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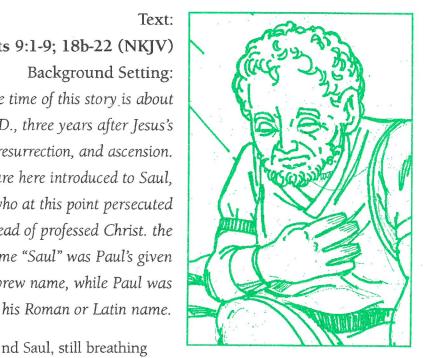
How do you become a missionary?

Paul – Converted by God to Preach Christ

Text: Acts 9:1-9; 18b-22 (NKJV) Background Setting: The time of this story is about 33 A.D., three years after Jesus's death, resurrection, and ascension. We are here introduced to Saul. who at this point persecuted instead of professed Christ. the name "Saul" was Paul's given Hebrew name, while Paul was

nd Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 And he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying

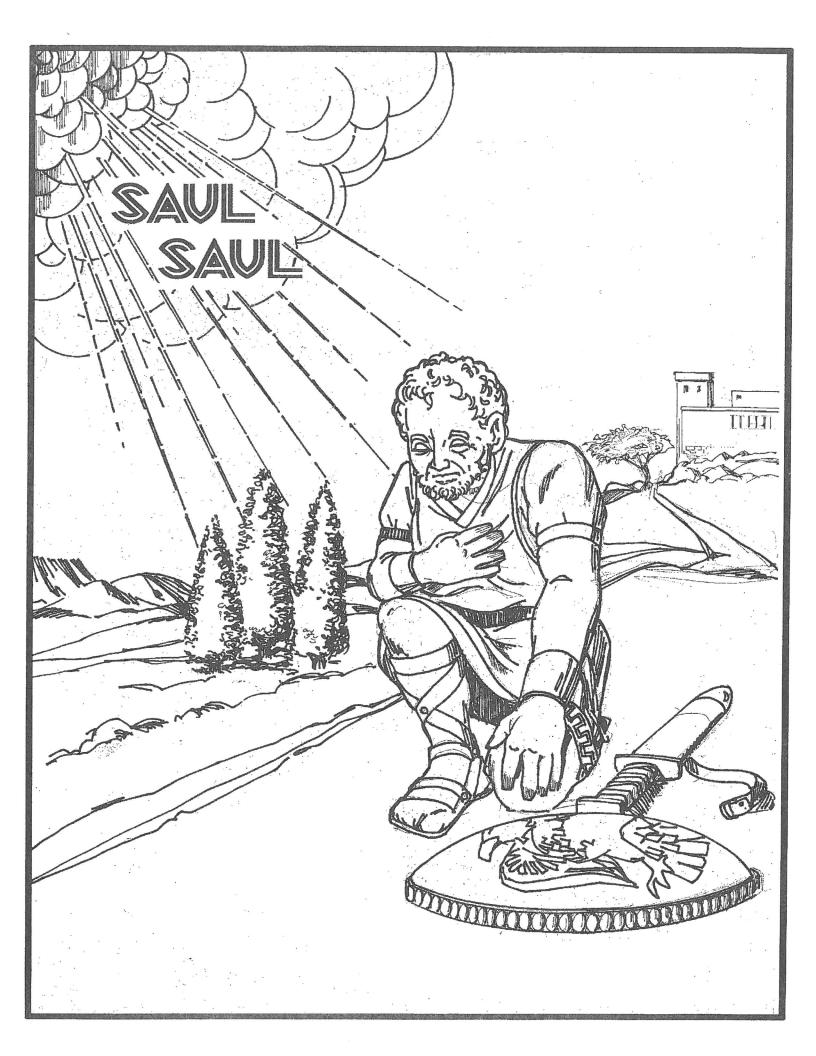


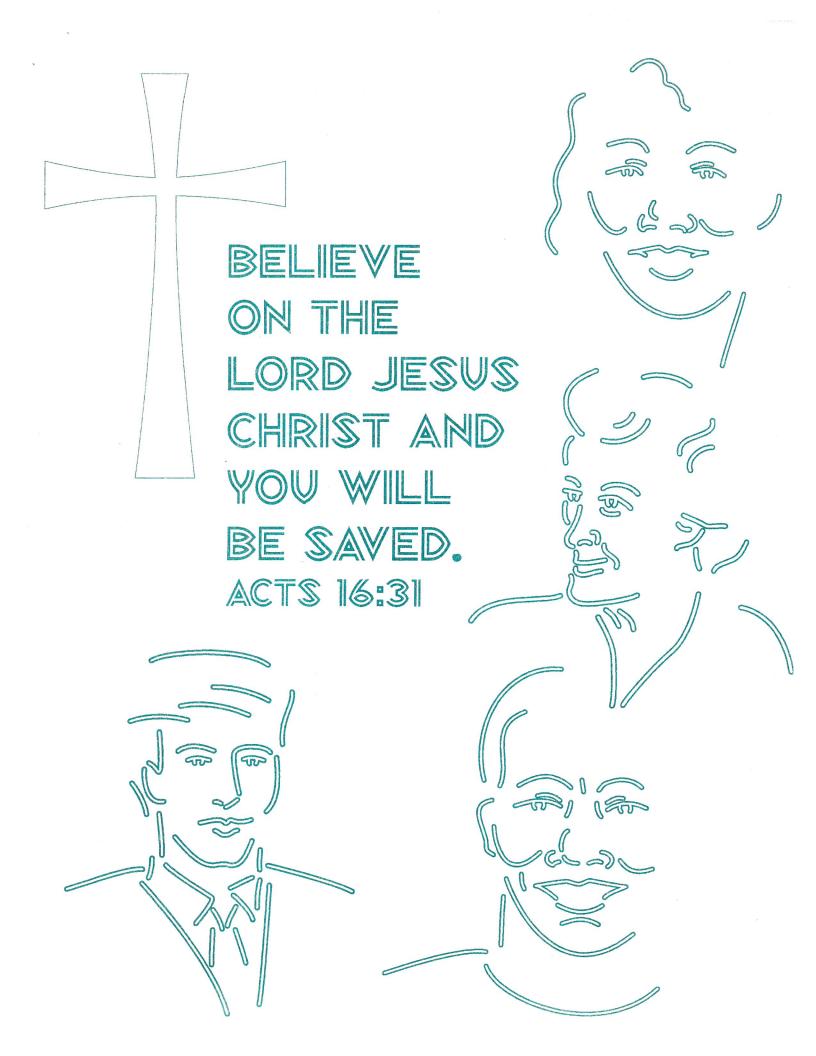
to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." 6 And he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" And the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8

And Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. (V. 10-18a: God sent Ananias to bring the Word to Saul and to heal him of his blindness. Saul received the Holy Spirit.) 18b And he arose and was baptized. 19 And when he had received food, he was strengthened.

Then Saul spent some days with the disciples who were in Damascus. 20 And immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. 21 But all who heard him were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and came here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priest?"

22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this is indeed the Christ.





MISSIONARIES OF CHRIST . LEVEL III

Paul – Converted by God to Preach Christ



- Multiple Choice Circle the correct letters.
 - 1. Paul was on his way to Damascus
 - A. to preach to the Christians there.
 - B. to arrest as many Christians as he could find there.
 - C. to begin his first missionary journey.
 - 2. When the light came from above and Paul fell to the ground, he heard
 - A. the voice of God the Father.
 - B. the voices of Christians he had killed.
 - C. the voice of Jesus.
 - 3. After his conversion Paul was
 - A. baptized.
 - B. blind for one week.
 - C. still the same.
 - 4. Paul traveled around preaching. He always told
 - A. Christians how to run away from killers
 - B. how Jesus was crucified for our sins.
 - C. people that he was the promised Savior.
 - 5. A person becomes a missionary when
 - A. he/she gives up bad habits.
 - B. he/she goes to school for many years to study.
 - C. God makes him/her a believer in Jesus Christ as Savior.
- **2** Using the Bible Look up these stories and describe briefly the missionaries and the type of mission work that was done.
 - 1. John 1:35-42

4. John 4:6-7, 25-26, 28-30

2. John 1:43-51

- 5. Luke 2:15-20
- 3. II Kings 5:1-3, 14015

3 • From the Catechism Luther's Explanation to the
Third Article (1st part):

I believe that I cannot by my own reasoning or effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, nor come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

4. For some thinking:

Can you think of things you did wrong this week?

How did God take away your sins?

5. Memory Passage:

John 3:5 Unless one is

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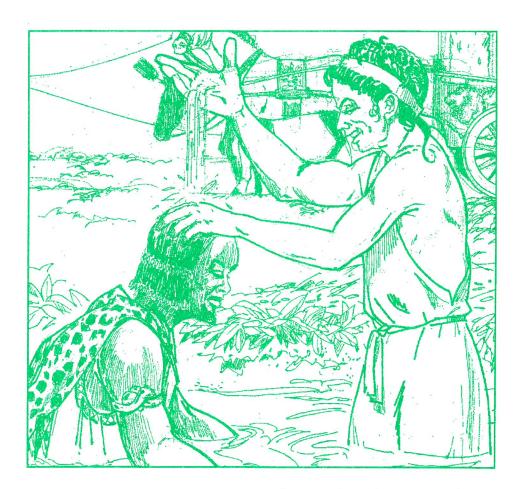


What does a missionary talk about?

Philip – Instructed by God to Speak His Word

Text:
Acts 8:26-40 (NKJV)
Background Setting:

One source suggests a general time frame of six to seven years following the great day of Pentecost. It certainly takes place during the time of the persecution which claimed the life of Stephen the martyr, cf. Acts 7-8. Acts 8:1 speaks of a great persecution which caused the Christians to be scattered abroad. Acts 8:5 speaks of Philip going down to the city of Samaria and preaching Christ, and then (cf. Acts 8:26) being directed by the angel of the Lord to the place where he would meet the Ethiopian in the desert between Jerusalem and Gaza, cf. Acts 8:26



nd an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Arise and go toward the south to the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert. 27 And he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch, of great authority

under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he was reading was this:

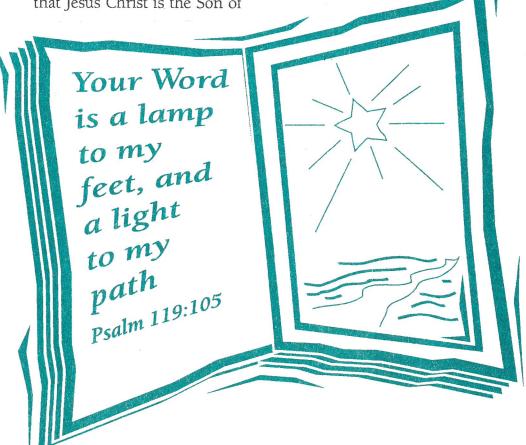
"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And like a lamb silent before its shearer,
So He did not open
His mouth.

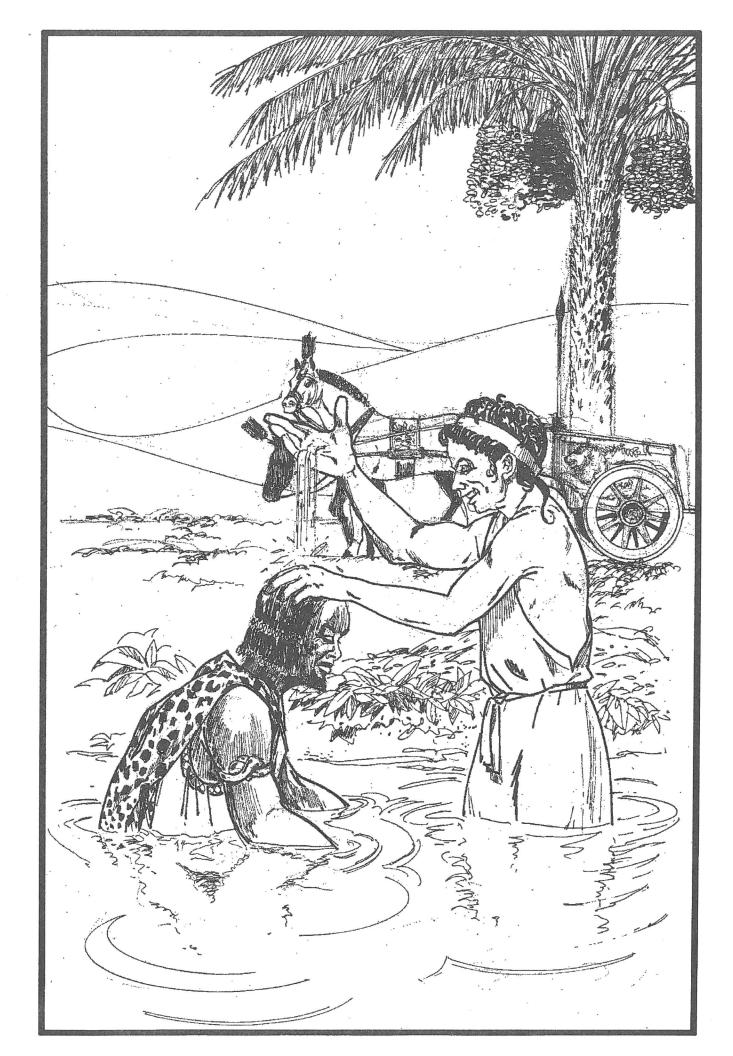
33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away.
And who will declare
His generation?

For His life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 And as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of

God." 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 And when they had come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.





Your Word
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CHRIST . LEVEL

Philip – Instructed by God to Speak His Word



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Using our Bible - Drits teaching.	raw a line from the Bible Passage to
John 20:31	The Bible is like a light which helps us to see.
Psalm 119:105	God wrote the Bible that we might believe and have eternal life.
Luke 11:28	God wants us to teach and baptize all people.
Matthew 28:19-20	God works faith through the hearing of His Word.
Romans 10:17	Those who hear God's Word are blessed.
John 5:29	We should use our Bibles because

3 • From the Catechism ther's Explanation to the cond Article (1st part):

believe that Jesus Christ, rue God, begotten of the ather from eternity, and lso true man, born of the rirgin Mary, is my Lord. le has redeemed me, a lost nd condemned person, urchased and won me om all sin, from death. nd from the power of the evil, not with gold or siler, but with His holy, preous blood and His innoent suffering and death.

For some thinking: God sends us pastors and teachers. Why?

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What tools does a missionary need?

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Being a missionary may not be easy.

Stephen – Strengthened by God to Confess unto Death

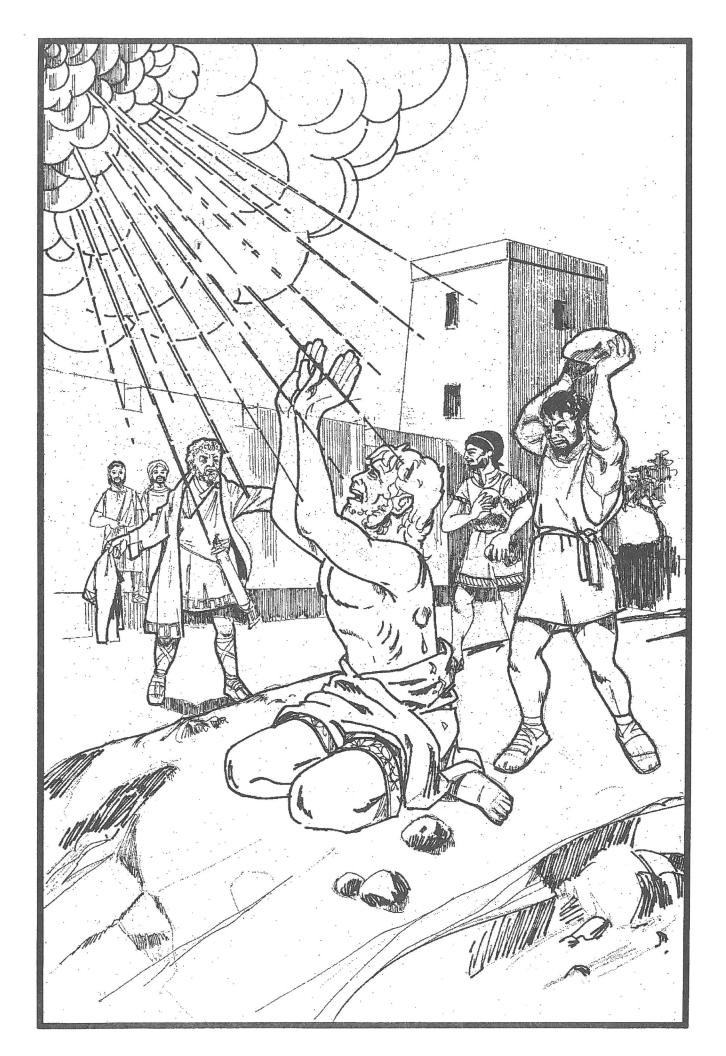


Text: Acts 6:8; 7:51-60 (NKJV)

Background Setting: Love and harmony reigned supreme with the church at Jerusalem, and at first the enemies of Christ were not permitted to harm these Christians in any way. The Lord preserved Peter and John during their first arrest. All the Apostles were then imprisoned by the elders of the Jews. Again the Lord miraculously intervened and sent His angel to open the prison doors and set them free. The next day the Lord moves the highly respected Rabbi Gamaliel to advise against passing the death sentence upon the disciples. However, the Apostles are whipped and again strictly forbidden to preach Christ crucified. But strengthened by the Risen Savior they fearlessly continue to preach Jesus Christ "daily in the Temple and in every house." In our lesson today we hear of the first major persecution of Christians and of the first martyr for Christ, Stephen.

nd Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. (Chap. 6:8) (But some Jews falsely accused Stephen, had him arrested, and brought him to trial. In his own defense, Stephen quoted from the Old Testament to show that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah. The Savior had come. But the Jews refused to believe. In a sermon to them - Acts 7:1-53 Stephen continued.) 51 "You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets have your fathers not persecuted? And they have killed those who have foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, 53 who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it."

54 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, 56 and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 Then they called out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.





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Stephen – Strengthened by God to Confess unto Death



- Answer the following questions.
 - 1. Why did the Jewish leaders get so angry at Stephen?
 - 2. Whom did Stephen see as he looked up to heaven?
 - 3. After they threw him out of the city, what did they do to him?
 - 4. What did Stephen pray as they stoned him?
 - 5. What were his last words?
 - 6. What does the Bible mean when it says Stephen "fell asleep"?
 - 7. Why shouldn't a Christian be afraid to die?
 - 8. What can we learn from Stephen about standing up for what we believe?
- 2 Using our Bible Draw a line from the Bible Passage to its teaching.

Matt. 10:32 "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men

I Thess. 4:14 "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again

Acts 5:29 "We ought to obey God

Matt. 10:28 "fear not those who kill the body"
2 Tim. 1:8 "Therefor do not

but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." rather than men."

of the testimony of our Lord."

I also confess before My Father who is in heaven." even so will God bring with Him." • From the Catechism - The Seventh Petition:

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?
We pray in this petition, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil to body and soul, property or reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a joyful end, and take in grace us from this valley of sorrows to Himself

4. For some thinking:

in heaven.

In what ways could it be hard for you to speak to others about Jesus?

Who will give you strength?

How?

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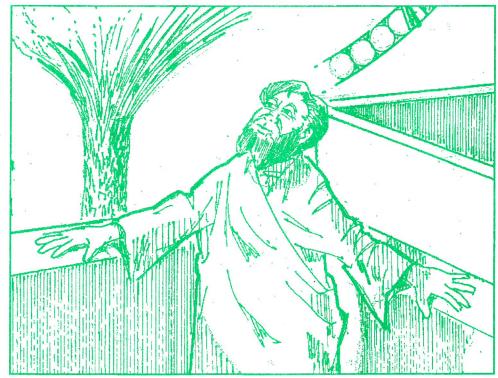
Why a missionary talks to all people.

Peter – Sent by God to Witness unto All

Text: Acts 10:9-16; 34-40; 42-43 (NKJV)

Background Setting:
Cornelius was in charge of the Roman
fortress at Caesarea the seat of the governer of Judea. Caesarea like Joppa is
along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.
Caesarea is about 35 miles North of
Joppa. Cornelius was over the Italian
Cohort. A Cohort was one tenth of a
legion, which actually amounted to 600
men or more, plus auxiliary calvary
units. It was probably called "Italian"
because it was mustered in Italy, of
Roman Citizens.

Cornelius was a proselyte (convert) to Judaism. In contrast to the normal Roman and Gentiles - who worshiped Jupiter, Mercury, Venus, the Emperor, as well as many other gods, this man had forsaken the pagan notion of many gods and identified with the living God, the One God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This was a tremendous step that very obviously set the man apart from his associates in every day matters, such as simply not beginning every meal with a libation (pouring out some of the wine) to the gods. This chapter describes (v.2, 22) that he was so generous in appreciation for the knowledge of the one, living, God that all the Jews respected him, a Gentile. That was unusual, to say the least. The words in verse 2 "devout man and one that feared God" clearly show his conversion. The adjective "devout" is used also in v.7 about the soldier whom he sent. This word is used in Acts:13:43, 16:14, 17:4, 17, and 18:7 designating Gentile converts to Judaism. The Greek word for "Feared God" is used in Acts 10:22, 35, 13:16, 27) in a similar



In answer to His prayers and works, God came to Cornelius with a message: "seek Peter". Why? Cornelius knew about the one God and His revealed Truth, even the promise of a coming Messiah, one anointed to save. However, though Peter's words later imply that Cornelius too must have heard some things about Jesus, Cornelius did not understand that Jesus was that promised Messiah and all that it meant for him. Notice that Cornelius did not just send anyone. He sent two of his close servants and a soldier who shared his faith (v.7 "devout"). Notice also in v.27 that many had come together, it would appear that Cornelius was very actively sharing his faith, perhaps even meeting with others regularly to worship God in his home.

went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. 10 And he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance 11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him, and let down to the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of four-

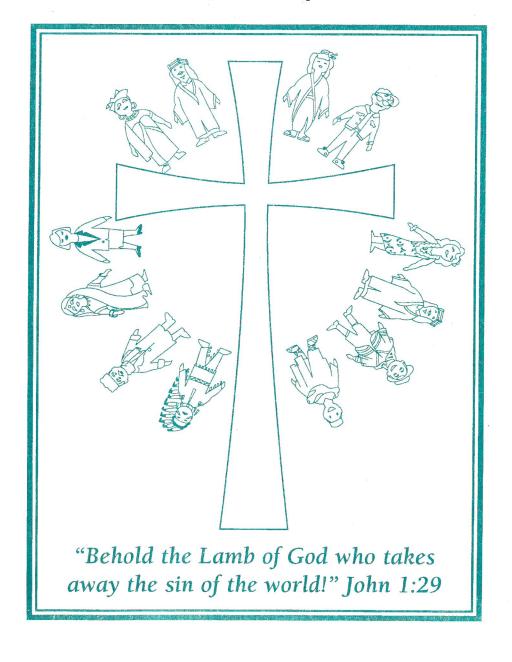
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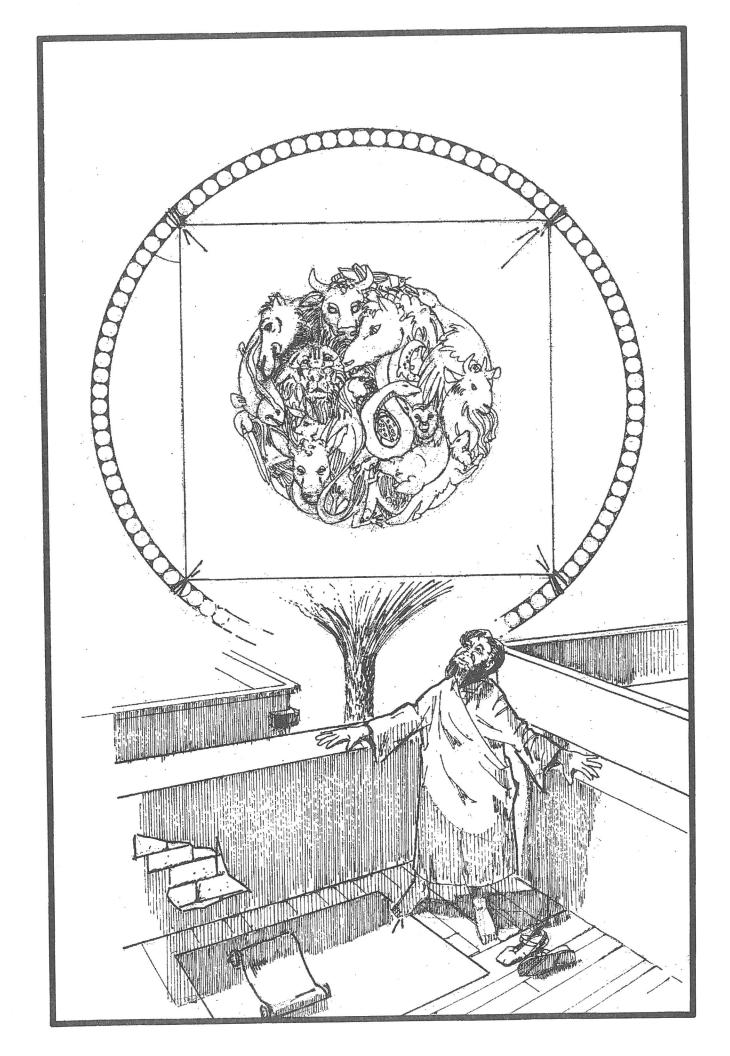
footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord!" For I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." 15 And a voice spoke to him again the

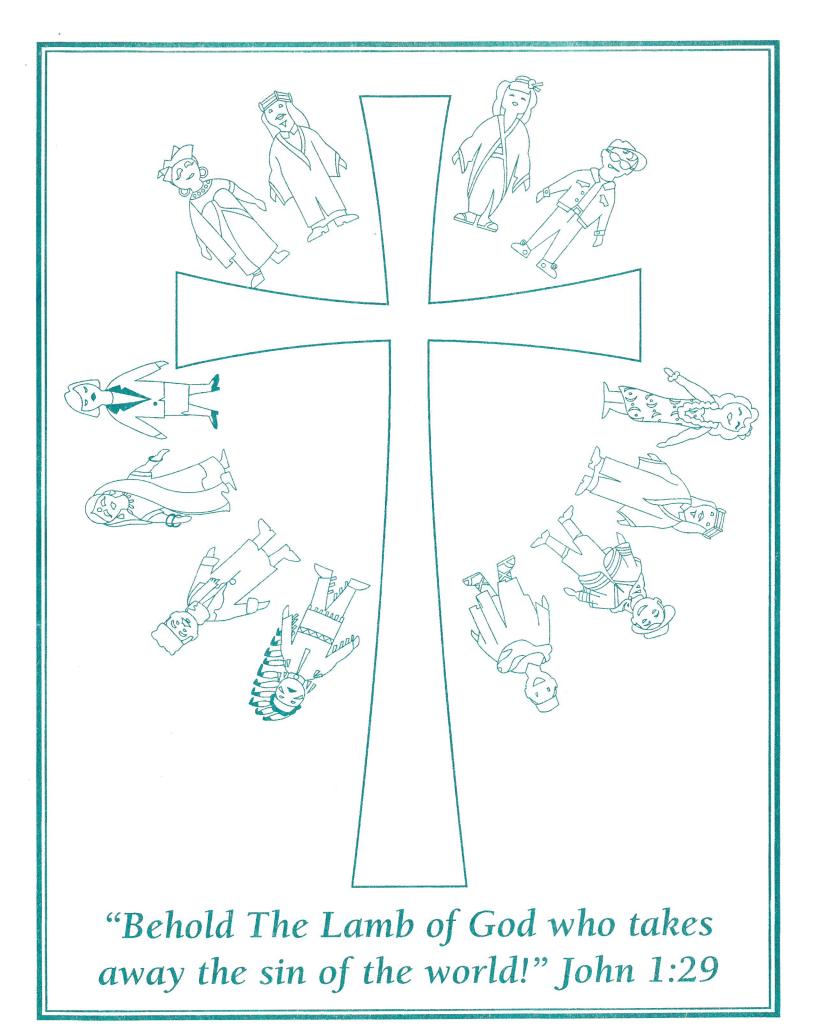
second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." 16 This was done thee times. And the object was taken up into heaven again...

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said, "In truth, I perceive that God shows no

partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all-- 37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil for God was with Him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly. 42 "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testifu that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."



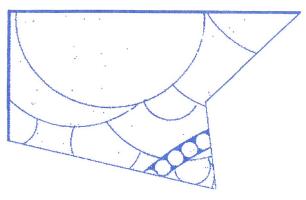




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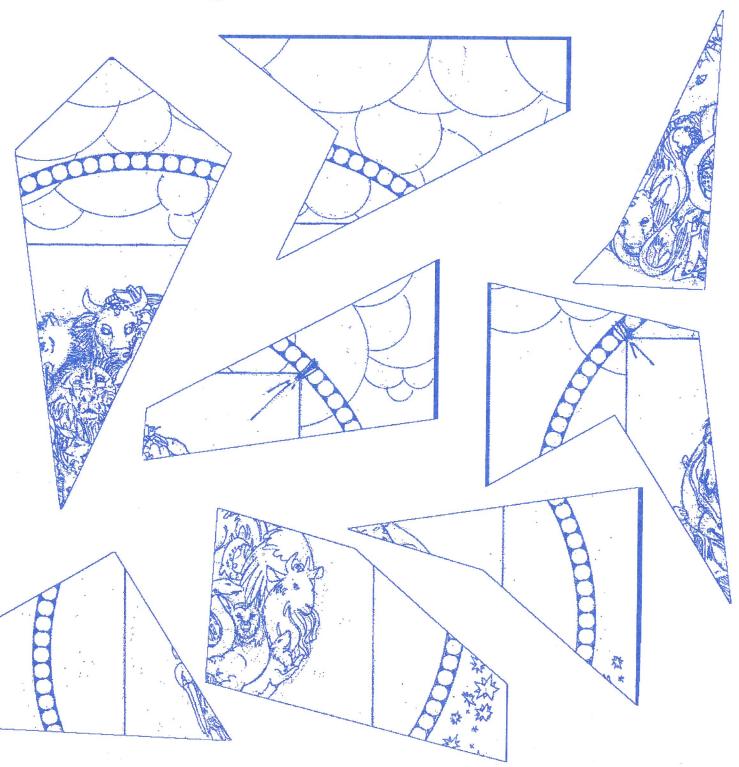


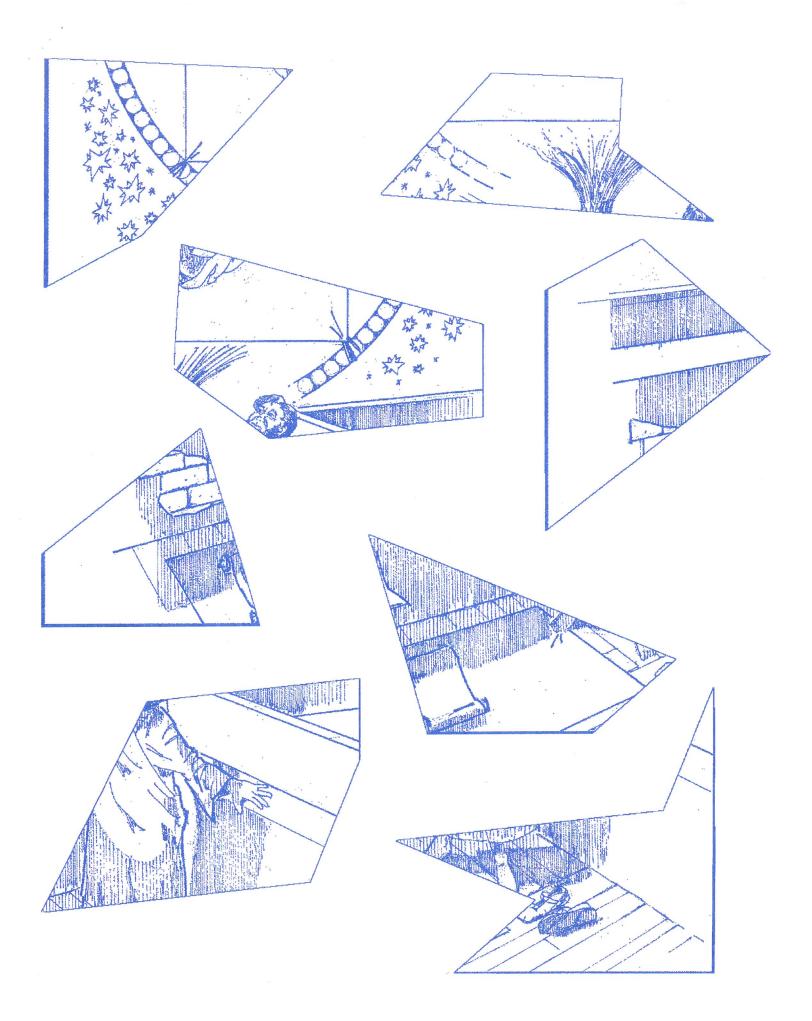
• True or False:	2. Using our Bible - Open
1 Peter went up on the housetop at noon to pray.	to I Timothy 1:12-16; write
2 Peter had a dream of a large sheet filled with many different animals.	in the blanks the verse number which teaches the following truths.
3 When God told Peter to kill and eat one of them, Peter refused because he wasn't hungry.	The fact that we are believers shows Christ's
4 The meaning of the vision was that God had fulfilled all the Old Testament ceremonial distinctions and that both Jews and Gentiles were welcome in God's Kingdom	mercy and long-suffering toward sinners. In your own eyes
5 Faith in Christ makes us members of Christ's Kingdom.	you should be the worst
6 The person who leads a "decent" life is spiritually clean in God's sight.	sinner in the world God's grace and
7 The Gospel is meant only for the poor and middle class people.	love in Christ Jesus are responsible for our salvation.
8 It is impossible for us to help bring the Gospel to those many miles away.	Even terrible sins are covered in mercy with
9 We should let everyone believe what they want, because we'll all end up in heaven anyway.	the blood of Jesus.
10 We witness to people far away when we pray for them to believe, and support our church's mission program.	A minister serves Jesus not of his own choosing but because God called him.
From the Catechism - Secondly of Baptism:	
What are the benifits fo baptism?	
Baptism works the forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe, as the words and promises of God declare.	To For some thinking: What comfort is there for you in knowing
What are these words and promises of God?	Jesus is the Savior of all men?
Christ, our Lord, says in the last chapter of Mark: He who believes and is baptized, will be saved; but he that does not believe will be condemned.	
5 • Memory Passage:	
I John 2:2 - And He Himself is the for our	and not for only but also
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PETER PUZZLE INSTRUCTIONS:

GLUE PUZZLE PIECES ONTO CARD BOARD AND CUT OUT. CHILDREN CAN COLOR PUZZLE PIECES AND PUT TOGETHER.







What does a missionary do?

Lydia – Prepared by God to Live His Word

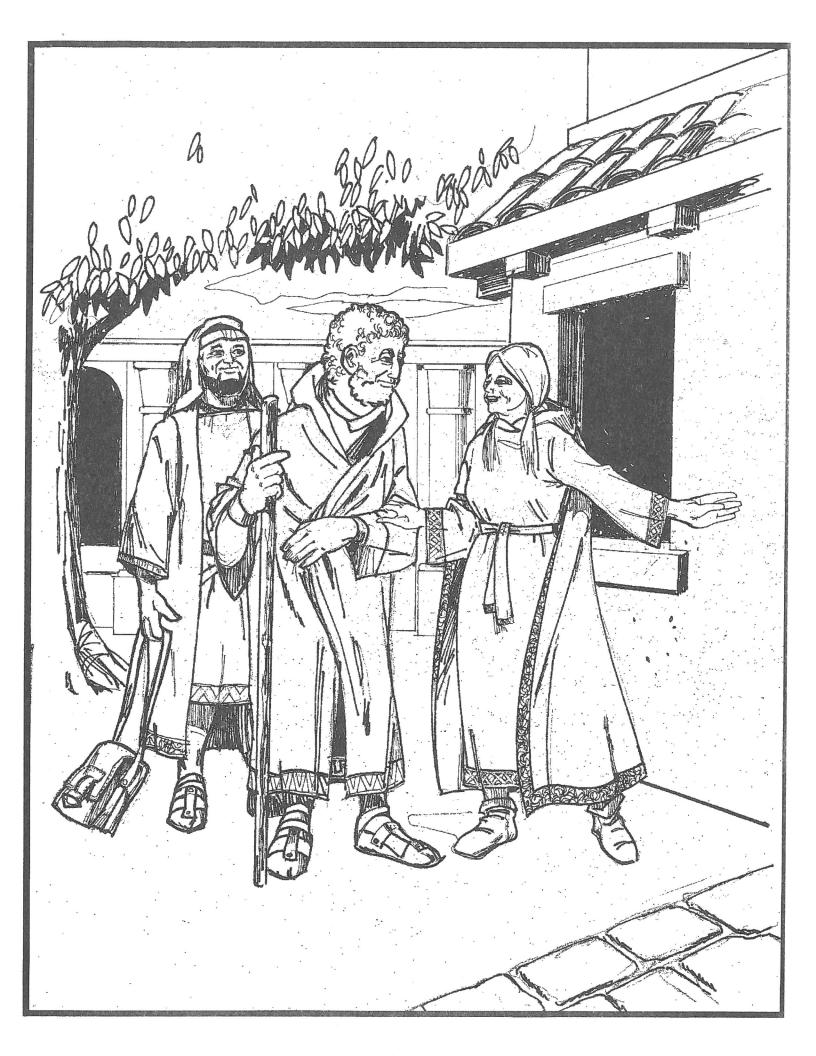
Text: Acts 16:9-15 (NKJV)

Background Setting: Recall how God called Paul to be a Christian. (Lesson 1) This story occurs about 20 years later. In the meantime the Lord has trained (Gal. 1:11-18), commissioned (Acts 13:2-3) and sent Paul out (Acts 13:4) as a missionary of the Gospel. On his first missionary trip he took the message of Jesus the Savior to Cyprus and Asia Minor (presently Turkey). In this wild and rugged area the Lord formed congregations at Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch in Pisidia. After Paul returned to Antioch in Syria, he made a report of this in the conference at Jerusalem (Acts 15), and set out on his second missionary trip (2 49 A.D.), going first to his home town of Tarsus and then to those new congregations in Asia Minor - strengthening and encouraging to Christians there through the Word of God (Acts 15:41-16:5). Silas, a Jew and one of the leading men of the congregation at Jerusalem, accompanied Paul (Acts 15:22, 40) on this missionary journey. At Lystra they were joined by Timothy (Acts 16:1-3) a young disciple to whom Paul had brought the message of Jesus on his first missionary trip. God the Holy Spirit directed Paul's steps on this journey, so that he and his companions came to the sea port town of Troas, not far from the sight of ancient Troy. There they were joined by Doctor Luke, the inspired writer of Acts and the Gospel bearing his name (note the "we" in v.10). In Troas, Paul was directed to cross over into Macedonia to give the people there the only help that brings salvation - the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. 14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard us. The Lord opened her heart so that she heeded the things which were spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she constrained us.





Lydia – Prepared by God to Live His Word



• Identify these missionaries.	3 • From the Catechism -
He explained the Scriptures to the man from Ethiopia. She showed her love for Jesus by caring for His missionaries. God showed him in a dream He loves all people. He once hated Jesus but Jesus loved him and made him a Christian and a great missionary. He was stoned to death for preaching about Jesus. He died to save us. A person who believes in Jesus is called this. A person who tells others about Jesus is called this. Ousing our Bible - Find in the following passages the phrase which the Spirit uses to define us and briefly explain its meaning. Matthew 5:13 Matthew 5:16 Corinthians 3:3 Corinthians 5:20 Peter 2:5	From the Catechism Fourthly of Baptism What is the meaning of the baptism with water? It means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and die with all sins and evil desires. It also means a new Man should daily appear and arise who lives eternally before God in righteousness and purity. Where is this written? Saint Paul says in the 6th chapter of Romans: Therfore we were buried with Him through baptism into death; that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."
• Check the ways in which you can be a missionary for Jesus.	
Complaining about doing chores — Telling your neighbor about Jesus — Praying for your family — Going to Church — Helping around the house — Calling someone a bad name — Obeying parents and teachers — Throwing a rock at a car — Stealing — Visiting the sick or elderly	 Fighting at home Doing Sunday School work Inviting a friend to Bible School Reading Bible stories at home Putting church before TV
5 • Memory Passage	
I Corinthians 10:31 Therefore, whether you or, or _	you do, do to the
of .	

The following 3 exercises deal with a verse from the Book of Romans. These verses emphasize the need for every Christian to be a missionary.

1. OFF LETTERS

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2. PICK-A-LETTER

column below, cross it off, and put H in the first square. The second letter is O, so cross off the O in the 2nd column below and put an O for the 2nd The letters from the bottom grid go to the top to spell out a verse in Scripture. Example: the 1st word starts with H, so take the H from the first letter of the 1st word. The letters below the grid columns fit into that column. Cross off each letter as it is used.

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3. CROSS-OUT-A-LETTER

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Memory Verses

LEVEL I & LEVEL II

Acts 16:31 - Believe on the Lord jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.

Psalm 119:105 - Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Revelation 2:10c - Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

John 1:29 - Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

LEVEL III & LEVEL IV

John 3:5 - Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

2 Timothy 3:15 - That from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 2:10c - Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

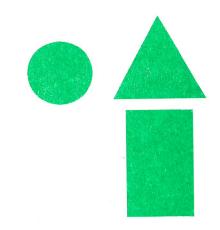
1 John 2:2 - And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

I Corinthians 10:31 - Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Memory Hymn 496 (stanzas 2&4)

2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all. If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgments dread alarm. You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

4. Let none hear you idly saying, There is nothing I can do," While the souls of men are dying And the Master calls for you. Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"



Hymns For Opening Devotions

 Monday
 37:1-2

 Tuesday
 283

 Wednesday
 215:1-3

 Thursday
 371:1&5

 Friday
 409:1

Suggested Prayer

Father in heaven, thank You for sending Jesus to take away our sins.

We are happy that You brought us to faith in Jesus as our Savior. We thank You for the blessings of Baptism.

Help us to tell others about Jesus.

Like Paul, may we preach Christ and Him crucified.

Like Philip, teach us Your Word that we may teach others.

Like Stephen, keep us faithful to You unto death.

Like Peter, show us that You love everyone and want them in heaven.

Like Lydia, help us to show our love for You by how we live. We love You because You first love us.

Make us better Christians and missionaries for the sake of Jesus. Amen.