

Teach Us To Pray: Your Will Be Done

Bible Story

The pictures below correspond to the story.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

God helps his people love God and follow God's will.

Long ago, God rescued Israel from slavery and showed his people faithful love.

The people did not love God or follow God's instructions.

There were sad consequences because the people disobeyed.

God promised to help his people. The people would know God, and God would forgive their sins.

At exactly the right time, Jesus came.

Jesus lived a perfect life- not one sin- and died on the cross to pay the penalty for sin.

When a person trusts in Jesus, God gives them a new heart.

God helps his people love God and follow God's will.

Bible Basics

The lesson today comes from Jeremiah 31:31-34. Show younger kids how to look up Bible verses. Point out the title page for Jeremiah and show them how to find the correct chapter and verse. Talk about how the book of Jeremiah is in the Old Testament, and was written by a prophet of God.

Questions

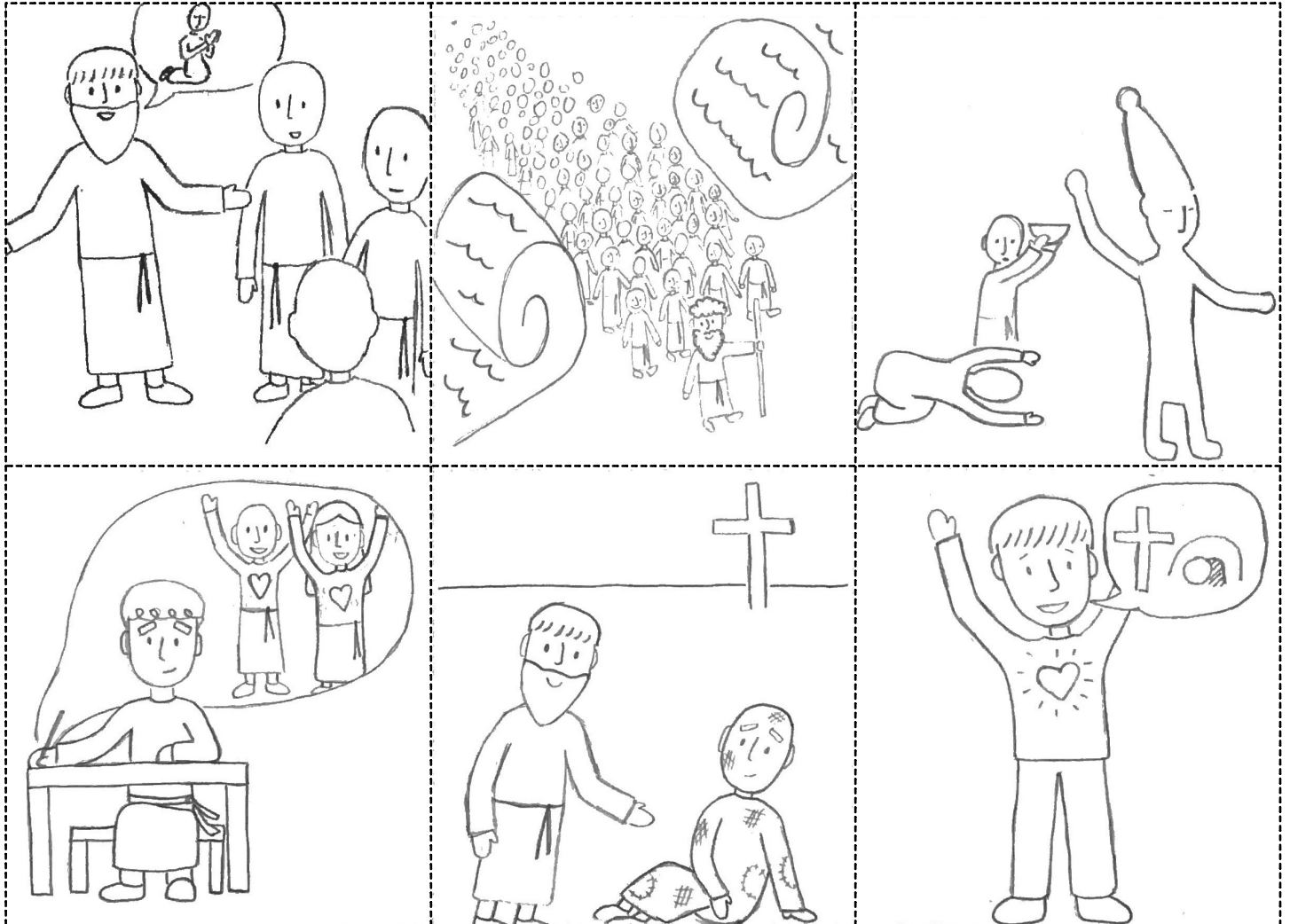
God helps his people do what?

Who rescued Israel and showed them faithful love?

God promised to forgive his people's what?

Who died on the cross to pay for our sin?

For Younger Kids



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Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." God's people love God and follow all his ways. God helps people love him. Here is what the Bible says about how **God helps his people love God and follow God's will.**

Jeremiah was one of God's prophets. When Jeremiah lived, the people of Israel did not follow God. God made a covenant with Israel and promised to be with them, but Israel did not love God or follow God's instructions. God taught them how to follow him, but their hearts were hard like a stone. Jeremiah warned Israel what would happen because of their disobedience. Israel's enemies would come and take the people into exile in a foreign land. But God promised that he would not leave Israel alone forever.

"Here is my promise!" God told Israel. "I will make a new covenant with Israel. This won't be like the first covenant I made. I led them out of slavery in Egypt and showed them steadfast love, but they turned away from me. Here is what the new covenant will be like: I will write my instructions on the people's hearts, not on tablets of stone. I will be their God, and they will be my people." When the new covenant came, all the people would know God. God promised to forgive all their sins.

Six hundred years after Jeremiah told Israel about God's new covenant, Jesus came. Jesus lived a perfect life- not one single sin- and then Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for sin. When a person trusts in Jesus, God gives them a new heart that loves God. **God helps his people love God and follow God's will.** God's people pray, "Your will be done," and trust that God will help them every day.

Questions

What was Israel like when Jeremiah was a prophet?

Describe what happened during the first covenant. What did God do? What did the people do?

How is God's new covenant different from God's old covenant?

Who receives a new heart from God?

How does God help his people?

Bible Skills

Find Jeremiah 31:31-34 and read it together. Some of the words may be different because the Old Testament was written in Hebrew. There are many different translations available. Jeremiah was one of the Old Testament prophets who wrote his book around six hundred years before Jesus was born. The prophets brought messages from God to the people of Israel. The prophets warned the people to stop sinning, told the people to keep loving God, and sometimes announced things that would happen in the future.

Trust and Obey

John H. Sammis, 1887



Worship

O Worship the King, verse 4

Robert Grant, 1833



Take time to pray together as a family. Encourage each person to pray and model what it looks like to talk to God in prayer. Here are some verses and ideas that you may find helpful as you pray.

Psalm 40:8

I take joy in doing your will, my God,
for your instructions are written on my heart.

Psalm 143:10

Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
May your gracious Spirit lead me forward
on a firm footing.

Prayer from History

Let your love so warm our souls, O
Lord, that we may gladly surrender
ourselves with all that we are and
have to you.

*Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769
(quoted in Love Came Down at
Christmas by Sinclair B. Furguson)*

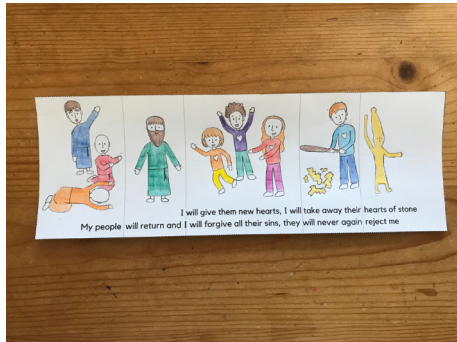
Prayer

Picture Reveal

Materials

Printout sheet (one page)- print on card if possible
Pens, coloured pencils, or crayons
Scissors

Instructions



Colour in the page and cut out on the black dashed lines.



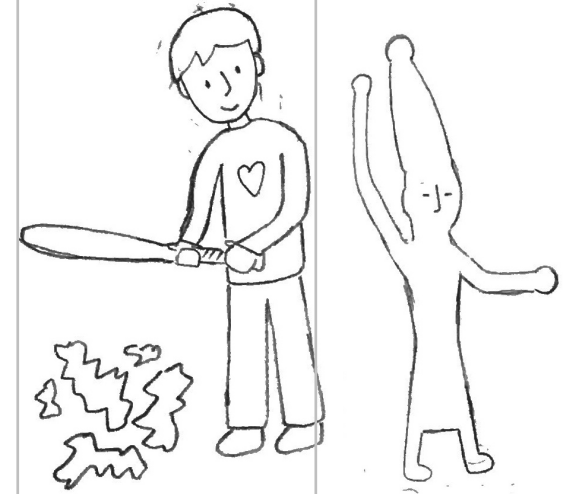
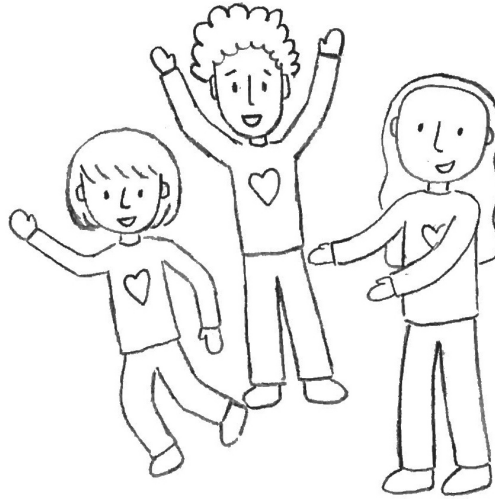
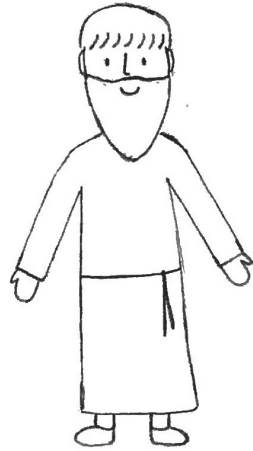
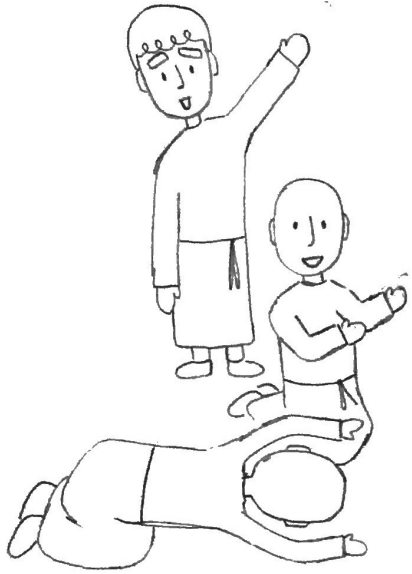
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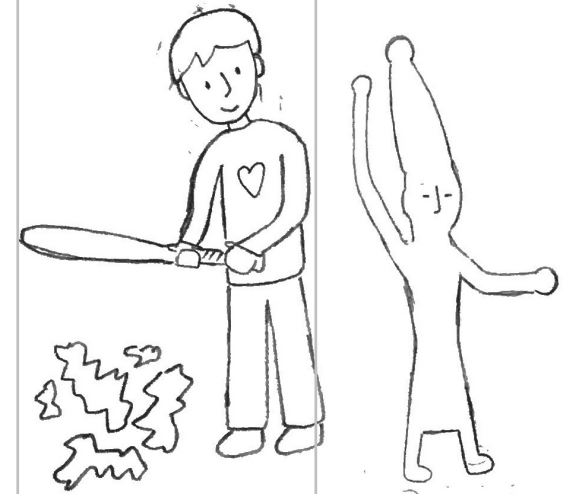
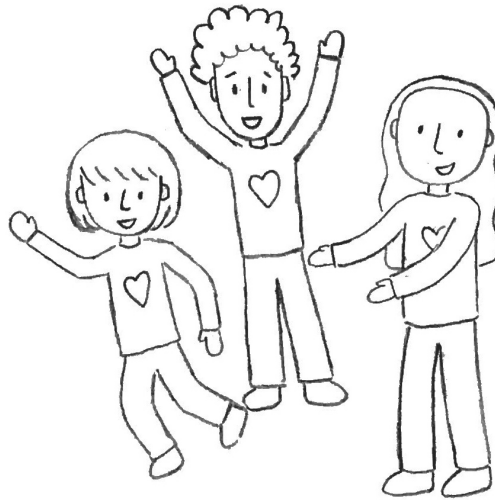
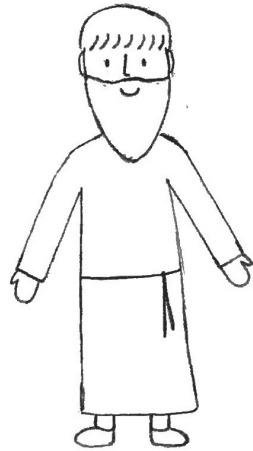
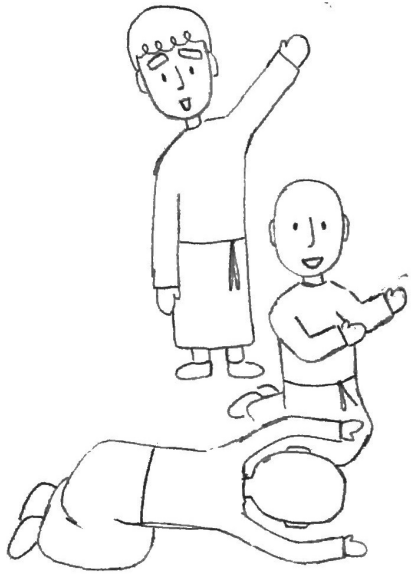
Fold down the two outer grey lines so the picture lays flat. Open and close the picture to retell the story.

Activity





I will give them new hearts, I will take away their hearts of stone
My people will return and I will forgive all their sins, they will never again reject me



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