

"Teachable Moments"

OBJECTIVE: To have a overview of GOD'S PLAN to have a better understanding of His purpose for His creation and how the plan is revealed through the BIBLE.

Simple Truths: The Overview of GOD'S PLAN (see Activity Pages #1) will provide an illustration for you and your children to help you in discussions throughout all subsequent lessons of TRUTH SEEKERS.
(Suggestion: For durability you might mount these pages on card stock and have them easily available for your discussions.)

The **Simple Truths** are boxed and numbered (see example below); there are usually four in each lesson.

The **GOSPEL** is the center of GOD'S Plan.

Ocassionally go back through previous lessons for review reciting these truths and perhaps a memory verse. The **BOLD** questions and info that follows is designed to help guide your thinking as you endeavor to discover these Biblical truths.

Activity Pages: Follow instructions on each page; remember, these are not just things "to do". Use them for discussion with question and answer creativity.

#1 - GOD'S Plan

- #2 What is the GOSPEL?
- #3 GOD'S Gift to Me
- #4 Follow GOD'S Way

Enjoy singing &

learning together: God So Loved the World

Memorize : John 14:6

(Permission granted to make extra copies of coloring or game page for other children in the family as needed.)

Simple Truths

The Overview of GOD'S Plan.

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When was GOD'S PLAN determined?

--GOD (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) designed the PLAN before the beginning of all creation and time.

"He (Jesus) **was chosen before the creation of the world**, but was revealed in these last times for your sake." (I Peter 1:20)

What was needed in this PLAN?

- --Rescue from the power of sin's curse over the world and all God created.
- --A sinless sacrifice was needed; only the spotless LAMB of GOD.

"... John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him and said,--Look, the Lamb of God,---**who takes away the sin of the world!**" (John 1:29)

How is GOD'S PLAN revealed?

--From the beginning of creation and man's fall into the curse of sin, God's plan for all creation's rescue was *revealed* through the OLD TESTAMENT people and events that pointed to the coming Messiah--JESUS. --The INCARNATION of JESUS (God becoming man) is introduced in the GOSPELS of the NEW TESTAMENT.

The **GOSPEL** is the center of GOD'S Plan.

What is the Gospel?

- --Another name for the GOSPEL is GOOD NEWS.
- --GOOD NEWS is the gift of **Salvation** that God offers mankind so that their sinful hearts can be cleansed from sin.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD." (Romans 6:23) --GOD'S GOSPEL STORY is told in the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John where Jesus is revealed as God's Plan.

JESUS is the ONLY WAY.

Why was JESUS death necessary?

- --We deserve to die because of our sin unless there is a substitute to take our place.
- "For the wages of sin is death. . ." (Romans 6:23)
- --JESUS is the only spotless/sinless lamb that could be a sacrifice pleasing and acceptable to God to free us from the power of sin in our hearts.

SALVATION is a gift from GOD.

Why is this gift so important?

--It is the only way for our **sinful hearts** to be changed into **clean hearts** so we can enter God's family.

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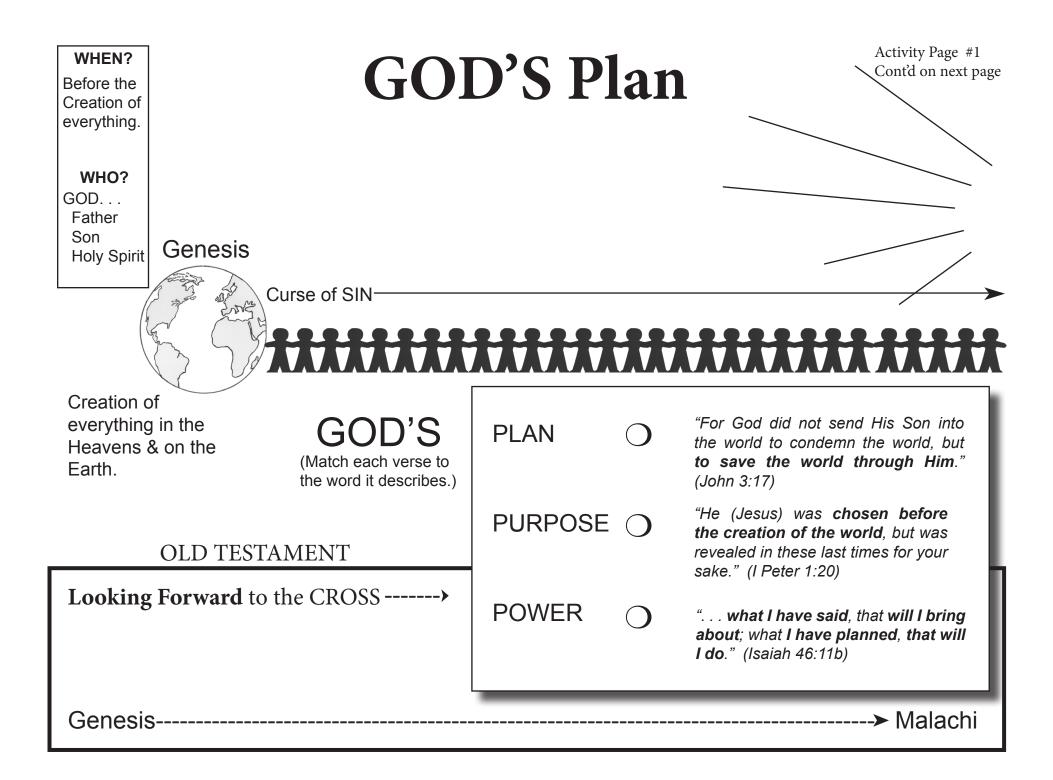
"Jesus said, I am the way, the truth , and the life; no man comes to the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)

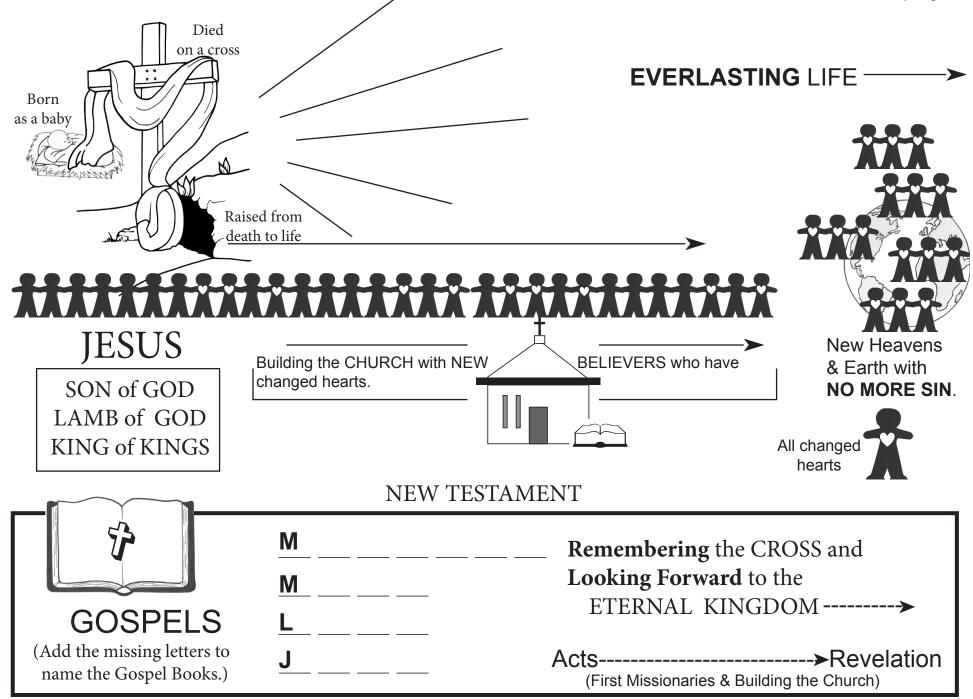


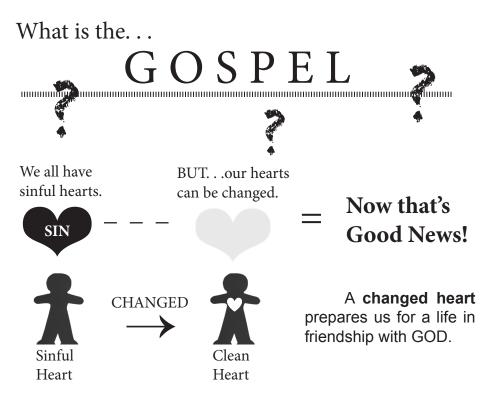
DEATH ----- LIFE

How do we accept this gift of LIFE?

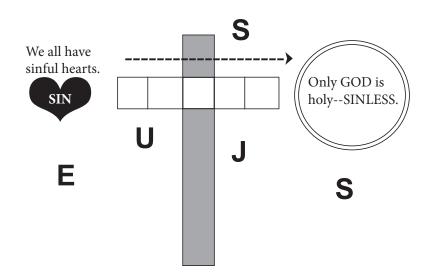
- --We must REPENT of our Sin.
- --We must BELIEVE & ACCEPT what JESUS did for us.
- --We must OBEY/ FOLLOW God's Way to live.

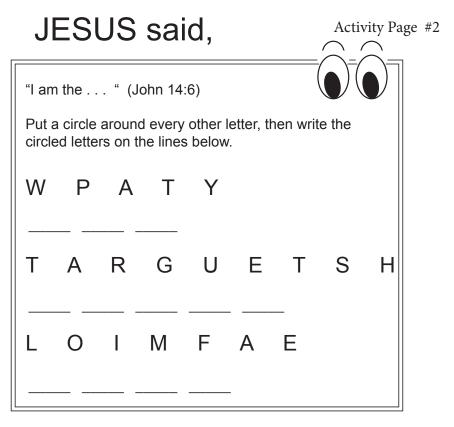


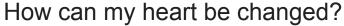


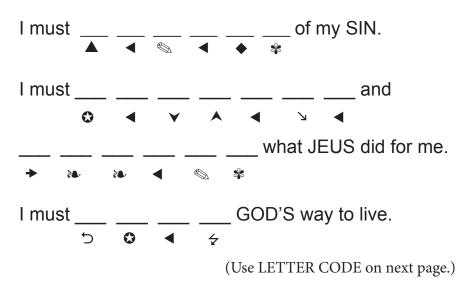


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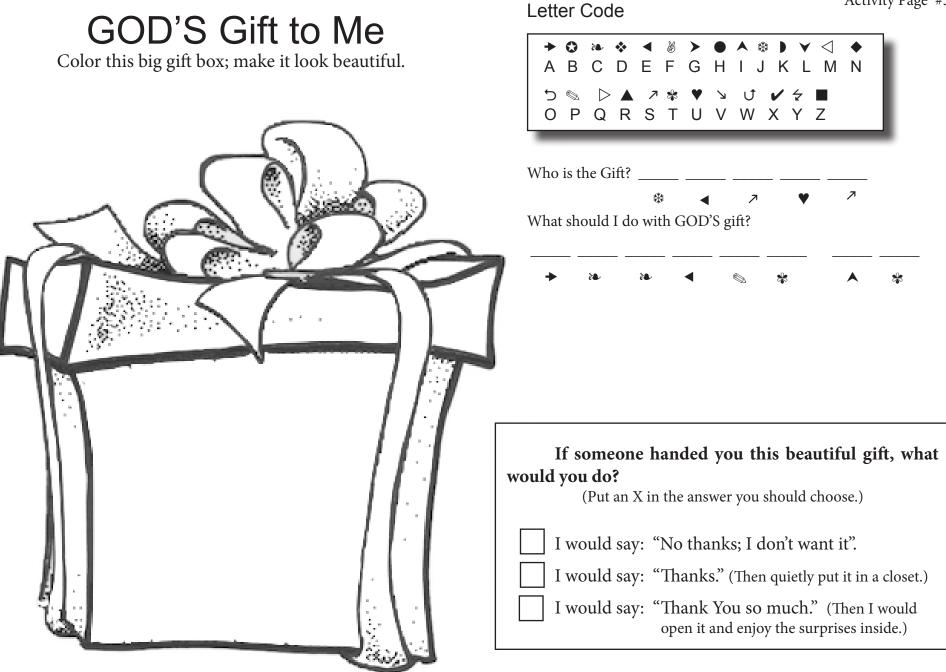




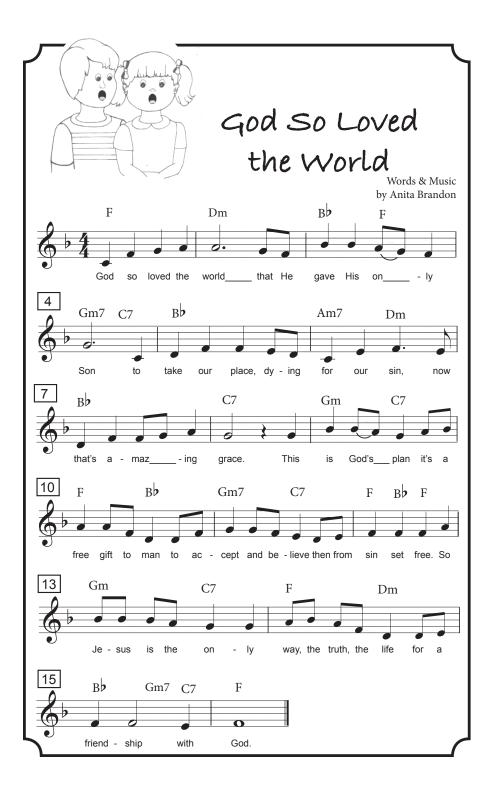




Activity Page #3



Activity Page #4





"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not die, but live forever." John 3:16

Follow GOD'S Way

Find the way, but watch out for the SIN filled heart that will **keep you from GOD**; always look for the *way of the cross*.

