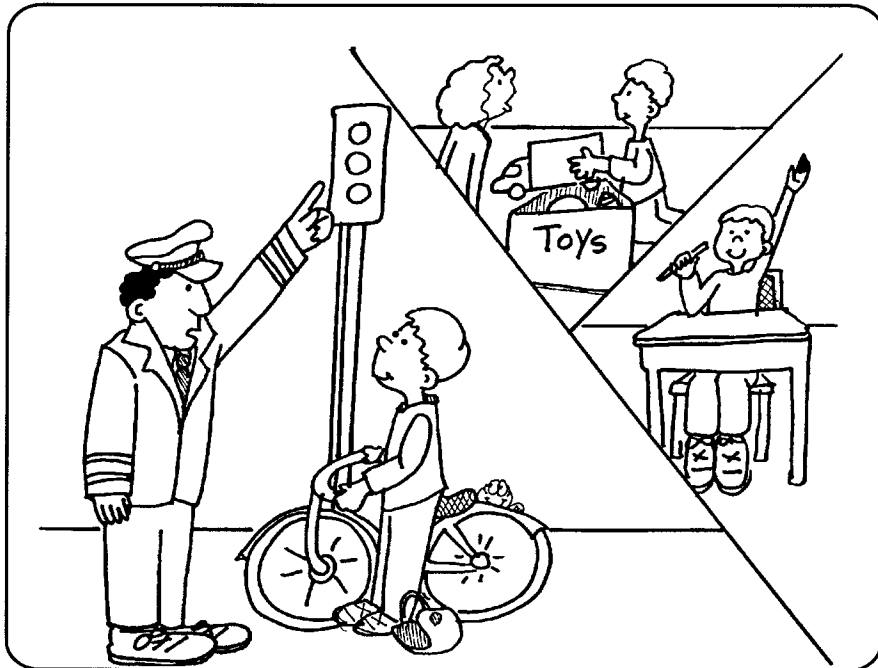


Don't hang around with troublemakers who don't want God's good conduct.

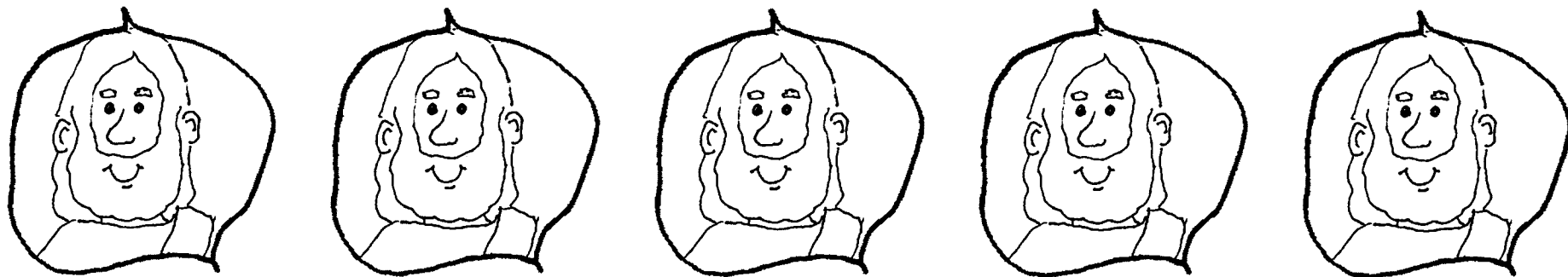
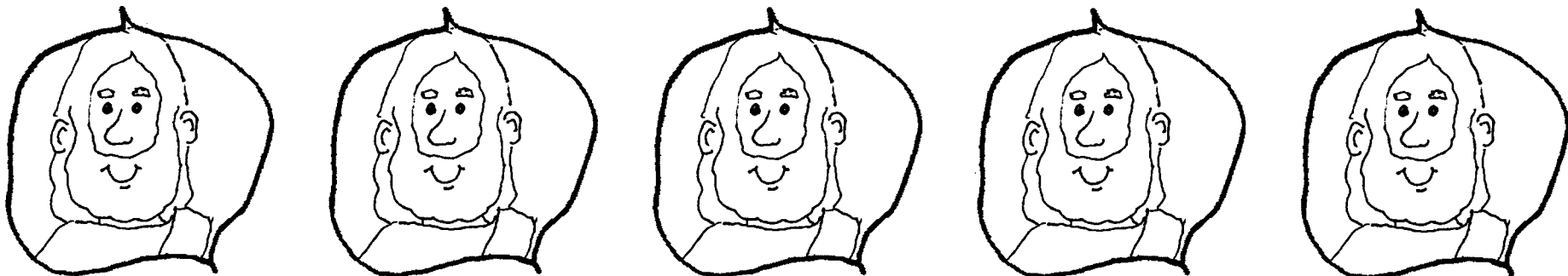
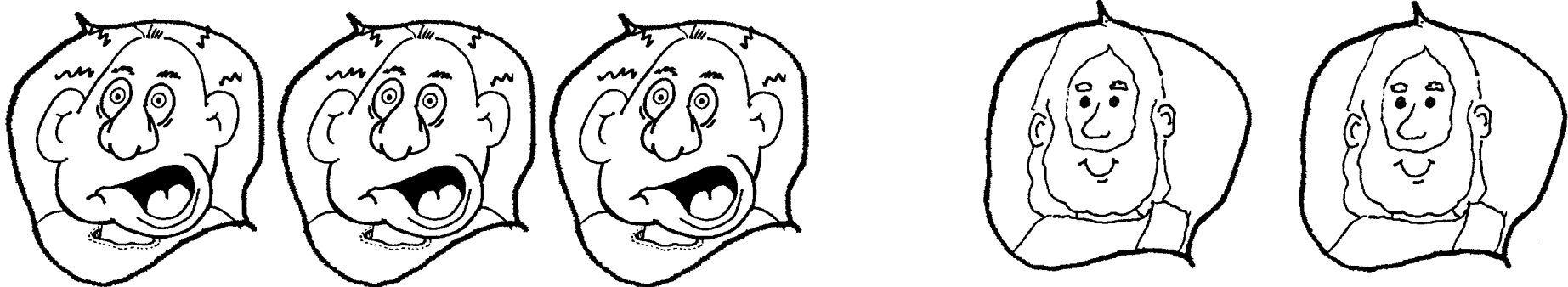
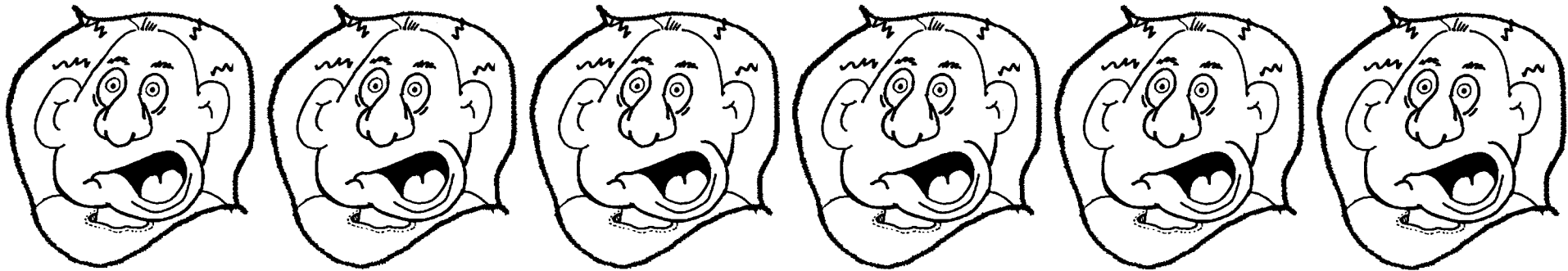


Who has good conduct?

Glue a GF1 "Jesus" over the heads of those showing good conduct.
Glue a GF1 "troublemaker" over the heads of those showing wrong conduct.

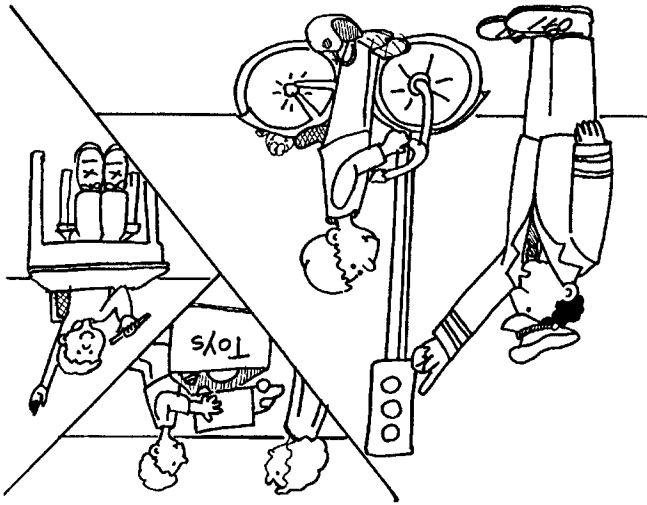


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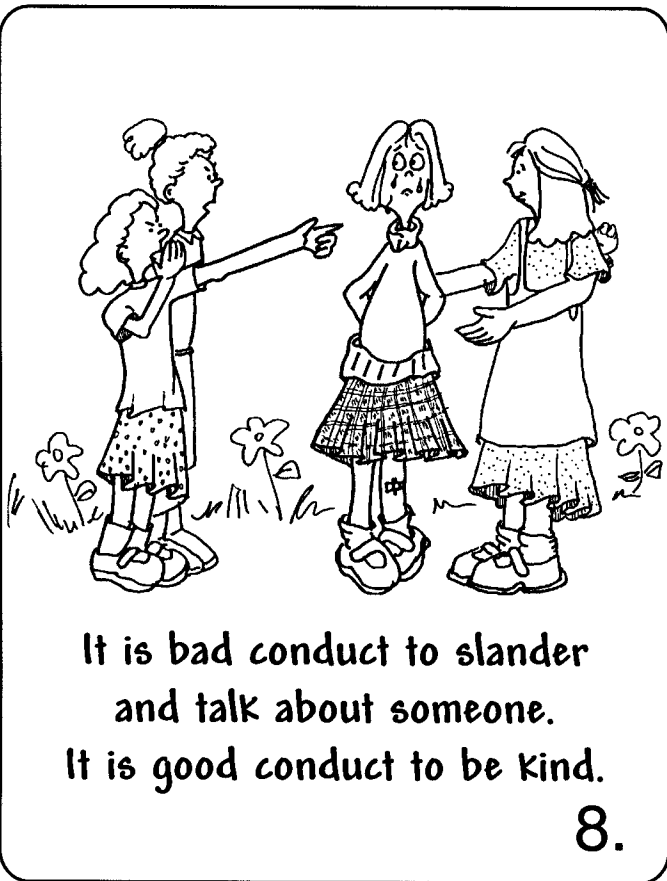
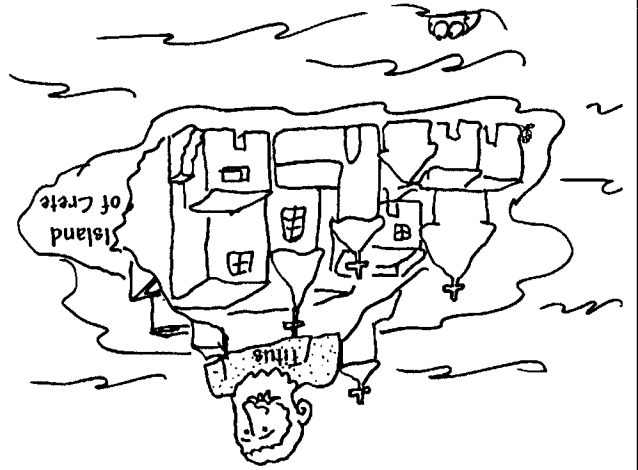
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It is good conduct to obey those who are in charge of us.



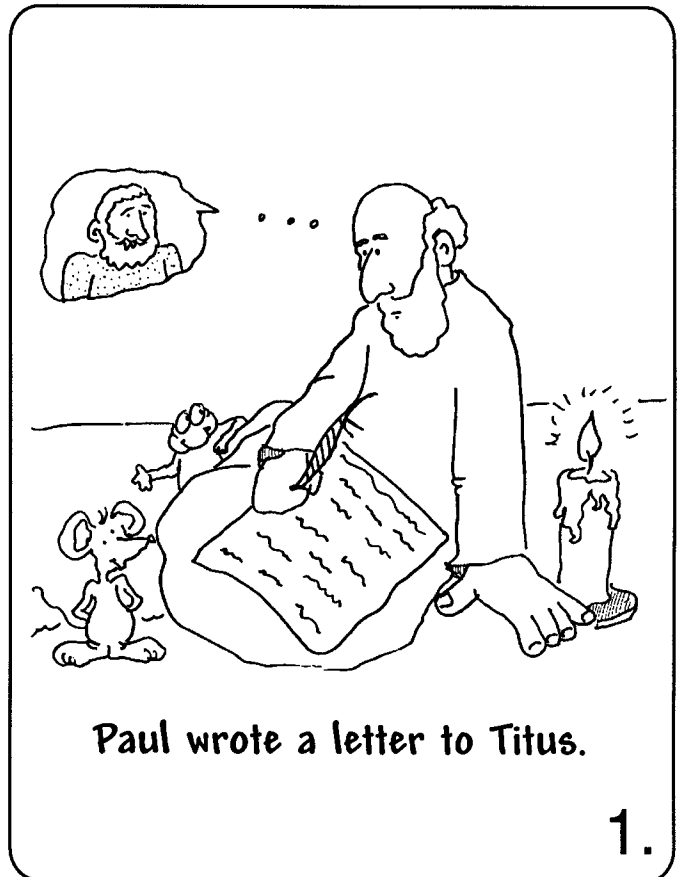
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Titus was on the island of Crete to help the churches.



It is bad conduct to slander and talk about someone. It is good conduct to be kind.

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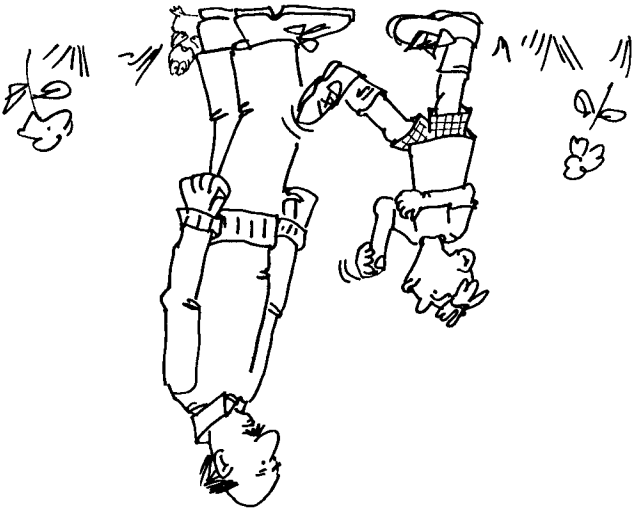


Paul wrote a letter to Titus.

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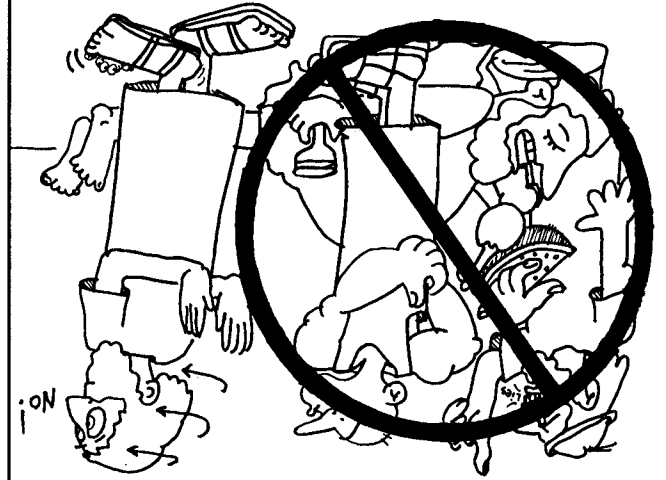
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It is wrong conduct to disobey your parents.



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Titus chose elders who wanted to say "no" to wrong conduct.



God can take away our wrong envy and put kindness in our hearts.

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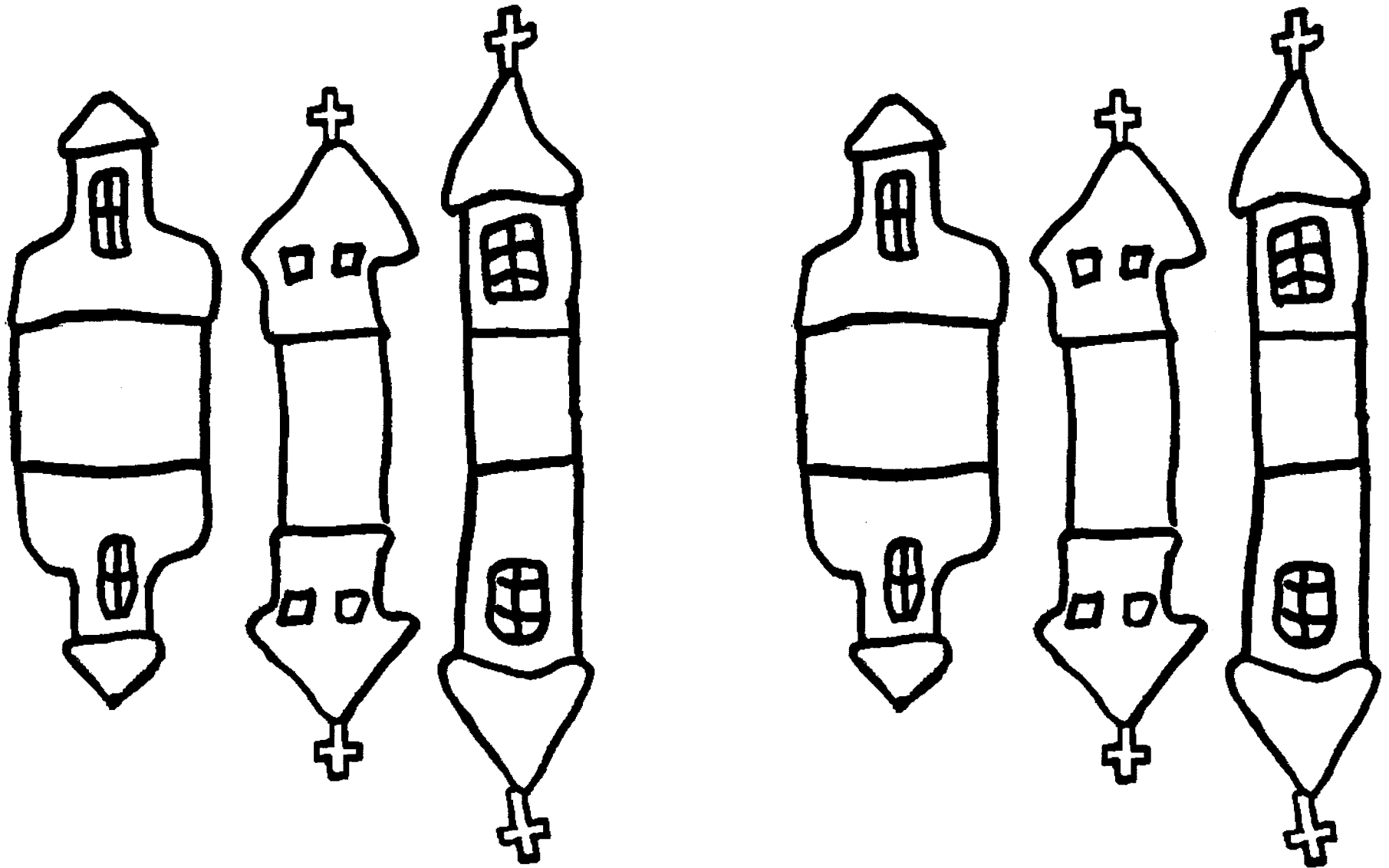


Titus chose elders who had good conduct for the churches.

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Island of Crete Project

Copy one set of churches (three) per child.





This is what I learned today!

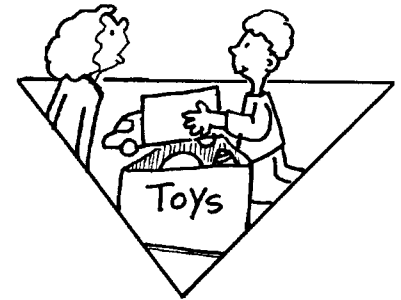
We learned that Paul finished his letter to Titus, telling him to remind the Christians on the island of Crete to do what is good and right. It is good conduct to be respectful and obedient to the people who are in charge of us. Children should obey their parents and teachers. The whole family should respect the police and obey the law. When Christians show good conduct and respect those in charge of them, it shows that God is working in their hearts. It helps other people want to hear about Jesus and how they can have God's goodness in their hearts.

Titus Memory Verse

Live self-controlled,
upright and godly lives.

Titus 2:12

Good Conduct: Obey Those in Charge of Us



To illustrate how God cleans our hearts from sin and wrong conduct, do an activity with a pitcher of water, a large mixing bowl, a transparent cup, and food coloring drops. Place the transparent cup in the center of the large mixing bowl and fill the cup with water. Put 3-4 drops of food coloring in the water. As you place the drops into the water, tell the children, "The drops are like the wrong things we do. They make our hearts dirty." Talk about the wrong things that the children are doing on the back side of this page. Then start to pour water from the pitcher into the cup and say, "But Jesus died to take the punishment that you and I should have for our sins. God's power brought Jesus back to life and He is now in heaven." Continue to pour the water from the pitcher into the cup. Let the water overflow the cup and go into the larger mixing bowl. Make sure that all of the food coloring has flowed over into the mixing bowl. Take the cup out of the mixing bowl. It should have clear water in it now. "When our hearts are clean from sin, we can grow in obedience and good conduct."

Good Conduct
(tune: "Skip to My Lou")

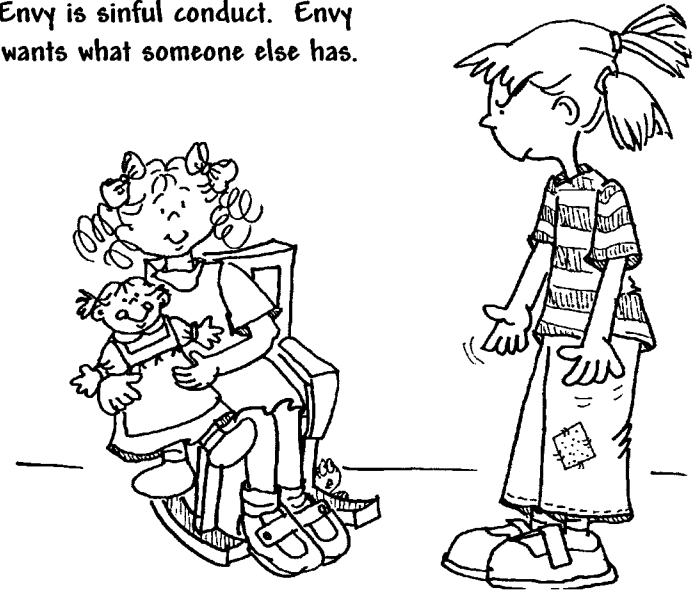
Goo-ood conduct in our homes
Goo-ood conduct in our church
Goo-ood conduct everywhere
Goo-ood conduct we will share.

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

It is wrong conduct to disobey parents and not be respectful.

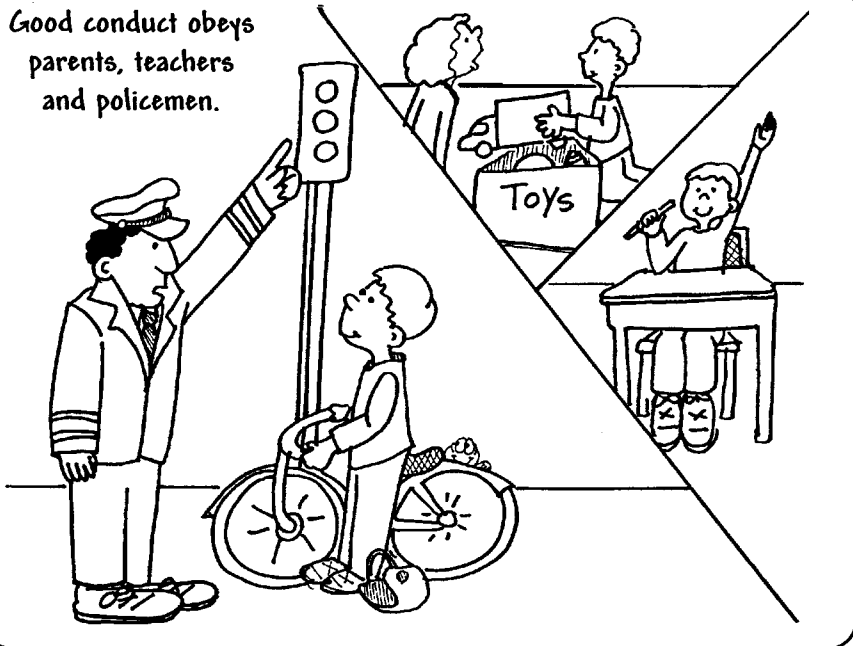


Envy is sinful conduct. Envy wants what someone else has.



Who has good conduct?

Good conduct obeys parents, teachers and policemen.



Slander is wrong conduct. Kindness is good conduct.