



LITTLE VILLAGE

PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM

NEW 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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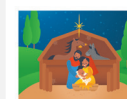
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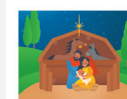
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Jesus in the Temple

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD WANTS TO TALK WITH US

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When Jesus was a child, He went with His family to the temple to pray and worship God.

When it was time to go home, Jesus stayed in the temple. But Mary and Joseph, Jesus' mommy and daddy, did not know that Jesus stayed in the temple. They began to look for Jesus and could not find Him.

It took three days for Mary and Joseph to find Jesus.

Jesus was in the temple talking with the grown-ups about God. The teachers were surprised by how much Jesus knew about God. Jesus knew about God because Jesus was God's Son.

Mary and Joseph did not understand why Jesus had stayed in the temple. Jesus told them that He wanted to be in the temple talking about God. God was His Father. Jesus loved to talk to God.

We can talk to God, too! When we pray, we are talking to God. God loves to hear us pray. God wants us to talk with Him.

God Wants to Talk With Us, too! God talks to us in the Bible. He wants us to know all about Him.

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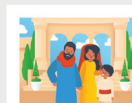
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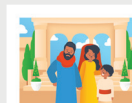
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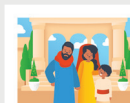
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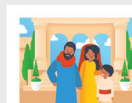
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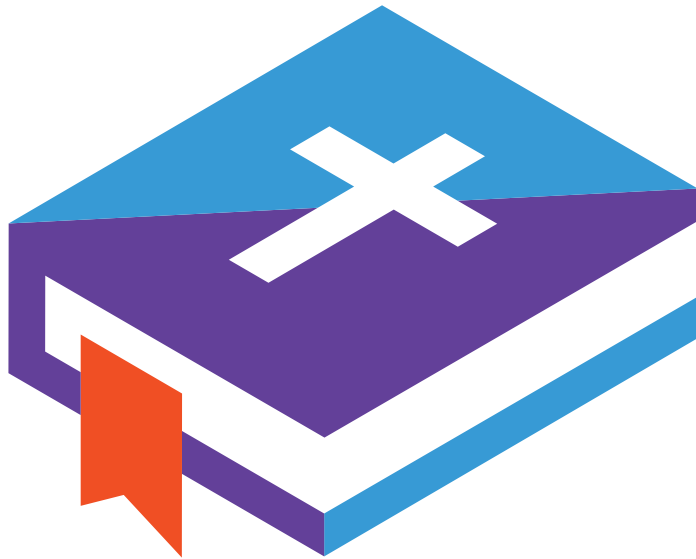
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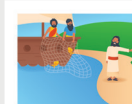
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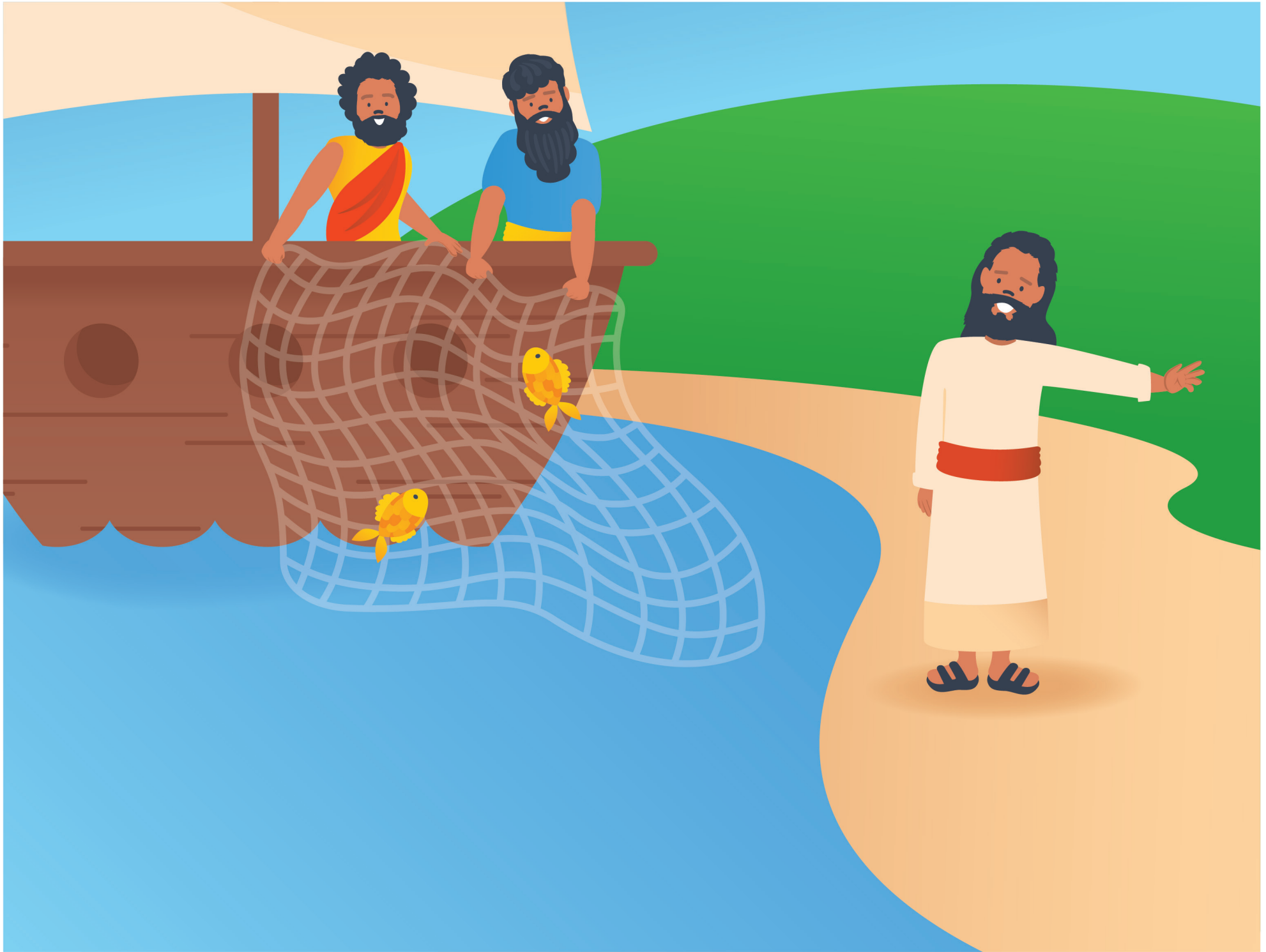
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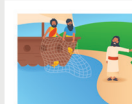
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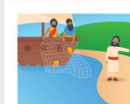
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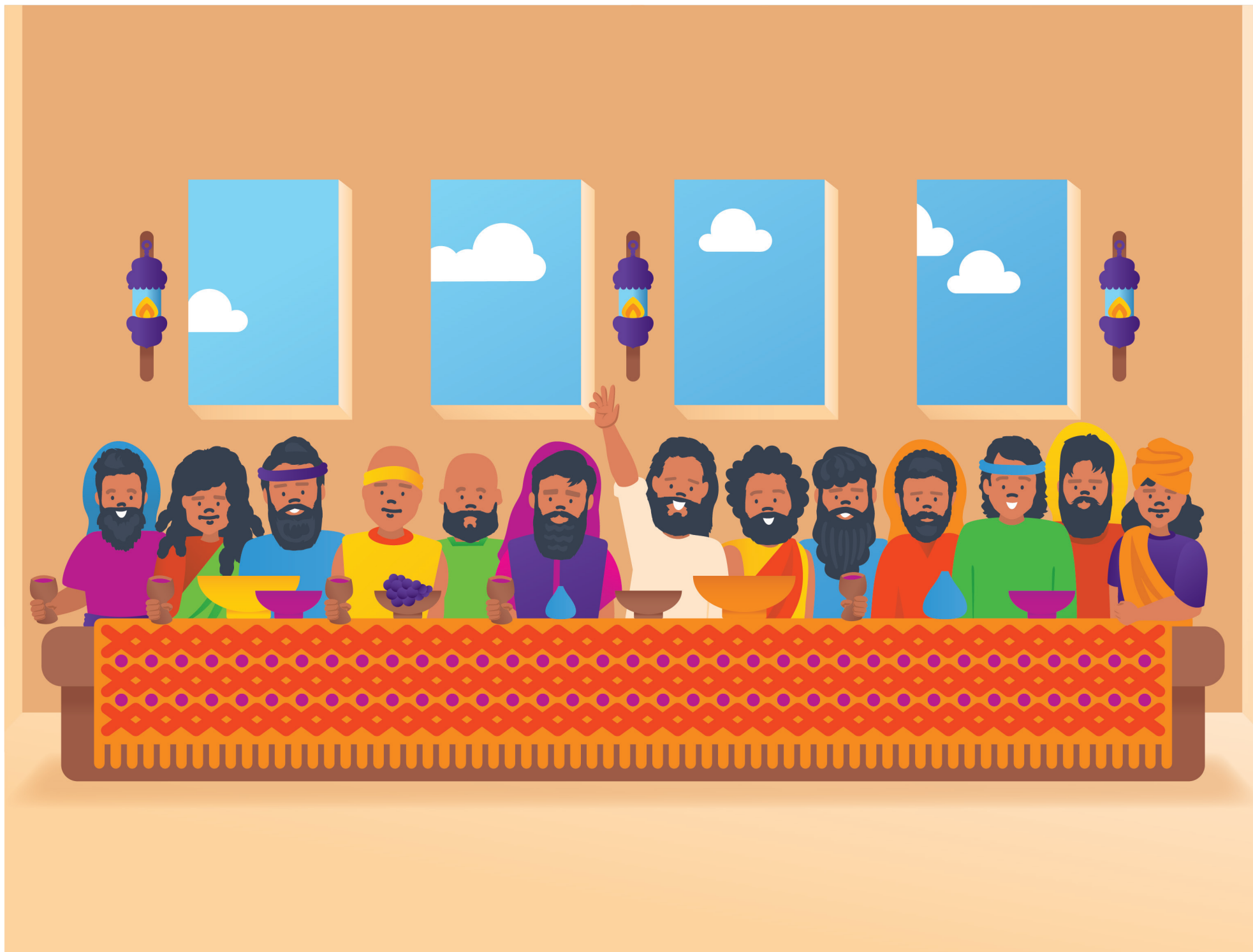
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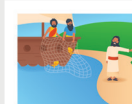
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It was dinnertime, and all the people needed to eat. They were very hungry, but there was nowhere to get food.

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The disciples did not think the five loaves of bread and two fish would feed all the people, but Jesus knew there would be enough food for everyone.

Jesus prayed. He knew that **God Is Good** and that God would feed His people.

Jesus passed out the food. All of the people had lots of food to eat. They were so full! There was even food left over!

God was good to take care of the people when they were hungry. God loves us and knows what we need. **God Is Good!**

TEACHER DOES

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- ▶ Show **PICTURE 2** The crowd of people around Jesus
- ▶ Rub your tummy.
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- ▶ Sway back and forth as you're talking.
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God Wants to Talk With Us!

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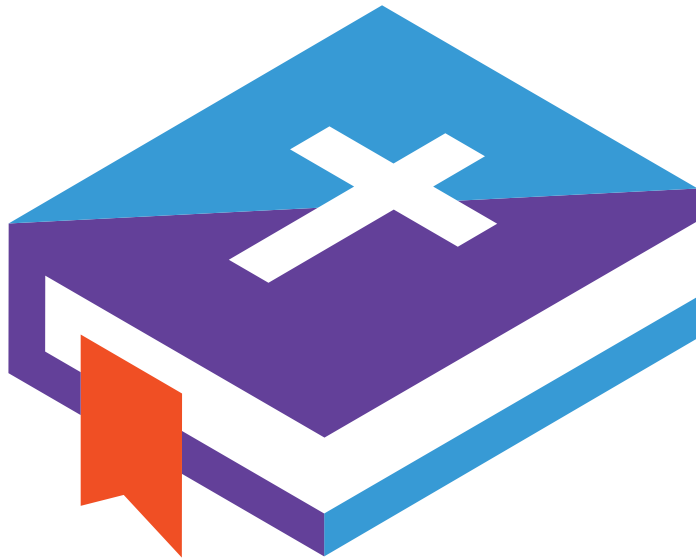
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A huge crowd with lots and lots of people came to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. They laid their coats down and big leaves called palm branches on the ground. They worshiped Jesus like a king!

The people waved their palm branches and said, "Hosanna, hosanna" which means, "Hooray, the Savior is here!"

The people celebrated that **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

TEACHER DOES

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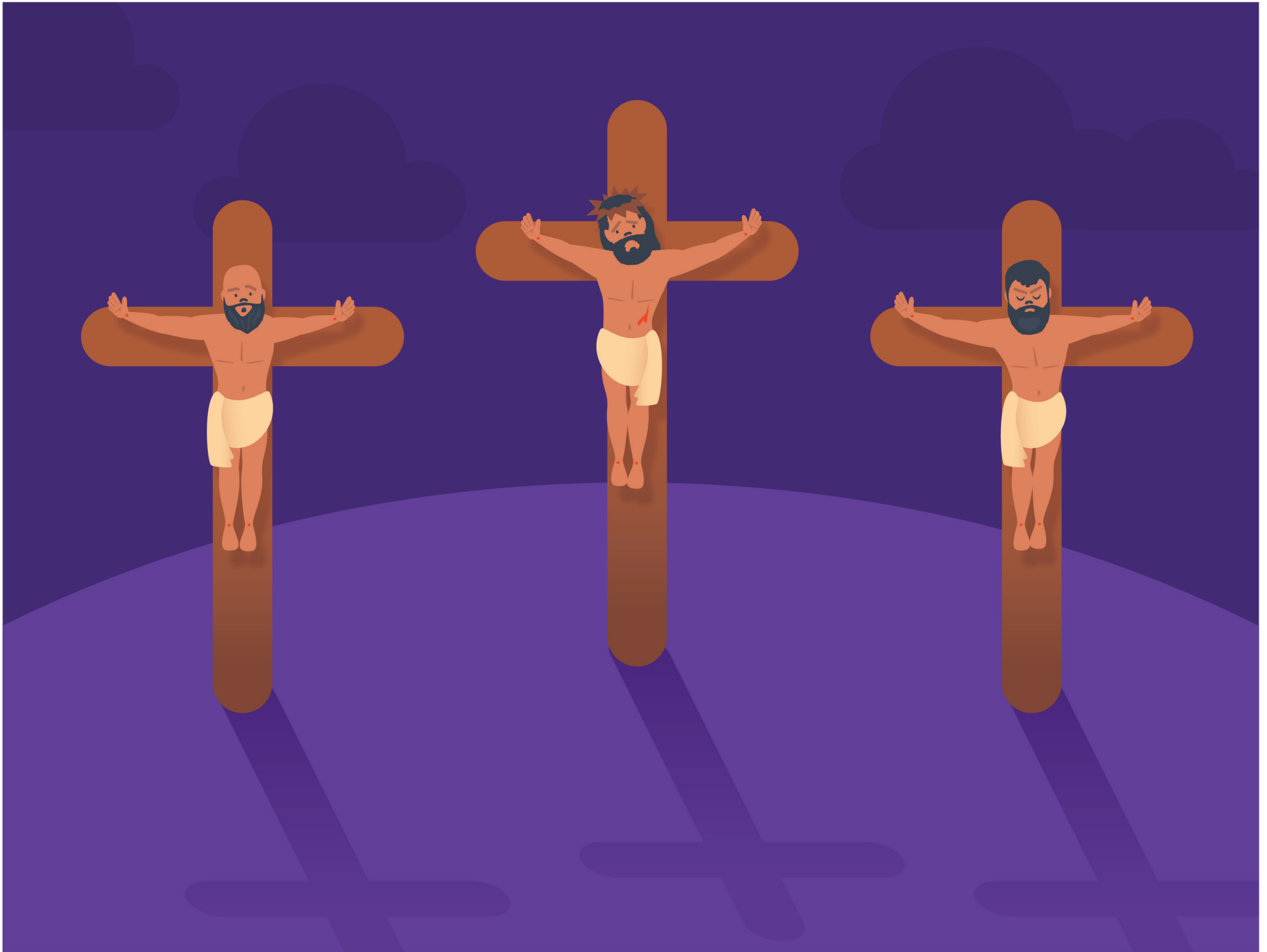
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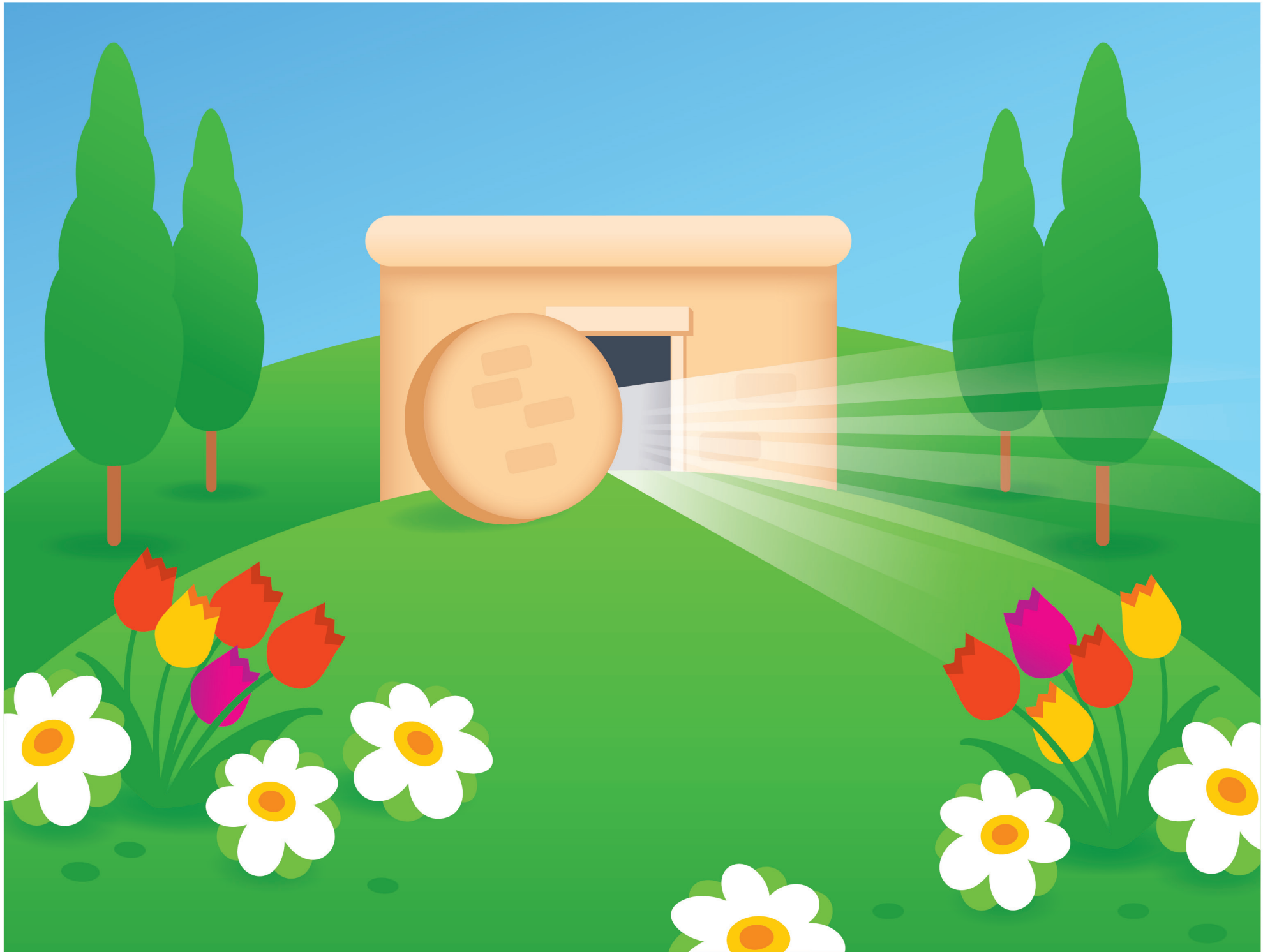
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Acts 9

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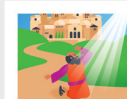
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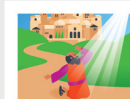
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Acts 2

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TEACHER DOES

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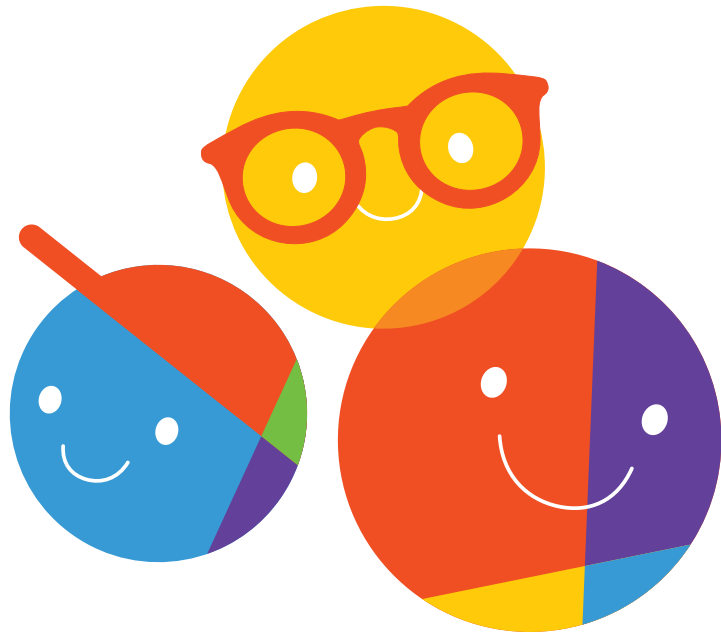
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Revelation 21

Jesus Will Come Again

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH GOD IS GOOD

TEACHER SAYS

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In the beginning, God Made Everything! Everything God made was good. God was with Adam and Eve in the beautiful garden He made.

God gave Adam and Eve one good rule that would keep them safe and let them be with Him, but Adam and Eve did not listen to God's rule. They disobeyed, and God's perfect world was broken by sin.

God punished Adam and Eve. He sent them out of the beautiful garden. Before God sent them out, He made a promise that He would send Jesus to save God's people from their sin.

After many, many years, Jesus was born! Jesus lived a perfect life and died on the cross to save God's people from their sin. After three days, Jesus was raised from the dead!

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He promised His friends that He would come back for them one day. Now, God's people wait for Jesus to come back.

When Jesus comes back, He will make everything new! No one will be sick or sad, and everyone who trusts Jesus will live with Him forever.

God is Good!

TEACHER DOES

► Show **PICTURE 1 God Is Good!**

► Hold up one finger.

► Hold up three fingers.

► Show **PICTURE 2** Jesus returning in the clouds

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God gave Adam and Eve one good rule that would keep them safe and let them be with Him, but Adam and Eve did not listen to God's rule. They disobeyed, and God's perfect world was broken by sin.

God punished Adam and Eve. He sent them out of the beautiful garden. Before God sent them out, He made a promise that He would send Jesus to save God's people from their sin.

After many, many years, Jesus was born! Jesus lived a perfect life and died on the cross to save God's people from their sin. After three days, Jesus was raised from the dead!

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He promised His friends that He would come back for them one day. Now, God's people wait for Jesus to come back.

When Jesus comes back, He will make everything new! No one will be sick or sad, and everyone who trusts Jesus will live with Him forever.

God is Good!

TEACHER DOES

Show **PICTURE 1 God Is Good!**

Hold up one finger.

Hold up three fingers.

Show **PICTURE 2** Jesus returning in the clouds

Show **PICTURE 1 God Is Good!**





GOD IS
GOOD

Class Rules

1

with
our



(mouth)

We can talk
after we...



(raise our hands)

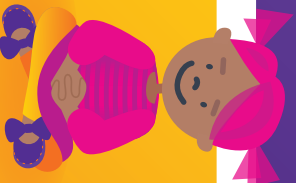
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with
our



(hands)

We...
...during
storytime.



(clap-and-lap)

3

with
our



(ears)

We listen
to our...



(teachers and friends)

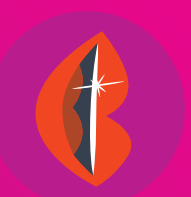
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with
our



(face)

We...
as we
obey...



(smile)



(our teachers)

5

with
our



(feet)

We...

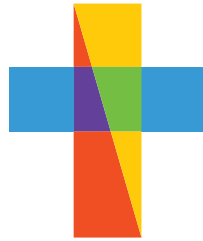


(walk)

...from place
to place.



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JESUS
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SINNERS



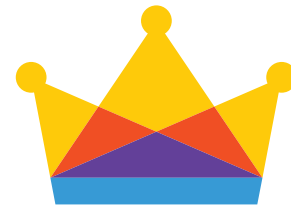
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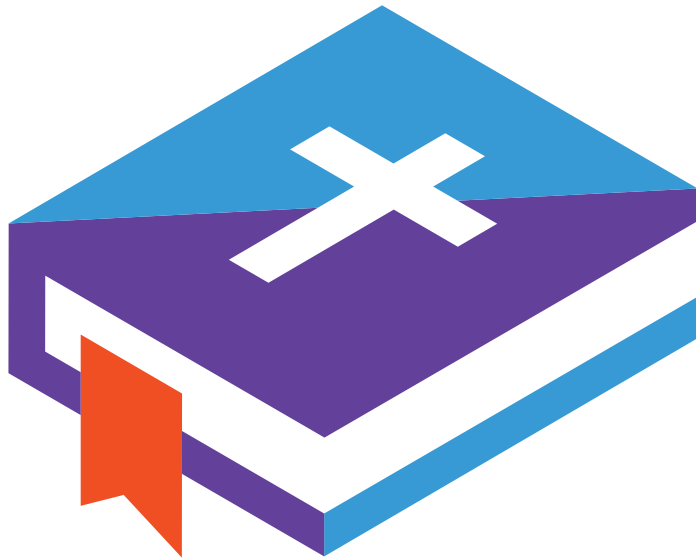
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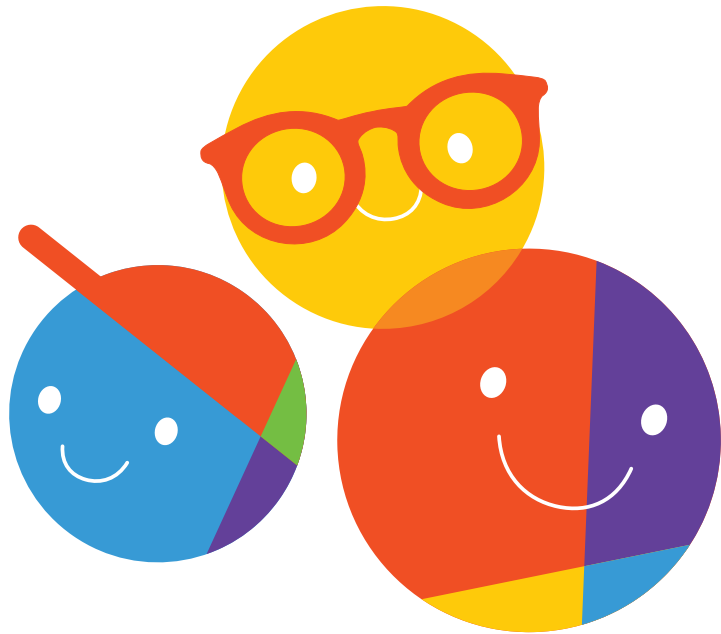
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**THE CHURCH
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Sick Heart



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.

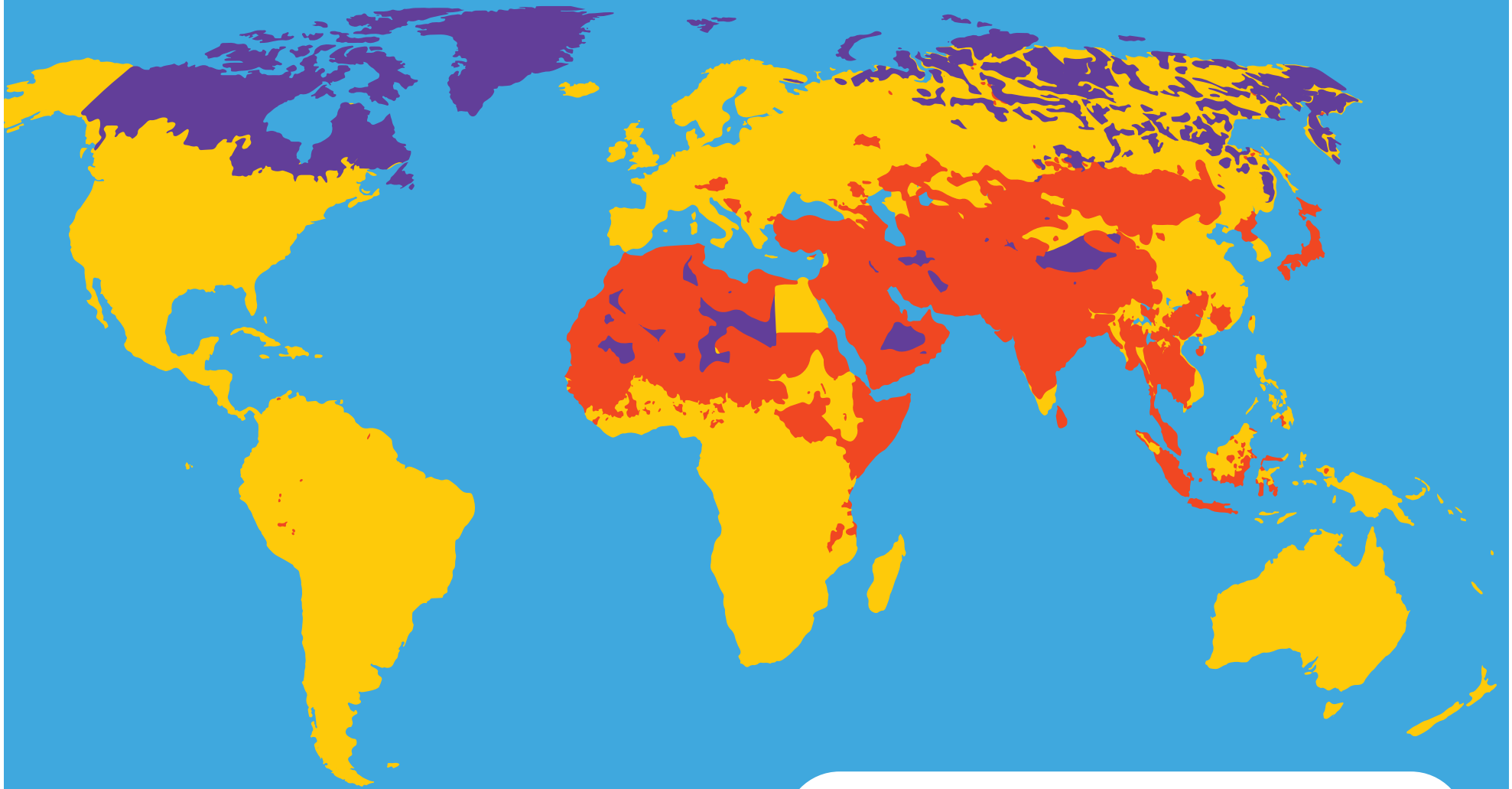
He rose from the dead.

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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**LITTLE
VILLAGE**
PRESCHOOL MINISTRY