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For God's Little Children

Martina sat in Grandpa's lap. "It's not fair that the kids wouldn't let Briana play," she said. Briana was Martina's friend. Briana could not hear.

"I know," said Grandpa. "But it's good that you stood up for Briana."

Martina told her friends that they should let Briana play with them. They did not want to give her a chance.

"I don't want to play with them anymore."

"Forgive them," Grandpa said. "And keep on being good to people, as God would want you to."



"While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit'"
(Acts 7:59, NIV).

Stephen's Great Faith



Stephen loved Jesus. He told people about God, and he told them about how wrong they had been acting. The people became angry. They were going to hurt him for what he believed, and Stephen knew it. But Jesus was there. Stephen looked up to heaven and saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said. "Heaven is open, and Jesus is standing next to God."

The people didn't want to hear it, they were so angry. They covered their ears, yelled, and threw rocks at Stephen.

A man named Saul thought hurting Stephen was good. As people hit him with rocks, Stephen prayed to God to take him to heaven. "Forgive these people, Lord," Stephen said. Stephen died. He had lived a faithful life. Saul watched and did not stop the people from hurting Stephen. After this, a lot of people were angry at Jesus' followers.

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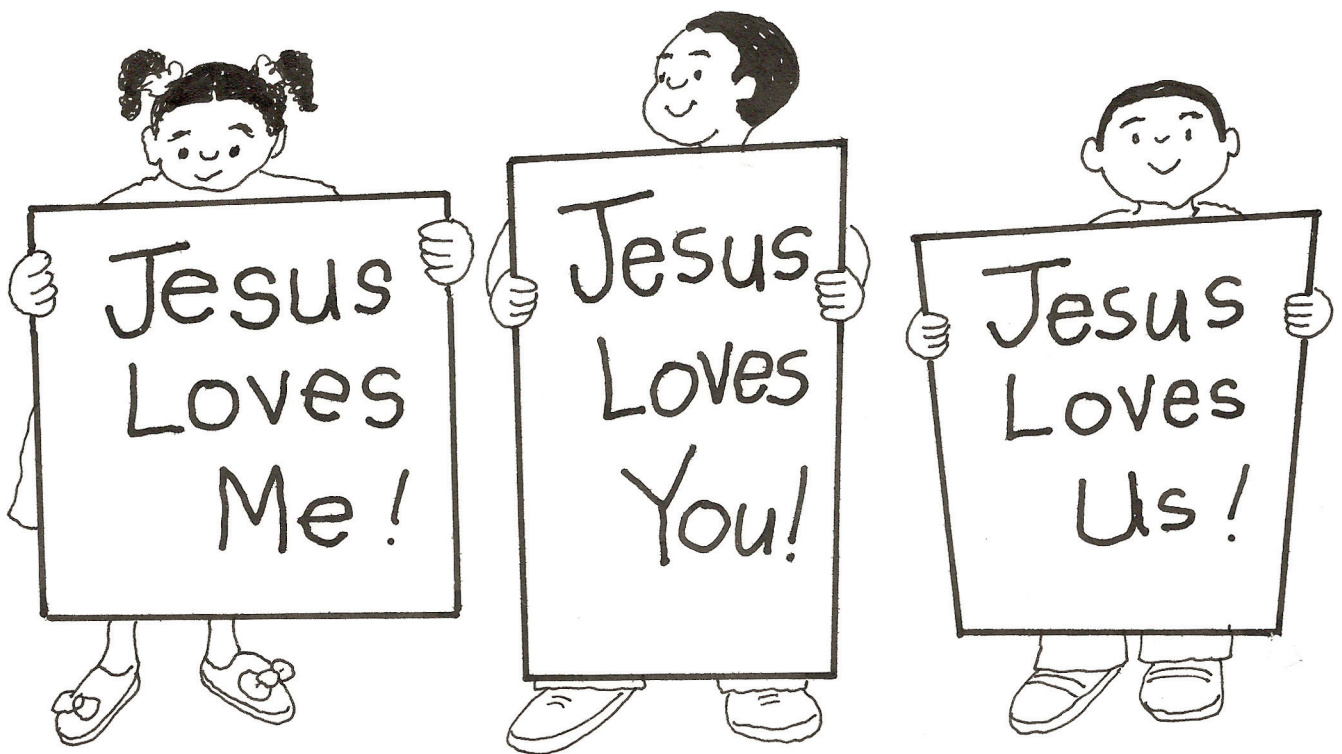
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We Believe!

Read the signs. What are the children saying? Talk with your teacher about who you can tell about Jesus' love! Color the pictures.

**Memory Verse:**

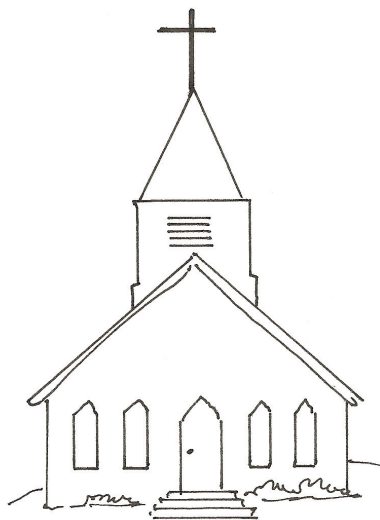
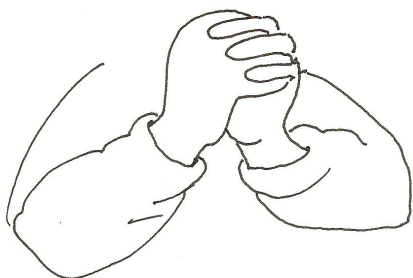
"Be strong and courageous... for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go"
(from Joshua 1:9, NIV).

Preschoolers learned today that sometimes people might be punished for their faith. Help the children understand that being truthful and standing up for faith pleases God.

GROWING

Showing Faith

How can we love Jesus and people more? Talk about the pictures. Draw a line from the children to each thing that helps us love Jesus and others more. Color the pictures.



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Jasmine and Grandpa Joe put used books into boxes for the library's book sale. They found big and little books. Jasmine found an old book not like the others. It looked like it had been read many times.

"Can we put this book in the box for sale, Grandpa?"

"Oh no, Jasmine! I would never sell this book," Grandpa Joe said. "It is God's Bible. And God's Word in the Bible has great power. I cannot put a price on my Bible. It is special to me."



"When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money" (from Acts 8:18, NIV).

Not For Sale



Simon, a sorcerer, amazed the people of Samaria with his magic. They thought he had power that came from God. When Philip preached about Jesus, people were saved and baptized. Simon also believed and was baptized.

The apostles of Jerusalem were pleased. So they sent Peter and John to pray that the Holy Spirit would come upon the new believers. They laid hands on the people of Samaria,

and God's Holy Spirit came upon them. Simon saw God's great power and wanted to lay hands on others so he could give this power, too. He offered money to Peter so he might buy the power. Peter told Simon that his heart was not good and said that Simon should pray and say he was sorry for wanting God's power for selfish reasons. Simon asked Peter to pray that nothing bad would happen to him.

God gives us special power through His Holy Spirit. No power equals God's power. The Holy Spirit lives in everyone who believes in Jesus. You can't buy Him with money, He is a gift!

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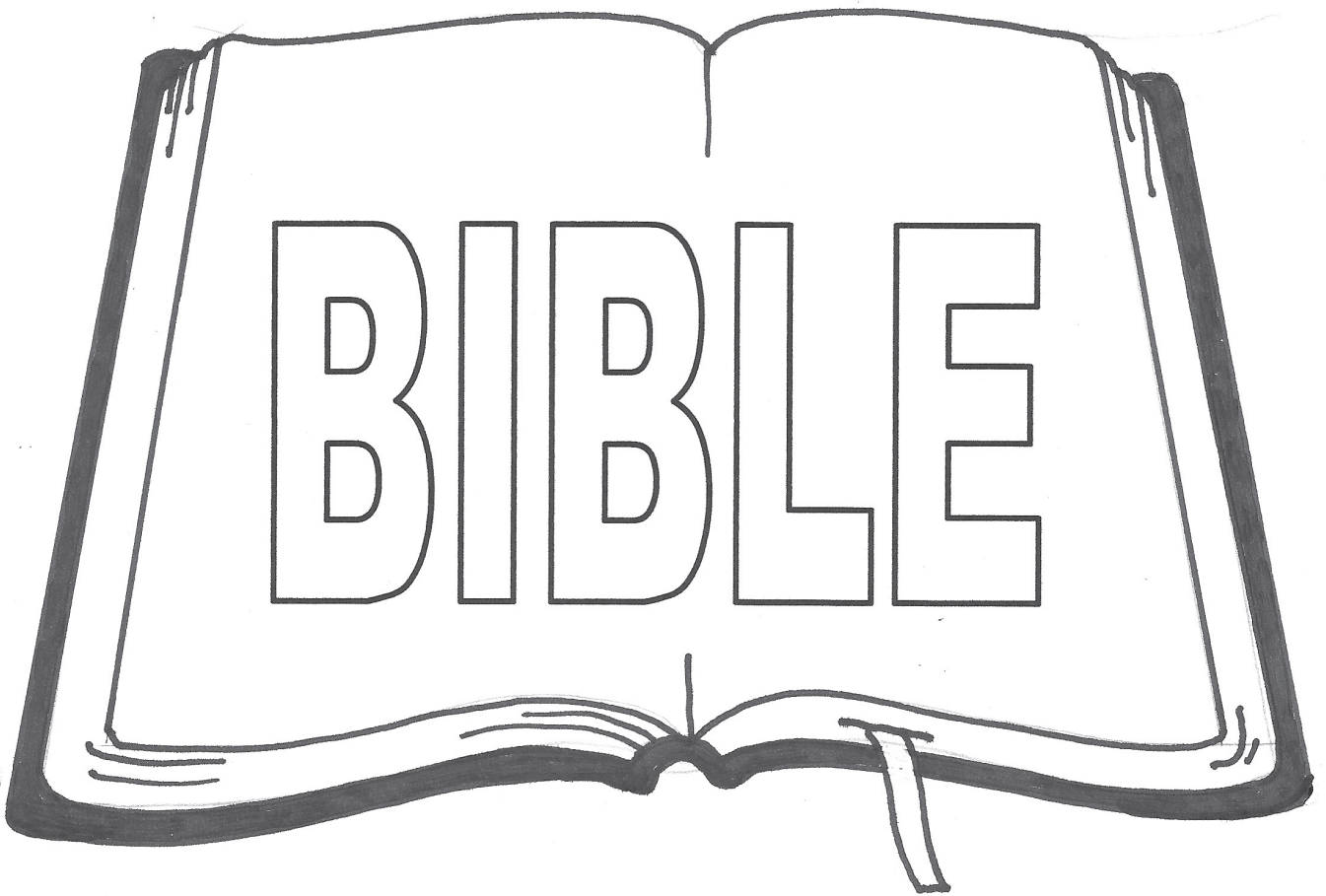
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God's Power

The Bible tells us about the Holy Spirit, who gives us power to love, to be at peace, and to have joy and so many other things. In the picture, color the letters yellow. Choose your own color to color the book.

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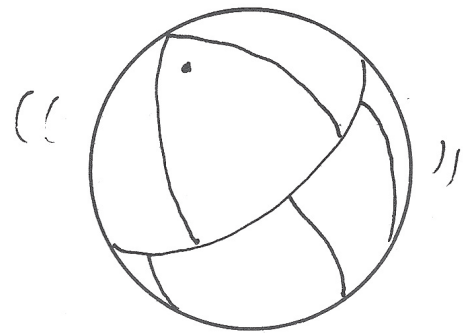
"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (from Acts 1:8, NIV).

The preschoolers learned today that God freely gives us His Holy Spirit. This special power cannot be bought or sold. It is God's gift to us.



Very Special to Me

Some things are too special to sell. Draw a circle around the two pictures showing things that are not for sale. Color the two pictures.



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Tony and his best friend, Todd, will be baptized. Todd just moved from Africa. Todd didn't know about Jesus a few months ago. Tony told Todd that Jesus loves him. Tony's mother gave Todd his first Bible.

Tony's little brother Mark wanted to know why they were getting water on them at church. Tony said, "This is called baptism. It's how we show that Jesus washed away our sins, and we are God's children now! It's a sign of God's promise to us!"



As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized'" (Acts 8:36, NIV).

Philip and the Ethiopian



Philip was a follower of Jesus. God's angel said to Philip, "Take the desert road to Gaza."

As Philip traveled to Gaza, he met a very important African man from Ethiopia. He was in charge of many things for the queen.

The African was on his way back home after worshiping in Jerusalem. He was in his chariot reading God's Word.

God told Philip to stand by the African's chariot. Philip heard him reading Bible verses from the book of Isaiah.

Philip asked, "Do you know what you are reading?"

The African said, "I need someone to explain it to me." He invited Philip to sit with him in the chariot. Philip explained that he was reading special things about Jesus.

Isaiah was telling how Jesus would die for our sins.

As they traveled along the road they came to a body of water. Philip baptized the African.

The Ethiopian praised God.

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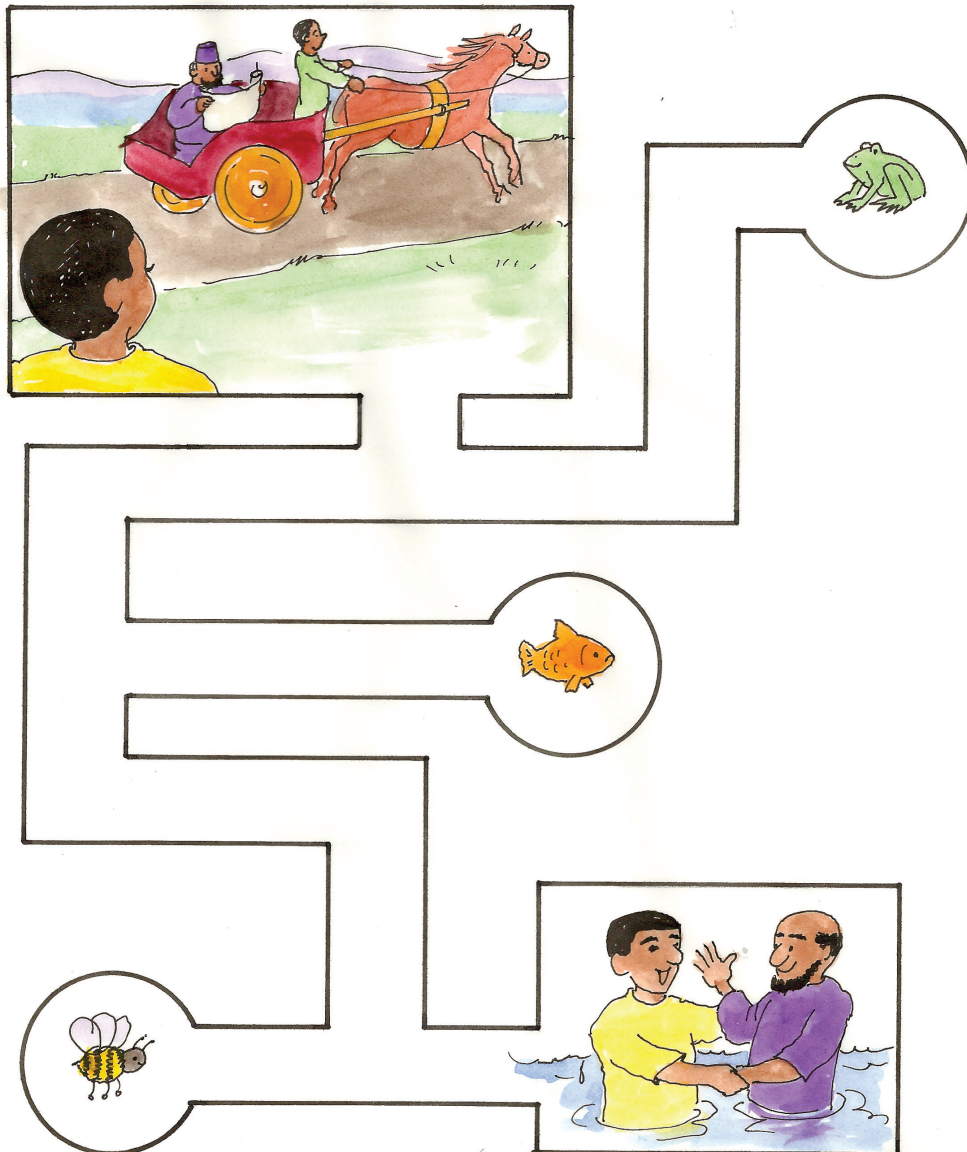
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Philip Explains the Good News!

God's angel told Philip to take the Gaza road to Jerusalem. On his way, he met a man he could tell about Jesus. Follow the maze to see Philip's journey.



Memory Verse:

"Then Philip began with that Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus"
(from Acts 8:35, NIV).

Today the preschoolers learned that it is good to share Jesus' love with others, just like Philip shared with the African man. This week, you and your child can share the Good News with someone!



The Good News Is For Everyone

God wants everyone to know the Good News about His Son, Jesus! Circle the African reading God's Word. Then color the picture.



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