



LITTLE VILLAGE

# PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

OLD TESTAMENT

Ages 1-2

A GOD-CENTERED, GOSPEL-CENTERED  
STUDY OF GOD'S BIG STORY



## LITTLE VILLAGE PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM PHILOSOPHY

The most joyful thing in all the world is knowing God; that's why our kids need to hear who God is and what He has done in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

In fact, God's big story (see the God's Big Story Timeline in the Appendix)—from creation to redemption to restoration—displays Him as Hero. **The Bible is God's True Word. It is from God and about God.** Sadly, we sometimes miss that point and make everything about ourselves. Our kids need a different vantage point: God, in His wonder, shows us His love while we are yet still sinners.

### THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Even though our hearts are by nature opposed to God in every way, Jesus died on the cross for us so that our sick hearts (see Sick Heart/Healthy Heart visuals in the Appendix) could be made healthy, and now everyone who loves and trusts Jesus will get to live with God forever!

### A STRONG FOUNDATION

The lessons throughout this curriculum highlight one of these Six Foundational Truths: **God Made Everything, God Is in Charge of Everything, God Is Good, Jesus Came to Save Sinners, God Wants to Talk With Us** and **The Church Is God's Family.**

This helps us keep the focus of every lesson on the main point of the story: God! And what do we do in response? Worship! **Worship is how we show that God is most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We use our voices, minds and bodies to worship God.**

### OUR PRAYER

We pray that God would show the next generation the reason for the hope that we have. May we faithfully tell God's big story, laying kindling in the hearts of children that the Lord might ignite for the praise of His beautiful name.







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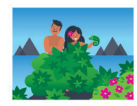
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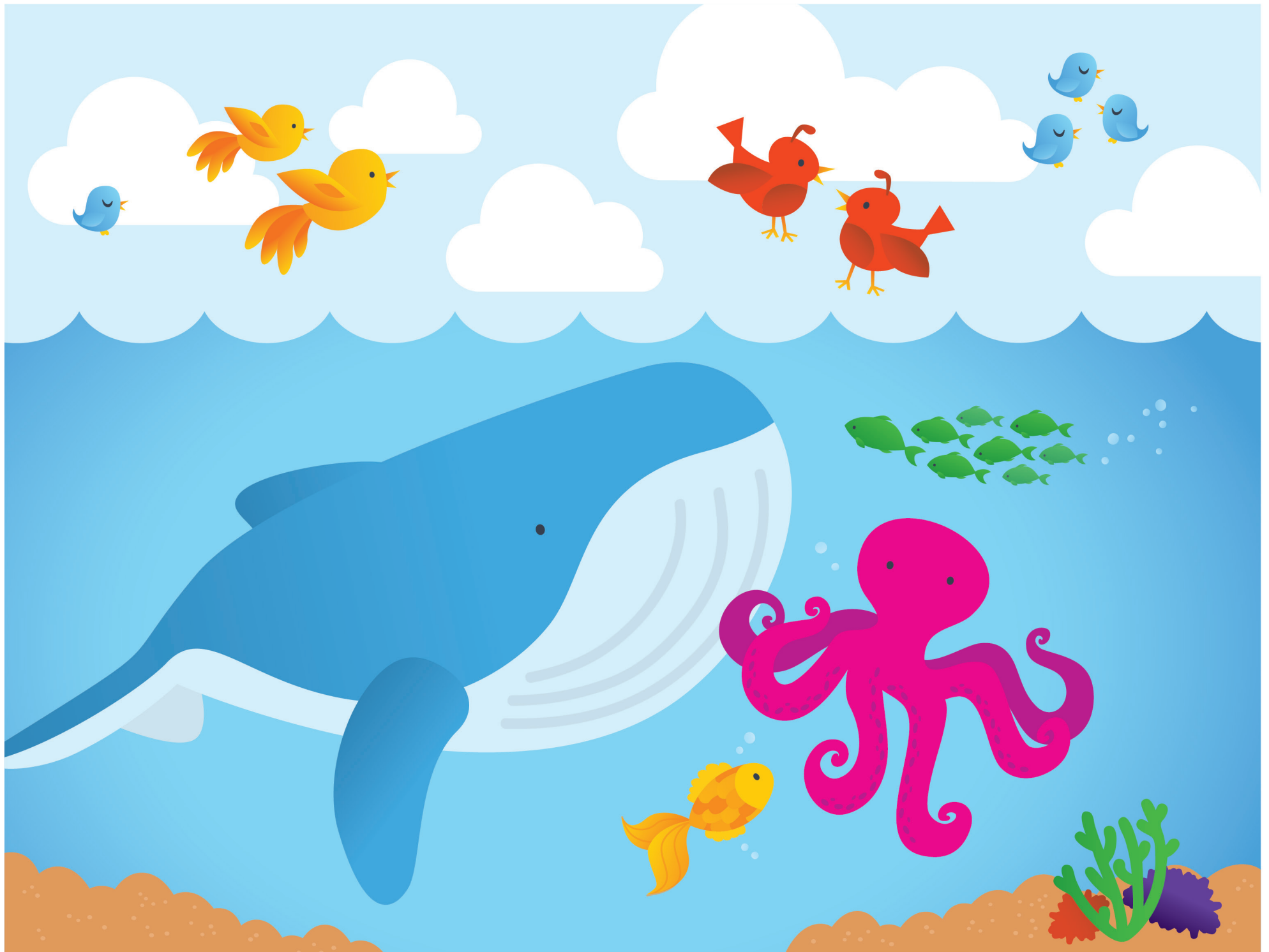
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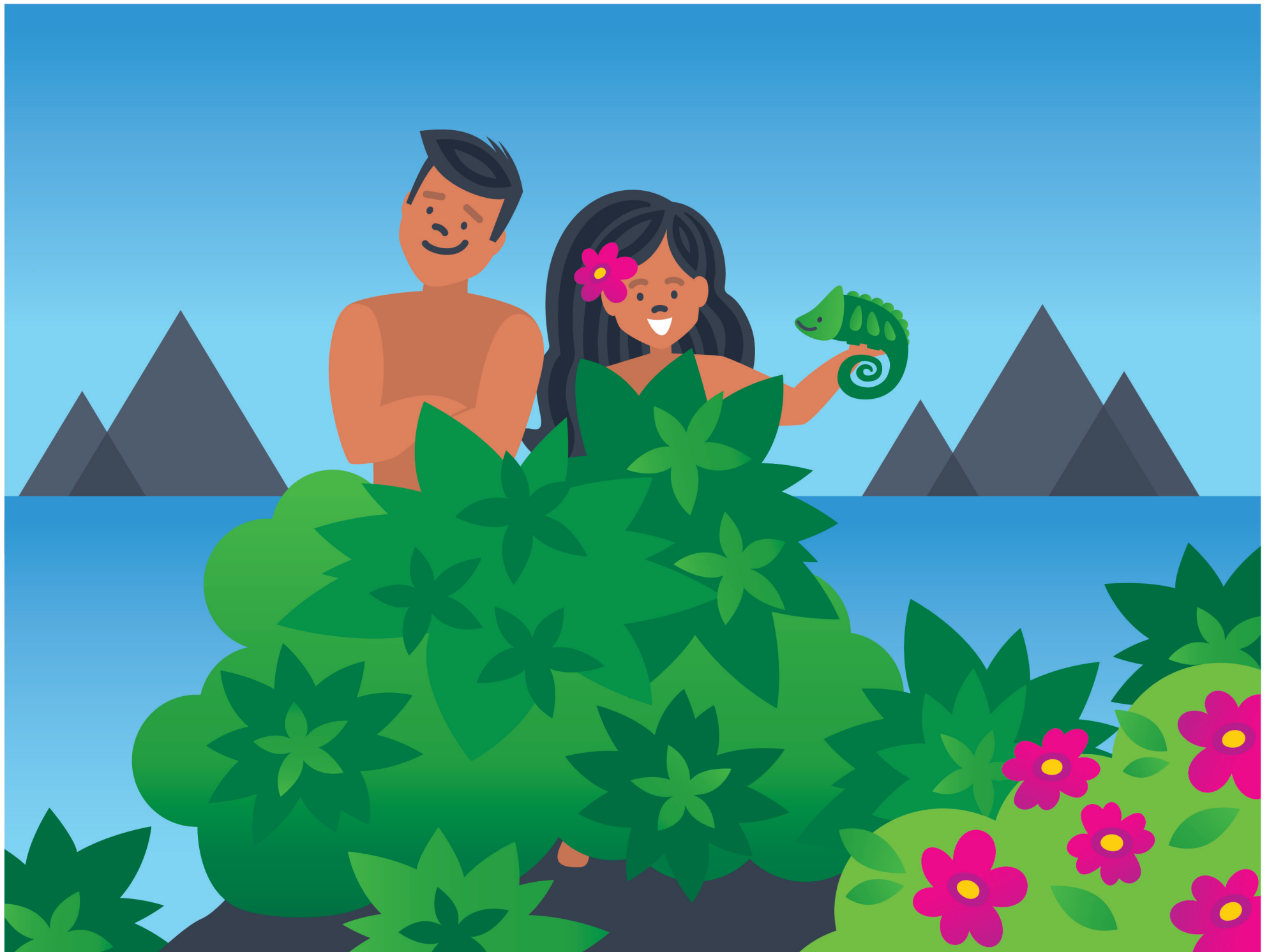
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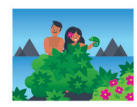
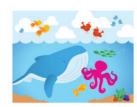
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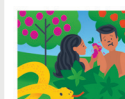
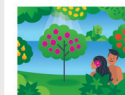
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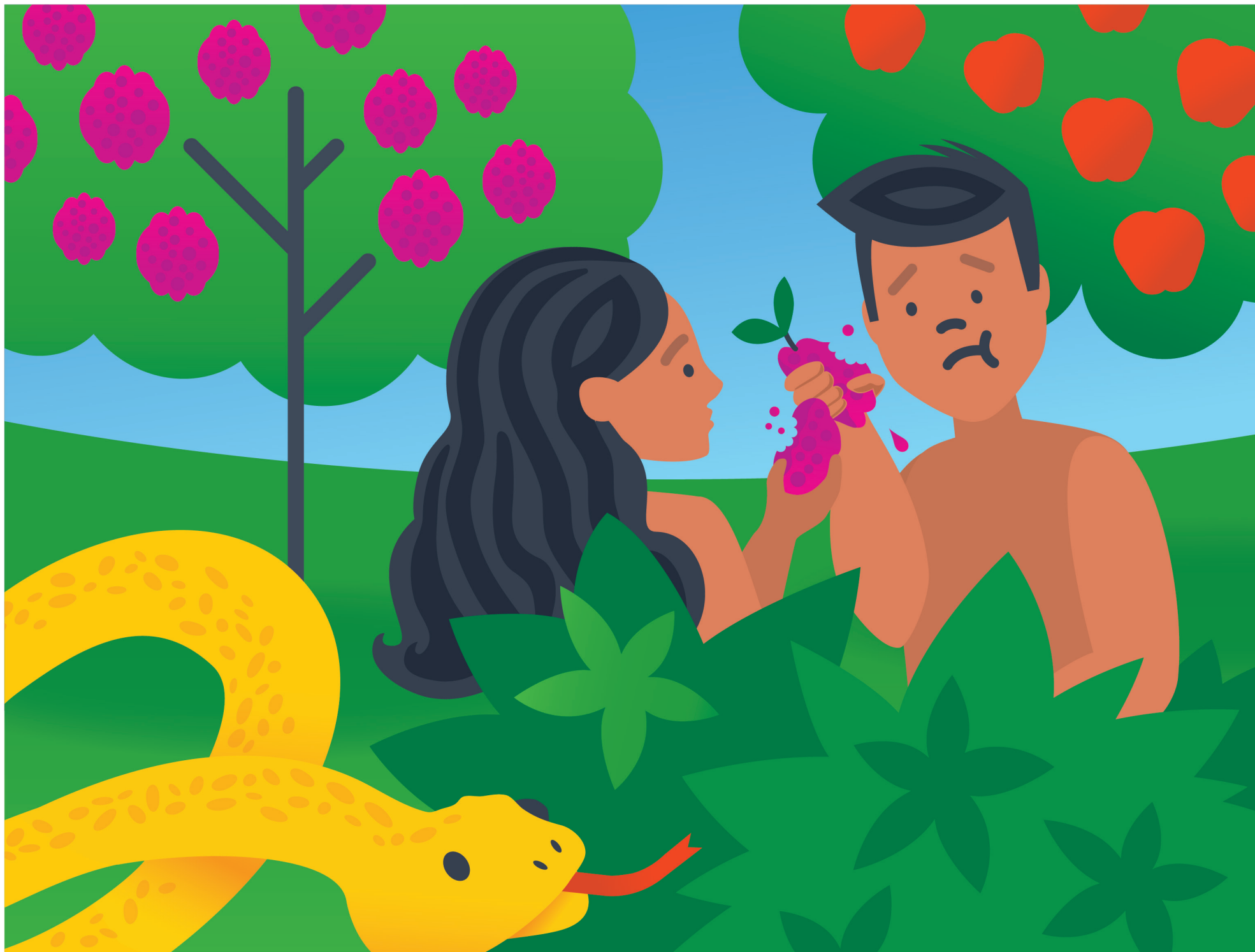
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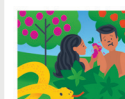
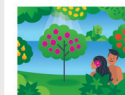
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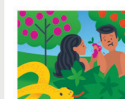
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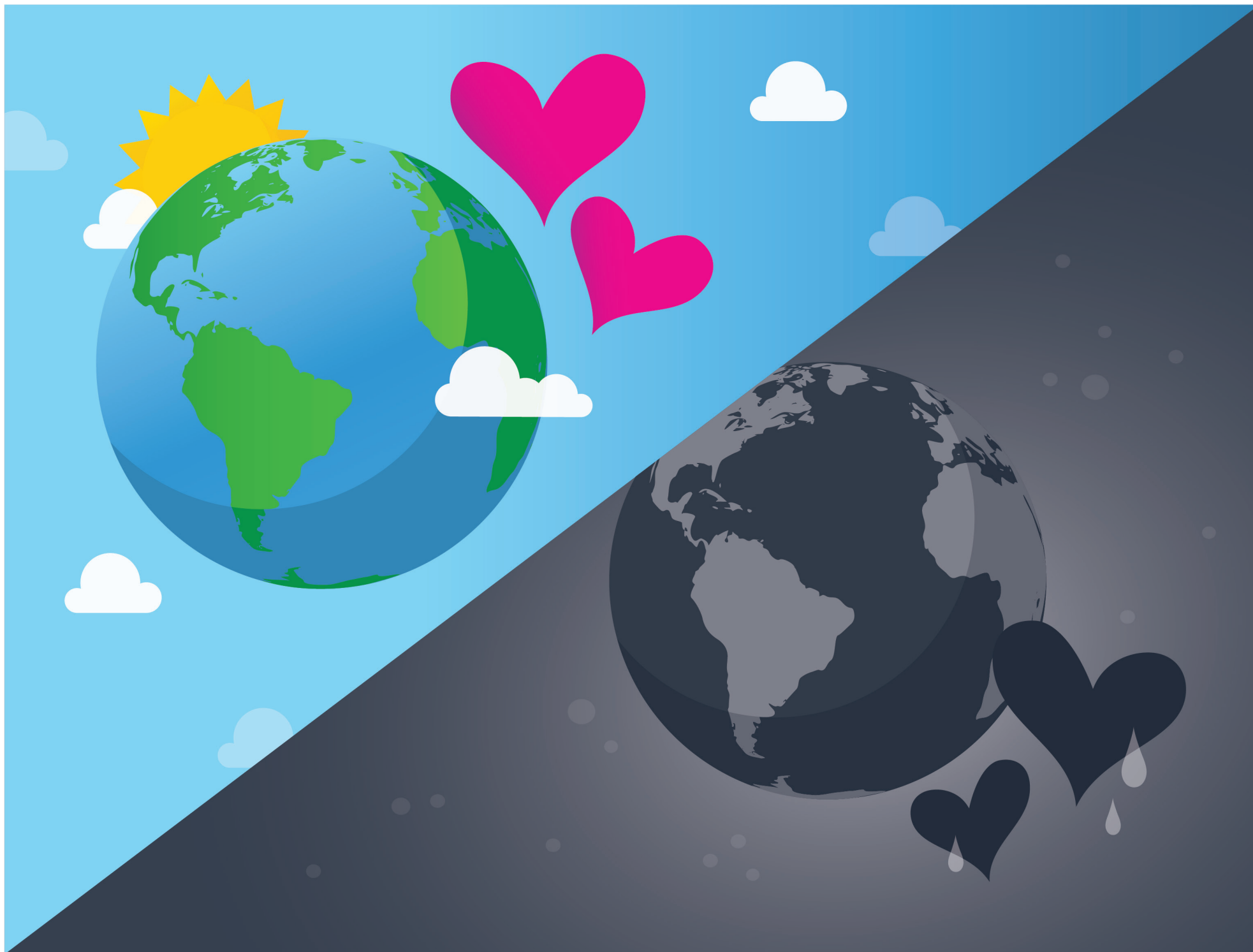
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Abraham trusted God. Abraham's family grew and grew and got very big! God kept His promise.

Many years later, Jesus would come from Abraham's family to make God's family even bigger.

Now, God wants people from all over the world to be a part of His family, the Church. **The Church Is God's Family!**

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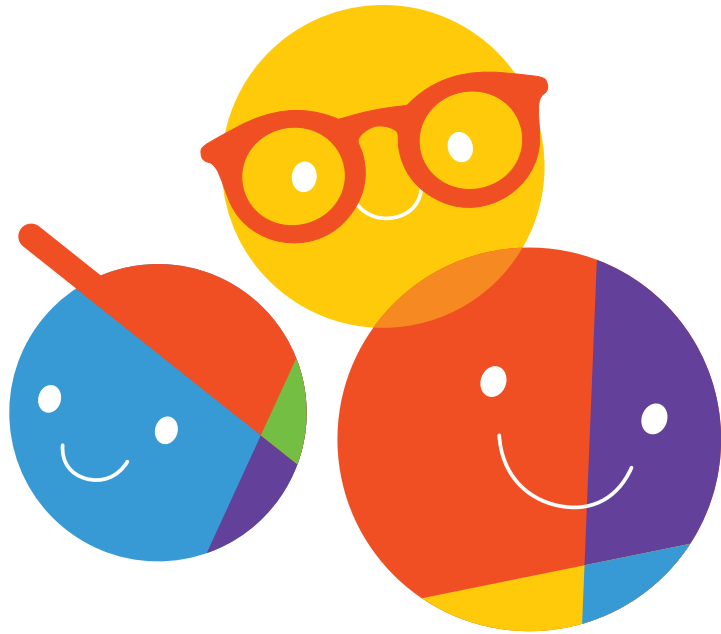
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Exodus 1–2

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One of the Israelite families had a baby boy named Moses. Moses' mom placed him in a basket and into the river. God took care of Moses, and he was found in the river by Pharaoh's daughter.

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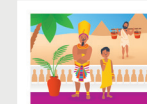
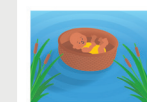
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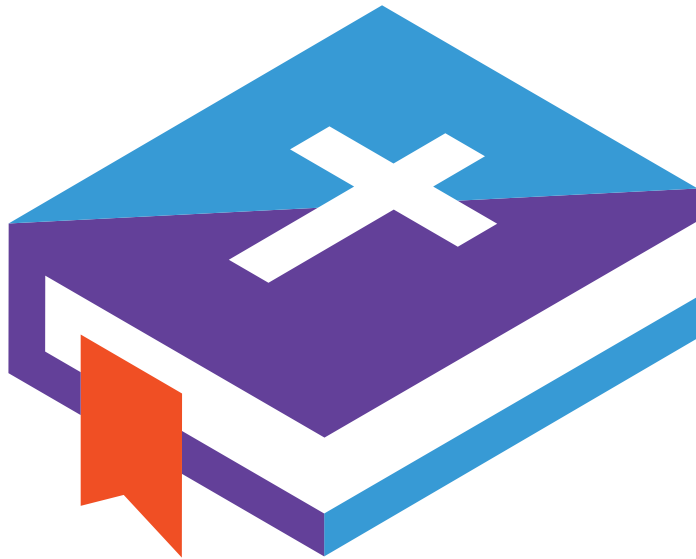
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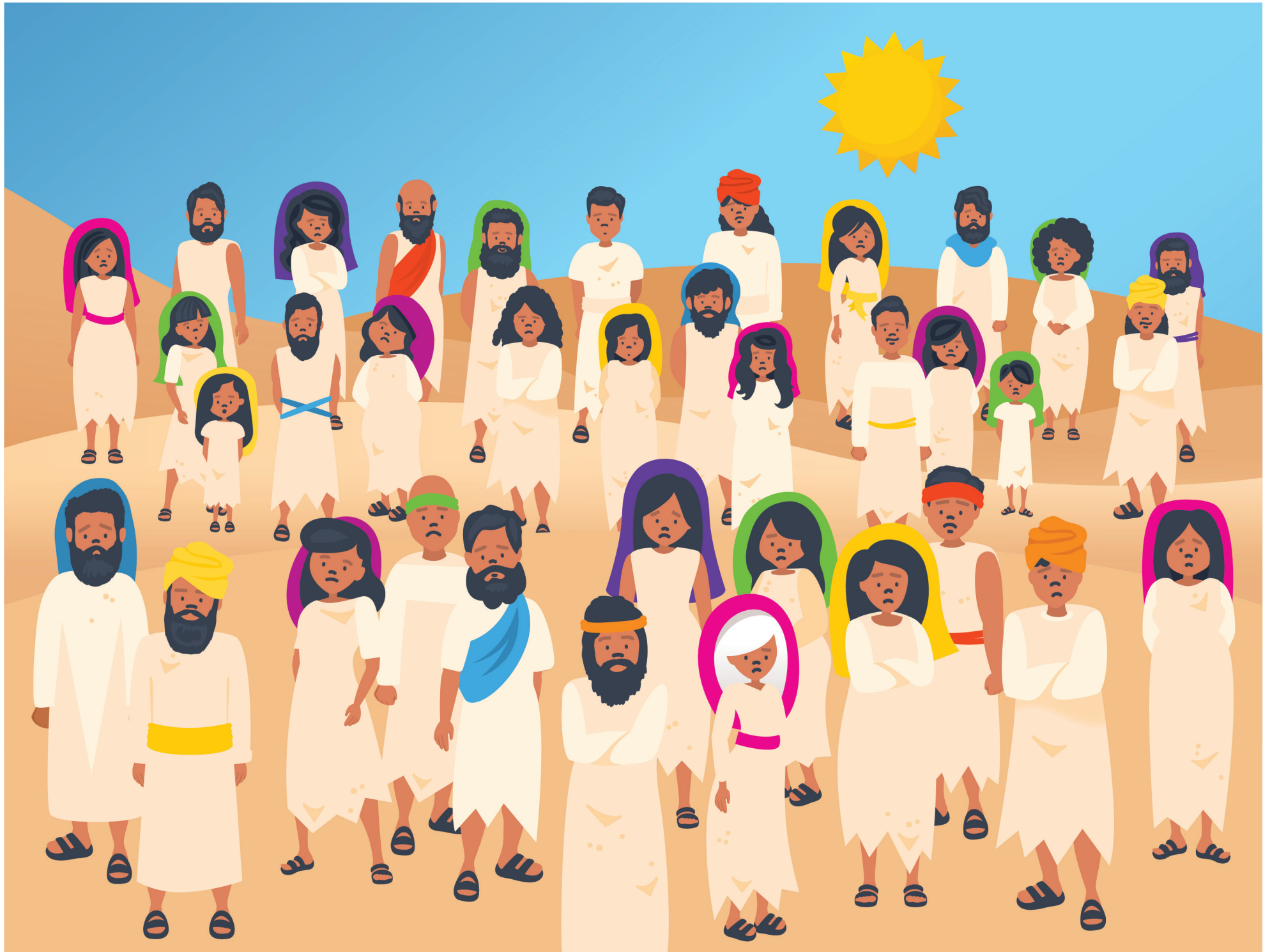
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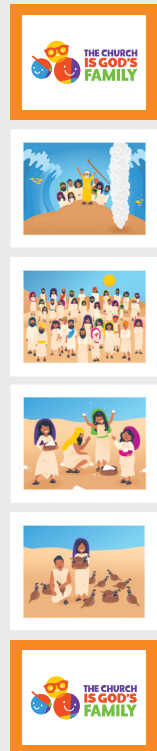
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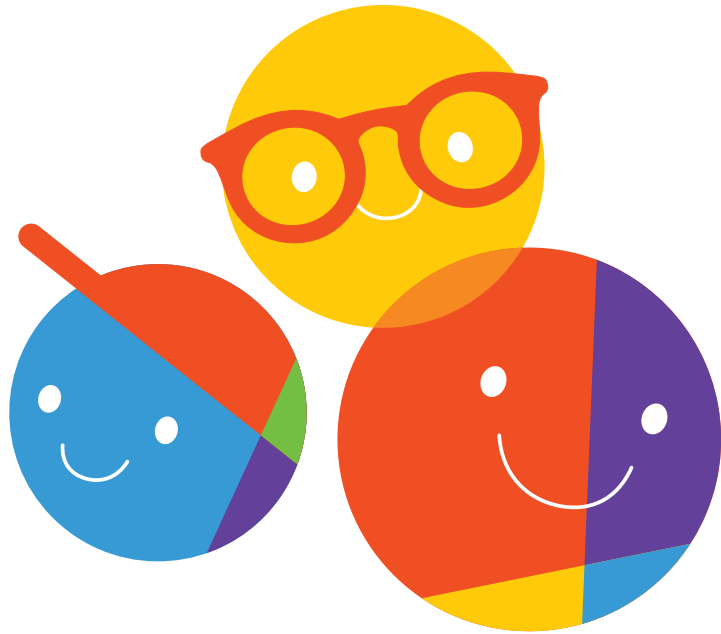
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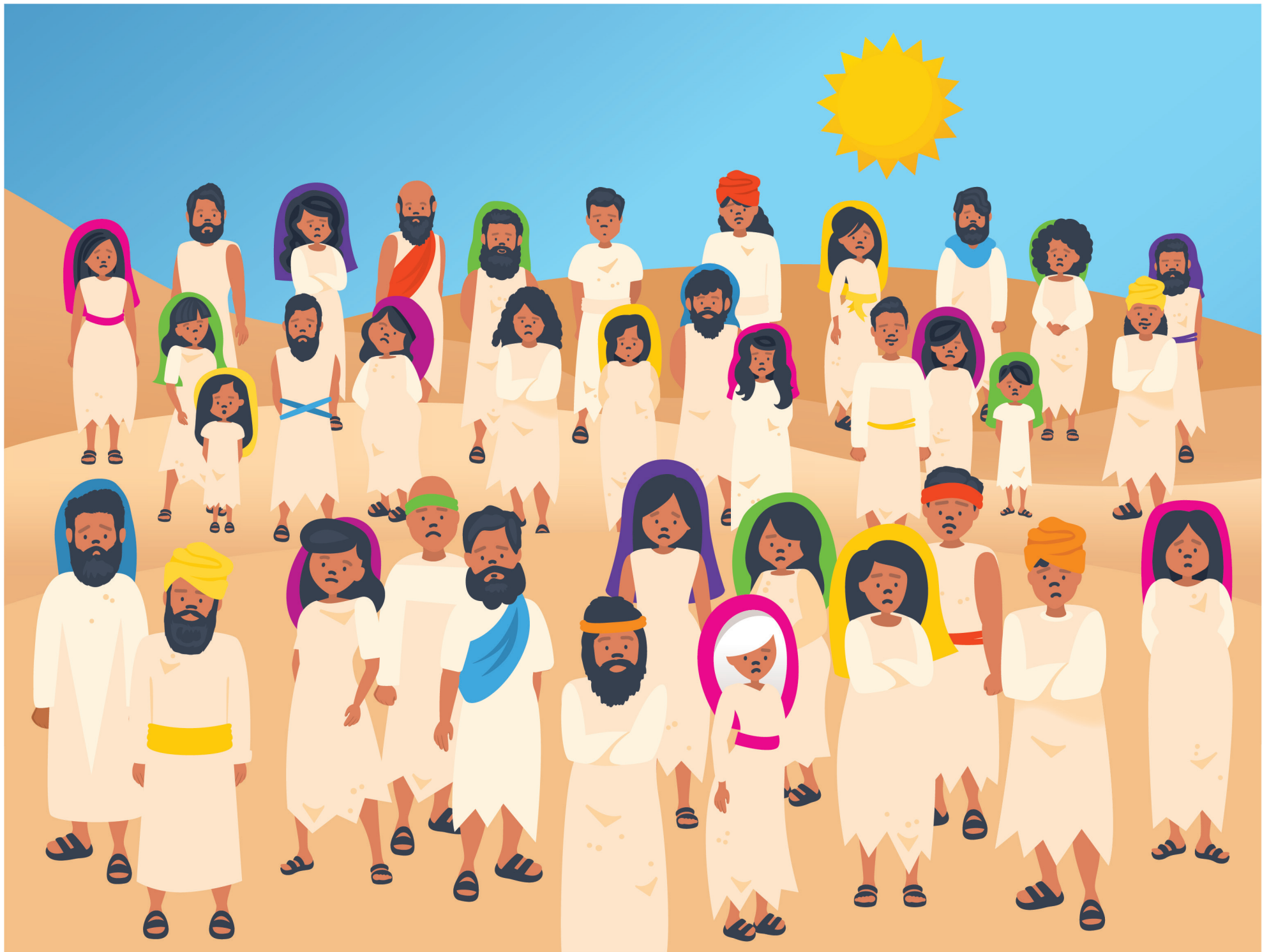
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Even though they wanted to obey, they still sinned. They could never keep all of God's rules perfectly. God was not surprised that they broke the rules! He knows that we cannot keep His law without His help.

God knows what is best and told His people what was best. He knew His people would not keep His rules perfectly but sent a Savior, Jesus, who would!

**Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

## TEACHER DOES

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Show **PICTURE 2** The Israelites walking in the desert  
Have everyone walk in place.

Show **PICTURE 3** Mount Sinai

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Give a thumbs up!

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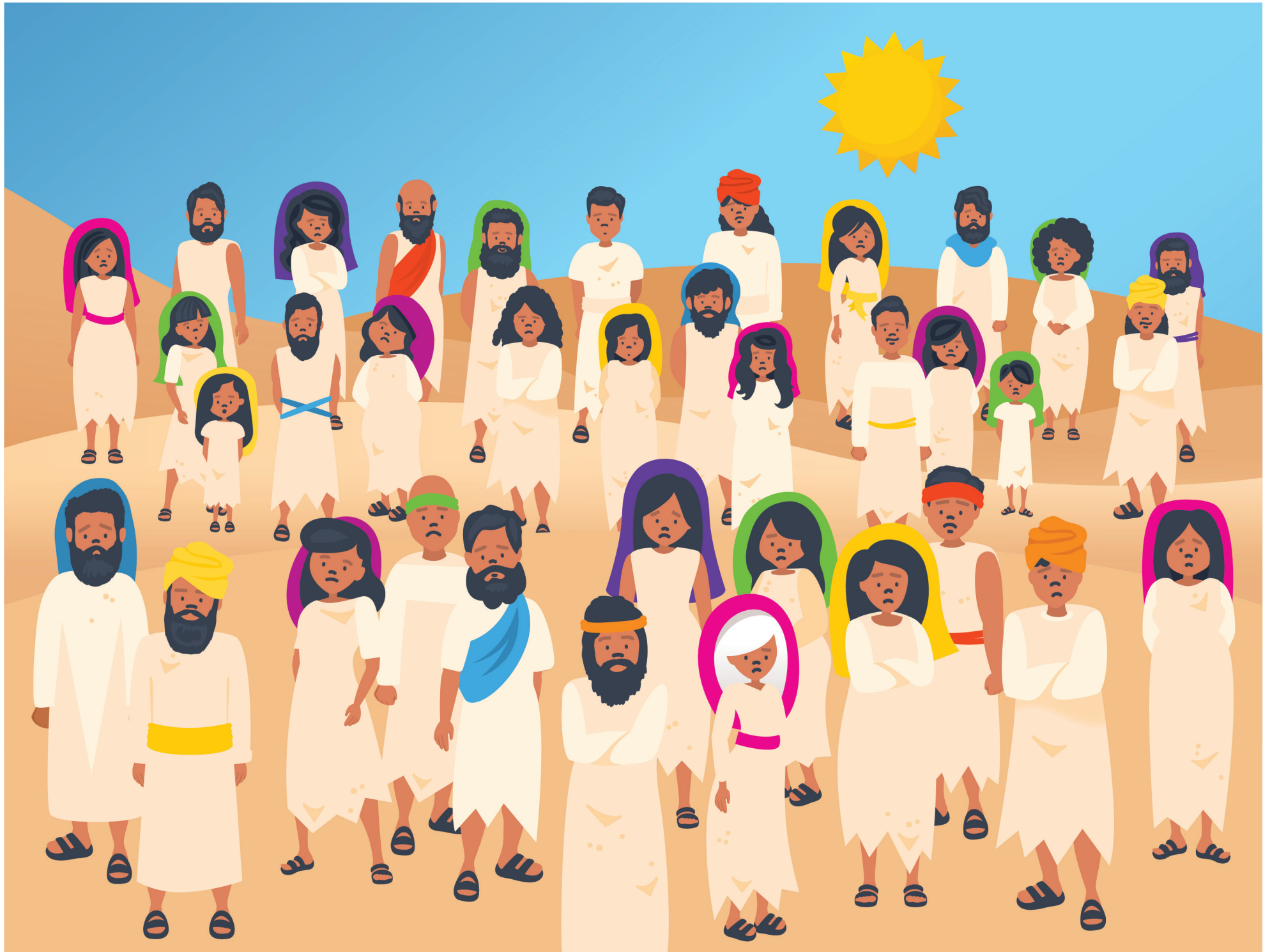
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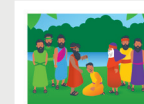
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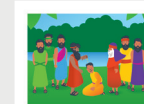
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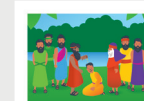
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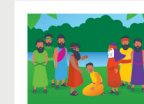
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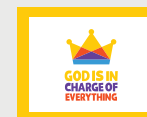
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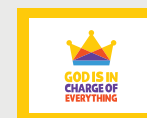
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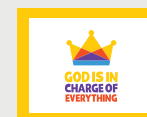
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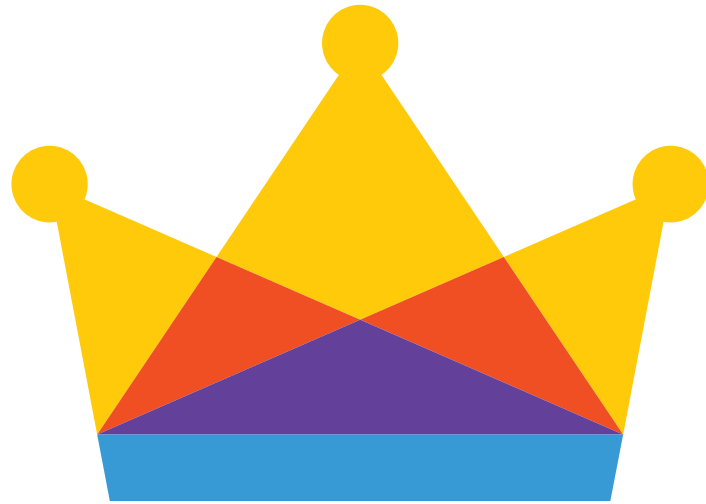
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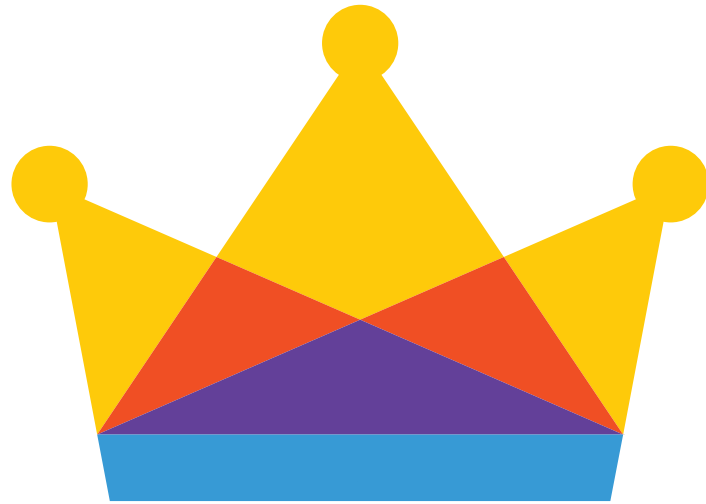
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Jonah

## God Uses Jonah

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God told Jonah to go to a city called Nineveh. The people in Nineveh did not love or obey God. God wanted Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh about God because **God Is Good!**

Jonah did NOT want to go! He did not want to tell the people that **God Is Good!** Jonah ran away! He got on a boat that was going far far away from Nineveh.

God sent a big storm. The big waves rocked the boat back and forth, and the men on the boat were very scared!

Jonah knew he had disobeyed God. Jonah told the men that the storm would stop if they threw him in the water. So they threw him in the water! God sent a great, big fish to swallow Jonah.

Jonah was in the belly of the fish for one—two—three days! Jonah prayed and asked God to save him. Jonah told God that he would obey this time. God told the big fish to spit Jonah out on dry land!

God told Jonah to go to Nineveh again. Jonah obeyed God. Jonah still did not want to, but he told the people of Nineveh that **God Is Good!** The people listened and God gave them new hearts! They started obeying God because they loved and trusted him! **God Is Good!**

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- ▶ Show **PICTURE 2** Jonah praying
- ▶ Show **PICTURE 3** walking to boat going to Tarshish
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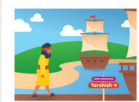
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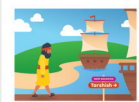
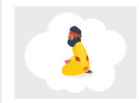
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with  
our



(mouth)

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after we...



(raise our hands)

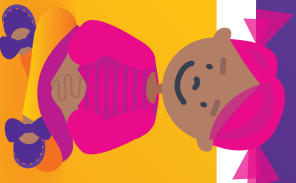
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with  
our



(hands)

We...  
...during  
storytime.



(clap-and-lap)

3

with  
our



(ears)

We listen  
to our...



(teachers and friends)

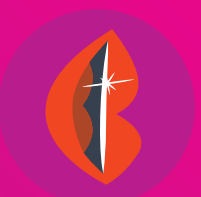
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with  
our



(face)

We...  
as we  
obey...



(smile)



(our teachers)

5

with  
our



(feet)

We...



(walk)

...from place  
to place.

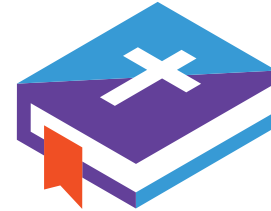




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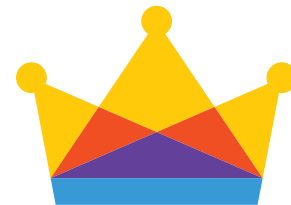
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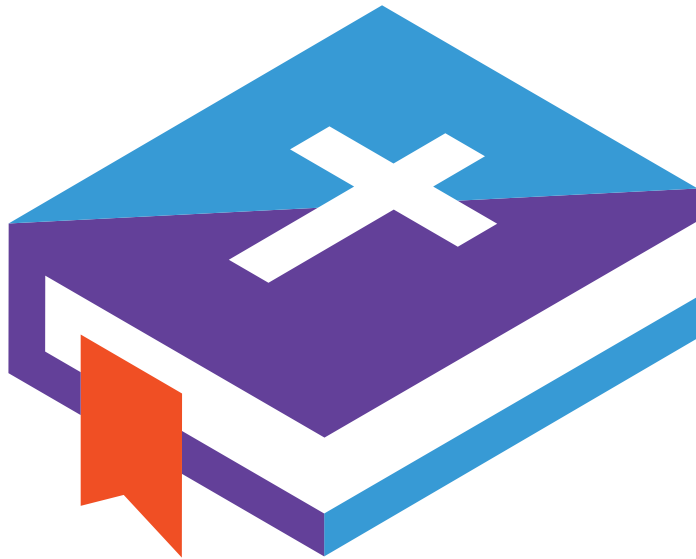
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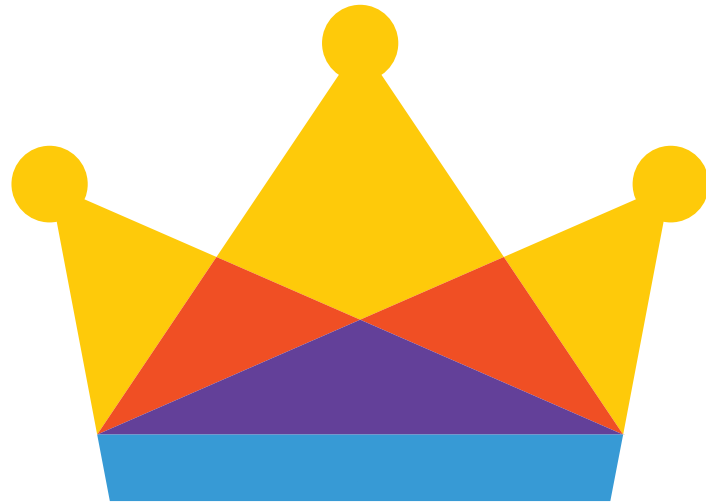
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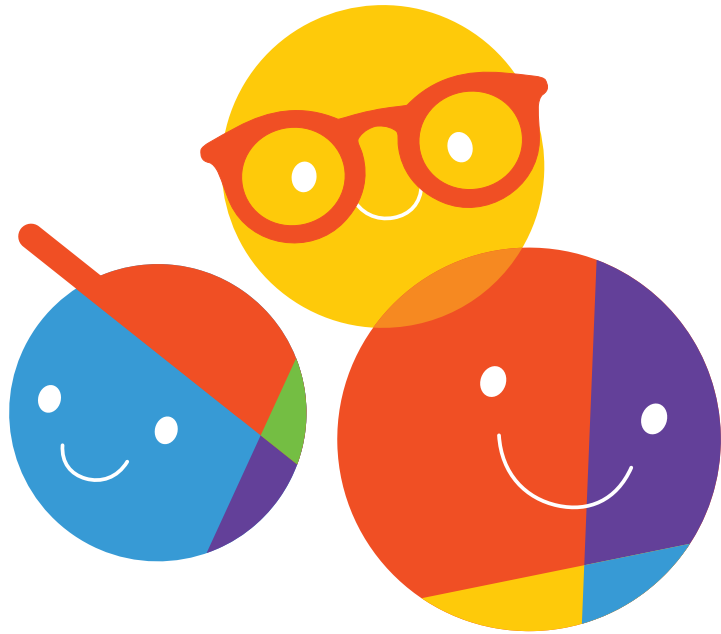
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# Sick Heart





Healthy Heart



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# Gospel Fingerplay

**Jesus came down**

Hold both hands up high above your head.

Lower hands while wiggling fingers.

**to be born as a little baby.**

Hold arms like you are cradling a baby.

**He lived a perfect life.**

Give two thumbs-up.

**He died on the cross for our sins.**

Cross one arm over the other to make a cross.

**He was buried in a tomb.**

Put one hand on top of the other to make a tomb.

**On the third day,**

Hold up three fingers.

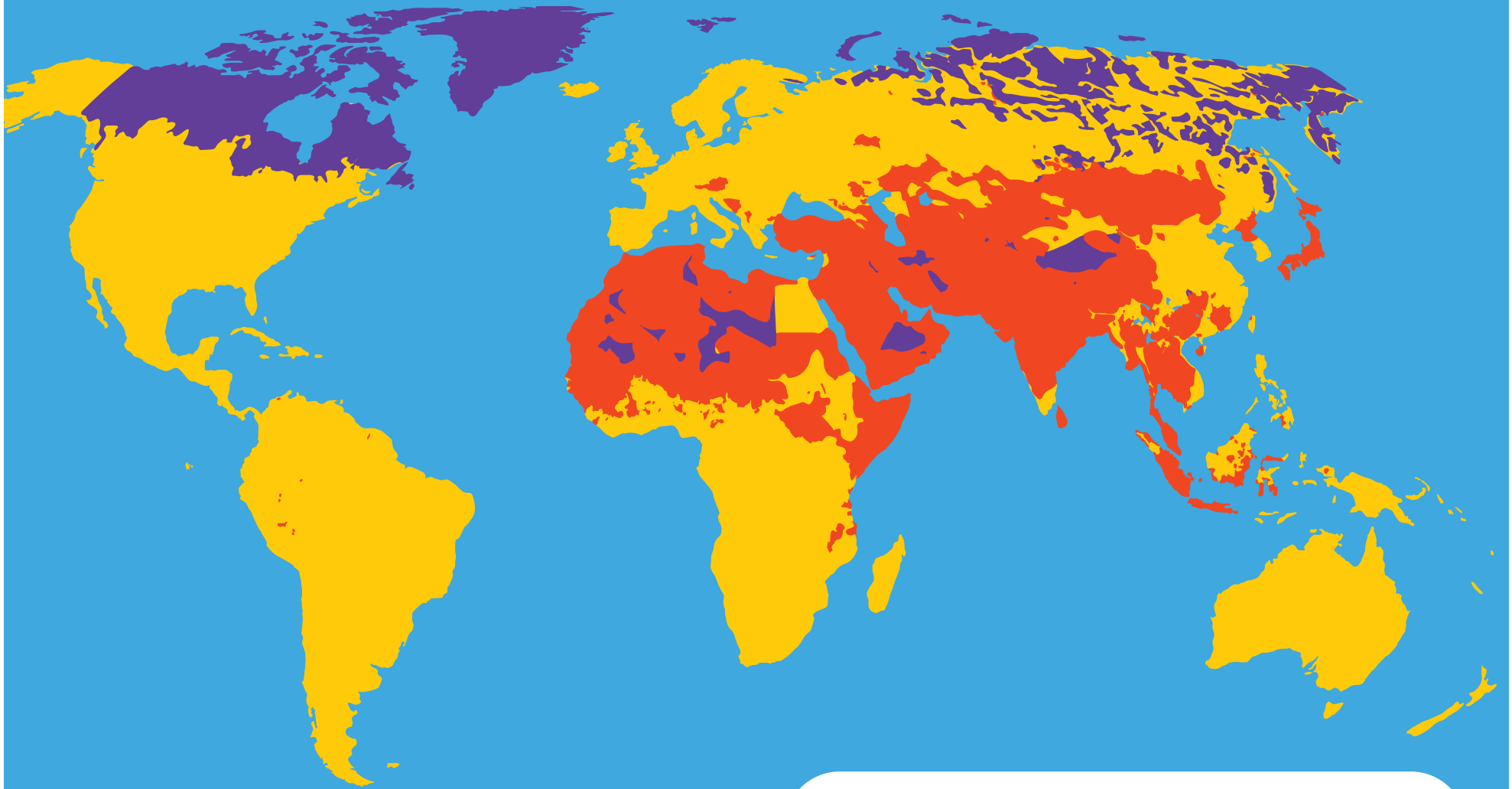
**He rose from the dead.**

Make three fingers rise into the air.

**And that's the gospel truth!**

Pound fist on open hand as you say each word.

# Have you heard about Jesus?



## GLOSSARY

### TERMS FOR TEACHING

**ANGEL** – a mighty messenger and warrior from God

**BAPTISM** – to dip someone under some water and bring them back up—like Jesus died and was raised to back to life—to show everyone that God has given them a new, healthy heart like Jesus

**BIBLE** – God’s true Word. It is from God and about God.

**A CHURCH** – a group of people who love and trust Jesus

**THE CHURCH** – everyone who loves and trusts Jesus

**COMMUNION** – when people who love and trust Jesus eat and drink together to remember His death on the cross, how Jesus’ body was broken like bread and His blood was poured out like wine for sin

**CRUCIFY** – to die on a cross

**DESERT** – a really hot, dry place with almost no food or water

**DISCIPLE** – a friend and follower of Jesus

**GOD** – God the Father is God. Jesus, the Son, is God. The Holy Spirit is God. There is only one God who is three different persons. **God Made Everything. God Is in Charge of Everything. God Is Good!**

**GOSPEL** – the good news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** and the whole world from sin

**HEAVEN** – the place where God lives

**IDOL** – anything we love and trust more than God

**ISRAELITES** – God’s special, chosen people

**MIRACLE** – something amazing and special that shows God’s power

**PROMISED LAND** – the place God promised to give to the Israelites that was full of good things

**PROPHET** – someone who speaks for God

**SACRIFICE** – giving something special and valuable to God to show Him that He is better

**SAVES** – rescues

**SIN (SICK HEART)** – anything we do or think that is different from what God wants. Sin starts in our hearts and comes out in our actions. Everyone sins. Sin separates us from God, and we die.

**TAX COLLECTOR** – someone who collects money and gives it to the people in charge of a city as a job

**TEMPLE** – the place where God’s people worshiped God together a long time ago

**TEMPTATION** – when our hearts or other people tell us that sinning is better than obeying God

**WORSHIP** – how we show that God is most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We use our voices, minds and bodies to worship God.

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### DEFINITIONS FOR TEACHERS

#### THE BIBLE

The Bible is God's true Word. It is from God and about God. God the Holy Spirit helped many different men at many different times write all the different books of the Bible, but it's all one, true story about God. **God Wants to Talk With Us** through the Bible.

#### THE CHURCH

The Church is not a building. The Church is every person who loves and trusts Jesus. There are many people around the world that gather together in buildings to spend time learning about God, worshiping God and remembering the good news that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners** together.

#### FORGIVENESS

God does not give His children the punishment they deserve for sin. Jesus took the punishment for sin by dying on the cross. God forgives sinners because God is love. God loves His children! We can never be good enough to make God forgive us. We have to love and trust Jesus to be forgiven.

#### GOD'S BIG STORY TIMELINE

Throughout the Bible, we see an overarching timeline of God's work, sometimes referred to as the metanarrative. Over the course of this curriculum, you can refer back to this timeline to help children gain an understanding of how each narrative fits into God's Big Story. It is our hope that they grow in their understanding of not only when things happened, but also how we are still waiting with hope for the promise of Christ's return to come true.

#### HATE

It is sin to hate people. God does not want us to sin or hate anyone, even if they aren't easy to love.

#### LAWS

God's laws and rules are always good. Obeying them is always good for us! We can never obey God's laws perfectly. We all need a Savior to save us from our sin. Laws given to us by God are always good because **God Is Good**, but laws given to us by people are not always good because we are all sinners. We should

never obey laws given to us by people more than laws given to us by God.

#### PRAYER

We can talk to God through prayer anywhere, anytime, about anything. When we pray, we can tell God how great He is or thank God for everything He does and gives. We can ask God to do something or give something, and we can tell God the truth about our sin. God already knows everything about us, but **God Wants to Talk With Us** because He loves us and wants us to love Him!

#### SALVATION (HEALTHY HEART)

God rescues and saves people from their sin. Sin separates us from God and we die, but God takes our sick, sinful hearts and gives us a new, healthy heart when we love and trust Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins, but Jesus didn't stay dead. Jesus came back to life three days later so that everyone who loves and trust Him can have a healthy heart and live with God forever. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

### **SICK HEART/HEALTHY HEART**

Because Adam and Eve sinned and disobeyed God, everyone who is born after them (that's us!) is born with a heart that is sick with sin. Our hearts are sick because they love other things more than they love God, but Jesus was born with a perfectly healthy heart that loves God because Jesus is God's Son, not Adam's. Jesus lived a perfect life. He never sinned. Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for sins. Then, He came back to life three days later so that everyone

who loves and trusts Jesus can have a new, healthy heart like His that loves God most! **Jesus Came to Save Sinners.**

### **ENSLAVED PEOPLE**

Enslaved people are not in charge of their own lives and have to do whatever their enslaver tells them to do. Most of the time, enslaved people are treated very, very badly, and their enslavers are mean to them. They do all the hard work but don't make any money. It is terrible to be enslaved. God never

wants us to treat people the way those who are enslaved are treated.

### **WORSHIP**

Worship is telling and showing someone or something that they are most valuable. Only God deserves our worship. We can worship God by singing songs, praying, telling others about Him, and reading God's Word. When we love and trust God our hearts want to worship Him.

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