TESTIFY

PREPARE

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

💬 TALK TOGETHER

HAVE YOU EVER READ OR HEARD A GOOD NEWS STORY?

What did it say and why was it good? In a world with accidents, hurricanes and bullies, it's exciting to hear good news, isn't it?

In the Bible, the missionary Paul shared some good news in a letter he wrote to Christians who lived in the city of Corinth. He called this news the Gospel. The word "Gospel" means "good news." **Let's read 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 and find out what the Gospel is all about!**

CONT...

TALK TOGETHER
Family conversations with God's Word.

MORE TO EXPLORE
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

COLORING PAGE
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.

Talk About

> *"NOW I WOULD REMIND YOU, BROTHERS, OF THE GOSPEL I PREACHED TO YOU, WHICH YOU RECEIVED, IN WHICH YOU STAND, AND BY WHICH YOU ARE BEING SAVED, IF YOU HOLD FAST TO THE WORD I PREACHED TO YOU—UNLESS YOU BELIEVED IN VAIN.
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> FOR I DELIVERED TO YOU AS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE WHAT I ALSO RECEIVED: THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES, THAT HE WAS BURIED, THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES, AND THAT HE APPEARED TO CEPHAS, THEN TO THE TWELVE. THEN HE APPEARED TO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED BROTHERS AT ONE TIME, MOST OF WHOM ARE STILL ALIVE, THOUGH SOME HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP."*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-6

Did you hear what Paul shared about the Gospel? **The best news ever is that Jesus died for our sins, was buried and rose again!** All because he loves us! Because Jesus died for our sins, we can be forgiven and be made right with God. Paul said this good news, the Gospel, saves us from the penalty of our sin if we simply believe it.

Sometimes people may add to the good news of the Gospel or change it. Maybe they will tell you to do good things to earn salvation. But we could never be good enough to earn salvation. **Thankfully Jesus knew that, and His death on the cross took care of everything!**

The good news of the Gospel tells us Jesus offers forgiveness. Sinners like you and me can be saved. This is good news for me, for you, and for everyone. Even for the bully at school. Why? Because **anyone** can believe Jesus is their Savior and receive forgiveness for their sins.

Sin changed the world in the garden of Eden. Since then, all of creation watched and waited for God's good news. **Jesus' death on the cross, in our place, is that good news!**

Most good news stories we hear today excite us for a minute. We soon forget them, and they fade into the past. The Gospel stays exciting because it changes people who believe it in the best way! It's just as life-changing now as it was when Paul wrote to the Corinthians.

The Gospel is good news worth celebrating every day of our lives.

💬 TALK TOGETHER   ✳ MORE TO EXPLORE   ✴ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET   🔵 COLORING PAGE

Talk About

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION → FALL → REDEMPTION → RESTORATION

- EVERYTHING GOD CREATED WAS GOOD.
- ADAM & EVE SINNED, AND SIN PASSED TO ALL PEOPLE, EVEN YOU AND ME.
- THOUGH ALL OF US ARE SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.
- JESUS WILL COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: 1 CORINTHIANS

This week's story comes from the book of 1 Corinthians. 1 Corinthians is an epistle, or letter. The book was written by the missionary Paul.

This letter encourages the Corinthians to live for Christ. It also contains the famous chapter about love.

JOURNAL

Imagine you lived during Paul's time and heard the Gospel for the first time. Create a newspaper title or an article that shares the good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose again, and that salvation is free to all who believe!

OT–NT CONNECTION

In the Old Testament, the prophet Hosea wrote about Israel rising on the third day. Paul references Old Testament prophecy in 1 Corinthians 15 when he says, "according to the Scriptures." Look up and read Hosea 6:2.

- Who in the New Testament physically died and rose again on the third day?
- Why is the Gospel of Jesus good news for all people?

IS SALVATION AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE?

Yes! The book of Romans tells us salvation is available to anyone who believes. (Romans 1:16) Anyone can ask Jesus to forgive their sins and accept Him as their Savior.

HOW CAN I KNOW I AM TRULY SAVED?

God's Word says you need to believe Jesus died for your sins, was buried and rose again. Anyone who believes Jesus is their Savior will be saved. God always keeps His promises. If the Bible says that's all we need to do to be saved, we can trust that's true.

READ

The Gospel message can be found throughout God's Word. Check out these New Testament verses that share the good news of salvation!

- **John 3:16**
- **Acts 16:31**
- **Romans 1:16**
- **Romans 6:23**

Talk About

♡ MEMORIZE

FOR I DELIVERED TO YOU AS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE WHAT I ALSO RECEIVED: THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES, THAT HE WAS BURIED, THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

Q: WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

A: THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of 1 Corinthians. Help your child find the book of 1 Corinthians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

CREATE

Look up instructions online for how to craft a Christian wordless book. Help your child make one.

WATCH

Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR LORD, YOU ARE INCREDIBLE. THANK YOU FOR THE GOSPEL! THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT SIMPLE FOR ME TO BE SAVED FROM MY SIN AND LIVE IN HEAVEN WITH YOU. AMEN.

SHARE

Tell your child when you first learned about the Gospel. Where were you and who shared the good news with you?

MAKE

Gather paper, markers, glue and glitter. Help your child make a poster that talks about the good news of the Gospel!

In the center of the poster write, "Jesus died and rose again for (child's name)." Let them decorate it.

LOCATE

Help your child look for a news headline that shares good news. Have your child tell you why it's good. Then ask them to share one reason why the Gospel is good news.
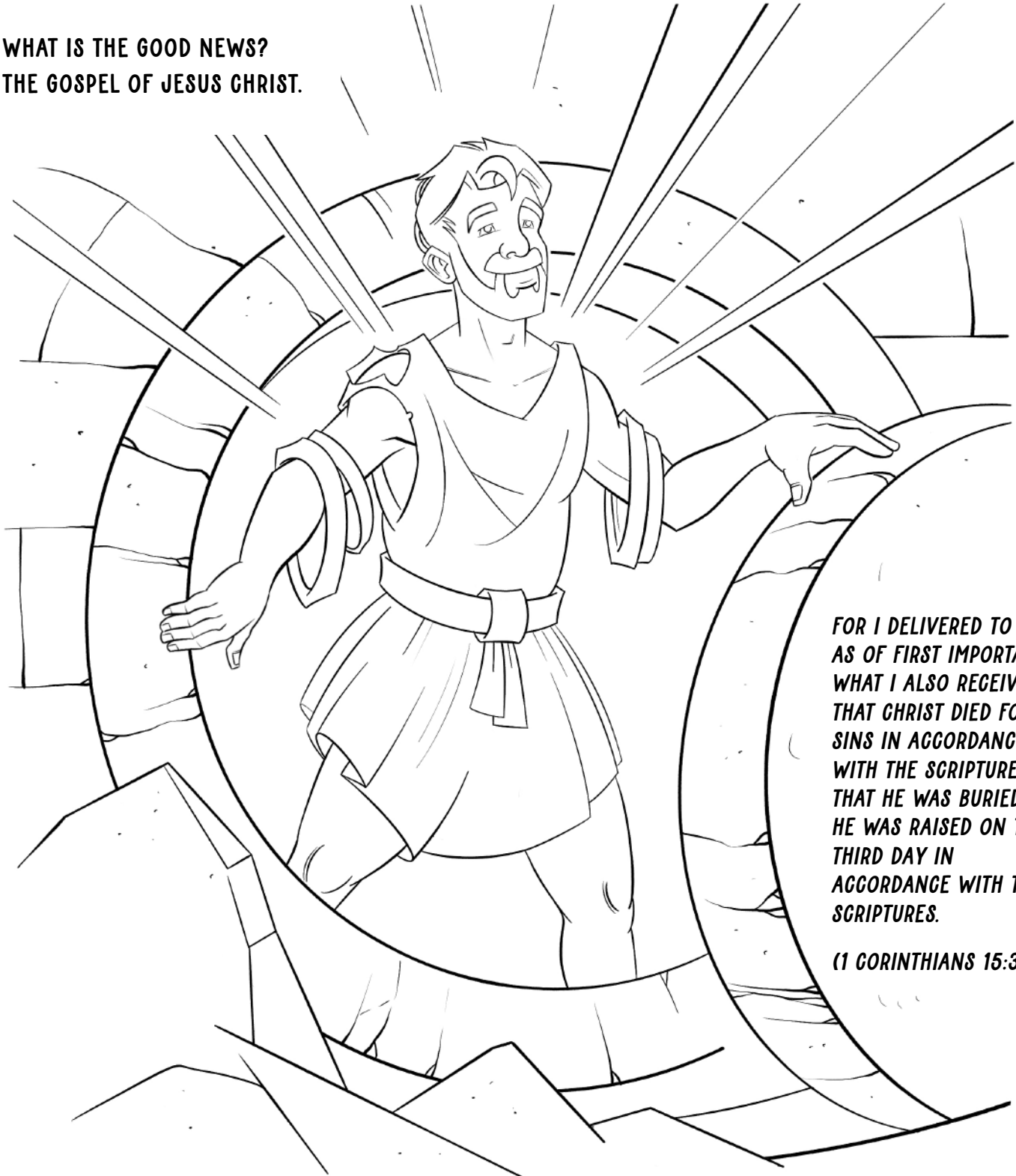
SING

Listen to this playlist throughout the week to thank God for the Gospel!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

✳ Talk About

WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

FOR I DELIVERED TO YOU AS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE WHAT I ALSO RECEIVED: THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES, THAT HE WAS BURIED, THAT HE WAS RAISED ON THE THIRD DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.

(1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4)

NAME: _____

Talk About