

Thessalonica

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Lesson Text

Acts 17:1-4

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Lesson Plan

Greeting & Registration

Preclass Activity: Making a Map

Welcome & Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: Paul Preaches

Life Application: Sharing about Jesus

Craft: Phone a Friend

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.





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Making a Map

This activity will familiarize the children with the area of the world where Paul and Silas preached about Jesus.

Materials

For each child:

- glue stick
- crayons

For the teacher:

- poster board or a piece of corrugated cardboard, 2' x 2'
- blue, brown, and green construction paper
- black marker
- crayons

Preparation

1. With a black marker on a piece of poster board, draw a simple map of the land around the Aegean Sea, labeling Thessalonica and the Aegean Sea. See Figure A.
2. Draw in a few objects of interest such as mountains, sheep, fish, etc.

Instructions

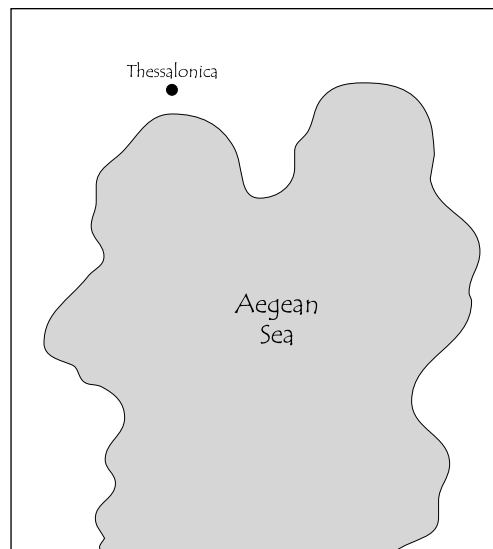
1. Have the children rip the construction paper into pieces.
2. Have the children make "trees" by gluing a brown piece of construction paper on the map as a trunk and a green piece on top of the trunk as the tree top.
3. Have the children glue the blue pieces of paper onto the Aegean Sea as water.
4. The children may also draw and color fish in the water or more trees on land.
5. Give the map to the Bible Story teacher.

Conclusion

Explain to the children that this is a map of the area where today's Bible Story took place.

Teacher Tips

- Draw the map outline and labels in pencil first. Then retrace them with a permanent marker.
- If the class is large, you may need to prepare two maps.



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Paul Preaches

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Materials

For the teacher:

- map from the Preclass Activity
- glue stick
- tape
- craft stick
- scissors
- crayons or markers

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Cut out and color the figure from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
2. Tape a craft stick onto the figure as a handle.

Instructions

Hold the figure of Paul and Silas near the map. *Today we are going to learn about two men who loved Jesus very much and wanted everyone to know about him. One of the men was named Saul. Does anyone remember anything about Saul? (He wanted to hurt the Christians, Jesus appeared to him and blinded him, Ananias healed him) After Ananias healed him, Saul became a Christian. And he changed his name from Saul to Paul. Then do you know what he did? Yes, he told people about Jesus.*

Paul had a friend named Silas. Show the Paul and Silas figure. And Paul and Silas left their homes and traveled from one city to another telling people about Jesus. Move the figures around the map.

When Paul and Silas reached the city of Thessalonica, point out Thessalonica on the map, Paul found a building called a synagogue where the people met to worship God. But these people didn't know about Jesus. So Paul was eager to teach them. He went back to the synagogue the next week when all the people were gathered there and then the next week too!

Do you think it was easy for Paul to teach these people about Jesus? Maybe it was hard. Maybe it was hard because the people didn't want to love Jesus. But the Bible says that Paul was patient and that he reasoned with the people and showed them that Jesus was God's Son. (Acts 17:2-3)

So Paul read to them from the Bible. Do you have a Bible at home? Paul explained that Jesus was the Son of God and had done many wonderful things for them. He explained how much God loved them and how much Jesus loves them.

Do you know what happened? What happens when people start listening and obeying the Bible? Yes, the people who believed in God and in the Bible changed! How do you think they changed?

When people start believing in God and obeying him they become happier, they are more loving and they share with others. They obey their parents and are kind to each other.

And then those believers, just like Paul and Silas, told everyone around them about Jesus. So many people listened that a great church began in that city!

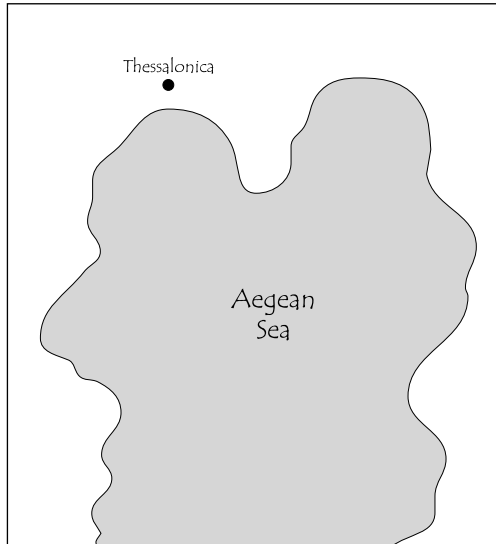
NOTE: Save the cardboard map and the Paul and Silas figures for the Unit 18 Lesson 4, Bible Story.

Conclusion

Ask the children the following questions as a review:

- Do you think that Paul and Silas loved Jesus? (yes)
- Why do you think they loved Jesus? (They told other people about him.)
- What are some things they might have said about Jesus? (He loves them, Jesus is God's Son)
- What did Paul use to teach the people about Jesus? (The Bible)
- Do you think people need to know about Jesus? (yes) Why?

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Sharing About Jesus

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Scripture Memory Verse

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Materials

For the teacher:

- large piece of poster board
- scissors
- marker
- 2 pieces of black or brown construction paper, 9" x 12"
- glue stick
- white paper

Reproducible Pages:

- Page B, 1 copy for the teacher
- Page C, 1 copy for the teacher

Preparation

1. Draw and cut out two large heads from the poster board. See Figure A.
2. Draw two eyes, a nose and a mouth on one head.
3. Glue the two heads together back to back. Leave the top of the head unglued.
4. Cut seven 3" x 4" rectangles from construction paper.
5. Cut out and color the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Pages B and C.
6. Glue one picture to each construction paper rectangle.
7. Insert the rectangles into the opening in the top of the head. Have the construction paper side showing on the front so it looks like the face has black hair. See Figure B. NOTE: Do not put the picture of Jesus on the head.

Instructions

I want to introduce you to David. Hold up the head. David is holding a lot of things that make him happy and excited. Do you like to tell people about things that make you happy? Let a few children share.

Have a child choose a picture from David's head. Have them show the group the picture and tell what they think the picture is. *Yes, that's a cake. Sometimes we get cakes on our birthdays. Is a birthday something that makes you happy and excited?*

Choose another child to take a picture and share about it in the same way.

Continue until all of the pictures are gone. *There is one last picture that I want to show you. Show the children the picture of Jesus. This is a picture of Jesus. We are the happiest and the most excited about him. Jesus makes us happy all of the time. Do you like to tell people about how happy Jesus makes you?*

Do you think everyone is excited about Jesus? (No.) Do you think everyone knows about Jesus? How can you tell if someone does not know Jesus? (they are not loving, they push and hit people, etc.) How would people be different if they knew about Jesus? (they would be patient and not get angry easily, they would be gentle and loving, they would not whine and complain, etc.) Do you think people need to know about Jesus? Why? (so they can be happy, loving, patient, gentle, etc.)

Do you know why Jesus makes me excited and happy? Jesus helps me to be kind and loving! I can also pray to Jesus when I am sad and he makes me feel better. Jesus makes good things happen every day!

Just as we are excited to tell people when it's our birthday or when we get something new, let's also be excited to tell people about Jesus. Remember that so many people need to know about Jesus so they can be happy and loving.

Scripture Memory Activity

Say the memory verse aloud for the children. Have the David head say each phrase first with the children repeating it.

Conclusion

How can we tell that people need to know about Jesus?

- if they are unloving or mean
- if they are alone and need a friend
- if they don't forgive others or if they hit and hurt others

Let's pray and ask God to help us to talk about Jesus to others so they can learn how to be happy and loving.



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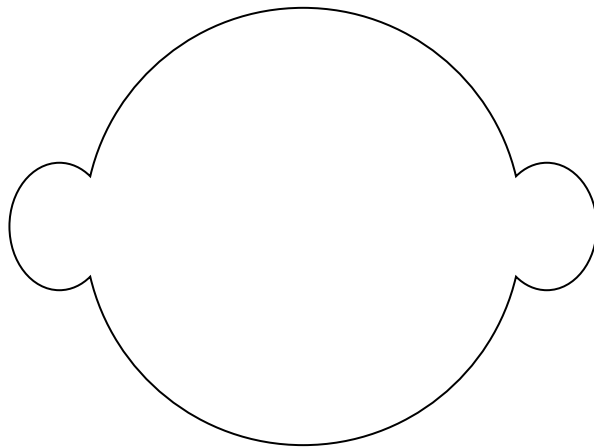


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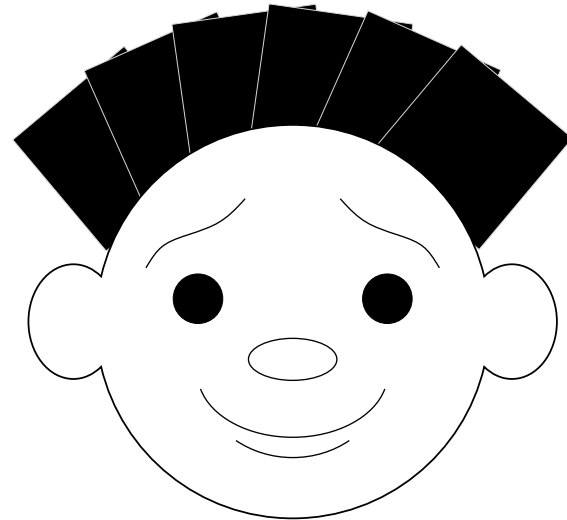


Figure B



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Phone a friend

The children will make a telephone to remind them to share about Jesus this week.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 white paper plate, 9"
- 1 piece of yarn, 18"
- 2 pieces of construction paper, 9" x 12"
- crayons or markers
- glue stick
- scissors

For the teacher:

- scissors
- marker
- tape
- hole punch

Reproducible Pages:

- Page D, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the keypads from the copies of Reproducible Page D.
2. Cut out one circle stencil from a copy of Reproducible Page D.
3. Trace and cut out two circles for each child from construction paper.
4. Write "Tell a friend about Jesus." along the rim of each plate.
5. Punch a hole on the rim of each plate.
6. Cut a 24" piece of yarn for each child.
7. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. *Today we are going to make a telephone to remind us to tell our friends about Jesus. One way you can tell your friends about Jesus is to call them and invite them to church.*
2. Give each child a paper plate and a keypad. Have them turn the plate over and glue the keypad to the center of the plate.
3. Give each child a piece of construction paper. Help them to roll the paper into a tube and tape it together.

4. Give each child two construction paper circles. Have them make dots on each one with markers. See Figure A.
5. Have each child glue one circle to either end of the construction paper tube. See Figure B.
6. Punch a hole in one end of each paper tube.
7. Give each child a piece of yarn. Help them to thread the yarn through the hole in the tube and tie it, then through the hole in the plate and tie it.
8. Help the children write their names on their crafts.

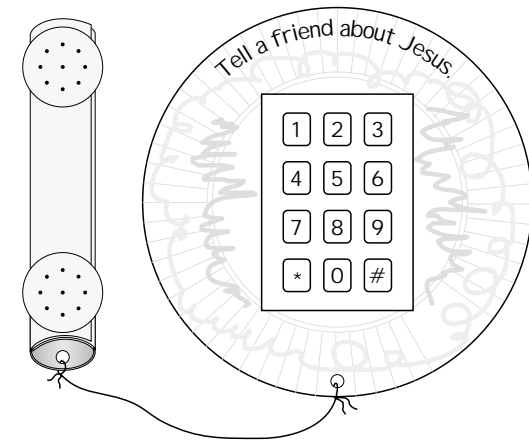
Conclusion

Have the children pretend to call their friends and practice asking them to come to Bible Class.

Ask each child who they would like to invite to come to Bible Class.

Teacher Tips

- Use a paper towel tube as the phone receiver.
- Use hole reinforcers on the plate and the receiver to make them sturdier.



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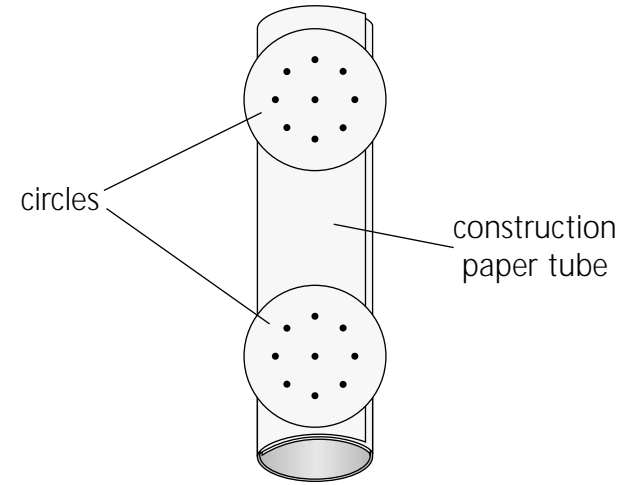
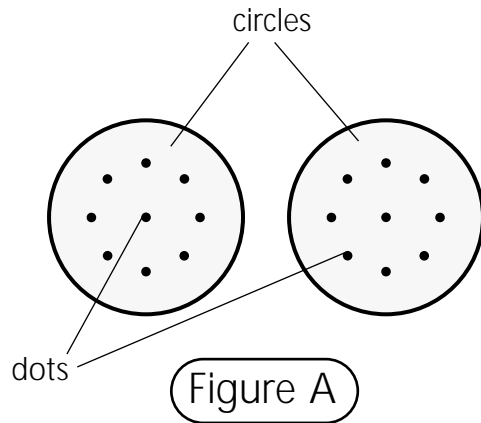
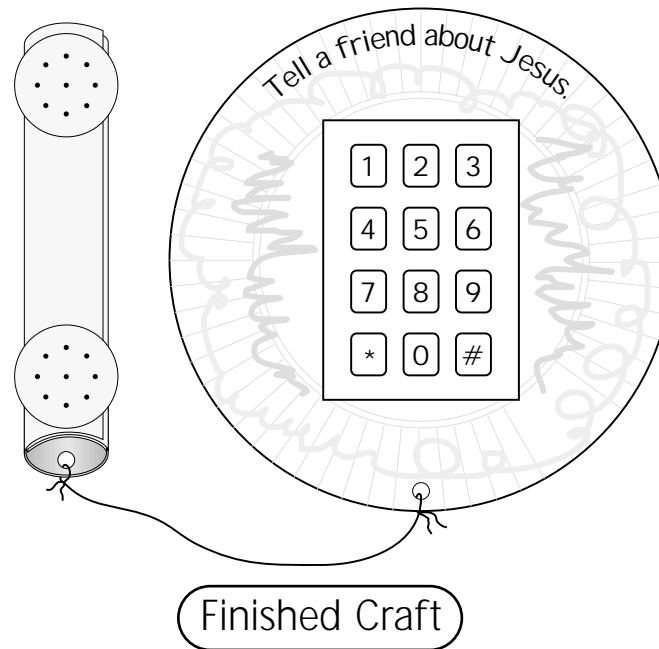


Figure B



Finished Craft





Pre class



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All About Jesus

The children will make a Bible cover for the Bible they will make as a craft.

Materials

For each child:

- crayons or markers
- 1 piece of construction paper
- scrap pieces of construction paper
- glue

Preparation

Make a model following the instructions.

Lesson Plan

Greeting & Registration

Preclass Activity: All About Jesus

Welcome & Singing

Centers:

Game: Tic-Tac-Toe

Craft: Picture Bibles

Life Application: Sharing About Jesus

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

Instructions

1. Tell the children that they are going to decorate a cover for a Bible that they are going to make in the Craft Center.
2. Give each child a piece of construction paper. Have them glue paper scraps onto one side of the paper.
3. Help each child fold the paper in half to make a Bible cover.
4. Help each child to write their name on the cover.
5. Give the covers and the model to the Craft teacher.

Teacher Tips

- Have stickers and other decorative items for the children.
- Make a few extra covers for those who arrive late.





Tic-Tac-Toe

The children will play a game to remind them about using the Bible.

Materials

For the teacher:

- large writing surface
- writing utensil
- scissors
- 1 piece of black construction paper
- 1 piece of white paper
- a marker
- tape



Preparation

1. Cut out three 2" x 3" rectangles from black construction paper.
2. Write "Bible" on each rectangle.
3. Cut out three 2" x 3" rectangles from white paper.
4. Draw a smiling stick person on each rectangle.
5. Before the children arrive, roll a piece of tape to place on the back of each rectangle.



Instructions

1. Remind the children about the Bible Story of how Paul taught people about Jesus. *Paul loved to teach people about Jesus. He taught them from the Bible.* Show the children one of the black rectangles and show them a stick person, introducing him as Paul.
2. Draw a large grid for a tic-tac-toe game on the large writing surface. See Figure A.
3. Divide the children into two teams.
4. Give the first team the Bibles and the second team the Paul stick men.
5. Choose a team to go first. Have a player place one of their pieces on an empty spot on the grid.
6. Have the second team place one of their pieces on an empty spot.
7. The first team to get three in a row, wins. See Figure B.
8. Continue playing as time allows.



Conclusion

As the children are playing, remind them that Paul used the Bible to help people learn about Jesus.

Teacher Tips

- Be sure each child gets a chance to put a rectangle on the board.

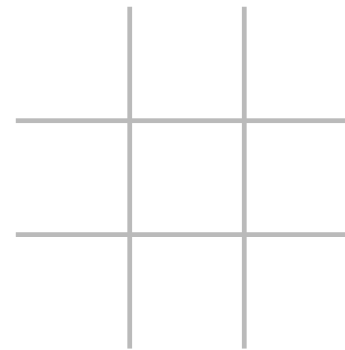


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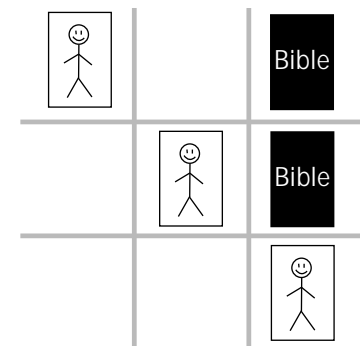


Figure B





Picture Bibles

The children will make picture Bibles to give to a friend.

Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of construction paper
- 2 pieces of ribbon or yarn, 12"
- glue stick
- crayons or markers
- Bible cover from the Preclass Activity

For the teacher:

- hole punch
- marker

Reproducible Pages:

- Page E, 1 copy for each child

Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page E.
2. Fold each piece of construction paper in half.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

Instructions

1. Show the children the model of the craft. Explain to them that they are going to make a Bible to give to a friend. The Bible will help them to teach their friend about Jesus.
2. Give each child the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page E and have them color the pictures.
3. Give each child a folded piece of construction paper and have them glue on the pictures as follows, see Figure A:
 - A. The picture of baby Jesus on the front.
 - B. The picture of the young Jesus on the inside left side.
 - C. The picture of the adult Jesus on the inside right side.
 - D. Have the children draw a picture of Jesus on the back.
4. Give each child their Bible cover from the Preclass Activity. Have them put their cover over the folded piece of construction paper creating a "Bible."
5. Punch two holes on the left side of each Bible. See Figure B.
6. Give each child two pieces of ribbon and have them thread it through the holes. Help them to tie the ribbon.
7. Help the children to write the word "Bible" on the cover.

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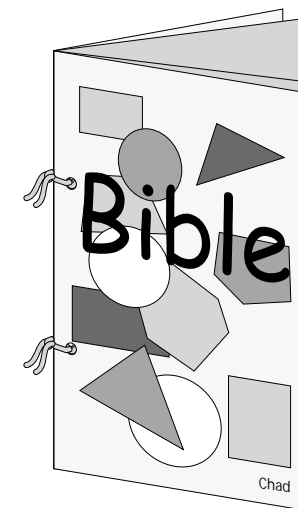
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Conclusion

Ask the children to tell the group who they would like to give the Bible to. Help them to pick someone that they know who is not a disciple or from a disciple's family.

Teacher Tips

- Write the word Bible on a large piece of paper so that those who would like to can copy the letters onto their covers.



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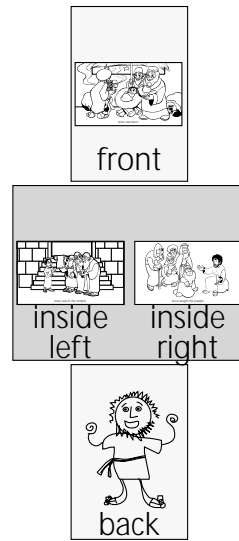


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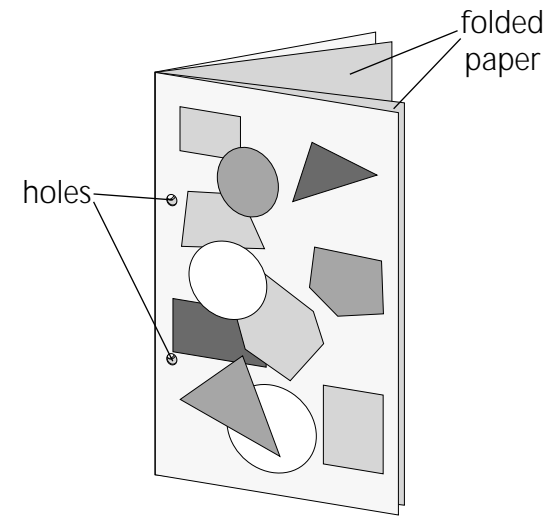
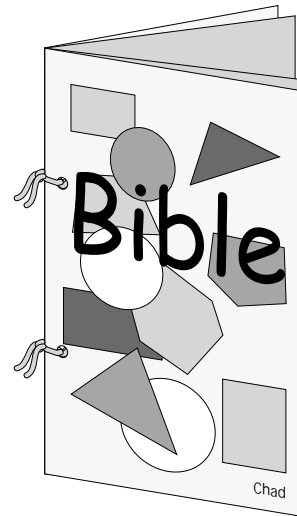


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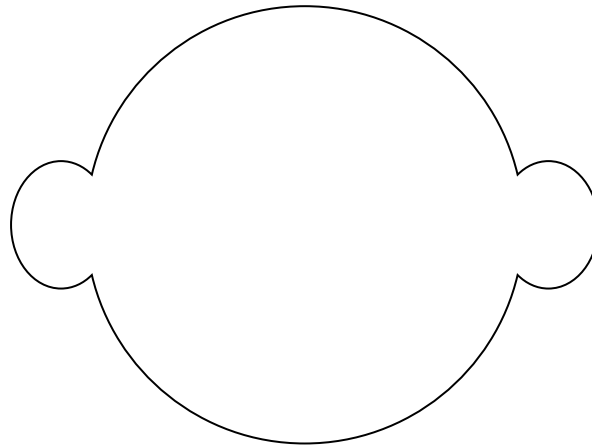


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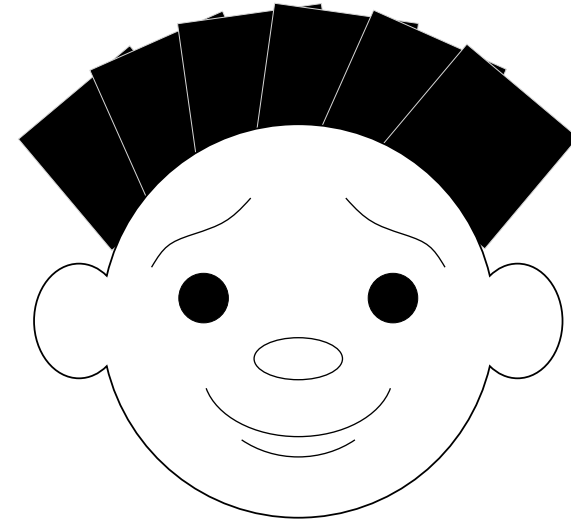


Figure B



Core/Bible Story
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Paul and Silas figure



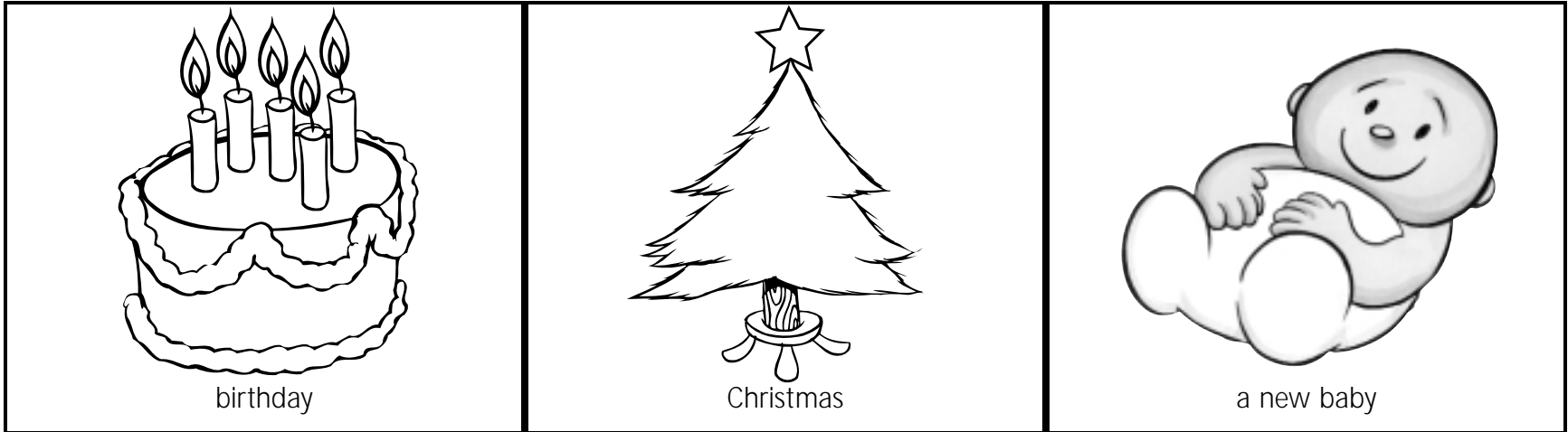
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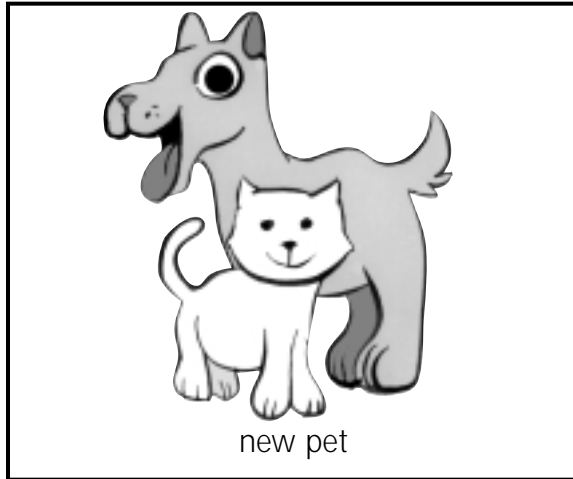
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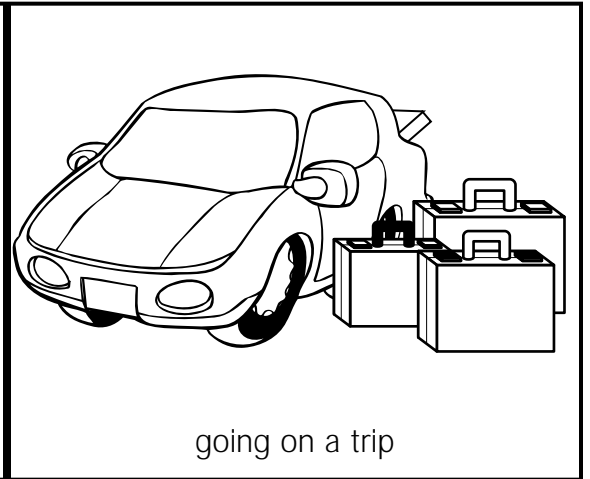
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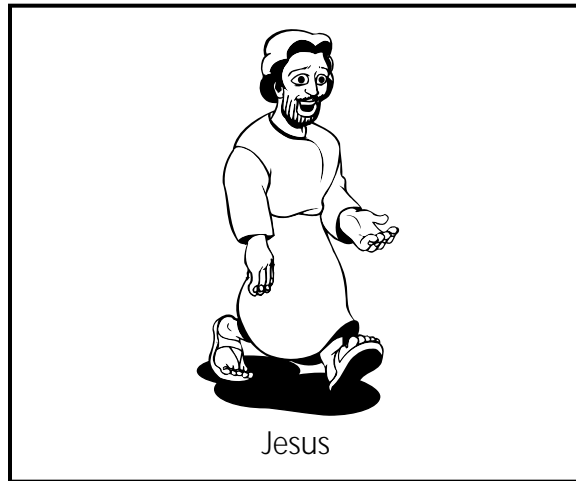
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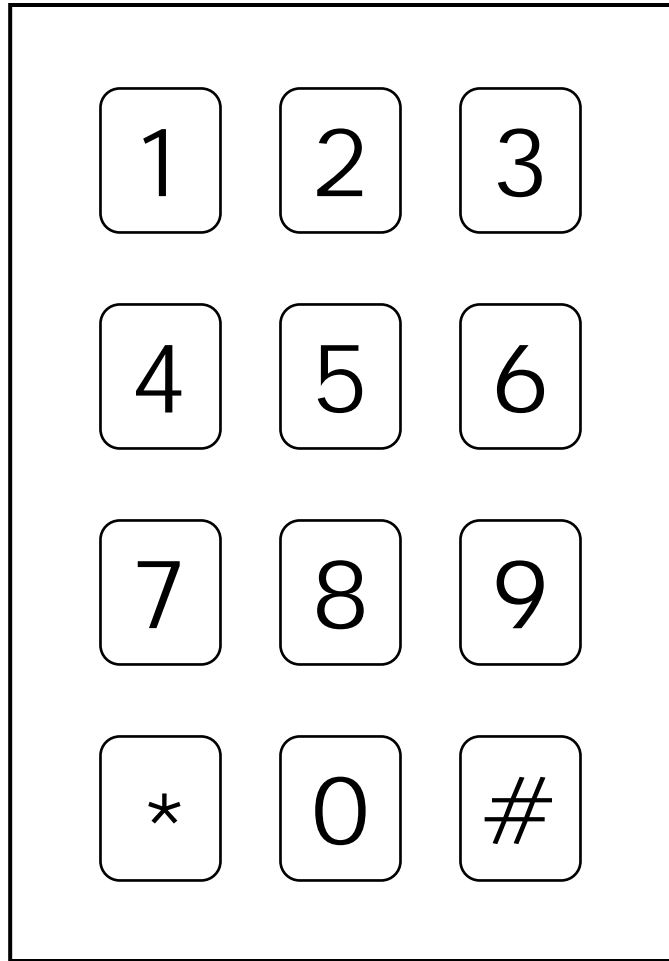


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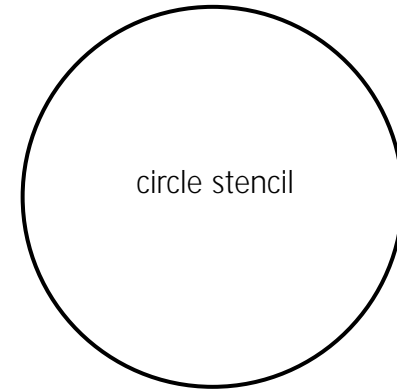


Jesus

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key pad



circle stencil

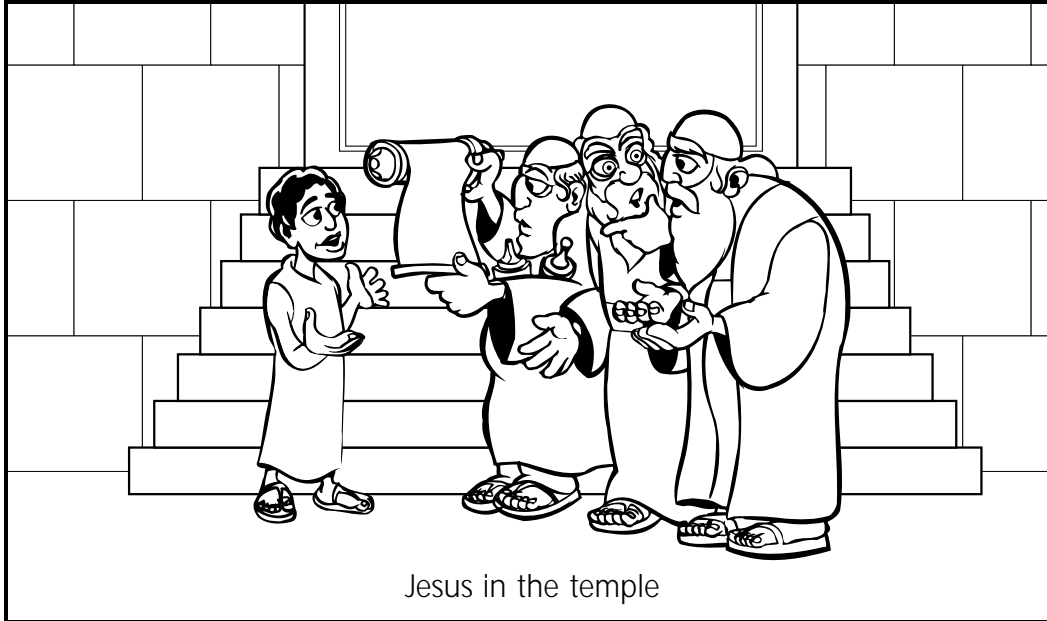
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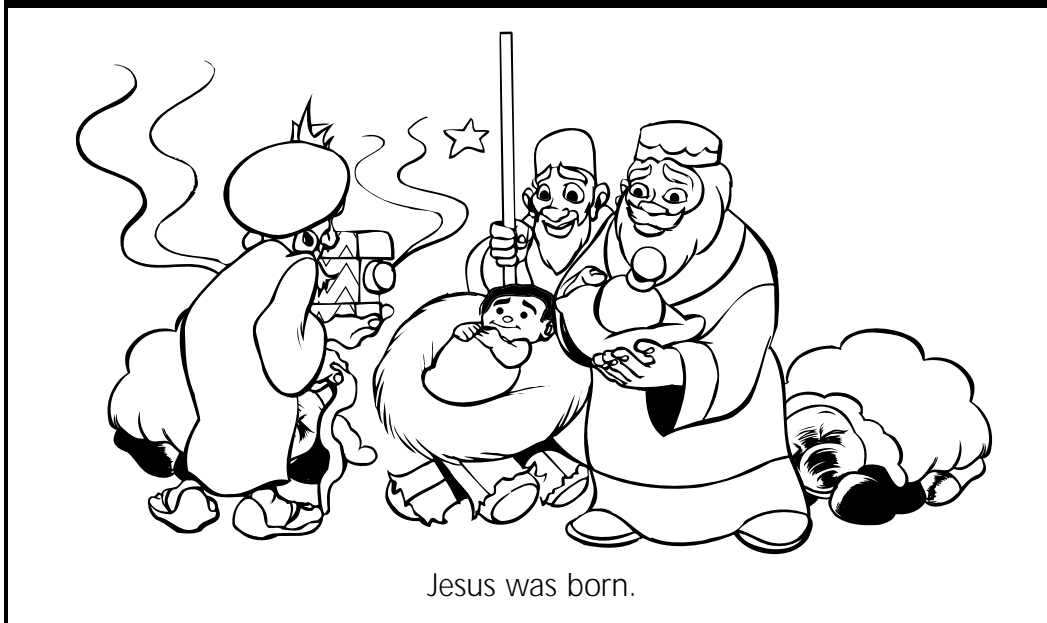
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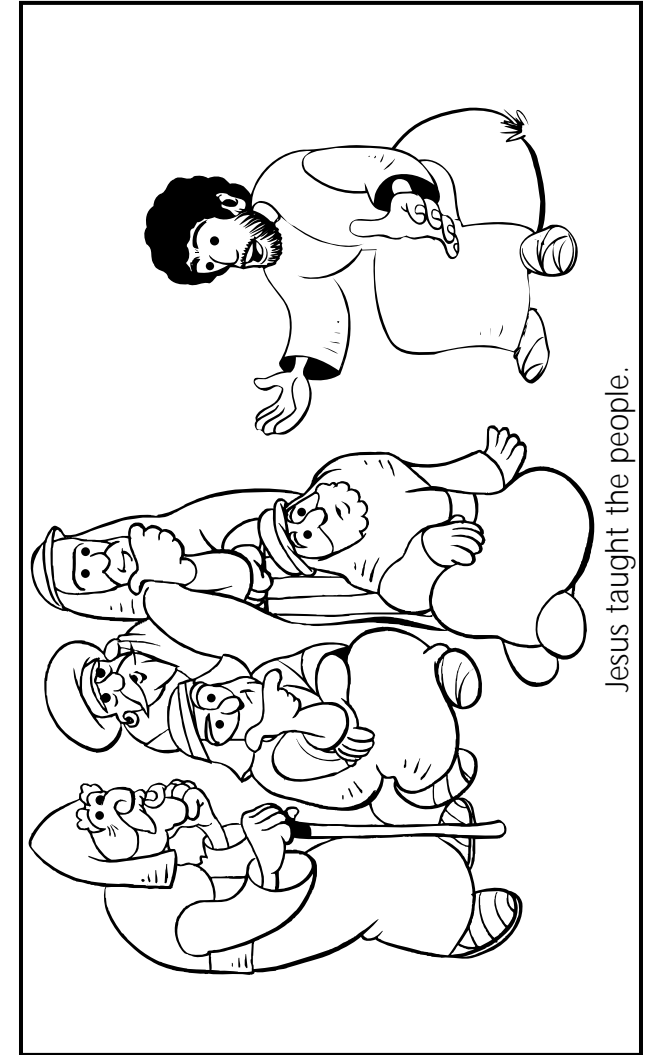
Jesus in the temple



Jesus was born.

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Jesus taught the people.