

# LEADER BOOKLET

# GOD



God is perfect  
Matthew 5:48

God shows  
grace  
Ephesians 1:6



GOD IS FORGIVING  
Ephesians 1:7

God is  
everywhere  
Psalm 139:7-12

God does  
**NOT** change  
Malachi 3:6a

Nothing is too  
difficult for God  
Jeremiah 32:17



God is kind  
Ephesians 1:8

God thinks  
about me  
Psalm 139:17



God is Holy  
Revelation 15:4



God lives  
forever  
1 Timothy 1:17

GOD DOES NOT LIE  
Hebrews 6:18



GOD IS THE  
ONLY GOD  
1 Timothy 1:17



God is just  
Deuteronomy 32:4



God created  
everything  
Genesis 1:1



God knows  
everything  
about me  
Psalm 139:1-6

God's faithfulness  
lasts forever  
Psalm 117:2



Fold so A meets B

B

A

Read the verses.  
Exodus 20:2-17  
Proverbs 6:16-19  
Galatians 5:19-21

## Sin separates us from God

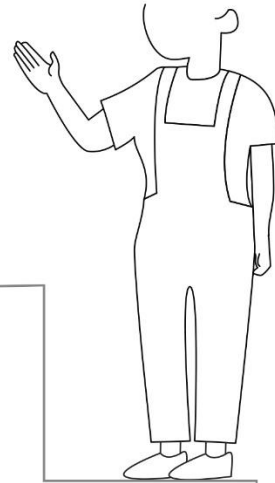
For everyone  
has sinned; we  
all fall short of  
God's glorious  
standard.

Romans 3:23

FOLD

# ME

Make the person  
look like you



How do we  
get to be with  
God?  
Read John 3:16  
John 14:6

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## TEACHER NOTES

- *Print out the statements about God and place it on the other side of the venue so that the children are able to see it but not read what it says.*
- On the poster are statements about God but we can't read what it says from here. What do we need to do? *(We need to get closer. Keep getting closer until they are at the poster and can read it. Pass the poster around and let each child read to the group something about God.)*
- In the same way if we want to get to know God, we have to come closer to Him. We need to spend time with Him.
- *Let them open their booklet to this page.* But sin gets in the way of us coming to God. Sin is rebelling against God. It is doing anything that goes against what God says. Sin is not loving God perfectly like He deserves. The Bible lists some sins but not all of them. The Bible also says that we have all sinned and so none of us can come to God. (Romans 3:23)
- But there is one way! Jesus. Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- **Because of Jesus dying on the cross and coming alive again our sins are forgiven and we can come to God and be in His presence.**



## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Come closer to the poster to read the statements about God.
- Make the person look like themselves.
- Look up and read John 3:16 and John 14:6.
- We get to be with God by **“believing in Jesus”**
- Fold the page along the dotted line so that the person meets with God and it forms a cross in the middle.



## TEACHER NOTES

- It is important for us to draw close to Jesus. That means to spend time with Him and get to know and love Him more and more.
- The exciting thing is that Jesus told us two stories that show that He looks for us first.
- Look up and read Luke 15:3-7 together (Parable of the lost sheep).
- Look up and read Luke 15: 8-10 together (Parable of the lost coin)
- We are the sheep and the coin. Our sin separates us from God and until we find the only way back to Him, which is Jesus, we are lost.
- Jesus is the shepherd or the woman in the story. He is looking for us and He will help us to be found. When we believe in Jesus and allow Him to be in charge of our lives, then we will have found our way back to God. On that day there will be great rejoicing in Heaven.
- Jesus wants to be found. Jesus is saying, “**Keep on speaking** to Me and I will answer.” Matthew 7:7-8.
- Jesus is saying, “Look for Me with your **whole heart** and I will be found.” Jeremiah 29:11-14
- Jesus started the relationship with us. He is the one that found us, not us that found Him. But Jesus wants a friendship with us that goes both ways. He wants us to keep on speaking to Him and He wants us to give Him our whole hearts.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Look up Luke 15:3-7 and fill in the word “sheep”.
- Find the sheep hidden in the picture and colour them in. (12 of them)
- Look up Luke 15:8-10 and fill in the word “coin”.
- Find the coins hidden in the picture and colour them in. (8 of them)
- Look up Matthew 7:7-8 and fill in the word “door”.
- Find the doors hidden in the picture and colour them in. (6 of them)
- Look up Jeremiah 29:11-14 and fill in the word “heart”.
- Find the hearts hidden in the picture and colour them in. (18 of them)
- The pictures coloured in will reveal the word “JESUS”.
- Complete the sentence “We must look for ‘**Jesus**’”

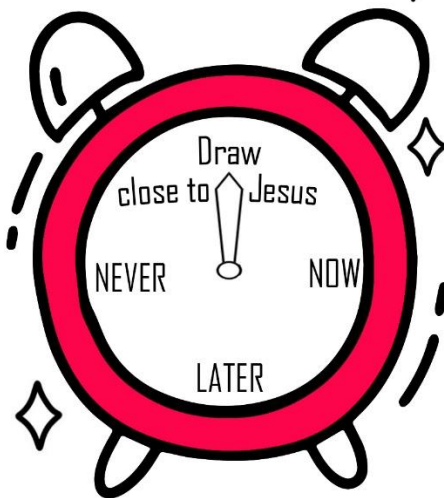
Read Luke 8:43-48. Cross out the words that do not belong to make the story true.

Jesus was surrounded by the crowds. <sup>43</sup>A woman in the crowd had suffered for **five days / twelve years** with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. <sup>44</sup>Coming up behind Jesus, she **touched/ sewed** the fringe of His robe. **A week later/Immediately**, the bleeding stopped.

<sup>45</sup>“Who touched Me?” Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, “Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against You.”

<sup>46</sup>But Jesus said, “Someone

**deliberately/accidentally** touched Me, for I felt healing power go out from Me.” <sup>47</sup>When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of Him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched Him and that she had been immediately healed. <sup>48</sup>“Daughter,” He said to her, “**Your faith/money** has made you well. Go in peace.”



For twelve ~~years~~ the lady had suffered with no one being able to make her better. Who did she need to be healed? \_\_\_\_\_

When we wait to come to Jesus we can miss out on many things. We can miss out on knowing Him more, being part of His plans and helping others know and love Him too.

Draw in the clock hand to show when we should come to Jesus.

Don't wait, draw close to Jesus **NOW**

## TEACHER NOTES

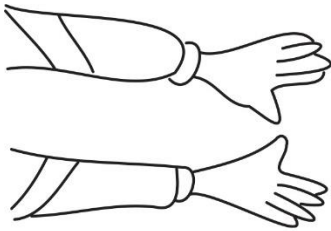
- Look up and read the story Luke 8:43-48 together. Discuss each of the words that make the story true.
- **Twelve years (vs 43)**

<sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. Mark 5:26

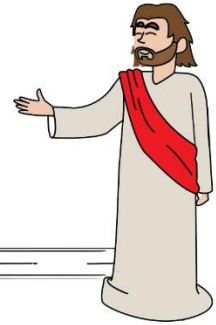
What do you think would have happened if she had of come to Jesus sooner? Or if she had not of come to Jesus at all?
- When we wait to come to Jesus we can miss out on many things. Such as knowing Him more, being part of His plans, having our prayers answered and helping others know and love Him too.
- Don't wait, come to Jesus now.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read Luke 8:43-48. Cross out the words that are not part of the story and leave the words that are. (Twelve years, touched, immediately, deliberately and faith)
- Draw in the clock hand to show when we should come to Jesus (Now)
- Trace over the word "NOW"



The lady got close enough to touch Jesus' hem. Even though Jesus is perfect and the King of all kings, He wants us to draw close to Him. He does not want a distant relationship.

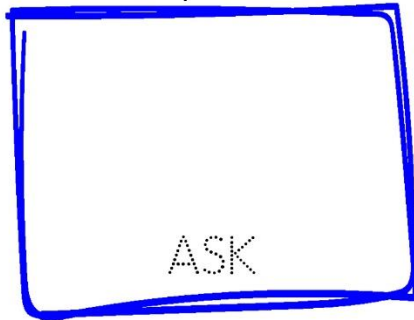


Draw how close you want to be to Jesus.

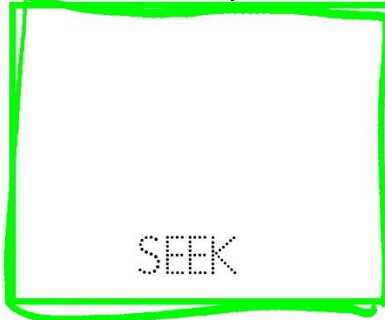


Only Jesus can make something change immediately. Jesus wants us to rely on Him. Read Matthew 7:7-8 to see what He tells us to do.

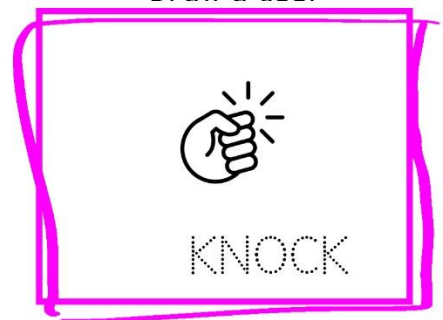
Draw a speech bubble



Draw eyes

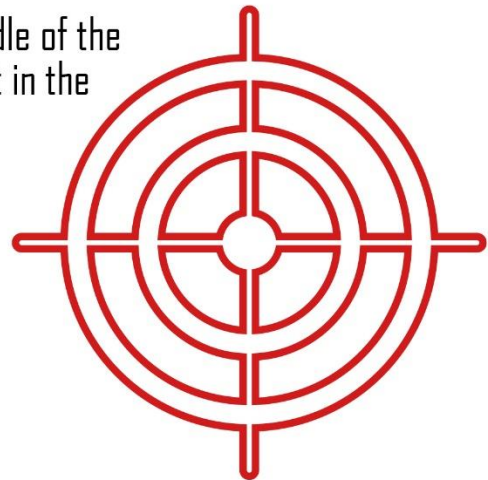


Draw a door



Close your eyes and try and draw an "X" in the middle of the target. Now open your eyes and deliberately draw it in the right place.

The woman pushed through the crowd and deliberately reached out to Jesus. In the same way we need to make the choice to draw close to Jesus. We need to be deliberate.



What will you deliberately do to draw close to Jesus?

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## TEACHER NOTES

- **Touch (vs44)**

The Bible is filled with examples where Jesus visited sinners in their homes, sat with them at wells, touched the sick to heal them and welcomed children to be with Him. Ordinary people did not welcome and love people like He did. Even though Jesus is perfect and the King of all kings, He wants us to come close to Him. He is not a King that keeps us far away.

- **Immediately (vs 44)**

The woman had been sick for twelve years and yet with one touch of Jesus' hem, she was immediately healed. Only Jesus can do that! Sometimes Jesus has a reason why He wants us to wait and He encourages us to keep on asking. (Matthew 7:7-8)

- **Deliberately (vs 46)**

The woman probably heard about Jesus and that is why she came. Hearing about Jesus is wonderful but there is a difference between knowing about someone and knowing them personally. If the woman had just watched Jesus walk by she would have missed out. Instead, she pushed through the crowds. She reached out and she touched Jesus' hem. In the same way we need to make the choice to get to know Jesus like a friend. We need to be deliberate. Read, pray, learn and spend time with Jesus.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Draw themselves close to Jesus.
- Draw a speech bubble, eyes and a door.
- Draw an "X" on the target, first with their eyes closed and then purposefully.
- Children write specific things they will do to become a close friend to Jesus.

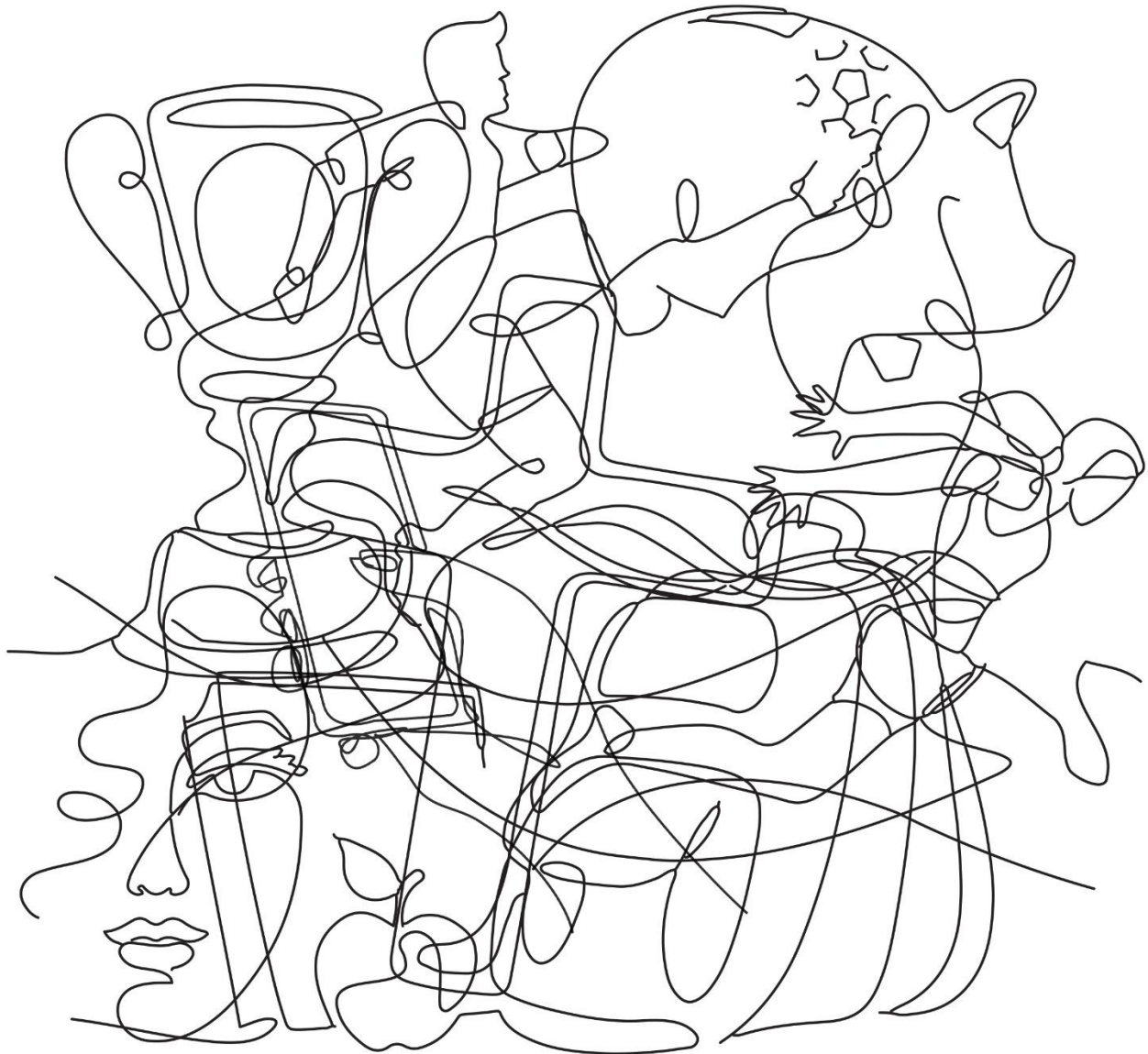


## TEACHER NOTES

- Have you ever gone to bed, you lay your head on your comfy pillow and as you are about to sleep you hear “bzzzzz”. It’s a mosquito! And you try and swat it. You hit your own head instead, wave your arms. You put repellent on or spray it. But five seconds later you hear “bzzz”. Nothing you do can stop that little mosquito from having a taste of you.
- That is how we need to be when it comes to getting to know Jesus more. We need to be persistent and not give up. We need to duck and dive and get out of the way of anything that tries to distract us or stop us from being close to Jesus. And when we do that we will be able to “Taste and see that the Lord is good”.
- In my bag I have something you can taste. It is delicious! Can you see what it is? Can you taste what it is like? I can see it. I can taste it. I can tell you that it is delicious. Do you believe me that it is delicious? How do you know? You know because I told you.  
What could help you know for sure that it is delicious?  
If you tried it for yourself, you would know that it really is delicious.
- *Give each person the tiniest taste of something. E.g. A tiny sip of Sprite.* It is nice to taste. But it leaves us wanting more. This is how it is with Jesus. When you get to know Jesus even a little you will want to get to know Him and experience His love and greatness even more.
- Psalm 34:8 is telling us that when we experience Jesus’ love and His greatness for ourselves then we will truly know how good He really is.
- We can help others experience Jesus for themselves by praying for them, inviting them to learn about Him at church, teaching them Bible stories or lessons we have learnt, sending them Bible verses and telling them about Jesus. When they experience God for themselves they will know that He is good!

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Follow the trail to complete the verse Psalm 34:8 “Taste and see that the Lord is good”



What can you see? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is it so hard to see the pictures? \_\_\_\_\_

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God wants us to look for who He is, how He wants us to live, who we are to Him and what His plans are for us. If we are looking for so many other things instead, they can easily distract us.

If you had to remove all the distractions, colour in what you would see.

## **TEACHER NOTES**

- People are looking for many things. Such as success, approval from others, happiness.
- There are many pictures on top of each other and so it is hard to see each one.
- If we are to see who God is, how He wants us to live and what His plans are, we have to make sure that nothing else distracts us.
- To help is make God more important we can try and...
  - Think about who God is. Ask ourselves “What have I heard about God, what have I seen Him do or what do I know about Him?” Soon, we will realize that nothing comes close to being as important as Him.
  - Make time in our busy days just for God and don’t let anything distract us. Making a list of the things we do may help us see which are taking up too much of our thoughts or time.
  - We can ask friends to help check in on us that we are making time to read our Bibles or prayer.
  - We can do things for God as this helps often encourages us to want to do more for Him.

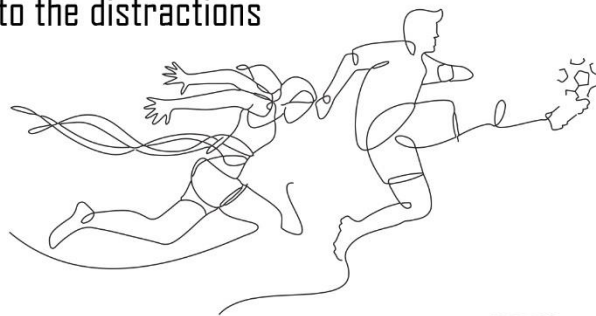
## **WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:**

- Children name the pictures they can see
- Answer “It is hard because there are so many on top of each other”
- Children find and colour in the cross

While it's not bad wanting or spending time doing these things they should not distract us from knowing and loving Jesus.

Match the line drawings to the distractions

I NEED TO BE THE BEST AT EVERYTHING IN MY CLASS



I SPEND ALL OF MY TIME DOING SPORT AND EXTRA-MURALS

I SPEND LOTS OF TIME ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND GAMING



I WANT TO WIN EVERYTHING AND I WORK HARD AT BEING THE BEST



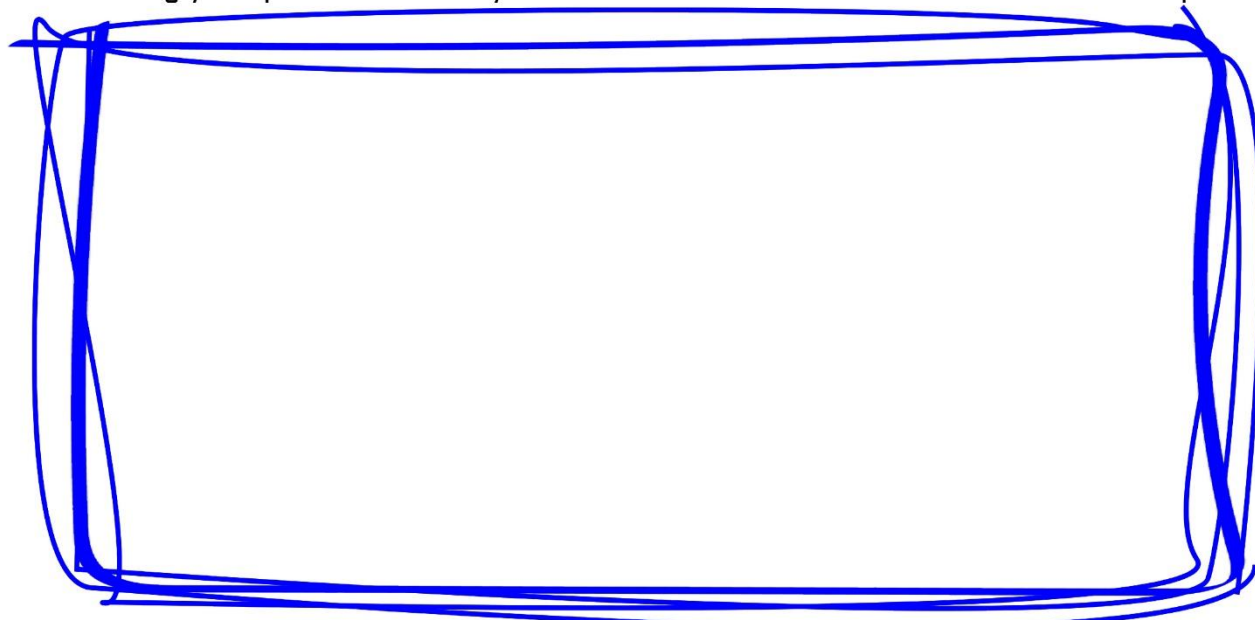
BEING POPULAR. MY APPEARANCE AND LOOKING GOOD IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME



I WANT TO HAVE A LOT OF MONEY. I WILL SPEND TIME MAKING LOTS OF MONEY



Without lifting your pen, draw what you will do to show Jesus that He is the most important.



## TEACHER NOTES

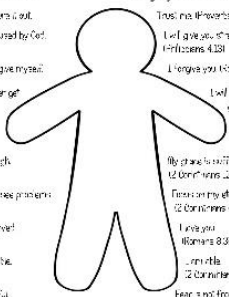
- **School bag (Being the best)** It is good to work hard and to do well at school because Jesus wants us to do well. We need to take care not to compare ourselves to others or make the mark we get on our report card more important than showing Jesus we love Him.
- **Piggy bank (Money)** The Bible warns us about the love of money. Sometimes people can be so worried about not having enough money or all they do is try to make more. Jesus wants us trust Him and He wants us to be generous. Jesus wants us to love Him more than money.
- **Beauty (Face)** We can often get distracted by the way we look and start to compare ourselves to others or keep up with the latest fashions. We may even try and change the way we look so we can be popular. These things are not important.
- **Social Media and Gaming (Cellphone)** Did you know that in America a person in prison spends less time indoors than the average person on their cellphone. Rather than following what everyone else is up to we should be following Jesus.
- **Being the best (Trophy)** Jesus said we need to love God and love others. Sometimes when we focus on winning and being the best at all costs we end up making ourselves more important than others and relying on ourselves rather than God.
- **Extra-murals and keeping busy (Sportsman)** It is easy for us to become busy, busy, busy. So busy that there is no time to read our Bibles or pray. And even when we do find time we fall asleep from exhaustion. Plan your day well so that there is always time for Jesus.
- **Note:** The Kid's Booklet has this page included. Allow them time to pause and think about who God says they are before continuing with Paul's story.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Match the picture to the words.
- Without lifting their pen, they draw something that they will do to show Jesus that He is the most important.

**DRAW CLOSE TO JESUS TO FIND YOUR IDENTITY**  
Write what God says about you inside the outline of the person.

I say...	God says...
I am a sinner.	Don't fear. I'm with you. (John 4:18)
I feel overwhelmed.	I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)
I don't figure it out.	Trust me. (Hebrews 4:14)
I can't be saved by God.	I will give you strength. (Philippians 4:13)
I don't forgive myself.	I forgive you. (Romans 8:1)
I will improve on better.	I will use this for good. (Romans 8:28)
I'm not tough.	My grace is sufficient. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
I can't give presents.	Focus on the eternal prize. (2 Corinthians 4:18)
I am not loved.	I love you. (Romans 8:38-39)
I am not able.	I am with you. (2 Corinthians 9:8)
I am fearful.	Heaven is not from here. (2 Timothy 1:7)
I don't receive all I desire.	I have unlimited resources. (Lopham's 1:18)
I feel lost.	I will guide you. (Psalm 137:6)
The temptations are too great.	I will show you a way out. (1 Corinthians 10:13)



Paul once thought that the following things were really valuable.



**He came from an important and rich family.** He was a Hebrew and King Saul, Queen Esther, Joseph and other well known people were his relatives.

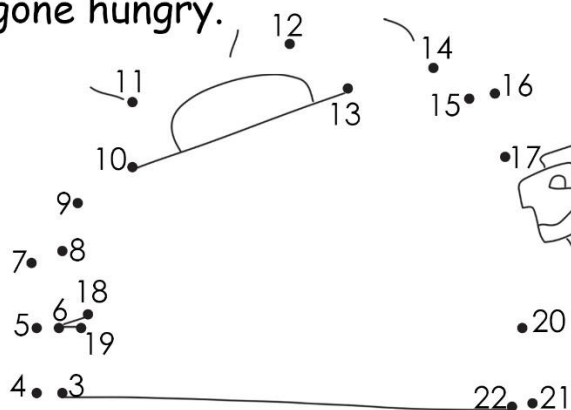


**He followed every rule** that there was in the Jewish law and he even made sure that others followed the law too.



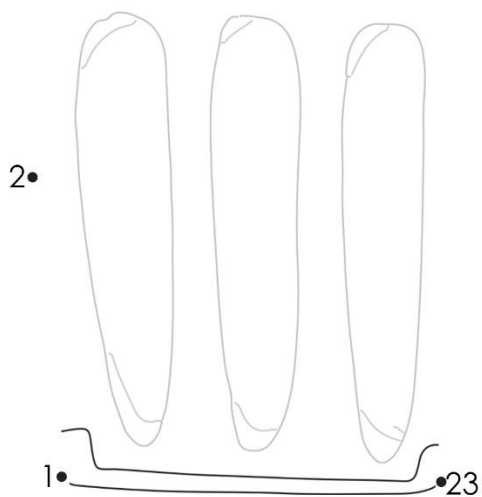
**He was well educated.** He was trained really well. He knew Hebrew and knew all the laws and the messages God had sent in the Old Testament.

**He worked very hard.** He had even been shipwrecked, whipped, stoned, jailed, robbed and gone hungry.



But then Paul's story changed. He now considered these things worthless and even like

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Read Philippians 3:7-9  
What made Paul think of these things as worthless garbage?

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## TEACHER NOTES

- Paul had a lot to boast about. He came from an important and rich Hebrew family with King Saul, Queen Esther, Joseph as his relatives.
- He followed every rule in the Jewish law and made sure others did too.
- He was well educated. He knew Hebrew and knew all the laws and the messages God had sent in the Old Testament.
- He worked very hard. He had even been shipwrecked, whipped, stoned, jailed, robbed and gone hungry.
- By getting to know Jesus personally, Paul's story changed and he considered these things "garbage" compared to knowing Jesus.
- <sup>7</sup> I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless **because of what Christ has done**. <sup>8</sup> Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the **infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and **become one with Him**.

Philippians 3:7-9

- *Get the children to close their eyes and think about each of these.*
- **Because of what Christ has done.** Jesus died a painful death for our sin, even though He had never sinned. If Jesus had not done this for us we would be separated from God and punished for our sins.
- **Value in knowing Jesus.** Nothing could be more important than knowing Jesus. Knowing Jesus means you are saved from your sin. How does it make you feel to know He is with you, loves you no matter what, gives you all that you need, is always in control? So much valuable than knowing a whole lot of facts.
- **Become one with Him.** Accepting Jesus as your King means the Holy Spirit lives in us and we become one with Him. Nothing can change that.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Complete the dot-to-dot to reveal a garbage can.
- Fill in the word "garbage" or "rubbish"
- Read Philippians 3:7-9 to answer "Because of what Jesus has done, value of knowing Him and being one with Him."

Scratch out what can be considered as garbage to tell others.  
Draw a speech bubble around what is important to tell others.

God died for us while we were sinners

I am a good person

Pray about everything

I am clever

I wear the latest clothes

The Gospel has power

Rejoice in the Lord

I am rich

Jesus makes us righteous

Believe in Jesus and you will be saved

My muscles are big

I have lots of friends

~~I have nice hair~~

Nothing can separate us from God's love

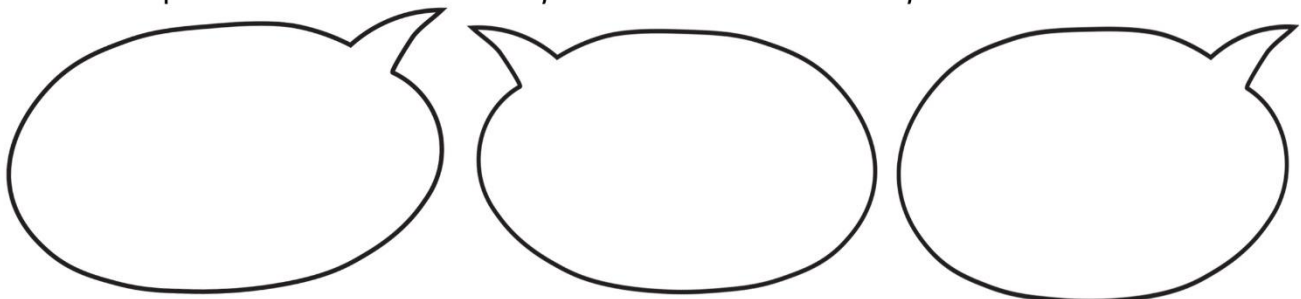
I have an important family

Rely on what Jesus has done for us

We are children of God because of Jesus.

God chose me to tell others about what Jesus has done

In the speech bubbles write what you can tell others so they can know Jesus too.



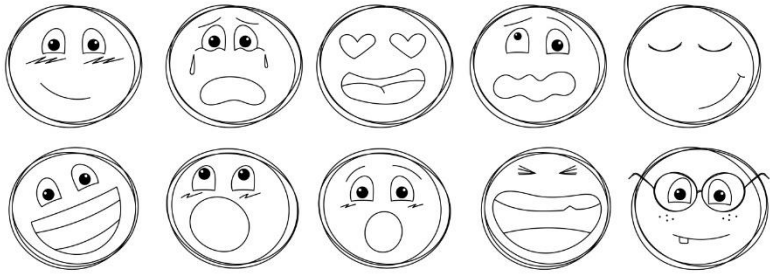
## TEACHER NOTES

- Knowing Jesus for ourselves is wonderful but it should not stop there. God has given us the two greatest commandments. To love Him and to love others.
- We love Him by getting to know Him, spending time with Him, worshipping Him, obeying Him and doing good things for Him.
- The best way we can love others is to help them know Jesus and come close to Him. Think of everything you have because you know and love Jesus, this is what you can help others have too.
- We cannot force someone to believe in Jesus and follow Him but the things we say and do can make a difference.
- Before Paul knew Jesus, he was telling everyone about himself and what he thought they should do. After he met Jesus and chose to love and follow Him his message to others changed.
- These are some of the things Paul said:
  - Nothing can separate us from God's love. Romans 8:37-39
  - The gospel has power. Romans 1:16
  - God died for us while we were sinners. Romans 5:8
  - Believe in Jesus and you will be saved. Romans 10:9-10 / Acts 16:31
  - We are children of God because of Jesus. Galatians 3:26 / Ephesians 1:5
  - Pray about everything. Philippians 4:6-7
  - God chose me to tell others about what Jesus has done. Galatians 1:15-16

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Scratch out what is "garbage" because it is about ourselves and things that are not as valuable as Jesus.
- Draw a speech bubble around the things that are truths from Jesus or about Jesus.
- Fill in the things they will say to someone.

No matter  
how you feel,  
what you have done  
or where you are,  
you can **ALWAYS**  
come to Jesus



These are some of the reasons why it is important for us to know Jesus and to draw close to Him.

**S**

**SALVATION**

Jesus is our **SAVIOR** and we come to Him for **SALVATION** from our sins. Jesus is the **ONLY** one who can take away our sins. Jesus is the **ONLY** way to eternal life with God in Heaven. (John 3:16-17, John 14:6)

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**IDENTITY**

Jesus is our **CREATOR** and so we come to Him to for our **IDENTITY**. People, social media, our own opinions and even the whole world will try and tell us what we must be like. Draw close to Jesus so He can tell you who He has made you to be. Follow Jesus as He is the perfect role model. (Psalm 139:13, Ephesians 5:2)

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**NEEDS**

Jesus is our **PROVIDER** and we come to Him for all our **NEEDS**. Whether we need physical things like food or healing, spiritual help like understanding or wisdom or emotional needs like comfort and joy, we can always come to Jesus. He is generous to give us everything we need. (2 Corinthians 9:8, Philippians 4:19)

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**GUIDANCE**

Jesus is our **GUIDE** and we come to Him for **GUIDANCE** He guides us away from sin and towards loving and serving God. He leads us into the good plans and deeds He has prepared for us. He leads us to make good choices. He has filled us with the Holy Spirit to live in us and guide us every day. (Psalm 32:8, Romans 8:14)

## TEACHER NOTES

- Jesus didn't care if people were sick, sinners, boastful, sad, happy or children. He welcomed everyone to spend time with Him and to accept Him as their Saviour.
- No matter how you feel, what you have done or where you are you can always come to Jesus. We come to Jesus because of who He is.
- **Saviour:** Jesus is our Saviour and so we come to Him for Salvation.

<sup>16</sup> "For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him. John 3:16-17

<sup>6</sup> Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me." John 14:6

- **Identity:** Jesus is our creator and so we come to Him for our identity and to be who He has made us to be.

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered Himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Ephesians 5:2

- **Needs:** Jesus is our provider and so we come to Him for the things we need.

<sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Corinthians 9:8

<sup>19</sup> And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

- **Guidance:** Jesus is our guide and so come to Him to be led by Him.

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. Romans 8:14

## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read or listen to the verses to they see why it is important to come to Jesus.

# KNOWING JESUS MAKES US WANT TO SING

Our testimony is our story of what we personally know and experience about Jesus and what He has done for us. My story is different to your story. But in all of our stories there is one thing that is the same. Jesus is the hero of every story!

Write your personal story so you can share it with someone else so they can know and love Jesus too.



SALVATION

Jesus is my Saviour.

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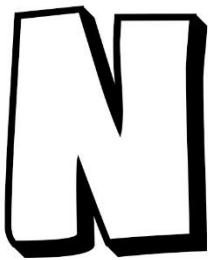
Jesus is my creator.

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NEEDS

Jesus is my provider.

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GUIDANCE

Jesus is my guide.

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## TEACHER NOTES

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- God wants us to share our story with others so that they can love Him like we do.
- There is power in our testimony (Revelation 12:11). Jesus says He will use it to defeat the devil. So do not be scared to share it.
- *Allow the children some time to quietly sit alone away from everyone else and spend time with Jesus either praying, listening or reading the Bible.*

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## WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Spend time quietly alone with Jesus.
- Write their testimony.