

PRINCESS

This packet contains teaching materials for the Princess level of the Forward Steps in Girls' Missionary Auxiliary. These lessons correlate with the Princess section of *My Special Place*, the lesson book for the girls, and with the Princess lesson plans in the *GMA Counselor's Guidebook*.

On the sheets in this packet you will find teaching guides for eight lessons and the visuals to complement them. The lessons aim to develop scriptural beliefs and a strong faith in God.

The first two lessons focus on two passages of faith-building Scripture: Hebrews 11:7-25 and Matthew 7:7-14. Your teaching of these lessons will aid your girls in memorizing the passages.

The final six lessons, given in one basic outline, overview the great doctrines of the Bible which Baptists stand for.

The teaching guides in this packet provide step-by-step instructions about when and how to use each visual. You can find further instructions for teaching these lessons in Guide Five of *Counselor's Guidebook*.

You can adapt the drawings in this packet in a number of ways:

1. You can display them as they are. They are printed in a size that is large enough for small classes without enlargement. You will, however, probably want to add color to the pictures with crayons, pens, pencils, or markers.
2. You can copy them in enlarged form. In some cases

especially, you may want to redraw the pictures on poster board.

3. You can make them into transparencies for an overhead projector. Most churches have photocopiers which will copy the art onto transparencies. If your church does not have a photocopier, an office-machine store or school-supply store can make the transparencies for you in only a few seconds for a small charge.
4. You can adapt them for the flannel board. Specific instructions are given with some lessons for preparing the art for flannelgraph presentation. The same ideas can be applied to all of the visuals.

Before you shuffle the pages of this packet, please familiarize yourself with the Princess lessons in *My Special Place* and *Counselor's Guidebook*. Compare the material in this packet to the contents of those publications until you understand how they correlate. Then as you remove sheets from this packet, be sure to label each piece as needed. Keep all visuals stored in labeled envelopes or clear zip-shut plastic bags so you can reuse them later. Keep the teaching guides in a GMA binder (if you choose, in the same binder with your *Counselor's Guidebook*).

As you get familiar with this packet, you will notice that all page numbers and all labels on items begin with the letter *P*. This indicates that the page or item is a part of the Princess packet; packets for other steps have their unique codes.

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God's Hall of Fame

Hebrews 11:7-25

by Edna Patrick

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

God's Word gives to us this wonderful definition of the word *faith*. In the New Testament alone this word is used over two hundred times. What is so important about this five-letter word that it is so often used? *"Without faith it is impossible to please him (God)"* (verse 6). The entire chapter of Hebrews 11 was written to Christian Jews to encourage them in the midst of persecution and trials by recalling the heroes of their past who had displayed great faith in their own tribulation.

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Verse 7 — *"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."*

Noah's faith was expressed by building a huge boat on dry land. Never had it rained upon the earth (Genesis 2:6), and there was no water anywhere near that could float this monstrous thing. But, taking God at His Word, Noah built the ark despite the laughter and ridicule of his friends and neighbors. They could not understand how there would ever be a need for this ugly boat. Noah's faith held steadfast and because of it he and his family were the only ones saved during the flood. Those who possess great faith are those who reap rich rewards. God never fails those who seek His will for their lives.

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Verse 8 — *"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."*

Abraham, called from the land of Ur, is considered the father of all Jews. God called him to go into a land He would reveal to him later. He left his home at the age of seventy-five, what we consider to be an old man, and started on a trip to an unknown destination.

Verses 9, 10 — *"By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."*

Abraham had faith that God would tell him in plenty of time to set his course. God promised him that he would become the father of a great nation and He would bless him greatly. He was led to Canaan, the land of promise, a land flowing with milk and honey. This land was his home for his remaining years. It is still considered today the homeland of the Jews.

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Verse 11 — *"Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised."*

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, had a son, Isaac, when she was ninety years old. This is long past the age of childbearing; and when the angel of the Lord told them that a son would be born, Sarah laughed. She just knew that she was too old and told the angel so. But she came to believe that God would do that which she had thought impossible. We can claim God's promises by exercising faith. God will do as He has said. *"Ye have not, because ye ask not"* (James 4:2).

Verse 12 — *"Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable."*

Abraham, an old man of one hundred years no longer possessed with the energies of a young man, fathered this child. From this son, Isaac, God promised as many descendants as the stars in the sky and sand of the sea — so many that they could not be counted. Don't underestimate God and His ability.

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Verses 13, 14 — *“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.”*

Beginning with Abraham many of God’s saints died without receiving all that God had promised them. It is like taking a trip and in returning seeing familiar landmarks. As you get closer home, you can hardly wait; for you know the good things that are awaiting there. These people recognized and admitted they were pilgrims and strangers. This earth wasn’t really their home. But they were looking for that eternal home and the things that awaited them there.

Verses 15, 16 — *“And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.”*

If they had so desired, they could have returned to the country from which they had come. But they had no desire to go back. They were living for heaven. They were faithful to God, and He was not ashamed of them. God identified himself as *“the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”* (Exodus 3:6). He related himself with His children. And why shouldn’t He? He has built for us a city and a very special city it is!

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Verse 17 — *“By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.”*

Abraham was again called upon to show his great faith. He was asked to sacrifice the blessed son of his old age, the long-awaited son that God had promised to him and Sarah. Now God wanted him to place Isaac upon the altar as a burnt offering. Everything was arranged and Abraham was prepared to do as God asked. But he looked up and God had placed in the bushes a ram caught by the horns to be used as the sacrifice.

Verses 18, 19 — *“Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.”*

The thing that counted was the fact that Abraham had the faith to do what God asked. He could even believe that if he offered Isaac God would raise him from the dead. This type of faith is needed so badly among Christians today. Abraham never questioned God as to why He wanted Isaac for the sacrifice. He just trusted God that all things would work out right.

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Verse 20 — *“By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.”*

Isaac grew and was ready to die. The time came to pass the blessing on to his twin sons. Although there was trickery on the part of Jacob and his mother, Rebekah, God’s divine plan was fulfilled. Esau, being the older, should have received the blessing; but Jacob got it instead. Esau was able to receive a blessing later from his father, but it was not one to his liking (Genesis 27:39, 40). God’s plan for our lives is not always what we want! Let us be flexible enough to change our plans to fit with God’s plans. He knows what is best for us anyway.

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Verse 21 — *“By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.”*

Joseph came to his father, Jacob, just before Jacob’s death and brought Joseph’s two sons to be blessed. As Jacob prepared to bless them, he put his right hand on Ephraim and the left hand on Manasseh. This displeased Joseph, for the right hand, indicating the chief blessing, should have been on Manasseh, the older brother. He would have switched his father’s hands, but Jacob would not have it so. He knew what God had in store for these two; and his blessing was that even though Manasseh was to be truly great,

Ephraim's seed would be even greater. They were both to be counted as the sons of Jacob and numbered in the inheritance.

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Verse 22 — *“By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.”*

Going the way of all people, Joseph prepared to die. With an eye of faith he saw God leading his people back to their land — the land promised to them through their father Abraham. His desire was that his bones be carried out with them and not left in Egypt.

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Verse 23 — *“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.”*

By faith put into action Moses was spared when all other baby boys were being put to death. His parents recognized that God had a place for him and were not afraid to defy the orders of the king. This could have meant death for the entire family, but God had other plans.

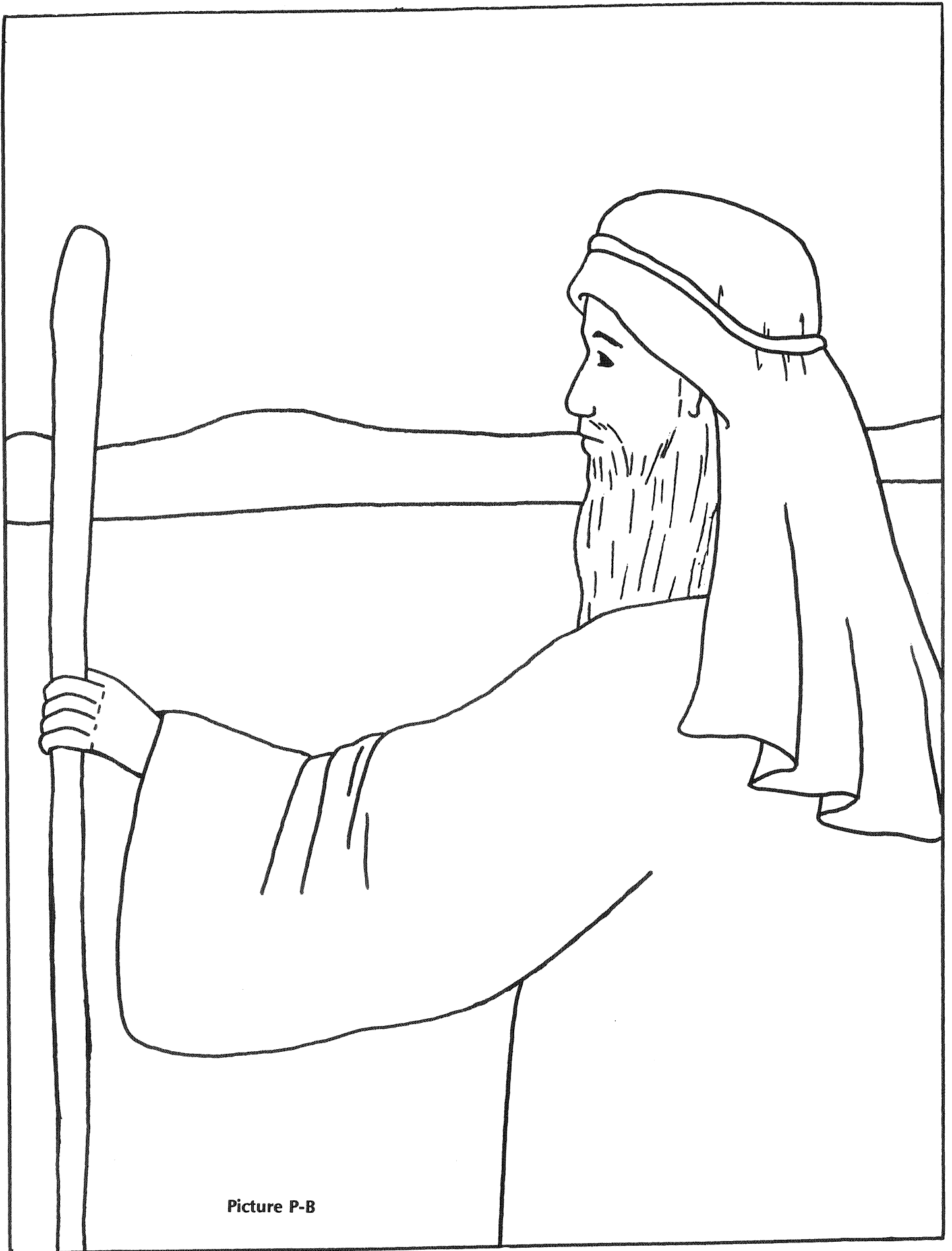
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Verses 24, 25 — *“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.”*

Through God's divine direction Moses was raised in Pharaoh's household. But when he became of age he refused to remain a part of this and chose to return to his own people. God had a great plan for Moses' life. What if he had refused to accept that plan? He would have had to suffer much before he came to the point of surrender. By faith let us look unto God, trusting Him to lead and show us the plan for our lives that will be honoring to Him.



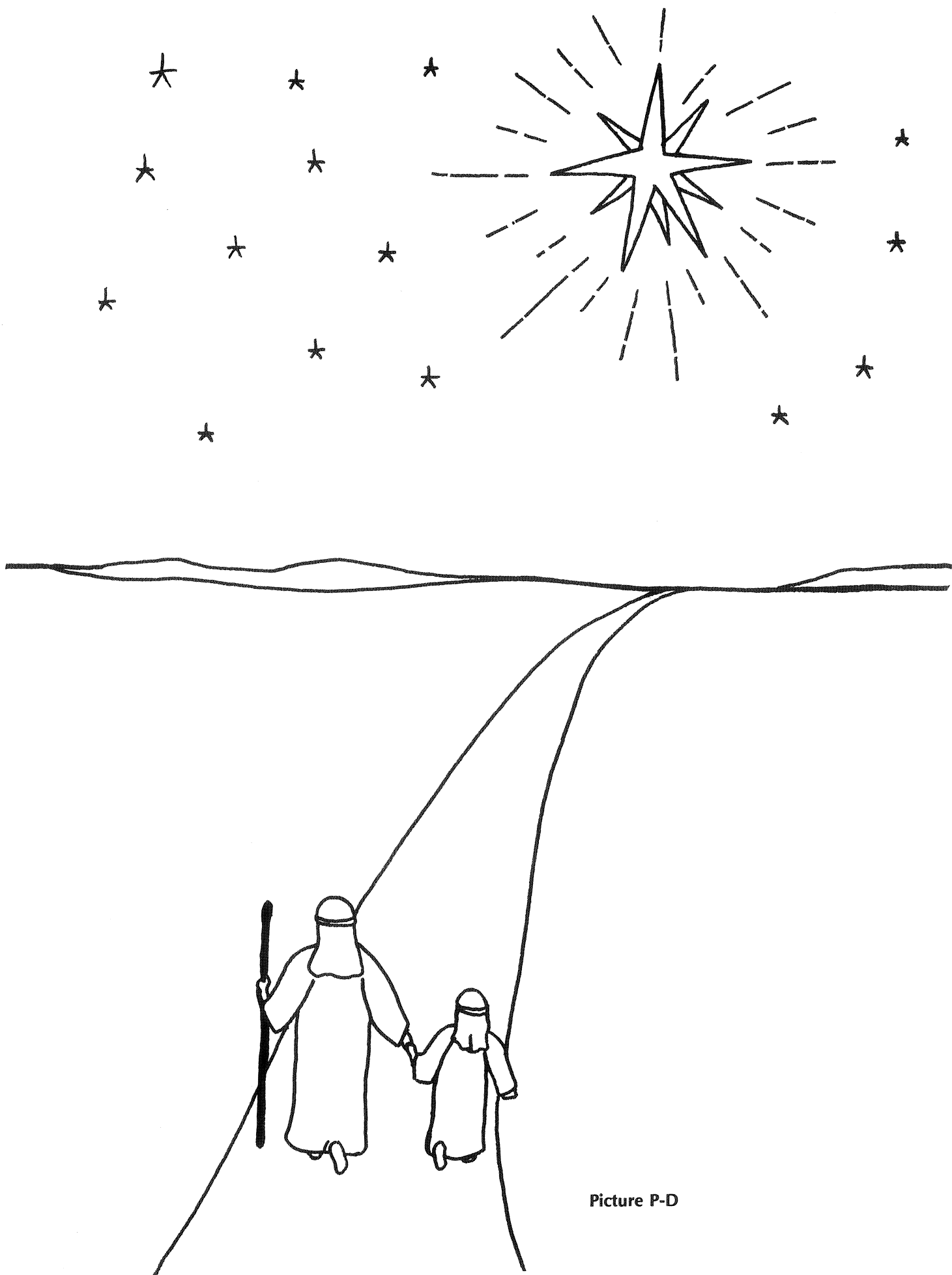
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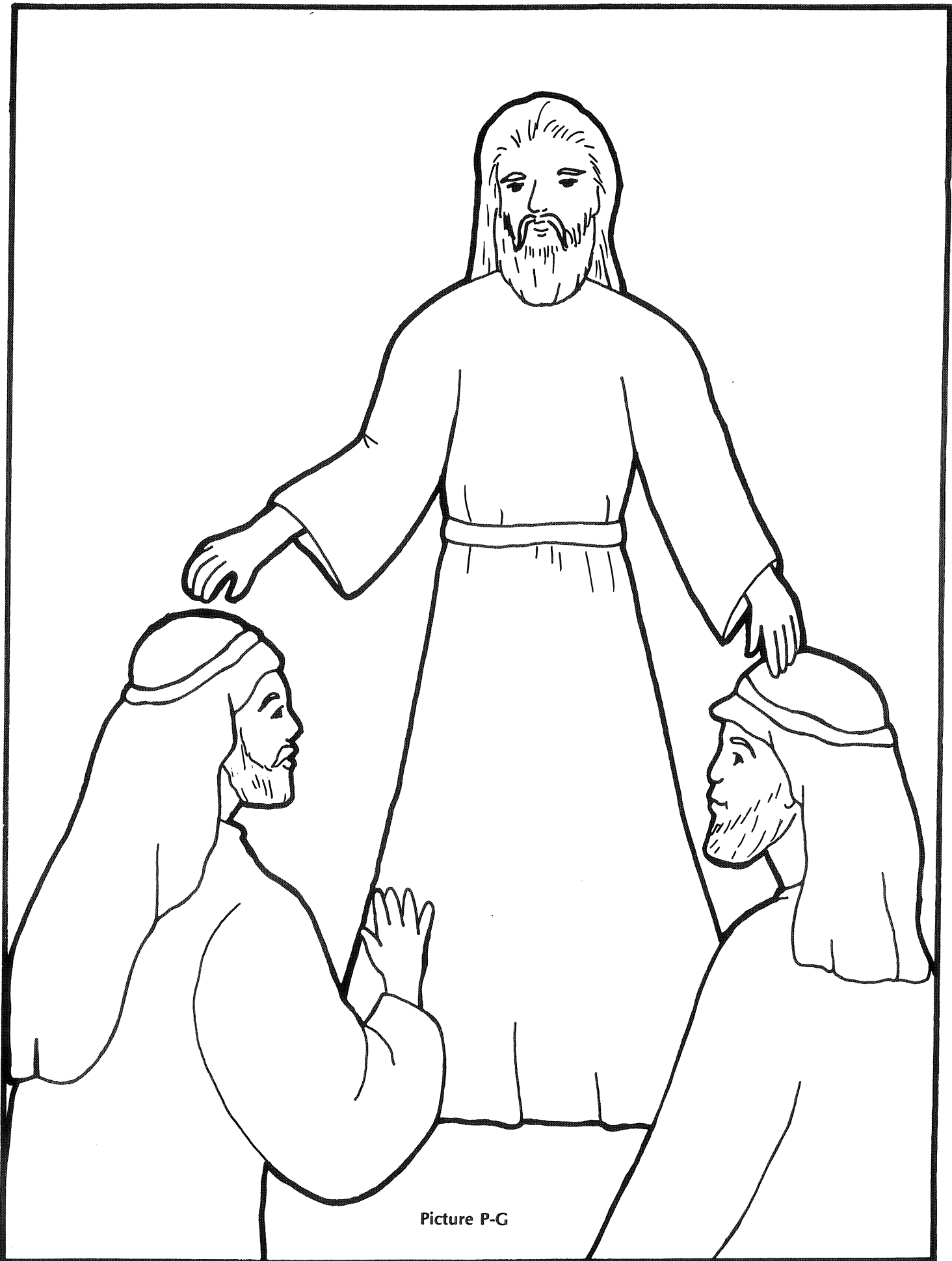
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Ask, Seek, Knock

Matthew 7:7-14

INSTRUCTIONS: For small classes the visuals for this lesson can be backed with lightweight cardstock and then with flannel to create a flannelgraph lesson. For a more creative presentation have the visuals made into overhead transparencies. The transparencies can be colored with special pens for better effect. You can make further use of the visuals if a copy machine is available to you. (Contact an office machines store.) With plain white paper temporarily cover the wording, and then make copies of the pictures only. Let the girls practice quoting the verses as they view the copied pictures.

The concepts in Matthew 7:7-14 stand out as mountaintop principles. Why? Look back to Matthew 5:1, 2. At a time when great crowds were following Jesus, He went upon a mountain and preached to the multitudes the famous sermon recorded in Matthew 5 — 7. In this Sermon on the Mount Jesus summarized the key principles of truth He wanted people to grasp from His preaching and teaching. Three of those mountaintop principles of Christian living are discussed in Matthew 7:7-14.

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The first great truth in these verses is that God's children can pray to Him in full confidence that He will answer. Verse 7 issues the beautiful promise, *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."* These words are easy to remember when you notice that the first letters of the three key words — Ask, Seek, and Knock — spell ask. (If you are using an overhead projector, circle those letters with a colored pen.)

The tense of those verbs in the Greek, the language in which the New Testament was first written, emphasizes that we should continually seek for God's answer to our prayers. The verse literally instructs us to keep on asking, keep on seeking, and keep on knocking. When we keep on praying earnestly, God will answer.

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Jesus repeats the truth of verse 7 to be sure that everyone catches this mountaintop principle. *"For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."*

Perhaps someone would think, "I am only a young Christian. God would not answer my prayer." Or maybe another says, "I don't have much influence with God." Jesus' promise about answered prayer is directed to everyone. *"EVERY ONE that asketh receiveth."*

Do we think that the door to answered prayer is locked shut? Jesus announced that the door opens. We are mistaken if we think God is a hard person to persuade. The door *opens* to the one who *knocks*.

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In verses 9-11 Jesus explains the theological background for the promised answer to prayer in verses 7, 8. He begins by reminding His audience that fathers naturally desire to give their sons what is best for them.

When a son (or daughter!) gets hungry, what does he do? He runs into the kitchen and asks, "Do we have any bread? I want a sandwich." No father would be so cruel as to give his hungry son a rock to eat. Because the father loves the son, he wants to provide for every expressed need.

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Verse 10 suggests an even more unthinkable cruelty. Can you imagine a parent who would respond to a need for food by handing his child a snake which could bite and possibly kill the child? No! Any loving father will react to expressed needs from his children by giving them what is best for them.

In these two illustrations from everyday life (verses 9, 10), Jesus hints at an important truth about prayer. We pray to God as children, and children do not always have the wisdom to know what is best for them. For example, a small boy who is trying to build a tree house may ask, "Daddy, can I use your power saw?" In his childish mind he is asking for a "fish" — something he really needs. The father, however, will perceive that the boy is asking for a "serpent" — something that is dangerous. So he will refuse to grant the boy's wish and will meet his real need in some other way — perhaps by giving him a board that is already cut to the right size. Likewise, our loving and wise God may often understand our prayers differently from our view, and He may answer them in a way which we do not expect.

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Now in verse 11 Jesus gives the theological application of the pictures He has drawn in verses 9, 10. In effect, He says, "If mere human parents give their children what they ask for, shouldn't your perfect heavenly

Father give you useful good things — you who keep asking Him?" God responds with even more wisdom, love, and power than human parents.

Jesus' mountaintop principle concerning prayer is that God's children should keep asking Him for those things which they need, for He acts in love and wisdom as the heavenly Father to supply those needs.

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In verse 12 Jesus moves to a second mountaintop principle — the "Golden Rule." *"Therefore (because God treats you so well, verses 7-11) all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."*

That simply means that you are to do for others what you want them to do for you. If you did that, you would never get into a quarrel or fight, and you would never be mean or unkind.

Strange as it may seem, it is not always easy to get along with people. Sometimes we wish we knew exactly how to treat them. If we are Christians, we will try our best not to have trouble with those around us — even our brothers and sisters. The Golden Rule tells us how to avoid trouble. We must be kind to those we do not know very well, to those who are younger than we are, and to those who are older than we are. We must avoid teasing in a cruel way. We must be thoughtful always of the other person. We can get along well with other people if we live and act like Christians!

Jesus has presented two mountaintop principles that will transform us. (1) Prayer will make our relationship to God what it ought to be. (2) The Golden Rule will make our relationship to other people what it ought to be.

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Now comes the third mountaintop truth — the principle of choosing God's way to life. *"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it"* (verses 13, 14).

Do you notice a strange word in those verses? The word *strait* is probably unfamiliar to you as it is used here. The *strait* you study about in geography is a narrow stretch of water which connects two larger bodies of water. For example, the Strait of Gibraltar connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. (Locate the Strait of Gibraltar on a map or globe.) A strait is something narrow.

Jesus wants all people to choose to enter the strait, or narrow, gate — the one which is confined to the only way to heaven presented in the Bible. Jesus is that gate; He is the only way to eternal life. *"There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

The sad truth is that many people choose to enter the wide gate and broad path — where many ways of being saved are advocated. Many people actually do believe that there are several different ways to reach heaven and that each denomination just presents a different but valid way to be saved. Jesus says that these multitudes striving for many ways of salvation are going through the gate which leads to destruction. The road to hell is easy to follow; it's crowded.

Jesus gave a command in verse 13 — *"Enter."* He is eager that you choose the only way which leads to life. Have you entered that path by repenting of your sin and trusting Jesus to save you? Jesus promises you, *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life"* (John 5:24).

Make all three mountaintop truths guiding principles in your life. (1) Pray continually to your heavenly Father, expecting Him to meet your needs. (2) Treat others as you want them to treat you. (3) Choose the one way to life offered in the Bible.



Ask, *and it shall be
given you;*

Seek, *and ye shall find;*

Knock, *and it shall be
opened unto you.*

Matthew 7:7

*For every one
that asketh
RECEIVETH;
and he that
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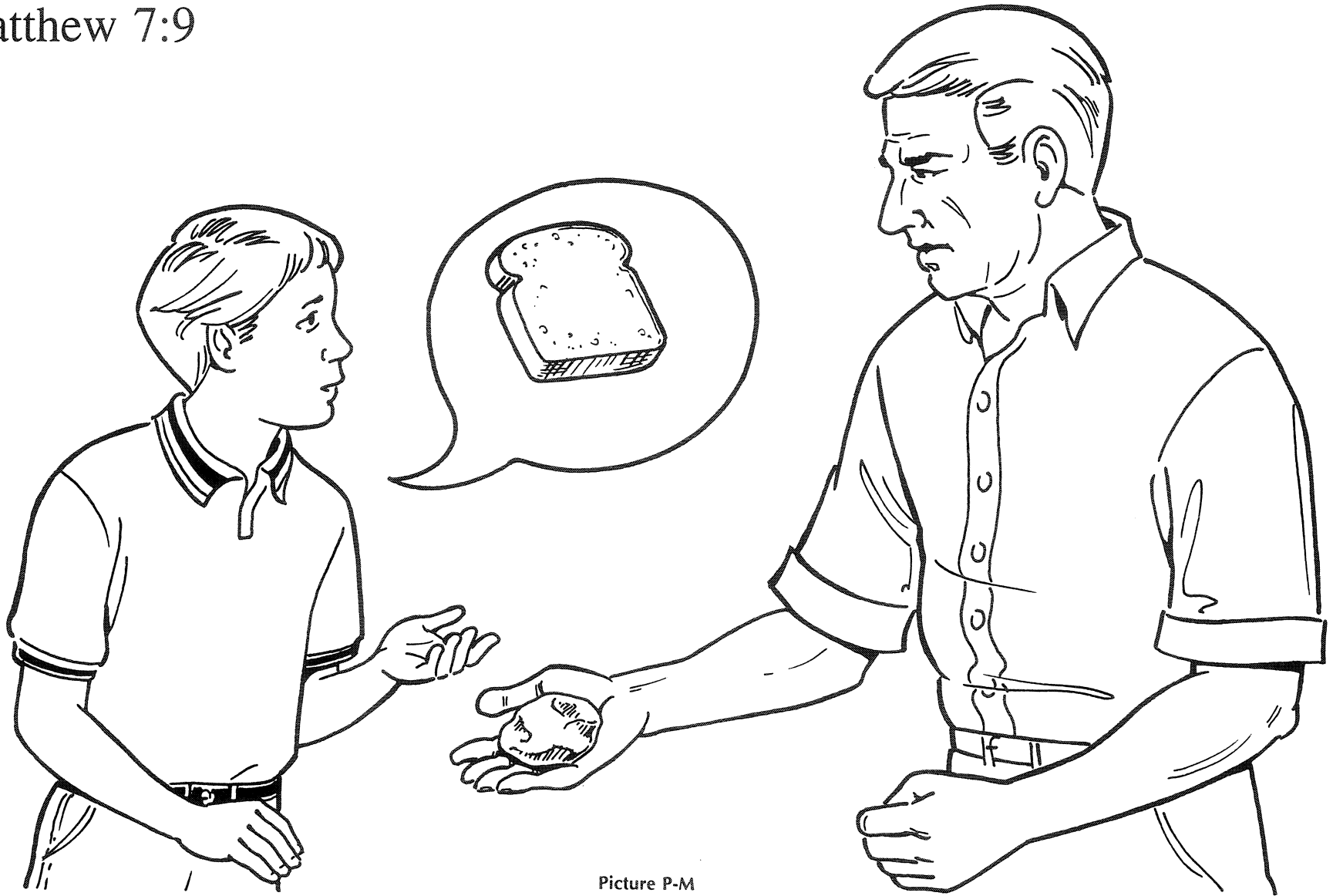
Matthew 7:8



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*Or what man is there of you, whom if his
SON ask **BREAD**, will he give him a **STONE**?*

Matthew 7:9



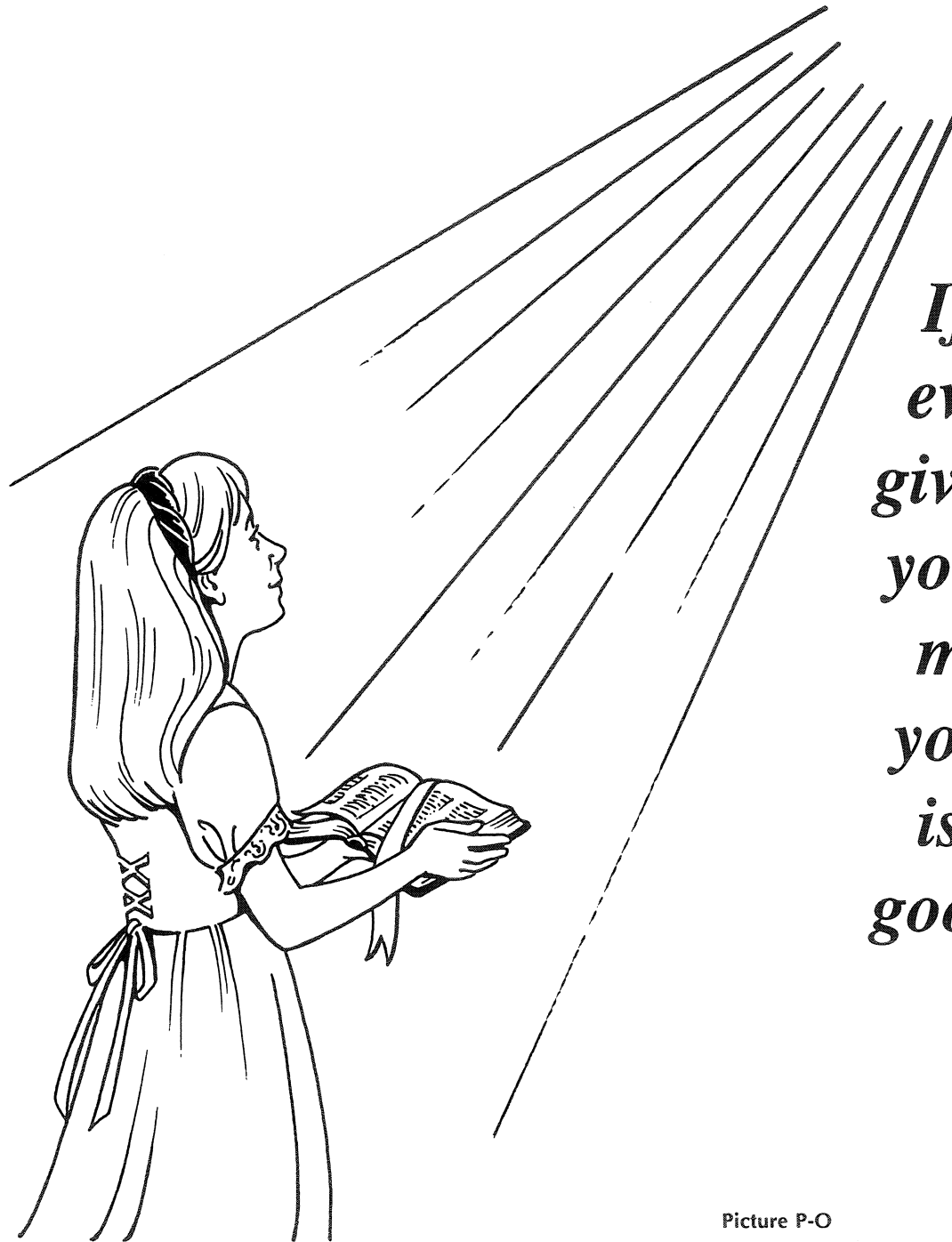
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*Or if he ask a **FISH**, will he
give him a **SERPENT**?*

Matthew 7:10



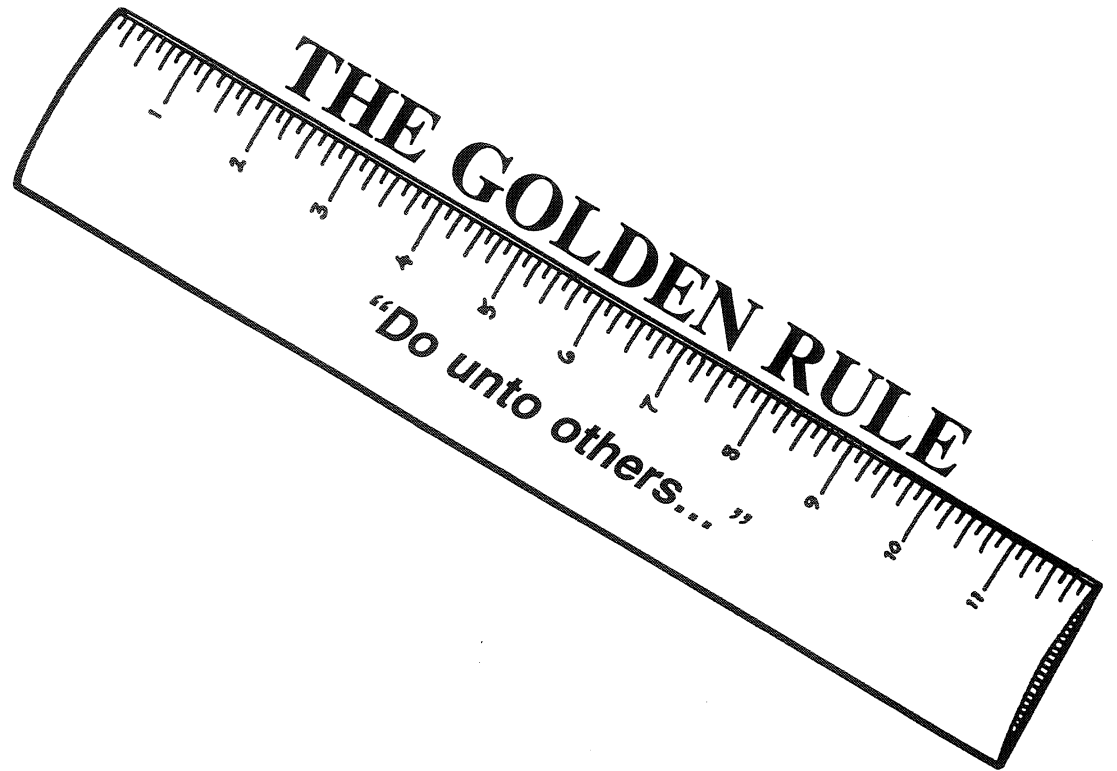
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*If ye then, being
evil, know how to
give good gifts unto
your children, how
much more shall
your Father which
is in heaven give
good things to them
that ask him?*

Matthew 7:11

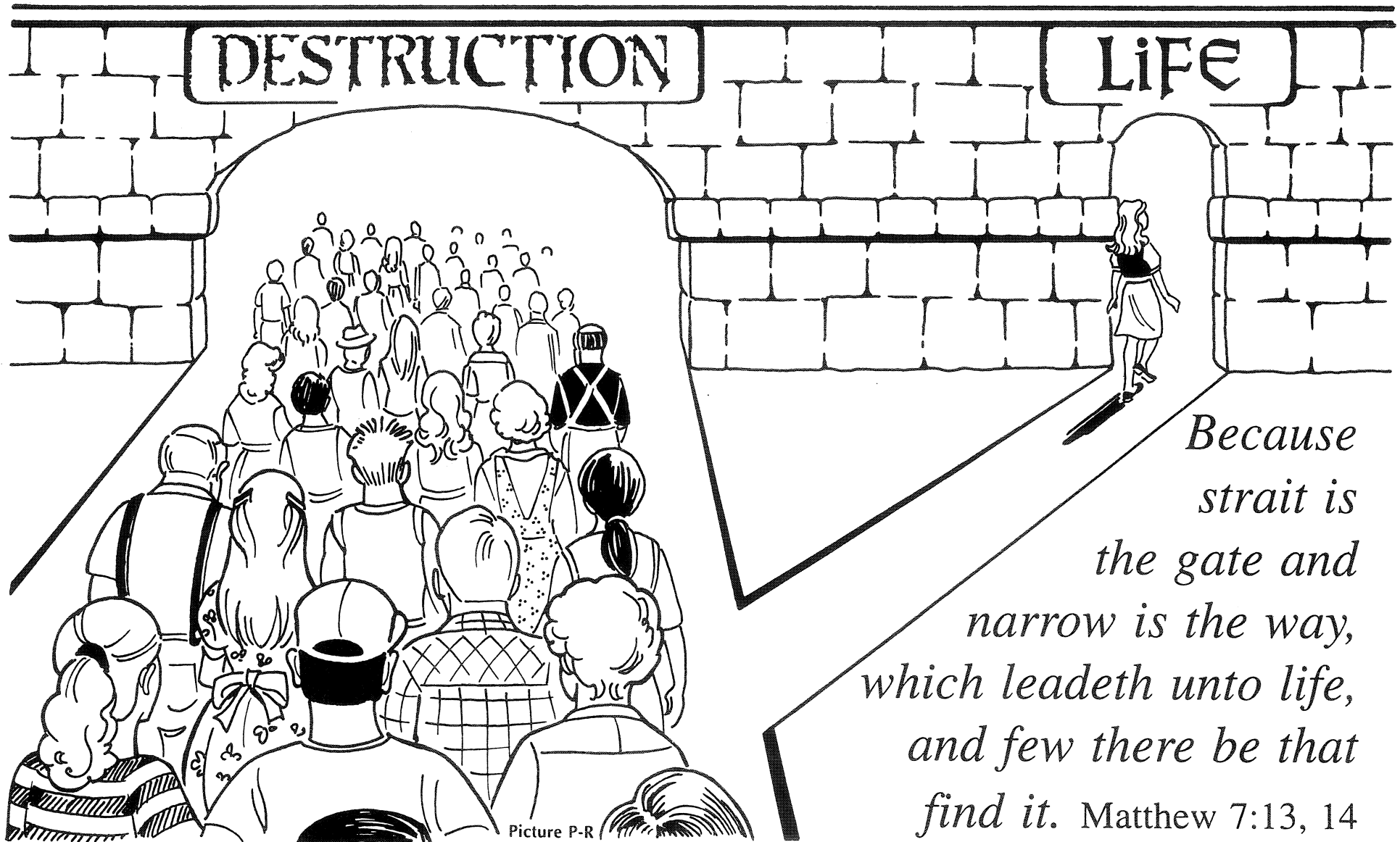
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*for this is the law
and the prophets.*

Matthew 7:12

*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate,
and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction,
and many there be which go in thereat:*



*Because
strait is
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narrow is the way,
which leadeth unto life,
and few there be that
find it. Matthew 7:13, 14*

What We Believe

by Jayne Benishek

INSTRUCTIONS: Prepare a special setting in your room for these six lessons on Baptist doctrine. Empty the room except for a coffee table and a long, narrow bench. (The bench may be made from two cement blocks and a board.) Furnish mats or pillows to sit on if the room is not carpeted. On the table have a candle and overhead projector. Begin each class session with candlelight only. After the girls gather around the table, join hands for prayer. You can, if you wish, continue teaching by candlelight until you have covered the material and the girls are ready to fill out their lesson books. However, you will probably want to turn on lights after the opening time so that the girls can look up and read the scriptures.

Have the visual sheets prepared for use with the overhead projector. Use a blank sheet of paper to cover portions of the transparencies not considered yet, and uncover the sections one at a time as you discuss them. (Five pennies taped to one edge of the cover sheet will hold it in place on the projector even when it is near the edge of the glass.)

Conceal the supplies for the object lessons. Bring out each object when you get to the corresponding part of the lesson. After the presentation place the objects on the bench so the girls can review them.

Use the outline below as a lesson guide.

Lesson 1 (Use visual P-S.)

The Trinity of God

Key Scripture: Matthew 28:19 (Note the phrase *"the name [singular] of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."*)

Other Passages: Deuteronomy 4:35; Psalm 83:18; I John 5:7

Visual Aid: Egg and three sherbet glasses or bowls. Use the egg whole to represent the Trinity. Separate it to show that it is actually made up of three parts.

The Inspiration of the Bible

Key Scriptures: II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21

Other Passages: Matthew 4:4; John 16:12, 13; Luke 24:27, 44

Creation

Key Scriptures: Genesis 1:1, 27; Exodus 20:11; Colossians 1:16, 17

Satan

Key Scriptures: Job 1:8-12; I Peter 5:8

Lesson 2 (Use visual P-T.)

Depravity

Key Scripture: Romans 5:12

Other Passages: Ephesians 2:3; Romans 3:9-18

The Virgin Birth of Jesus

Key Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Other Passages: Isaiah 7:14; John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 1:1-3

Blood Atonement

Key Scripture: Hebrews 2:9

Other Passages: John 3:16; Romans 5:8, 9; Ephesians 1:7

Visual Aid: Cross

Christ's Resurrection and Ascension

Key Scriptures: John 20:19, 20; Acts 1:3, 9

Other Passages: Matthew 28:9; Luke 24:36-45, 50-53

Lesson 3 (Use visual P-U.)

The Personality of the Holy Spirit

Key Scripture: John 14:16-20

Other Passages: John 16:7-11; I Corinthians 6:19, 20; Ephesians 1:13, 14; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:18

Justification by Faith

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 1:12

Other Passages: Acts 13:39; Romans 4:4, 5; 5:1; Titus 3:5

Separation From the World

Key Scripture: Philippians 1:6

Other Passages: II Timothy 2:19-22; II Corinthians 6:14-18

Baptism

Key Scriptures: Romans 6:3, 4; Matthew 28:19

Other Passages: Matthew 3:5, 6; Acts 8:36-39

Visual Aid: Empty a picture frame to show that baptism is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Be sure to stress that the authority to baptize belongs to the church.

Lesson 4 (Use visual P-V.)

The Lord's Supper

Key Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Other Passages: Matthew 26:26-30; Acts 2:41, 42; Acts 20:7

Visual Aid: Saucer of unleavened bread, a chalice, a grape cluster

The Security of the Believer

Key Scriptures: John 5:24; 10:28, 29

Other Passages: Ecclesiastes 3:14; Romans 8:1, 35-39

Visual Aid: Assorted locks to represent "security" on earth contrasted with the eternal security that God gives

The Church

Key Scriptures: Matthew 4:18-22; 16:18; I Corinthians 1:2

Other Passages: Galatians 1:2; Revelation 1:4; I Corinthians 12:28

Worldwide Missions

Key Scriptures: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Lesson 5 (Use visual P-W.)

Church Perpetuity

Key Scripture: Ephesians 3:21

Additional Passage: Matthew 16:18

Church Cooperation

Key Scripture: II Corinthians 8:13-15 (Note the principle that equality continues even when abilities differ.)

Other Passages: Acts 11:22-30; 15:1-4, 23-29 (Though the Jerusalem church was respected as the "mother" church, she respected the autonomy of other churches.)

Church Authority

Key Scripture: Revelation 1:12-16, 20 (Note Jesus' contact with His work through His churches.)

Other Passages: Colossians 1:18, 23-25; I Peter 5:2, 3

Church Separation

Key Scriptures: Galatians 1:9; Amos 3:3

Other Passages: II John 10, 11; Jude 3

Issues to Stress: The Lord's church must remain separate from so-called churches or church alliances which teach heresies or practice human innovations which are not in harmony with the Word of God. Unscriptural teachings and practices of modern times include abuse of church ordinances (to be covered in the next section), giving audience to heretical preachers, modernism, speaking in tongues, and related evils.

The Validity of Ordinances

Key Scripture: Matthew 28:19, 20

Other Passages: Acts 10:44-48; 19:3, 4; I Corinthians 10:21

Issues to Stress: The Lord's church must never condone alien baptism or open communion.

Lesson 6 (Use visual P-X.)**The Second Coming**

Key Scripture: Acts 1:9-11

Other Passages: I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Revelation 1:7

Visual Aid: Show an alarm clock. Talk about the fact that at some moment the time will actually arrive for Jesus to return. Let someone set the alarm for a time before the class ends. (That person should not let anyone else know the time set.) Compare the suspense of waiting for the alarm to waiting for Jesus' return.

The Resurrections

Key Scriptures: I Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Revelation 20:12

Other Passages: John 5:28, 29; I Corinthians 15:51, 52; I John 3:2

Visual Aid: Toy horn

Heaven

Key Scriptures: John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:3, 4

Other Passages: I Corinthians 2:9; Hebrews 11:16

Visual Aid: Hymn book. Sing a song together. Singing is one thing from earth we will take into heaven.

Hell

Key Scriptures: Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:1-5

Visual Aid: Metal dish, two fireproof pads (purchased at a variety store), alcohol, and match. Pour a very small amount of alcohol in the dish. Cover the alcohol bottle and put it away. This cannot be done ahead of time, for alcohol will evaporate and the residue will not burn. Be sure the dish is on one fireproof pad and another is handy to snuff out the blaze. Light the alcohol to represent hell.

The Separation of Church and State

Key Scripture: Matthew 22:21

THE TRINITY OF GOD

There is one and only one God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three separate and distinct persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

God inspired the writers of Scripture with the exact wording of the original texts of the Bible. As a result, the Bible is absolutely true throughout.

CREATION

God created all things exactly as described in Genesis. Man, the crown of the Creation, was made in God's own image. As the Creator, God rules over all the universe.

SATAN

The devil is an actual person who blinds the world to the gospel and tempts people to do evil. He is more than an imaginary influence.

DEPRAVITY

Though Adam was created in a state of innocence, he voluntarily fell from that state. As a result, sin condemns every human being. No one possesses the power to save himself from sin.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS

The virgin Mary conceived Jesus through a miracle of God. As God's Son, Jesus is Deity.

BLOOD ATONEMENT

Sinners who trust Jesus for salvation are redeemed by His blood.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION

Jesus rose from the grave in a tangible body and later ascended back to heaven in that same body.

THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Equally divine with the Father and Christ, the Holy Spirit is a person who abides in believers.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Sinners are made righteous by faith apart from works. All who believe immediately become members of the family of God.

SEPARATION FROM THE WORLD

God sets the believer apart from the world for His will. He works continually to make the believer more and more like Jesus.

BAPTISM

Scriptural baptism is immersion in water of a believer in Christ by the authority of a New Testament church.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper commemorates the death of Christ through the symbols of His body and blood. It is shared by the members of a church to proclaim the gospel visually.

THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

Once a person is saved, he will never lose his salvation.

THE CHURCH

Jesus himself founded the church during His earthly ministry as a visible congregation of baptized believers in a locality.

WORLDWIDE MISSIONS

Jesus commissioned His church to carry the gospel into all the world by converting, baptizing, and thoroughly teaching all nations.

CHURCH PERPETUITY

True churches have existed in the world since Jesus founded the first church, and they will continue until He returns.

CHURCH COOPERATION

Baptist churches may scripturally work together as equals in various enterprises of ministry.

CHURCH AUTHORITY

All Baptist associations and their agencies must remain under the control of the member churches. No outside religious body or officials have authority over a church.

CHURCH SEPARATION

True churches should separate themselves from religious groups which do not stand for the full truth of the Bible.

THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCES

God approves the ordinances of only those churches which adhere to the truth.

THE SECOND COMING

Jesus' personal return to earth may occur at any time.

THE RESURRECTIONS

The bodies of believers who have died will rise from their graves when Jesus returns. The bodies of the unsaved dead will rise again to judgment one thousand years later.

HEAVEN

Jesus is preparing a place of eternal happiness for the redeemed of God.

HELL

God has prepared a place of eternal punishment for those who reject Jesus as Savior.

THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Neither the church nor government should interfere in the affairs of the other.

My Beliefs Affect ...

My Attitude

My Activities

My Language

My Friendships

My Education

My Behavior

