"Gentiles Hear the Good News"

Bible verse: For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved". Romans 10:13

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! Psalm 98

In today's Bible reading, we hear the words of Jesus to His disciples and the Church. He commanded them to go out into the world, baptizing and teaching. Through the work of these disciples and the many faithful pastors who have followed after them, the Word continues to be proclaimed. Generation after generation has carried out the command Jesus gave. The very same Baptism and teaching have come to us.

Baptizing and teaching are linked together. This is one of the important reasons that we as the baptized people of God gather together in church and in Sunday School. Through God's Word the Holy Spirit is doing His work of keeping us in the faith. The faith of our Baptism is nourished, we repent of our sin, and Christ forgives us.



Read the Lesson ~ "Peter and Cornelius"

The Story Bible ~ Pg. 437
The Bible ~ Acts 10: 1-33 (continue reading the rest of chapter to learn more!)

ASK:

- Why were Cornelius and his friends eager to hear God's word?
- ♦ Who are the gentiles?
- ♦ Who is included when we say "all believers"?
- ◆Talk about the day you were baptized?

DO:

Thank those who are raising you in the Christian faith.

Eat some food from different places and cultures. How did they get here?

Look at a map "Journeys of the Apostles". How do we continue this work? (Hint missionaries and by sharing the good news.)

PRAY:

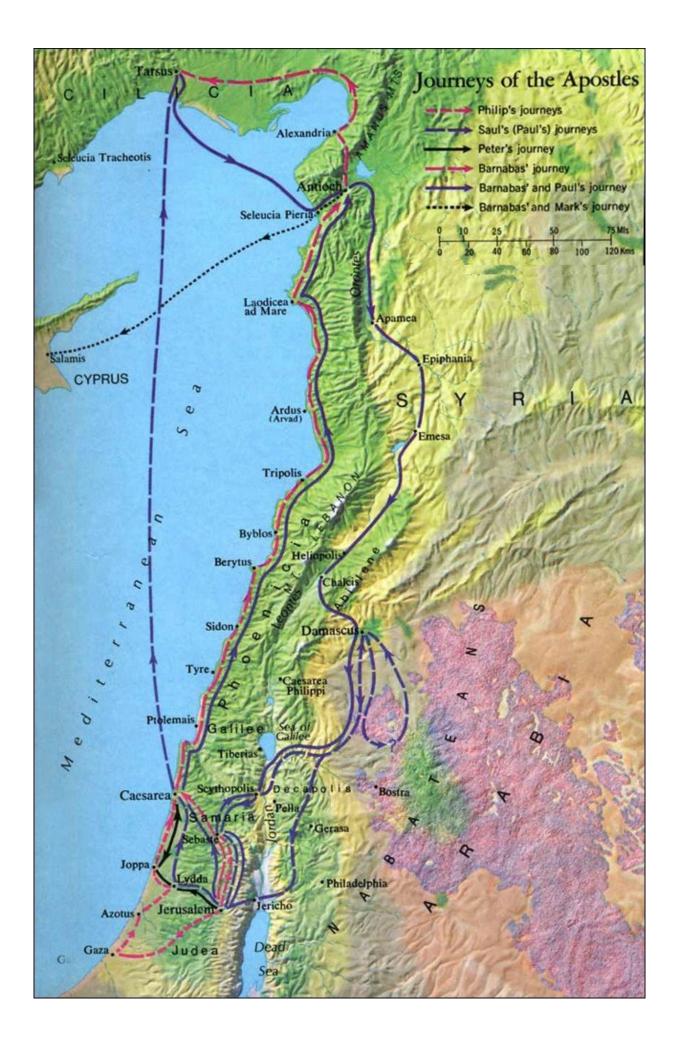
Dear God, praise to You for mercifully declaring us holy, righteous, and innocent because Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law and died to save us from our sins. You enabled Peter to share the Gospel with the Gentiles in Caesarea. Please help us also to share the Gospel with others. Come to us in Your Word and Sacraments, and strengthen our faith in You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Key Point of the Lesson

In church, we receive the Good News that, although we are judged unrighteous and deserving of death, God mercifully declares us holy, righteous, and innocent because of Christ and His work.

Law / Gospel

Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead and rightfully condemns me to death because of my sin. Because of His saving work on the cross, Jesus forgives my sins and promises me eternal life.



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: Amen.

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "Go Ye, Go Ye, into the world", www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjDgG5tEs0A

Devotional Talk: An adult or older child can read this to the family.

The Plumb Line 1 John 5:1-8

Objects: Bible, a plumb line (a cord with a weight tied to one end)

Show the plumb line.

This is a plumb line, it has a plumb bob at the end.

A plumb line is used when people build houses or anything with a wall; it is used to make sure the wall is perfectly straight. If a basement wall isn't straight, the walls above it will be crooked and maybe crack or even come crashing down. To find out if a wall is straight, you hold this up at the top of the wall to see if it is straight.

There are times in our lives when we check to see if what we are doing is right or straight. We don't use a plumb line to do that. We use the Bible, God's very special Word to us. The Bible tells us how God want us to live.

When we measure ourselves and our lives with the Bible, we will always look crooked. That's because we can never keep all of God's rules; we aren't perfect, as God is perfect. God's prophets, such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Amos, told the people of God to straighten out their lives and live the way God wanted them to live.

But no one could do it right. Not then and not now. Mo matter how hard we try, we can't live perfectly. We are sinners who need a Savior.

The Bible also tells us how God helped us with our sin problem. God sent His son, Jesus, into our world to die to pay for our sins. Then God raised Jesus from the dead. In His death and resurrection, Jesus overcame sin, our sinful world, death, and the devil for us.

When God checks those who believe in Jesus, He doesn't see the crookedness of our sin. He sees His perfect Son, Jesus. In Jesus, God gives us forgiveness of sins and promises to take us to heaven.

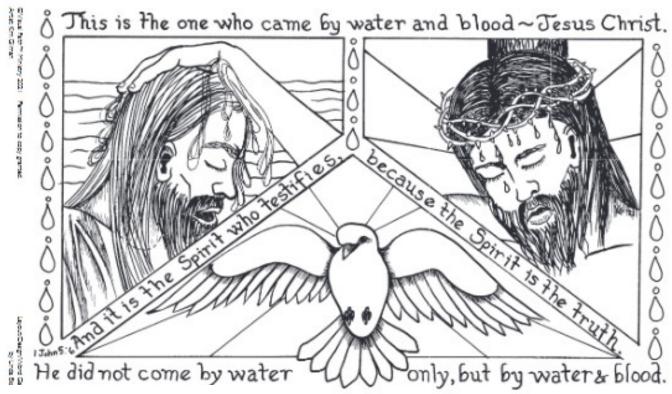
In Jesus, the Son of God, we overcome the sinful world.

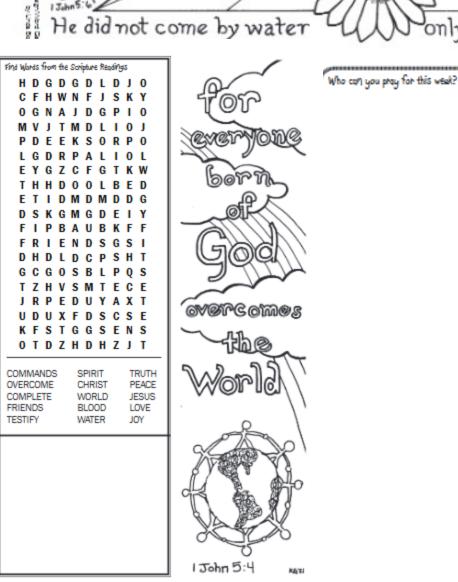
Prayer: Dear Jesus, help us to live the way You want, the way You tell us in Your Word. Forgive us for the mistakes we make and forgive us for Jesus' sake. In His name we pray. Amen.



preach the Good News to Jews and Gentiles anyone who wasn't a Jew). Acts 10

became followers of Jesus! Peter and the disciples realized that God wanted them to





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