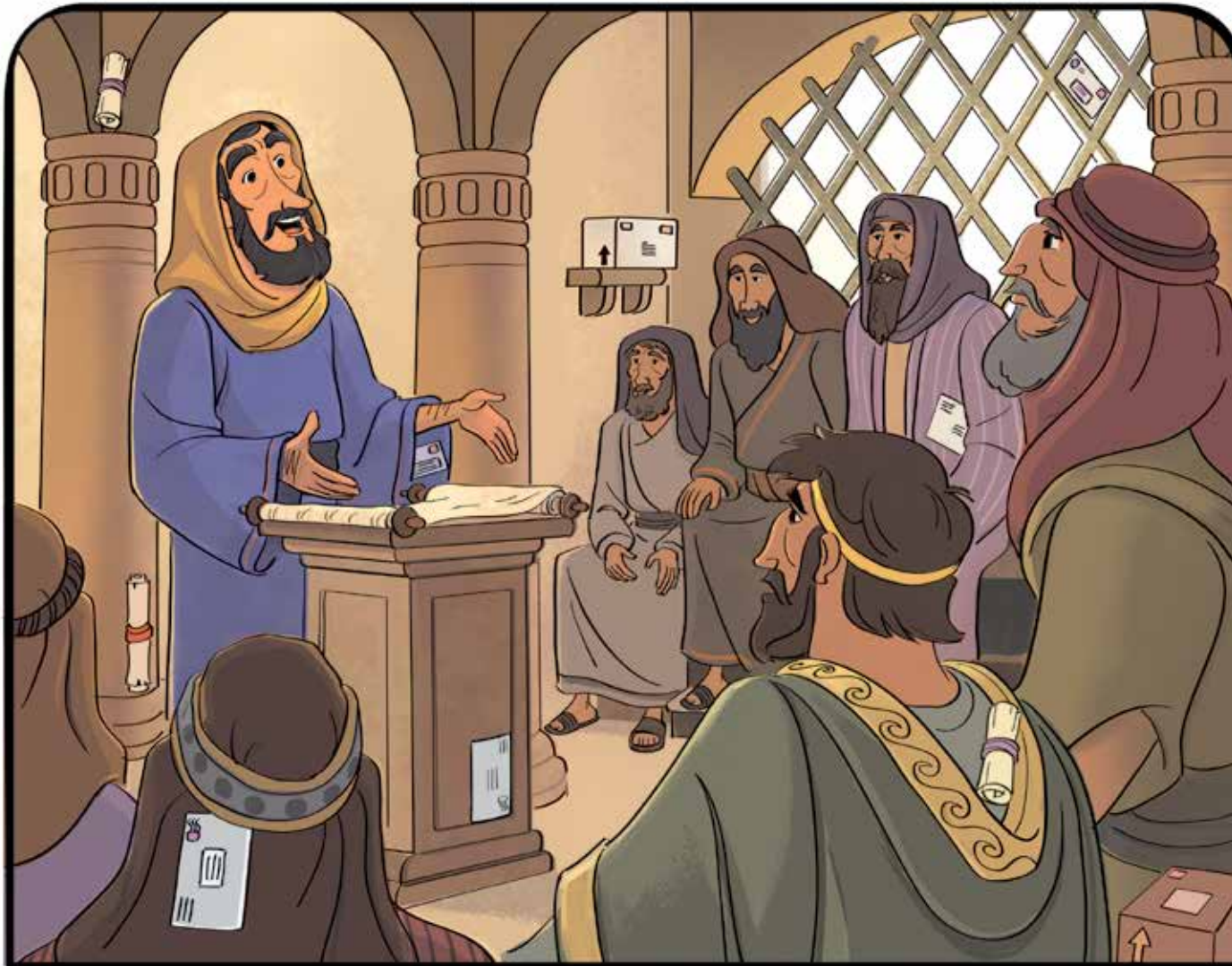


Find the Mail

INSTRUCTIONS: Find and circle the ten pieces of mail in the picture. Use the key as a guide.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Some people in the church said Gentiles could only be saved if they followed the same rules as the Jews.
- Church leaders met together and agreed the good news about Jesus is for everyone.
- Jews and Gentiles are saved in the same way: by God's grace.

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 4:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the Bible about? The Bible is about God's plan to save people through Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Can a person be saved from sin by following the rules? Why not?
- Who is the only One that can save people from sin?
- Who is the good news about Jesus for?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Make cards of celebration as a family to send to people who are baptized at your church.
- Invite a new believer in Jesus to spend time with your family. Encourage and support him in his newfound faith.

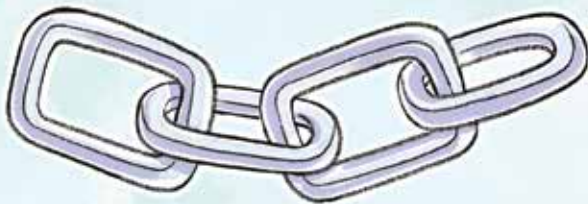
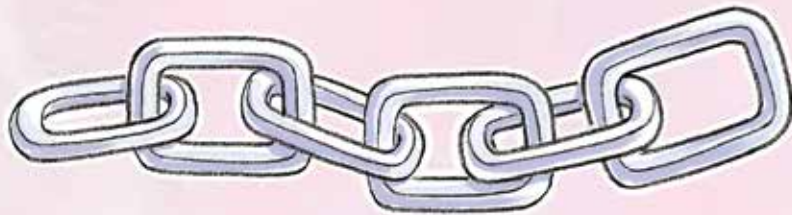


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Chain Link Counting

INSTRUCTIONS: Count the links in each chain and circle the correct number.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Paul and Silas told many people about Jesus.
- God saved a woman named Lydia.
- God saved a jailer.
- Paul told the people in Athens about Jesus and some believed.

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 4:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the Bible about? The Bible is about God's plan to save people through Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

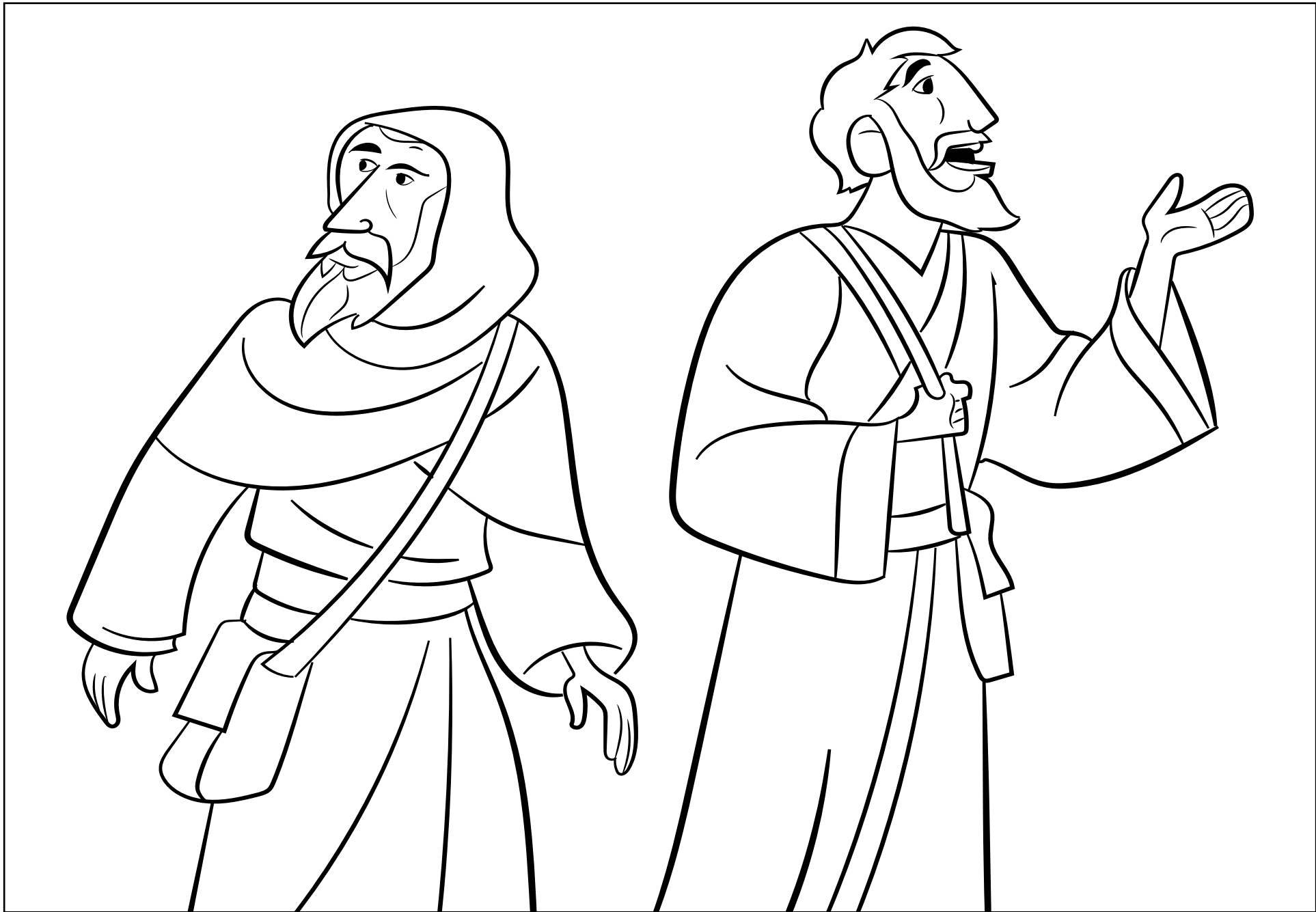
- How would you have felt if you were the jailer and woke to find all the jail doors open?
- How did Lydia hear about Jesus? The jailer? People in Athens?
- How do people hear the good news about Jesus? Who is someone you can tell?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Collect soft covered Bibles to donate to a prison ministry.
- If possible, visit a river as a family. Pray together by the river. Talk about how Paul and Silas had gone to the river to pray when they met Lydia and told her about Jesus.



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What We Have in Common

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle what each person has in common. (Hint: Jesus died on this to rescue us from sin and rose again.)



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The people in the church in Galatia believed lies from false teachers.
- Paul taught that believers are saved by faith in Jesus alone.
- We become Christians and live as Christians by faith.
- Obeying rules does not make us right with God.

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 4:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the Bible about? The Bible is about God's plan to save people through Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did the Galatian believers believe the lies of the false teachers?
- Paul called the Galatian believers foolish? Why did Paul use such a strong word?
- How do we live by faith?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Be extra sensitive this week to notice when your children try to win your favor through their obedience. Remind them that while obedience is good, you love them apart from their works.



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What Happens Next?

INSTRUCTIONS: Number each scene with 1, 2, or 3 to show what happened first, next, and last.



BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Paul sent Timothy to visit the believers in Thessalonica.
- They did not give up even though following Jesus was not easy.
- Paul wrote to the Thessalonian believers to encourage them.
- Paul wrote that believers have hope because Jesus will come again.

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 4:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the Bible about? The Bible is about God's plan to save people through Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Name a time following Jesus was hard for you.
- How does knowing Jesus will come back one day give you hope?
- What makes you most excited about Jesus coming back?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a "guess the future" game by predicting that something will happen that day. Evaluate each family members' guess that evening. Talk about how Jesus' return is sure because the Bible tells us so.



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