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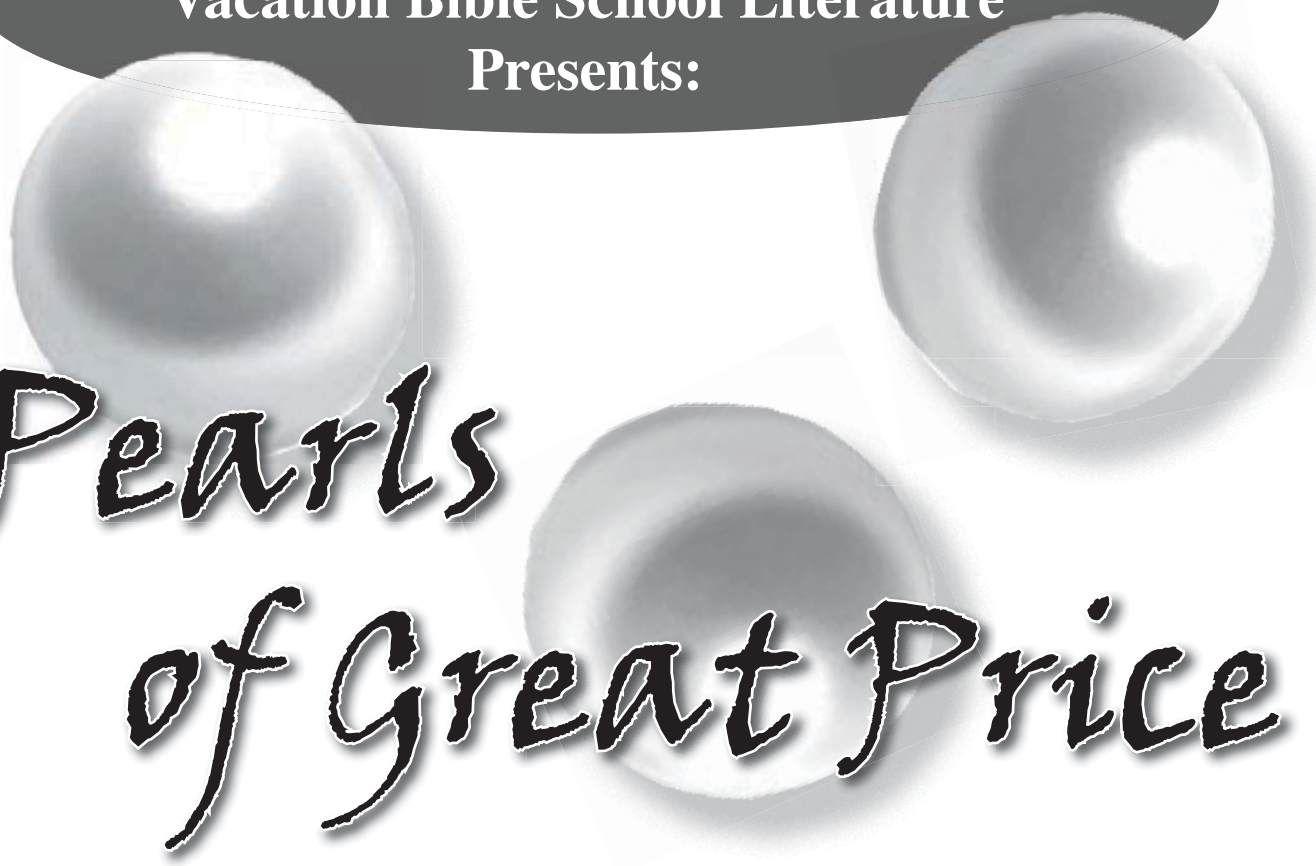

Pearls of Great Price

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. **- Matthew 13:45-46**

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“WEALTH”
Scripture Text: Acts 4:32-37, 5:1-11

Many years ago, there was a group of God’s believers. These people were not selfish and they shared all of their personal possessions with the other members of their group. The believers loved God very much and wanted to do His work. This group also shared their things with the disciples (Jesus’ helpers). The generosity of this group allowed Jesus’ helpers to go out and preach God’s word. And these believers received many blessings from God.

Occasionally, some of the believers would sell a home or piece of land. This person would then take the money they received and give it to the disciples. The disciples would then give this money to whoever was in need. One of the believers, named Barnabas, did just that. He sold a field and then gave the money to the disciples.

There was another man named Ananias. His wife was named Sapphira. Ananias and Sapphira also owned some land and they too sold it. Instead of giving all of the money to Jesus’ disciples, they kept part of it for themselves. They told the disciples that the amount of money they gave them was all they had been paid. This was not true. Because Ananias and Sapphira lied, God severely punished them.

Barnabas freely gave his wealth to further God’s cause. Like Barnabas, God wants us to like giving to Him. We should want to give to God because He so richly blesses us.

Memory Verse: II Corinthians 9:7
"...for God loveth a cheerful giver."

COLORING ACTIVITY

Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, heard about Barnabas' gift and the praise he received. But unlike Barnabas, Ananias and Sapphira did not give all they received to the group. God punished them for lying.

“HEALTH”
Scripture Text: Acts 9:36-42

Dorcas was a very kind woman who lived in the city of Joppa. She spent her time caring for the widows and the poor. She made clothes for the widows and the needy of her church. She willingly gave of her money and time.

One day Dorcas became sick and died. All of her friends were very sad. They heard that Peter, a disciple of Jesus, was performing miracles in the city of Lydda. Dorcas' friends believed that Peter could raise her from the dead, so they sent two men into the city of Lydda to find him.

When Peter arrived, he was taken to the room were Dorcas lay. The room was full of her friends and widows that she had cared for. Peter asked everyone leave the room and he knelt and prayed, asking God to bring life back into her body. Peter then told Dorcas to stand up. She opened her eyes and when she saw Peter, she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her stand. Peter called her friends into the room, and there they saw their friend, alive again. Because of this miracle, many people in Joppa believed in the Lord.

Even when Dorcas' health was bad, God was able to show others the endless possibilities of His power.

Memory Verse: Mark 10:27
“…for with God all things are possible”

COLORING ACTIVITY

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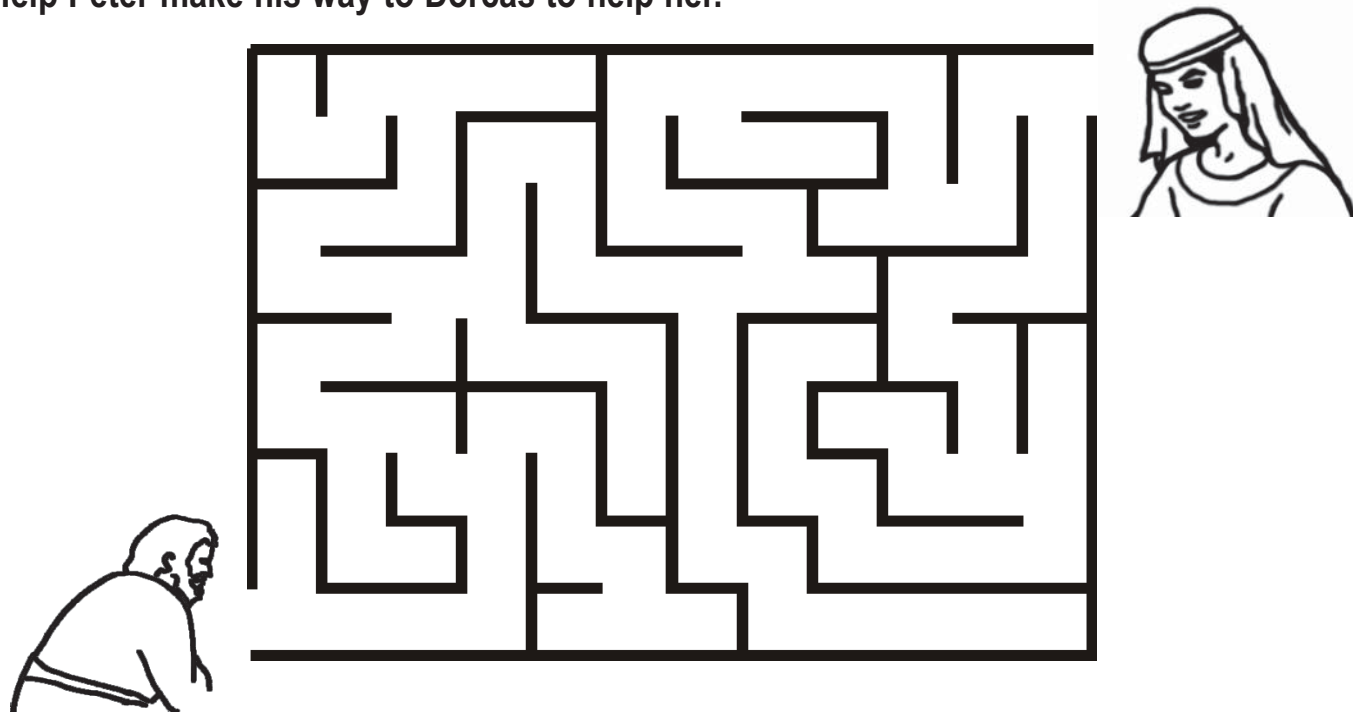
MAZE ACTIVITY

Help Peter make his way to Dorcas to help her.



"WISDOM"
Scripture Text: I Kings 3:4-27

There was once a king named Solomon. Solomon loved God very much and wanted to do the things God would have him to do. One night, God appeared to Solomon in a dream. In the dream God asked Solomon what he would like to have. Solomon asked God to give him an understanding heart to judge the people and to know good from bad. God then gave Solomon a wise and understanding heart.

One day two women approached King Solomon. These two women lived in the same house and both had recently had a baby. One of the babies had died during the night, and the two women were arguing who was the mother of the living baby. King Solomon ordered his servant to get a sword. He then told the servant to cut the child in half and to give each woman half. The real mother begged King Solomon not to kill the child and to give it to the other woman. The other woman said to cut the baby in two. King Solomon then told the servant not to kill the baby and to give it to the first woman.

King Solomon used the wisdom God gave him to settle the argument between these two women. Solomon knew the true mother would rather give up her child to another woman than to have him killed.

Memory Verse: Matthew 21:22
"…whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, ye shall receive."

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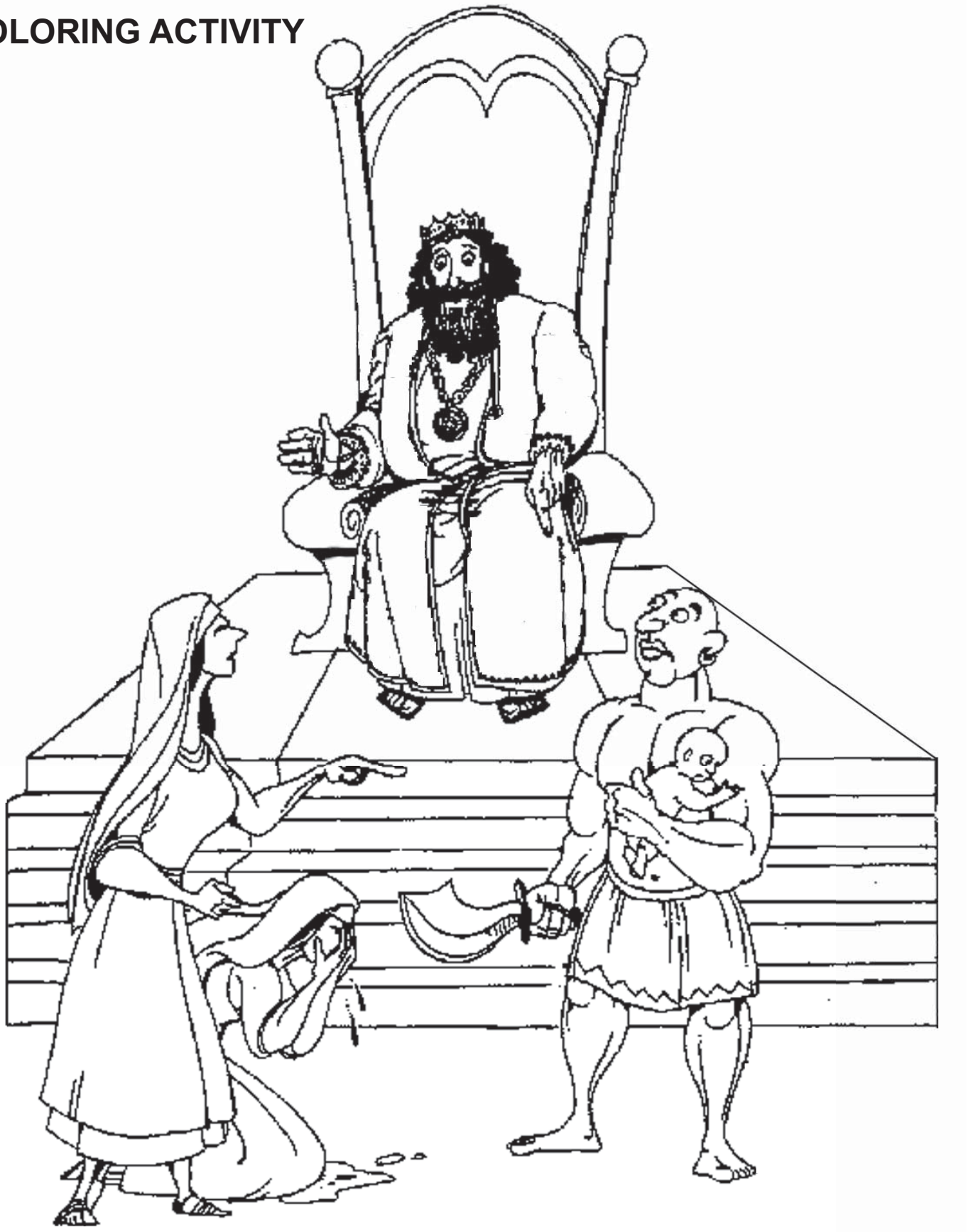

King Solomon used the wisdom God gave him to settle the argument. We, too, should ask God to give us wisdom and guidance in all that we do.

"FREEDOM"
Scripture Text: John 8:31-36

You may remember the story of Mary, Jesus' mother. Mary was a pure woman chosen by God to carry his child. Jesus was born the same way that we are, but God was his father. This makes Jesus extra special. Unlike Jesus, we are born to earthly parents. We are born into sin. And sin is what keeps us apart from Jesus. If we want to spend eternity with God in heaven, we must repent and believe in Him.

Jesus died on the cross so we could live. Without this sacrifice, our lives would be hopeless. If we choose to not serve God and live in sin, then we become slaves of sin. Slaves are not free. Jesus told the Jews that if they continued to obey his teachings, then they were true followers. And then they would know the truth and the truth would make them free. These people did not understand what Jesus was trying to tell them. He then explained, "A slave does not stay with a family forever, but a son belongs to the family. So if the Son makes you free, you are truly free." If we believe in Jesus and repent, then, and only then, can we be free.

Memory Verse: Galatians 5:1
"…and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

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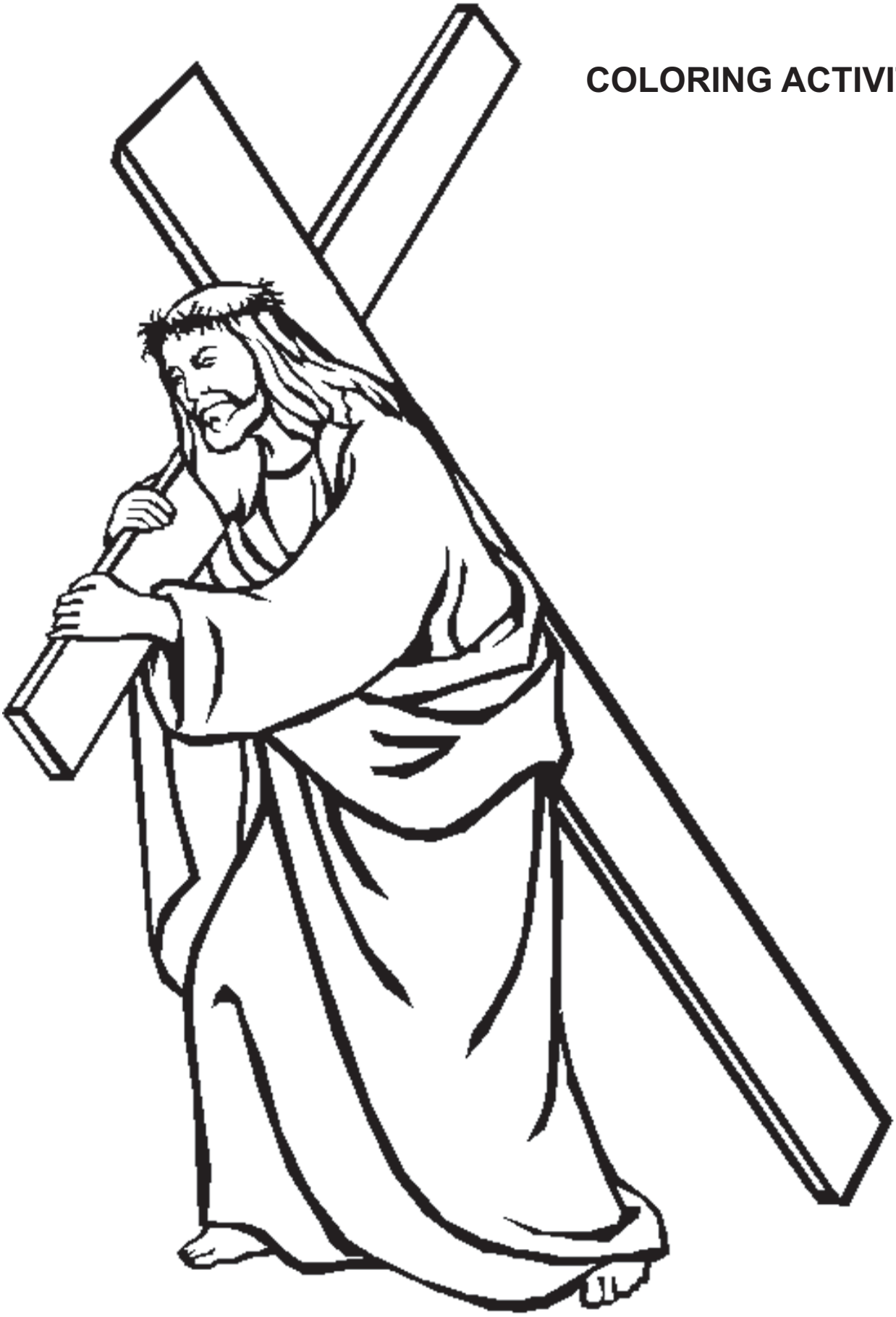

They wanted Him crucified. He was lead out of the city to Calvary and nailed to a wooden cross.

Lesson 5 - “Peace and Love”
Scripture Text: Acts 9: 1-31; John 18: 15-27; Acts 2: 14-42

Paul, who was once jailed people for believing in Jesus, was converted to one of Jesus’ apostles. Paul went to many different countries preaching the gospel. Paul was a great disciple. Even when things were going badly for him, he would rejoice because he knew the Lord’s work was being done. Paul wrote letters to other followers of Jesus to encourage them and bring them hope. Paul also begged the church to have peace among them and not to quarrel. Many times Paul prayed for peace for the followers of Jesus. We should also pray for peace for those that obey God’s commands.

There was another of Jesus’ disciples named Peter. Peter loved Jesus very much. While Jesus was spreading God’s word, He was arrested. Peter was with Jesus when he was taken to the high priest. While Jesus was being questioned, Peter denied knowing Him three times. Jesus was then crucified and died. Jesus forgave Peter for denying him. Jesus told Peter to take care of His followers. Peter showed his love for Jesus by following His commands and preaching God’s word to thousands of people.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:23
“Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

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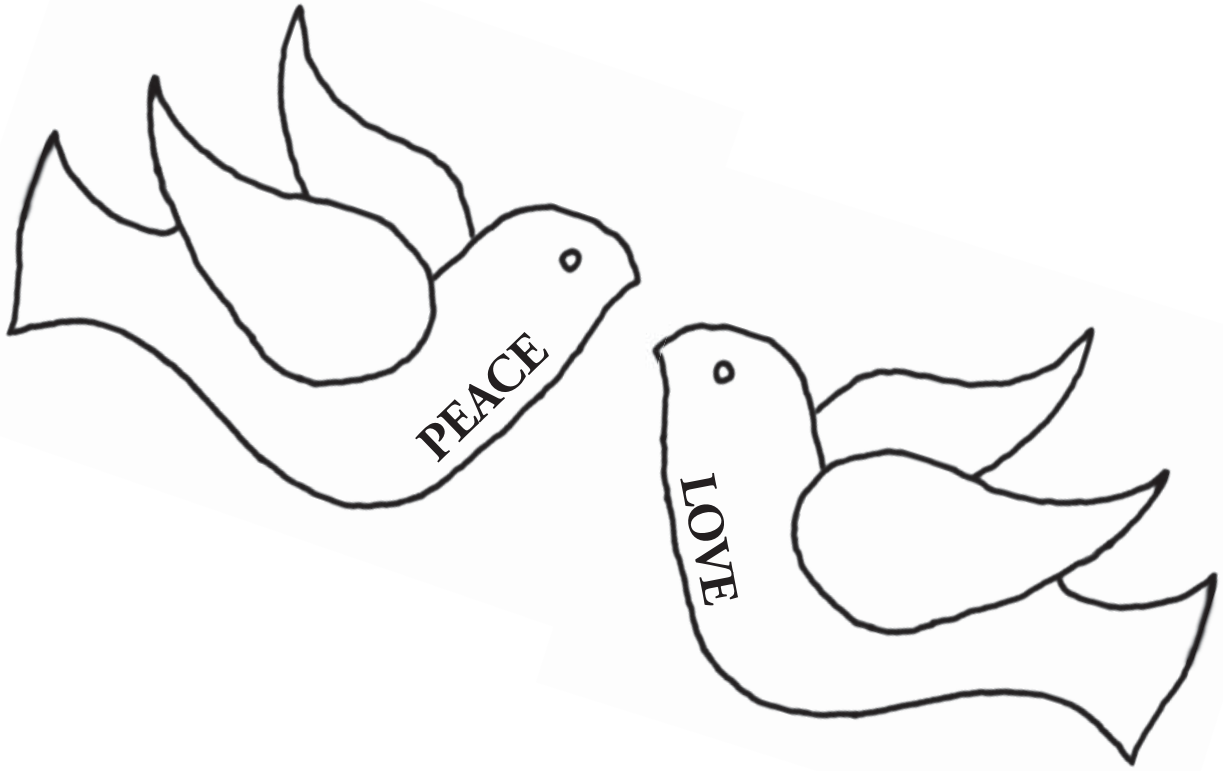

Peter showed his love for Jesus and found peace by following His commands and preaching God's word.

WORD SEARCH ACTIVITY

Find and Circle the Pearls of Great Price within the puzzle.

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