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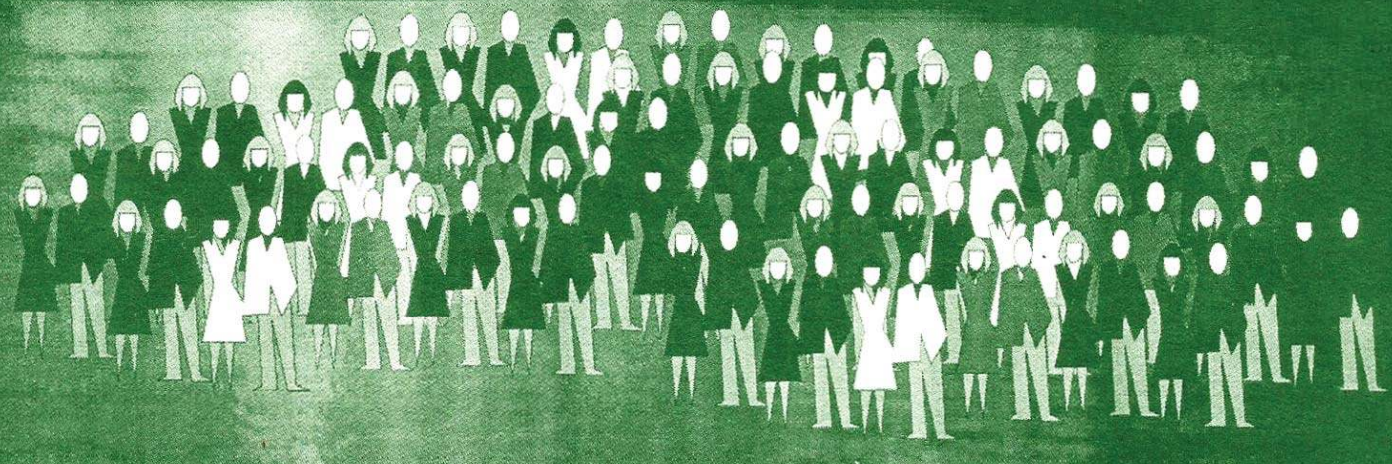

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TEACHER'S IDEAS:

Bible Drill:

1. Each child has a closed Bible.
2. The teacher calls out a book of the Bible. All of the children locate that book.
3. Then the teacher calls out the chapter and verse.
4. The child råises his/her hand when it is located.
5. First child to locate the correct verse(s) reads it.

Note: Small treats make this more enjoyable.

Memory Verse Race:

1. Make 2 sets of the memory verse on 2 different colors of construction paper.
2. Cut the words apart.
3. Paper clip each set to keep the colors separated.
4. Place in envelope with the verse written on the outside.

To Play:

1. Divide into teams or play one against one.
2. Take the words out of the envelope, mix up the words, place face down-keeping the 2 colors separate.
3. Object of the game is to see which team can put the words back into the correct order first.

Note: Have the memory verse written on the chalkboard in plain sight for all.

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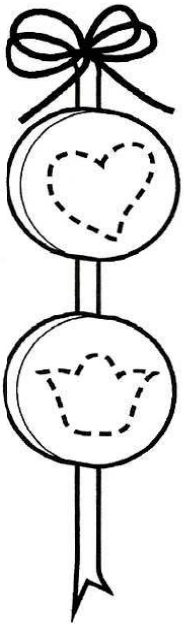


Materials:

- Small jar lids
- Nail, small hammer
- Small ribbon, 12" long
- Hot glue gun

Instructions:

1. Cut out patterns or create your own.
2. Place pattern over the top of the lid.
3. Punch over the dots with the nail to make your picture.
4. Teacher hot glues ribbon behind 2 pictures to join together.

Peep-Over Books:

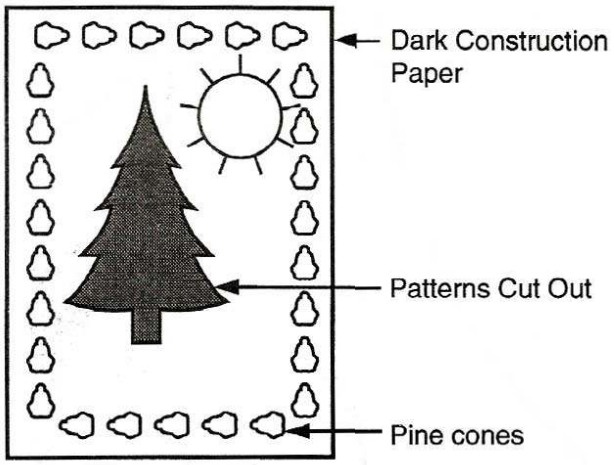
Materials:

- back sheet of this booklet
- scissors
- crayons or markers
- 4" x 8" writing paper
- stapler

Instructions:

1. Cut on the heavy solid lines only. Poke scissors through the paper to cut under the rays at bottom of the sun. (Teacher may need to cut here).
2. Staple sheets of writing paper to the bottom portion, 5 sheets for each day's memory verse.
3. Write the memory verse each day on the writing paper at the bottom.
4. Color the sun.
5. Draw a picture of the outdoors under the sun.
6. Fold up on the fold line so the bottom portion tucks under the rays at the bottom of the sun.
7. Write the title "There is No New Thing Under the Sun" on the front of the booklet after it is tucked under the sun's rays and put the child's name on it.

Sun "Camera" Pictures:



Materials:

- Sheet of plain paper
- Stencils or patterns cut out of oaktag or poster board
- Sheet of dark construction paper
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Trace around pattern or stencils onto the plain paper and cut out.
2. Place your cut outs in the center of the dark construction paper to form a picture.
3. Gather leaves, small pine cones, or pebbles and place these around the outside edge of the dark construction paper.
4. Leave in the sun for an hour or longer.
5. Remove all objects to see your "sunshine" picture.

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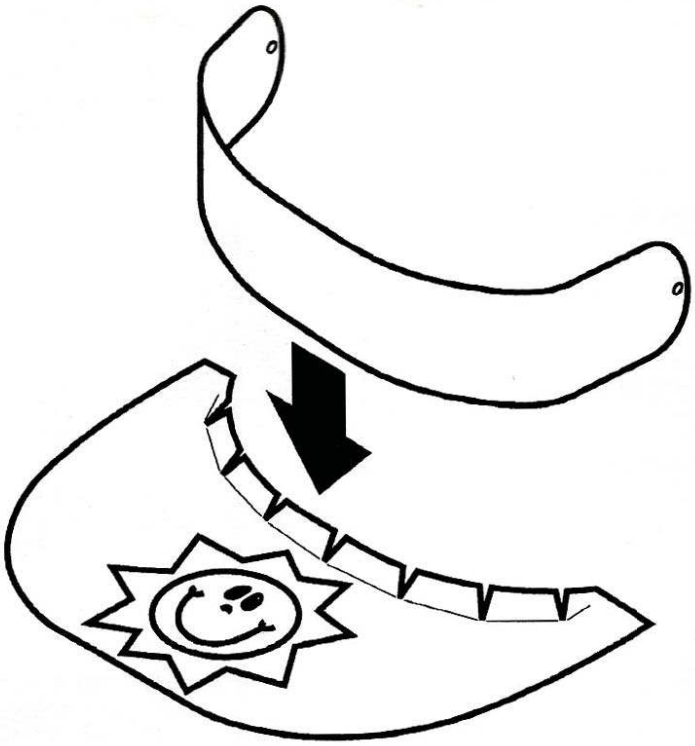
Sun Visor:

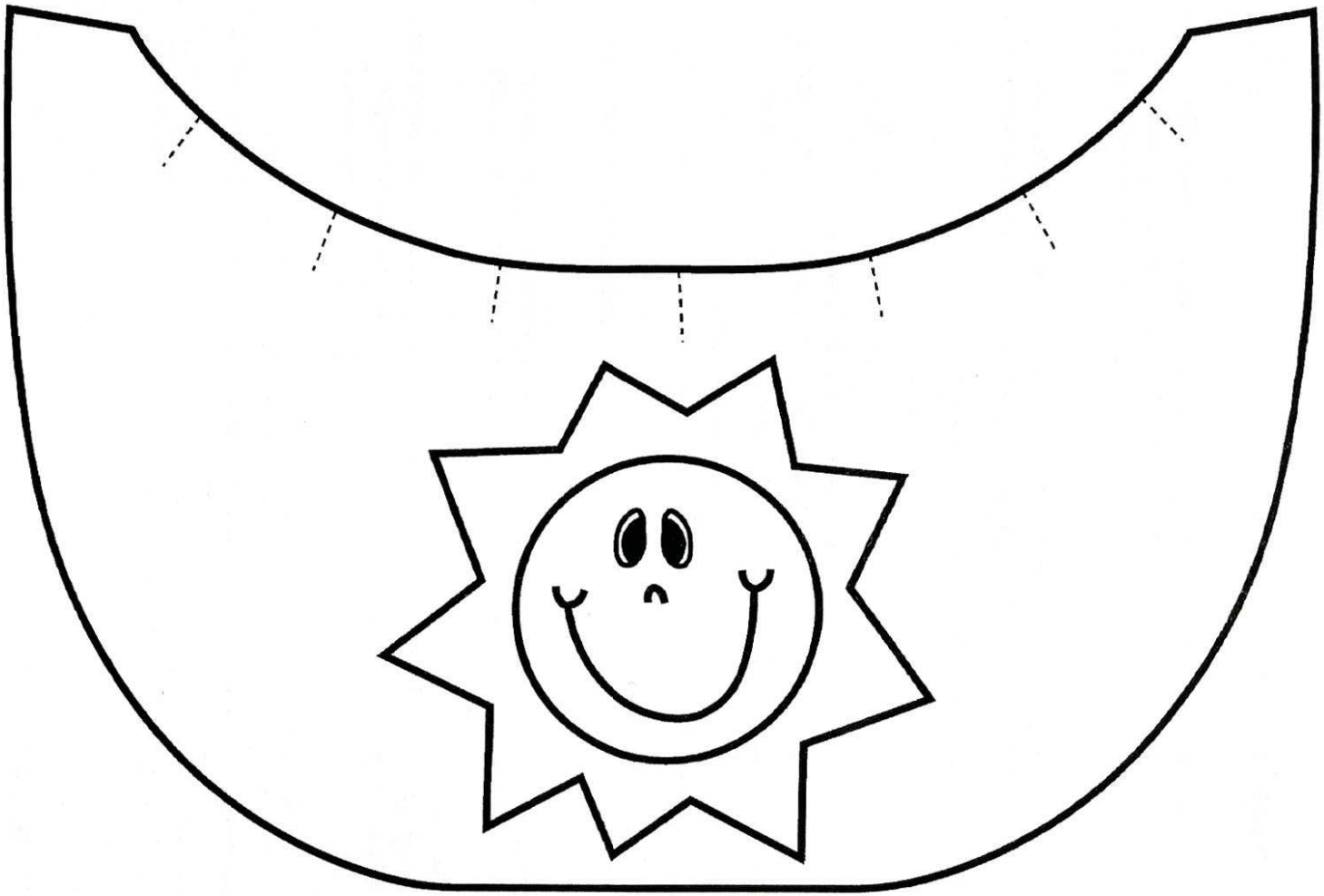
Materials:

- Sun visor pattern (on next page)
- Oaktag or poster board
- Rubber cement
- Scissors
- Crayons or markers
- Yarn (two 16" pieces)
- Transparent tape

Instructions:

1. Decorate pattern with crayons or markers.
2. Cut out entire pattern page from this booklet. Rubber cement the page onto oaktag or poster board.
3. Cut out pattern on heavy lines.
4. Cut slits (dotted lines) carefully and fold up slightly.
5. Tape band onto the visor, taping the slits behind the band easing the curve as you tape.
6. Punch out holes and attach yarn to each side. Tie onto child's head.





THERE IS NO NEW THING UNDER THE SUN

Ecclesiastes 1:9

LESSON 1 - SEARCHING FOR SATISFACTION AND HAPPINESS

Lesson Text: Ecclesiastes 2:1-15

Bible Study:

The same David who slew the giant Goliath became a great king of Israel. David was great because he tried to follow God's commandments.

When David became old he called for his son Solomon. David told Solomon to always follow God's ways. David also told Solomon to teach his sons to follow God. "If you do this," David told Solomon, "Israel will never be without a king."

Soon after David died, the Lord came to Solomon in a dream. God told Solomon to ask for what he wanted. Solomon remembered David's words. Solomon asked God to give him an understanding heart. "If I know good from evil, then I can judge my people fairly," thought Solomon. He desired to be a good king after his father David.

God was pleased with Solomon's request. The reason God was pleased was because Solomon did not ask for anything for himself. Instead, Solomon asked for the wisdom to be a good king for his people.

God was so pleased with Solomon's request that he not only gave Solomon wisdom greater than any man, he also gave him great riches and honor.

One day two women came to Solomon. The first woman claimed that the second woman had stolen her son, because her baby had died. The second woman said that the live baby was hers.

Solomon called for a sword. "Now," he told the women, "since you can not decide whose son he is, cut him in half and share him." The first woman decided to give up her claim rather than have the baby killed. The second woman, however, was willing for the child to be split in two.

Solomon then commanded that the child be given to the first woman. "She is the real mother," Solomon proclaimed.

When all Israel heard of this judgment, the people realized Solomon's great wisdom came from God.

In spite of his wisdom, when Solomon grew older he began to enjoy his riches and honor too much. Solomon began to do things that took him away from God. Because of this, Solomon became sad and unhappy.

Solomon began to look back over his life. He realized he went wrong when he quit following God's commandments. Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes to teach those who followed after him. Solomon wanted them to know that living for wealth and fame would not make them happy.

Solomon concluded that only following God brings real satisfaction in life.

Memory Verse: Ecc.12:13

...Fear God and keep His commandments...

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Activities

Bible Drill

(See page 3 for Bible Drill instructions)

Have a Bible drill with the following scriptures:

- Ecclesiastes 2:1
- Isaiah 55:1
- Luke 12:15
- Psalms 36:7-9
- Psalms 128:1-6
- Psalms 116:1
- John 4:13,14

Message Decode

Decode the message below to discover what Solomon says a man must do.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Questions

1. Who was Solomon?

2. What did Solomon request from God?

3. Why did Solomon make this request?

4. What are the names of two books Solomon wrote?

5. What is the memory verse for this lesson?

LESSON 2 - TEMPTATION AND CHOICES

Lesson Text: Joshua 7:20-25

Bible Study:

When you disobey God, your parents, your grandparents, your teachers, or anyone with authority over you, you displease God. The temptation to disobey is put before you by the greatest (chief) tempter known as Satan or the devil (Gen. 3:1, I Chr. 21:1). Everyone of you make choices everyday of your lives to obey or to disobey rules and authority. Joshua and the children of Israel were told by God to not take anything from the city of Jericho when it fell into their hands. God told them if they did take anything they would be in great trouble.

Joshua was told by God that one of the Israelites had disobeyed Him and taken articles from the city of Jericho. Achan was the disobedient person and he had stolen a garment, some silver and a wedge of gold. Achan hid them in his tent and when the messengers found the items he was punished. This temptation of disobedience cost Achan and his family their lives. You can be tempted to take things that do not belong to you. The item may be as simple as a dime, nickel, or pencil, but still temptation is before you and the right choice must be made or the consequences will be paid.

When Daniel was a boy, he was taken captive by the king of Babylon. The king told him he would have to eat the king's meat and drink wine everyday. Daniel refused to eat and drink this diet. The king saw that after ten days of Daniel and his friends eating Daniel's diet they were healthier than the children who ate the king's diet. Daniel was tempted by the king to eat like the kings and the wealthy, but he chose to eat like the poor and the lowly. Daniel made the right choice and the Lord helped him in all that he did (Daniel 1:8).

Jesus was tempted by the devil. Read Luke 4: 1-8. First, the devil tried to get Jesus to turn stones into bread because Jesus had not eaten for forty days. In verse 4, Jesus answers the devil and does not give in to the devil. Next, the devil tries to get Jesus to worship him in return for all power and glory. Jesus again answers Satan with a scripture (verse 8) and maintains the example of perfection by telling Satan to get behind Jesus.

You, too, can overcome temptations, with Jesus' help. You can make good choices by not doing the things you know are wrong whether these things be great or small. When you do give in to temptations you can be forgiven when you are truly sorry (repent) and ask Jesus, the perfect one, for forgiveness.

Memory Verse: Luke 4:13

And when the devil had ended all the temptations, he departed from him for a season.

Continued

Activities

Questions

1. Who is the chief tempter?

2. What did Achan do that was in disobedience to God?

3. Daniel refused to eat the king's diet. Did he appear healthy or unhealthy after eating the diet that the poor people ate?

4. List two things Satan (the devil) tempted Jesus with?

5. What should you do when you make the wrong choices?

6. Tell about a temptation that you have had.

Draw and Write

Choose one of the temptation examples in the lesson. In the space below, draw the temptation.

In the space below, write a sentence about your drawing.

Complete The Verse

Complete the following verse using the words from the word bank.

Word Bank

season	temptations
devil	departed
him	ended

"And when the _____ had _____

all the _____, he _____

from _____ for a _____ ." Luke 4:13

LESSON 3 - DEALING WITH RIDICULE AND DECEIT

Lesson Text: II Corinthians 4:8-18

Bible Study:

Sometimes, you may be the object of ridicule. That means someone may say or do something to mock you or make fun of you. Also, at times, people might try to deceive you. They would convince you to believe something is true when it isn't. Lying and cheating are forms of deceit.

In the New Testament, we read about a young man named Saul. He ridiculed and harmed the followers of Jesus. He would arrest them and put them in prison. Saul even helped to stone to death a man of God, named Stephen.

Then one day, Saul saw a great light from above. He heard the voice of God asking, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" After this experience, Saul was saved. He became a preacher and great missionary for Jesus.

Jacob is a good biblical example of someone whose adult life was affected by deceit. Jacob was the second son of Isaac, but he wanted the special blessing of the firstborn. In order to get it, he deceived or tricked his father, who was blind. Jacob pretended to be his older brother Esau. He even wrapped the skins of a slain goat over his hands and neck so he would feel hairy like Esau. Isaac gave Jacob the blessing of the older son.

Esau hated his brother for what he had done and planned to kill him. Jacob, fearing for his life, left his home. He traveled to the country where his uncle, Laban, lived. There Jacob fell in love with Rachel and worked for seven years so she could be his wife. However, at the wedding, Laban deceived Jacob and gave him Leah instead of Rachel. Jacob was forced to work seven more years so he could marry Rachel.

Many times in life, we may have to deal with ridicule and deceit. Let's try to remember and live by the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Certainly, we need to do what is fair and honest and treat others with respect. God wants us to love everyone and forgive those who might ridicule or deceive us.

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:12

...Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them...

Activities

Questions

1. What does ridicule mean?

2. Who ridiculed and punished Christians?

3. What is one form of deceit?

4. Who deceived his father Isaac and was deceived by his uncle?

5. What is the Golden Rule?

Word Search

Find and circle the hidden words.

1. Saul
2. Jacob
3. Love
4. ridicule
5. deceit
6. Forgive
7. Rachel
8. Golden
9. Rule

R	G	O	L	D	E	N	B
A	I	L	U	A	S	O	D
C	A	D	C	J	D	A	E
H	I	V	I	A	T	E	C
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B	F	O	R	G	I	V	E

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Bible Drill

(See page 3 for Bible Drill instructions)

Have a Bible drill with the following scriptures:

- Luke 7:33
- Matthew 19:26
- Job 2:9
- Matthew 7:12
- Acts 26:24
- Matthew 10:32

LESSON 4 - GOD'S LOVE

Lesson Text: Romans 5:1-11, Romans 8:35-39

Bible Study:

It is truly amazing to know that the God who created the universe and everyone in it would love all people enough to want them to be called sons of God! (I John 3:1 ,2). He showed His great love for mankind by making the perfect sacrifice, so that man would have a way to become His child. That sacrifice was his only son, Jesus, whom he allowed to come to this sinful world to die on a cruel cross. Jesus came to die willingly, so that our sins would be covered by His blood—the price that had to be paid to please God. John 3:16 says, " For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This perfect plan shows God's great love for mankind, but it is not new. In fact, God planned all of this from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

God's Love in Man's Heart

Since God had a perfect love for us, we can receive a perfect love in our spiritual hearts or souls where they used to be filled with fear and trouble. I John 4:18 tells us that this perfect love takes away all fear. Romans 8:38,39 tells us that NOTHING can separate us from this perfect love. Hebrews 6:4-6 says that it is IMPOSSIBLE for us to lose this salvation!

How do we obtain this wonderful gift of God? We must first be drawn of God; then He will trouble our hearts until we seek after Him with our whole heart and come into total submission to fully trust in His love to save our lost and dying souls! The Lord grants a saving faith to those who reach total submission to His Will for their lives, and that's when the glorious PEACE of God's love will flow into their hearts in an instant! James 4:7-10 tells of this process when he says to "Submit yourselves ...to God. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." Psalms 116 tells of another salvation experience. Its author says that he found trouble and sorrow, was brought low, and the Lord delivered his soul.

Once we are saved, the Holy Spirit lets us know that we ARE the children of God (Romans 8: 16). We can also know we have eternal life because we love our brothers (John 4:21). God then commands us to love one another (I John 13:34-35), since showing our love to others is our greatest witness and influence that we have. It is the very least we can do to help repay our great debt to God for His glorious gift of love in our hearts.

Memory Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Continued

Activities

Questions

1. What was the most important thing God did to show His love for mankind?

2. What covered our sins in God's eyes?

3. When did God make His plan to help mankind's sin?

4. How can we get God's love in our hearts?

5. How do we know if we have been saved?

Bible Drill

(See page 3 for Bible Drill instructions)

Have a Bible drill with any of the following scriptures:

I John 3:1-2 The manner of God's love
Romans 5:6-11 God's love for us while we were yet sinners
I John 4:7-12, Romans 8:32 God's sacrifice in the giving of his son to die
Jeremiah 31:3 This love is not new, it is an everlasting love
I John 4:16 God is love
I Peter 1:4 We are made partakers of the divine nature
Romans 5:5 God's love is shed abroad in our hearts
John 15: 12 We are commanded to love one another
John 13:35 Christian love is the greatest witness and influence we have
Romans 8:32 The cross is the greatest example of God's love
John 10:10-19, John 15:13 The cross is the greatest example of Christ's love
I Peter 1:22 The greatest example of God's love in us is brotherly love
Romans 8:16 The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit

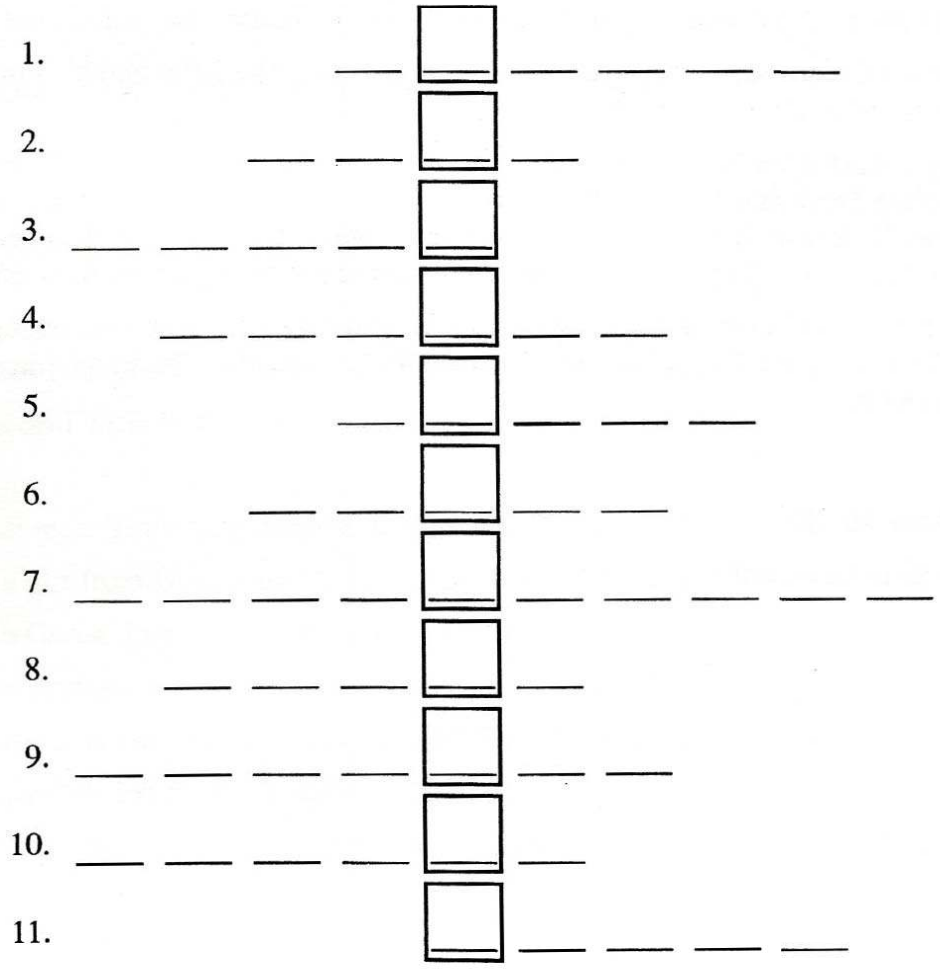
Crossword

Across

1. The place Jesus prepared for those who are saved when they die.
2. I John 4:8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is _____."
3. The inspired Word of God that tells us about God's love.
4. Romans 5:5 "...the love of God is shed abroad in our _____ by the Holy Ghost...."
5. Christ shed his _____ on the cross, so mankind might have peace with God through Salvation.
6. Philippians 4:7 "And the _____ of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."
7. Born again believers of Christ. Acts 11:26 " And the disciples were called _____ first in Antioch."
8. Hebrews 11:6 "But without _____ it is impossible to please him...."
9. Matthew 6:14 "For if ye _____ men their trespasses (sins), your Heavenly Father will also _____you."
10. A word used to describe God and His heavenly nature. II Peter 1:4, "...that by these ye might be partakers of the _____ nature, . . . "
11. Ephesians 2:8,9 "For by_____ are ye saved....Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Down

If all the ACROSS words are done correctly, this should spell a word that describes God's love as well as the life He gives. It means eternal or forever.



LESSON 5 - THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Lesson Text: Psalm 116:1-15; Acts 16:25-34

Bible Study:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". (John 3:16.)

God has always wanted everyone to be saved and He has always used men to preach His word so that people could hear the gospel (good news), believe it, and be saved.

We find two such men, Paul and Silas, preaching God's word in a foreign country. Several people heard the gospel, and were saved. Other men did not like what was happening, so these men took Paul and Silas before a judge and persuaded the people to turn against these men of God. Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into the inner prison where their feet were put into stocks to hold them.

That night at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God loudly enough for all of the other prisoners to hear them. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake and the foundations of the prison were shaken. Every door opened and every chain that bound the prisoners fell off. The jailer, awakening from sleep, saw all the prison doors opened and was afraid that all the prisoners had fled, so he drew his sword to take his own life. Paul cried out to him, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here."

It was so dark that the jailer called for a light, and he fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. He asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," they answered him.

Paul and Silas preached the gospel unto the jailer and his household. The jailer and his family believed in God, were saved, and were baptized.

I, too, fell trembling, asking what to do to be saved when I was eleven years old. I had heard the gospel preached, and the Holy Spirit had convicted me of my sins. It was at that moment that I knew just how God saw me; He knew all about me, good and bad. I was separated from Him because of my sins, so I prayed unto Him to forgive me. At last I believed to the saving of my own soul.

Some day you may feel trouble in your heart. When you do, you may fall trembling, asking what you must do to be saved. Listen to the Gospel and to what God has always said. Desire nothing less at that time but full salvation.

Memory Verse: Acts 16: 30

...Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Activities

Questions

1. Who were the characters in the story?

2. Where does the story take place?

3. What happened first in this foreign country?

4. What happened to Paul and Silas after several people were saved?

5. What happened to the jailer after the gospel was preached to him?

Bible Drill

(See page 3 for Bible Drill instructions)

Have a Bible drill with the following scriptures:

Possible to all men: Titus 2:11, Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13.

Salvation is a gift from God: John 3:16, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8.

Only through Christ: Luke 1:69, John 10:9, Acts 14:12.

It is by grace: Romans 3:24, Titus 3:7, Acts 15:11.

It is conditional upon repentance and faith: Joel 2:12, Luke 13:2.

Salvation is eternal: John 5:24, Romans 8:35.

Examples of salvation: Psalm 116, Luke 7:36-50, Acts 8:35- 37.

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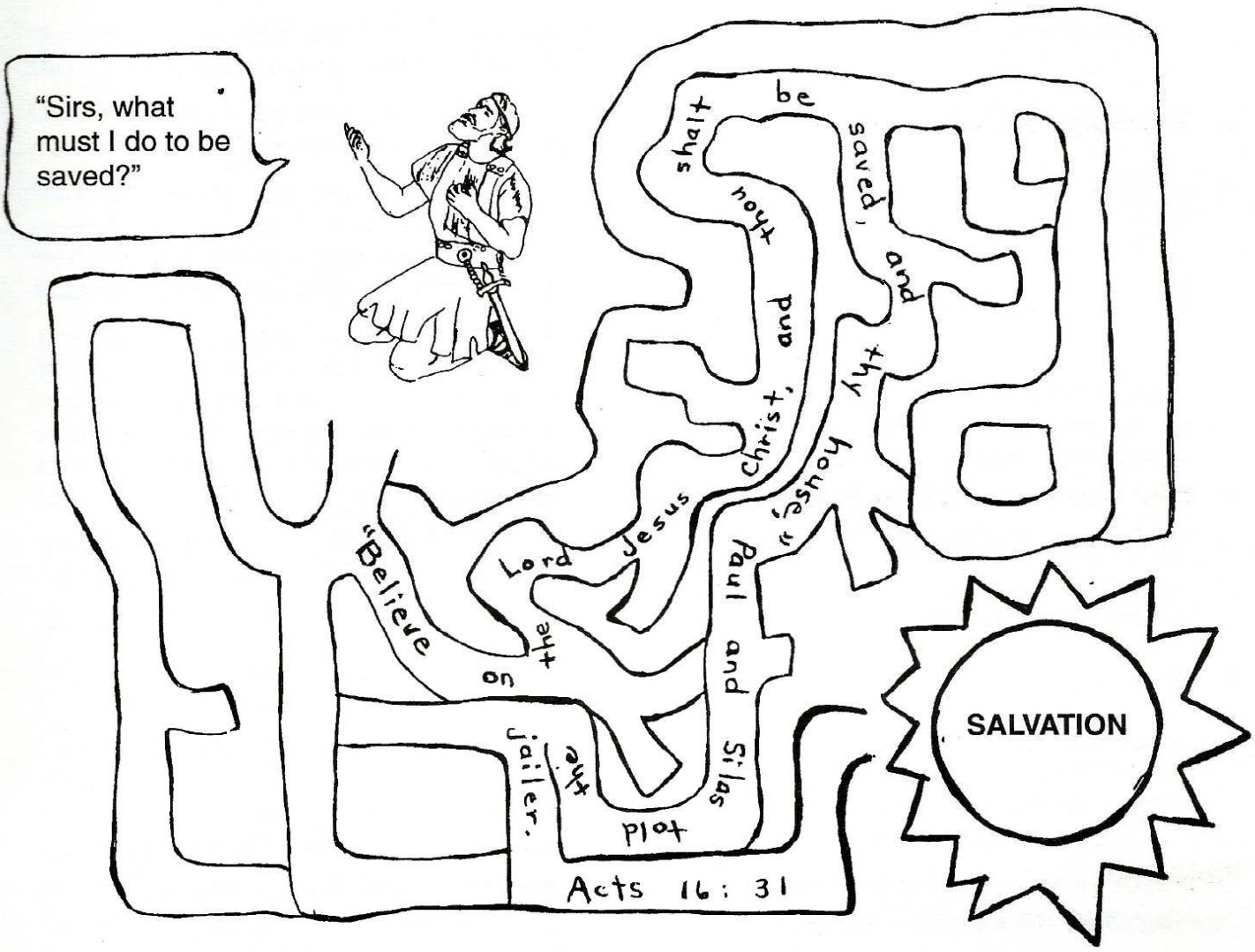
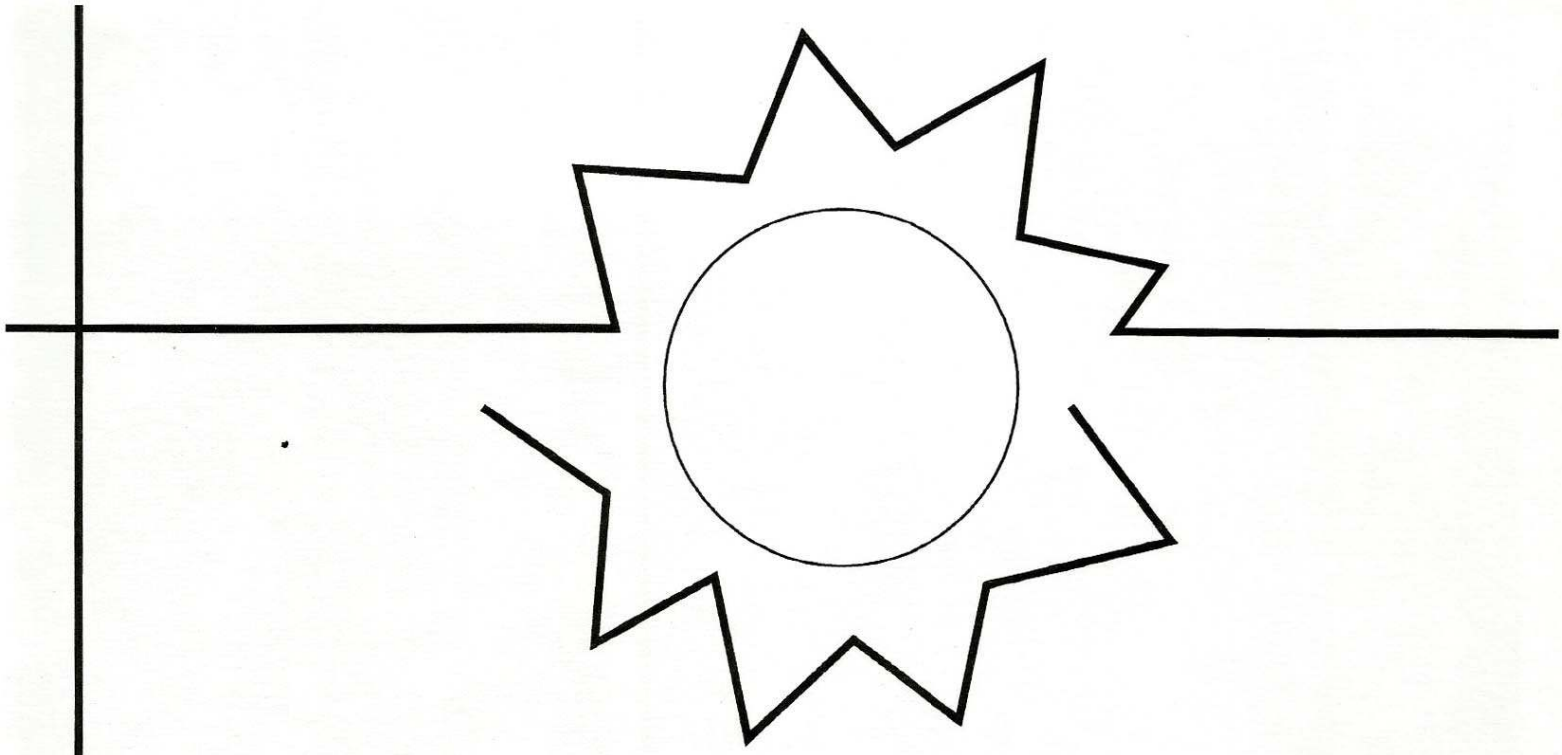
Maze

Color yellow over the words to find the answer to the question asked by the jailer.





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