

The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters

Romans



Story-telling Tips

Ahead of time:

1. Read the Bible verses and story. Pray!
2. Practice telling story with expression. Look for words that might be new to your children. Plan to explain the meaning of them to the children. The numbers in the story correspond to elements of the picture. Practice pointing to the pictures as you read the story. Shorten the story, if necessary, for your child/group of children.
3. If desired, choose a listening assignment for the children (listed below). These are best for children ages 4 and older. Listen with a purpose helps the children keep focused and glean more from the story. Answers to the listening assignments are found at the end of the story.

During your presentation:

1. If you are telling the story to a group of children, maintain as much eye contact as possible as you tell the story. Tell the story with enthusiasm and expression. Take time to show each story scene to the children as you tell it. Use the cue numbers in the story to highlight corresponding parts of the picture as you tell the story.
2. The Clue Catcher question at the bottom of each scene helps the children keep engaged with the story.
3. Include the children in your story with a few questions about what they think will happen or words/concepts that might be new to them.
4. Watch the kids for signs that their attention span has been reached. Shorten, if necessary.
5. At end of the story, repeat the listening assignment question and ask for answers. Close in prayer.

INTRODUCTION/ LISTENING ASSIGNMENTS (Optional)

“Our story is called: The Case of the Squabbling Brothers and Sisters. Here is your listening assignment...”

“ Read the assignment for your lesson using Detective Dan’s Listening Assignment sign or the text below:

Detective Dan’s Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

To squabble means to argue about something.

- 1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling?**
- 2. What were they squabbling about?**

Detective Dan’s Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:

Our Bible Verse is Ecclesiastes 7:20,29:

“There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins... This only have I found: God made mankind upright, but men have gone in search of many schemes.”

I need to know:

- 1. What two kinds of families did the believers in Rome come from?**
- 2. What did they need to remember that would help them stop squabbling with each other?**

Detective Dan’s Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story.

They are: Jews; a jar; Gentiles; fake gods; a bear; and a house.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

- 1. Which four belong in the story and which two don’t?**
- 2. Who thanked God for saving them through Jesus?**

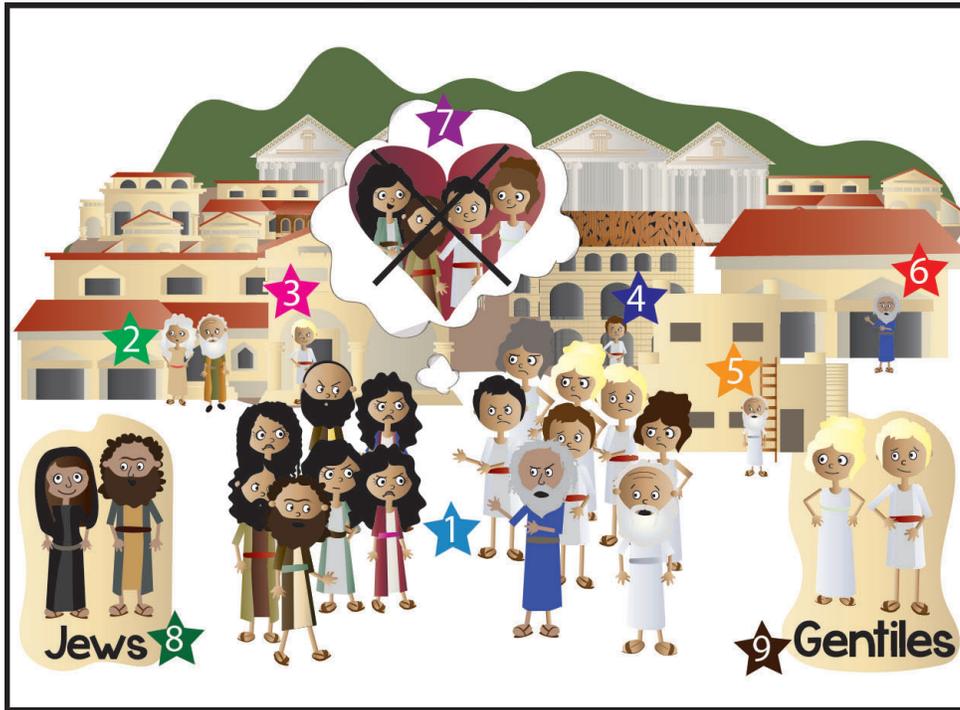
Read the assignment questions, THEN SAY,

“Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan’s questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all the questions.”

Read the Bible Truth story, answer questions, present the gospel and lead in prayer.

Answers to questions; the gospel; and, ACTS prayer are included with the story text.

Script for Story Scene 1



Squibble, squabble, squibble squabble. ★ The believers in the big city of Rome were fighting with each other.

At ★ Priscilla and Aquila's house; and at ★ Aristobulus' house. At ★ Narcissus' house, and ★ ★ two other houses, little groups of believers gathered to worship God.

They were all saved through Jesus. They were all part of God's family. And they should have been loving each other like sisters and brothers; but, they weren't! ★ They were fighting with each other, instead. Squibble, squabble!

How do you think they were fighting each other? Hitting with their fists? Kicking with their legs?

What do you think?

No, they weren't hitting each other with their fists. No, they weren't kicking each other with their legs. But, oh, how they were fighting and hurting each other with the squibble-squabbling words that came out of their mouths!

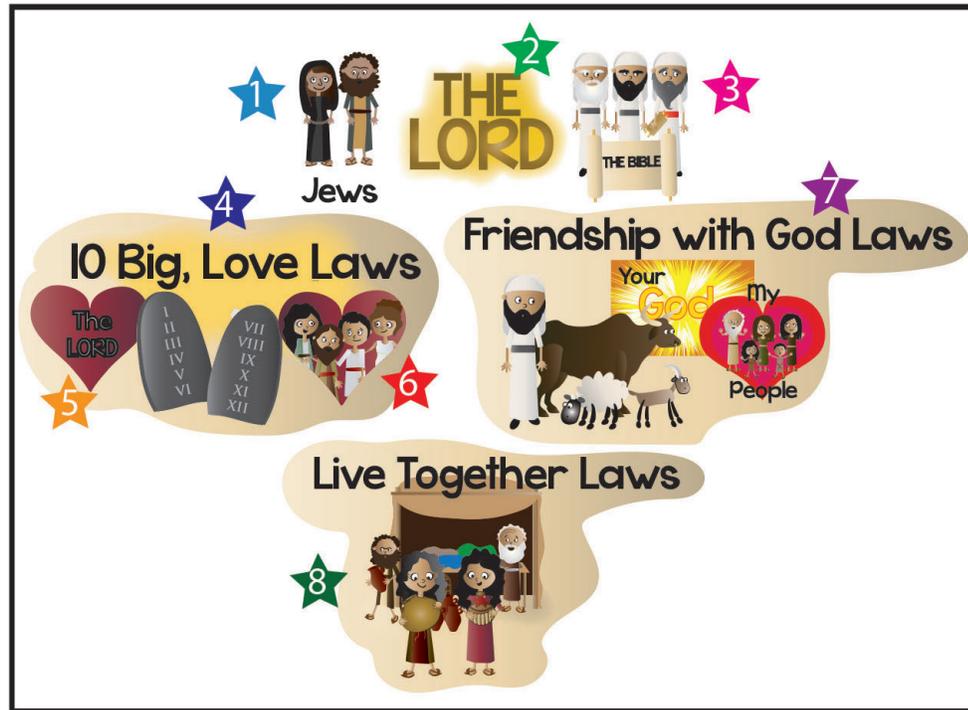
What was all the fuss about? Well, it had to do with what kind of family you came from—a family of ★ Jews or a family of ★ Gentiles.

Jew and Gentile. Have you ever heard of those Bible family names? Let's find out what they are.



Clue Catchers: Can you find the Jews and Gentiles in the pictures?

Script for Story Scene 2



Some of the believers were **★1** Jews. They came from families who **★2** worshipped the LORD. They grew up **★3** learning the Bible and trying to obey its laws... ALL of them... and there were A LOT! (Laws is another word for rules.) Let me tell you about them.

★4 There were...the Ten, Big Laws God gave them.

Can you remember the special name of the Ten, Big Laws?

The special name of these laws is the 10 Commandments. They were the LOVE laws. These laws told how to **★5** love God and **★6** love one another. That was the FIRST kind of laws that God gave the Jews to obey.

But there were more laws than just those! There was a SECOND kind of laws that God gave the Jews. **★7** These were the FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD laws. They told the Jews what worship gifts they needed to give to God when they disobeyed Him. These laws kept them in friendship with God.

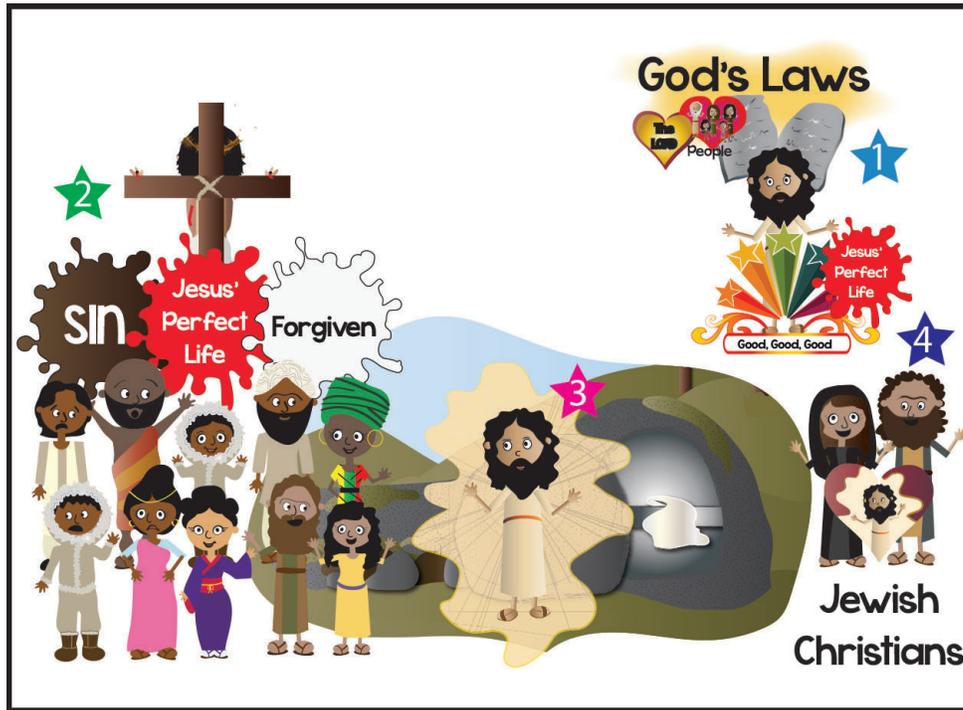
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Wow! What a lot of laws God gave the Jews! But God had a good purpose for every one of them. These laws helped everyone know what God is like. And, they helped everyone see that the Jews were God's special people, living His way, and waiting for Him to send the Savior one day.



Clue Catchers: Can you find the three different kinds of laws and name them?

Script for Story Scene 3



And at just the right time, God DID send the Savior--Jesus!

★ Jesus lived a perfect life. He kept all of God's good laws. Then ★ He suffered and died on the cross, giving His life as the final, perfect worship gift that paid for sins. On the third day, ★ Jesus rose from the dead, showing that He had beaten sin and death for all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus had made the way for us to be friends with God!

When these Jews heard the good news of Jesus, they were so happy! Here was the Savior they had been waiting for! He had paid for their sins! ★ They trusted in Him as their Savior. Now they were God's people, saved through Jesus.

There is the special name for people who have Jesus as their Savior. Do you know what it is?

Can you tell me?

They are called Christians.

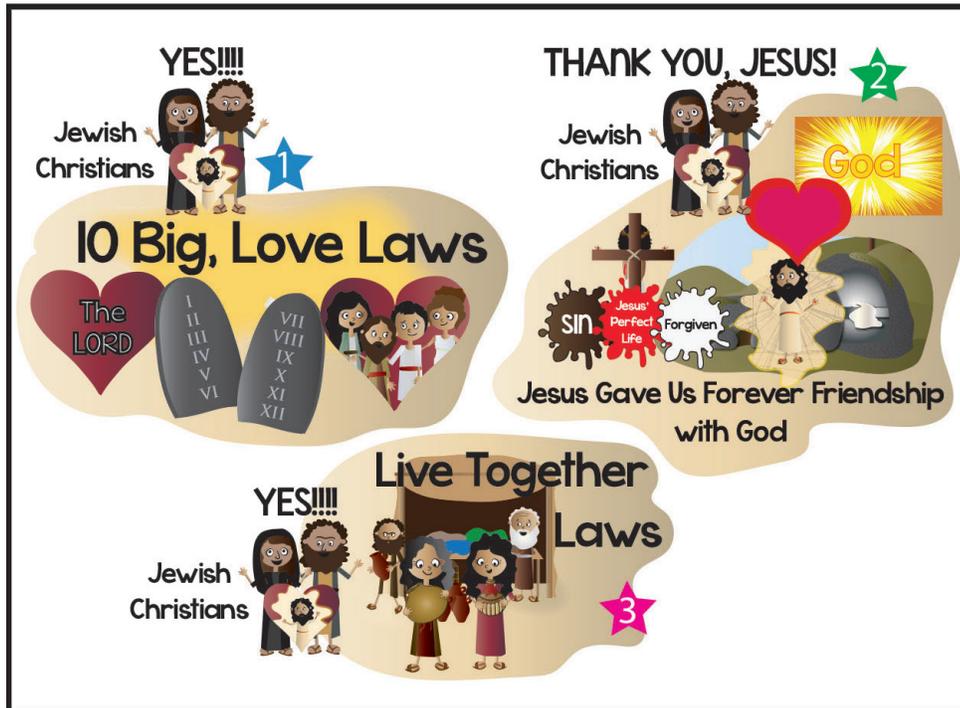
And so now, these Jews weren't just Jews anymore. Now they were Christians.



Clue Catchers

Can you find Jesus risen from the dead?

Script for Story Scene 4



But what should these Jewish Christians do with all those laws from God's Word? They had obeyed them for so long! Should they keep on obeying them now that Jesus had come? They thought about this A LOT!

Let's see... well, ★ they KNEW they should keep on obeying God's Ten, Big, Love laws—the 10 Commandments. They still needed to keep on loving God and others, like the LOVE laws taught. That was clear.

And, ★ they KNEW that Jesus had paid for their sins. His life had been the final worship gift. He gave them FOREVER friendship with God. So they did NOT have to keep the FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD laws anymore.

But what about ★ all those LIVE TOGETHER laws? The ones about what Jews should eat and drink and do in their everyday lives? The Savior Jesus had come. Now they were Christians. Were they supposed to keep on living together like Jews, too?

Do you think God wanted them to keep those laws still?

Many of the Jews LIKED those LIVE TOGETHER laws. Actually they LOVED them. They didn't want to get rid of them...and they wanted everyone else to keep them, too. They thought that EVERYONE should become a Christian, saved through Jesus; but, they should keep on living together like Jews... EVEN the people who didn't grow up as Jews!

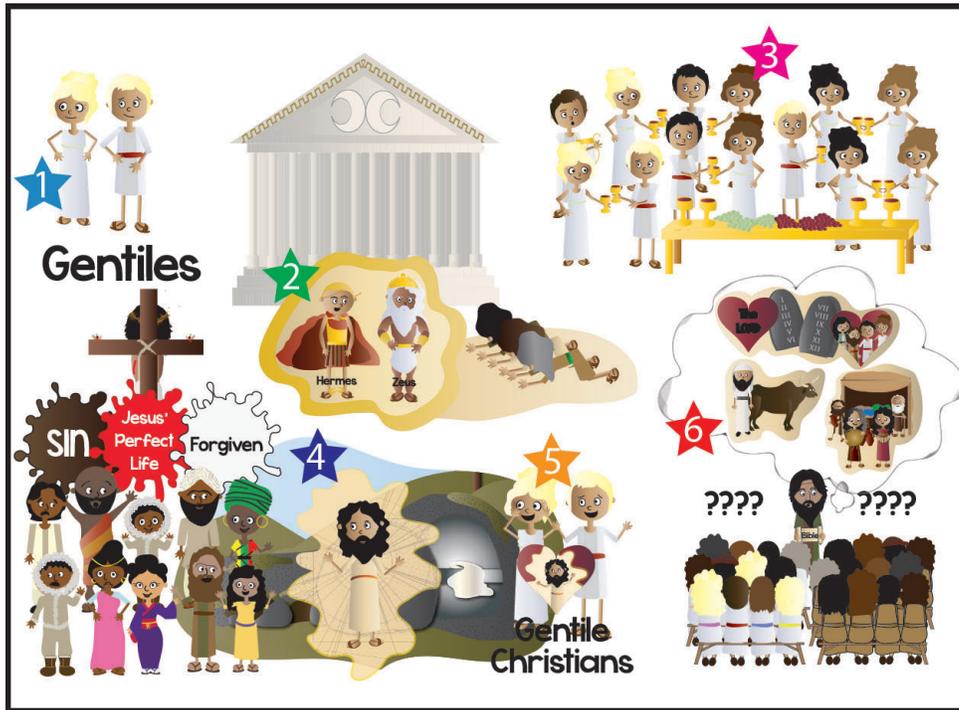
Uh oh, that might just cause a problem or two...especially for the believers who came from that OTHER kind of Bible family-- the Gentiles. Let me tell you about them.



Clue Catchers

Can you find Jesus on the cross? He gave God's people forever friendship with God.

Script for Story Scene 5



★ Gentiles came from families who had NOT grown up knowing the Bible or keeping its laws—not the Ten, Big, Love laws or the Friendship with God laws, or even the Live Together laws. ★ They had grown up worshipping fake gods. And actually, worshipping those fake gods meant doing some very bad things that disobeyed God’s good laws-- ★ like those big, worship parties they had.

But when these Gentiles heard ★ the good news of Jesus, they left their fake gods and their bad ways behind. ★ They trusted in Jesus as their Savior and they wanted to live God’s way now. They became Christians.

★ They went to church with the other Jewish and Gentile believers. And as they listened to God’s Word, they heard all about all those laws for the first time. Now everyone had a question...

Can you guess what the question was?

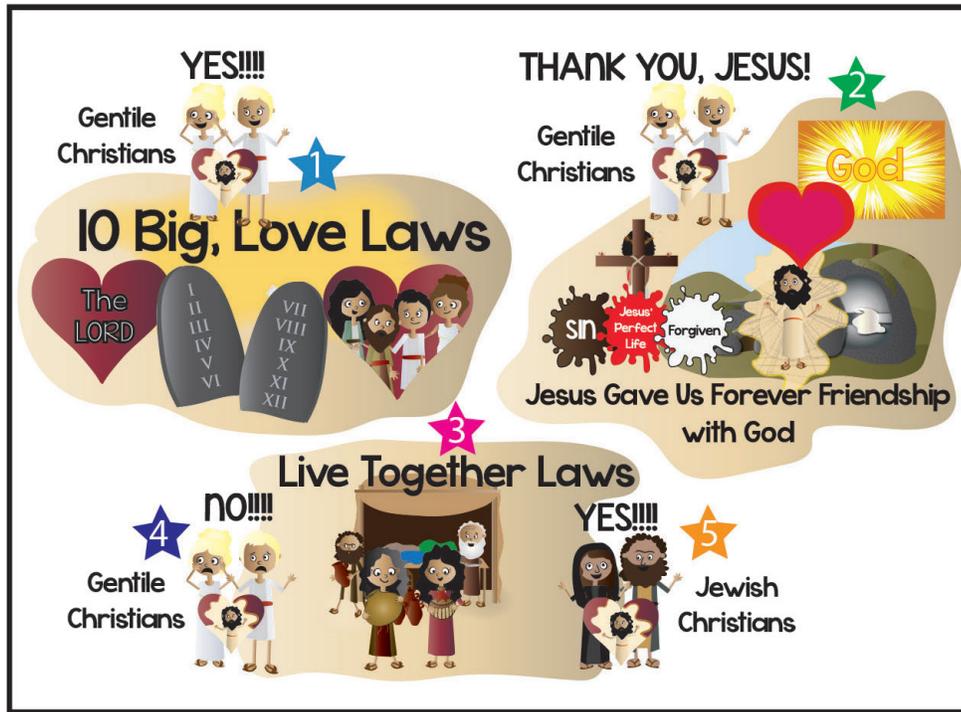
The question was: what should they--the people from Gentile families-- do with all of those laws?



Clue Catchers

Can you find the Gentiles worshipping fake gods?

Script for Story Scene 6



Like the Jewish Christians, the Gentile Christians **KNEW** that they should obey **★1** God's Ten, Big, Love laws—the 10 Commandments. They still needed to keep on loving God and others, like those LOVE laws taught. That was clear.

And like the Jewish Christians, they **KNEW** that Jesus had paid for their sins. **★2** His life had been the final worship gift. He gave them **FOREVER** friendship with God. So they did **NOT** have to keep the **FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD** laws anymore.

But what about those **★3** **LIVE TOGETHER** laws? The laws that told the Jews how to live together? The Savior had come. Surely Gentiles didn't need to obey **THOSE** laws! Surely they didn't need to live like Jews to be Christians! That didn't make sense! They were saved through Jesus, not those laws! Nope. **★4** They would **NOT** obey the **LIVE TOGETHER** laws. No way!

And so came **★5** all of the squibble-squabbling.



Clue Catchers

Can you find the Live-Together Laws that the Gentiles did **NOT** think they should keep?

Script for Story Scene 7



“**1** We’re better than you, Gentiles,” the Jewish Christians said.

“Long ago, **2** God chose US to be His special people through Abraham. **3** He chose US to write down the Bible, His Word. He gave US the great promises about the Savior Jesus coming.”

“Jesus came from OUR family. He was a Jew!”

“God gave US His good laws—the LOVE laws and the FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD laws and the LIVE TOGETHER laws. All of them!”

“We obey them and so should you! That’s what God’s people have always done,” they told the Gentiles.

“Maybe we ARE just Gentiles. Maybe our families didn’t come from God’s special people, long ago. But we believe in the Savior Jesus NOW! **4** And a lot more of US believe in Him than you, Jews!”

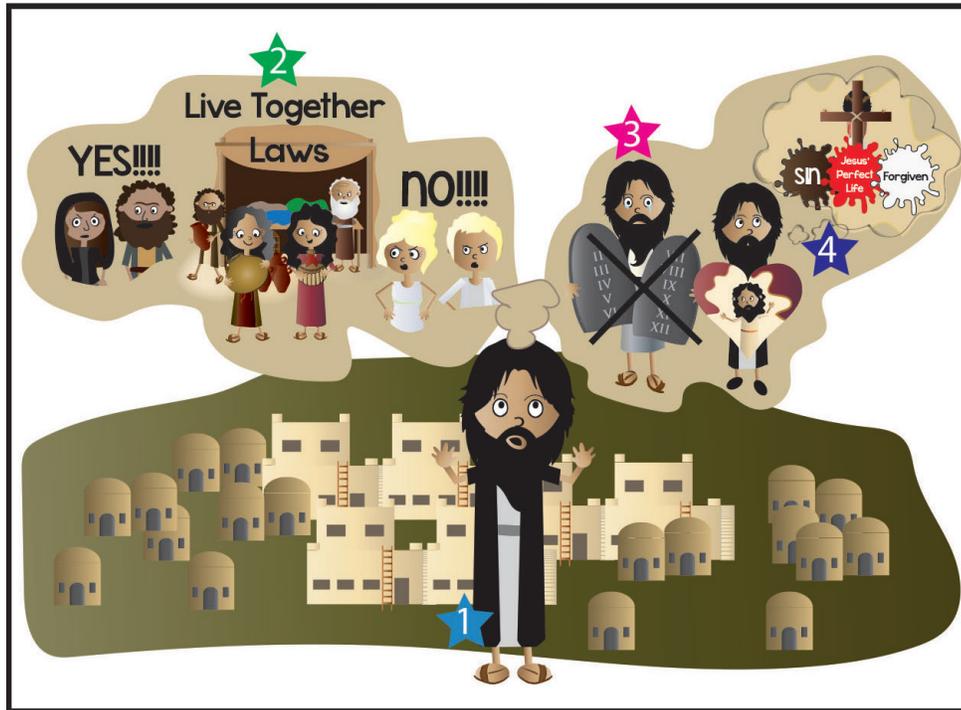
“**5** Look who God is choosing to make into His special people NOW— it’s us, Gentiles. And we DON’T have to keep all of your Live Together Laws!” they squabbled back.



Clue Catchers

The Jews were proud that God chose to write down the Bible and give it to them first. Can you find the scroll of the Bible in this picture?

Script for Story Scene 8



Far away in the city of Corinth, ★**1** Paul heard about ★**2** these squabbles.

Paul had come from a Jewish family. He had grown up reading the Bible and learning God's laws.

Paul had tried as hard as he could to keep all of God's laws, but ★**3** he could never obey them as God required.

Nope, if there was one thing Paul knew, it was only by ★**4** trusting in Jesus as their Savior that ANYONE can be forgiven of their sins. That was the only way to become one of God's people.

These believers needed to remember this; so, Paul decided to do something about it.

Can you guess what Paul did?

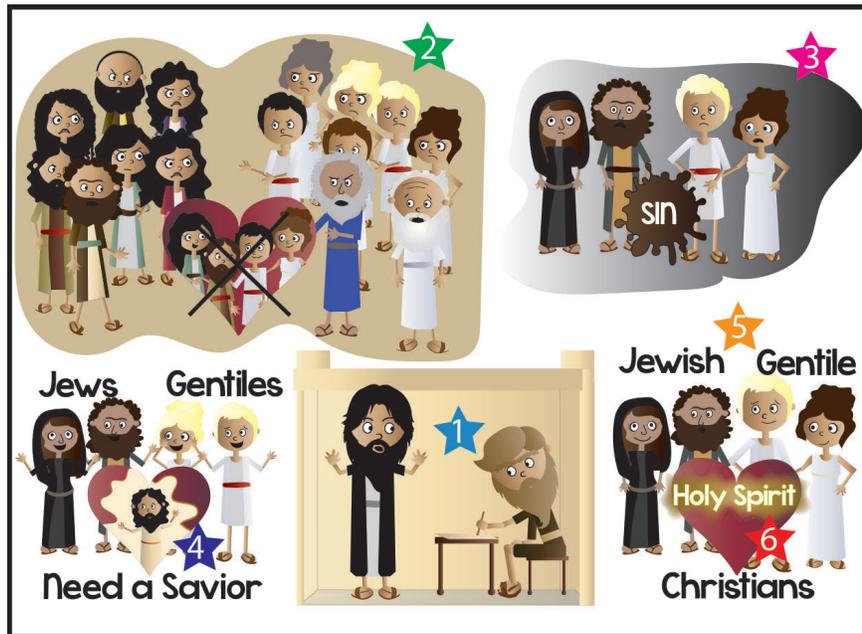
Paul wrote them a letter.



Clue Catchers

Can you find Paul trusting in Jesus as his Savior?

Script for Story Scene 9



“Help me write to the believers in Rome,” Paul asked ★ his friend, Tertius. So Tertius got out his scroll and wrote down Paul’s words:

“Dear believers in Rome,
I thank God for saving you! I can’t wait for the day when I will get to see you and we can encourage each other in our faith in God! God has given me the job of preaching to all of you--both Jews and Gentiles. One day, I hope to come and preach more of the good news of Jesus to you in Rome, face-to-face.

★ I know you are squabbling about who comes from a better family—the Jews or the Gentiles. I know you are squabbling about the Live-Together Laws from God’s Word. But remember: ★ all people have sinned against God—both Jews and Gentiles. EVERYONE! None of us is righteous. None of us does what is good and never sins. NO ONE! We all deserve God’s punishment.

Jews: God may have chosen your family to write down His Word, the Bible. He may have given your family His laws to live by. But you couldn’t obey them all, could you? Nope! You were all law breakers! ★ You needed a Savior to save you from your sins. Only Jesus could do that for you. Be thankful, not proud!

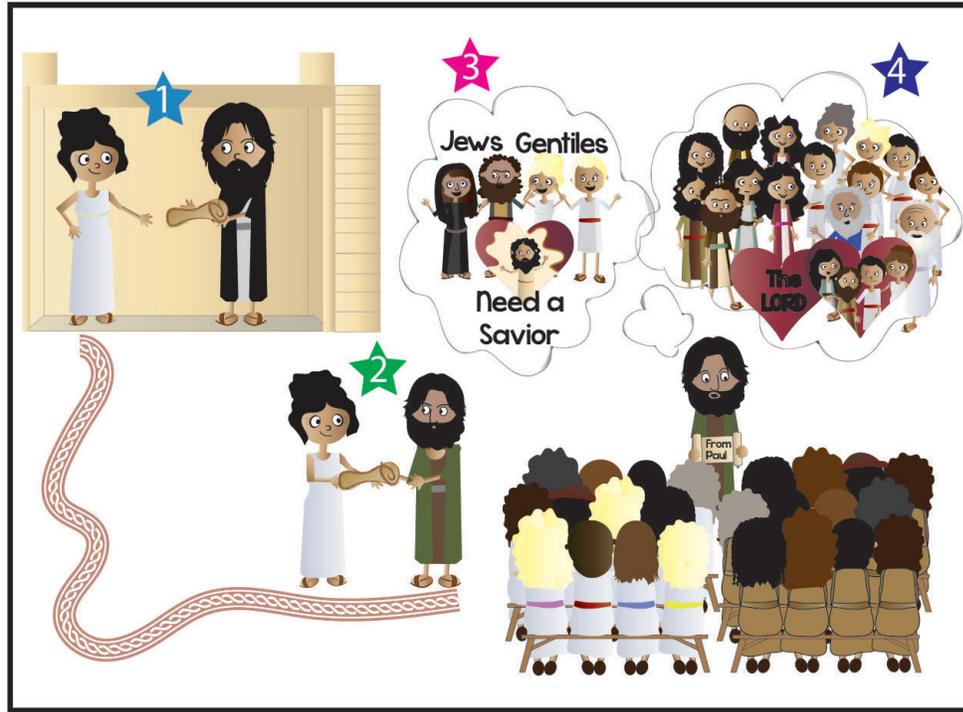
And you, Gentiles: Yes, maybe a lot more people from your Gentile families are trusting in Jesus as their Savior than the Jews these days, but it’s not because Gentiles are better than Jews. It’s only because ★ God has been kind enough to save you through Jesus, too. Be thankful, not proud!

You are ALL part of God’s family. ★ The Holy Spirit lives in ALL of you. Stop your squibble-squabbling! Love each other like sisters and brothers should! Use the gifts God has given each of you to care for each other and to show others how great God is! Praise God together with me! He gives us everything we need through Jesus, our Savior! -- Paul



Clue Catchers: Can you find the picture of Tertius writing down Paul’s letter?

Script for Story Scene 10



★ Paul rolled up the letter and gave it to Phoebe to take to the believers in ★ faraway Rome.

What happened when Paul's letter was read to the believers in Rome? We don't really know. The Bible doesn't tell us.

How Paul hoped it would help them remember that ★ they ALL needed Jesus to be their Savior. How he hoped it would stop their squibble-squabbling over who is best and over those LIVE TOGETHER laws!

★ Paul wanted them to love God and love one another. He wanted them to live out the good news of Jesus together, and share it with others. And I hope that's exactly what they did!



Clue Catchers

Can you find the believers gathered together, listening to Paul's letter being read out loud?

Cracking the Case: (story wrap-up for Listening Assignments)

It's time to see how we did with our Listening Assignment.

Detective Dan's Lesson #1 Listening Assignment:

I need to know:

To squabble means to argue about something.

1. Who were the brothers and sisters who were squabbling? The believers in Rome.

2. What were they squabbling about?

They were squabbling about who was best--the Jews or the Gentiles. And, if all believers should keep the Live Together laws of the Jews.

For You and Me:

Just like the believers in Rome, we need to remember that it is only through God's free gift of forgiveness through Jesus that anyone can become one of God's people. This can be His gift to us, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Detective Dan's Lesson #2 Listening Assignment:**Our Bible Verse is Ecclesiastes 7:20, 29:**

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins... This only have I found: God made mankind upright, but men have gone in search of many schemes."

I need to know:

1. What two kinds of families did the believers in Rome come from? From Jew and Gentile families.

2. What did they need to remember that would help them stop squabbling with each other? That none of them had been righteous. None of them had pleased God by their own, good works. They were saved only through the Savior, Jesus. That's what mattered. Not the Live Together laws.

For You and Me:

None of us can ever be good enough to please God. None of us would ever be able to know God or be His people on our own. But the good news is that Jesus did live a perfect life. He offered up His righteous to pay for the sins of God's people--all who turn away from their sins and trust in Jesus as their Savior. God loves to help us do this. Ask Him!

Detective Dan's Lesson #3 Listening Assignment:

I found six clues, but two of them are **NOT** in the story. They are: Jews; a jar; Gentiles; fake gods; a bear; and a house.

Hold each of them up for the children to see as you identify them.

I need to know:

1. Which four belong in the story and which two don't? The Jews; Gentiles; fake gods; and the house belong in the story. The jar and bear were not.

2. Who thanked God for saving them through Jesus?

Paul and the believers in Rome all thanked God for saving them through Jesus.

For You and Me:

God's people know that they could never live good enough lives to get to be God's people. They thank God for sending Jesus to pay for their sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus can pay for our sins, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Him as our Savior. Then we can thank God for saving us and making us His people, too!

The Gospel (story wrap-up if NOT using Listening Assignments)**Our Bible Truth is:****What Is the Gospel?**

It's Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ...

we have all disobeyed God and deserve His punishment!

Did you know that Paul's letter to those believers in Rome became part of God's Word, the Bible? Millions and millions of people have read his letter to those people in Rome and learned from them. Why, even you are learning from them today! What is the most important thing that we can learn from Paul's letter? It is that all of us are lawbreakers who have chosen to disobey God. We all need to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. And if we do, God will forgive us and make us His dearly-loved people forever!

Close in prayer.

Closing ACTS Prayer

- A** God, we praise You for being the good God who hates sin.
- C** We confess that we have all rebelled against You and Your good ways. We have all chosen to live life our own way instead. We need a Savior!
- T** Thank You for not just being good, but for being merciful, too. Thank You for taking the punishment we deserve on Yourself that we might be saved. Thank You for offering us salvation through Jesus, when we repent of our sins and trust Jesus as our Savior.
- S** God, work in our hearts. Help us to turn away from living against You and Your good ways. Help us to trust in Jesus as our Savior. Help us to love You and know You. Help us to obey Your good laws.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Go to Lesson Plan, p.9 for the script to the rest of the lesson.

Big Question 3, Bible Truth 2 Story Picture Scenes

Each story scene is a two-page spread, labelled "A" and "B." Cut out the two pages and laminate them together in a 12" x 18" laminating pouch, leaving a small gap in the middle between the two pages so you can fold up the picture. See illustration below.

Alternatively, you can just glue/tape the two pages together and put each picture in a sheet protector for 11" x 17" pictures. These sheet protectors and laminating pouches are available online and through many office supply stores.



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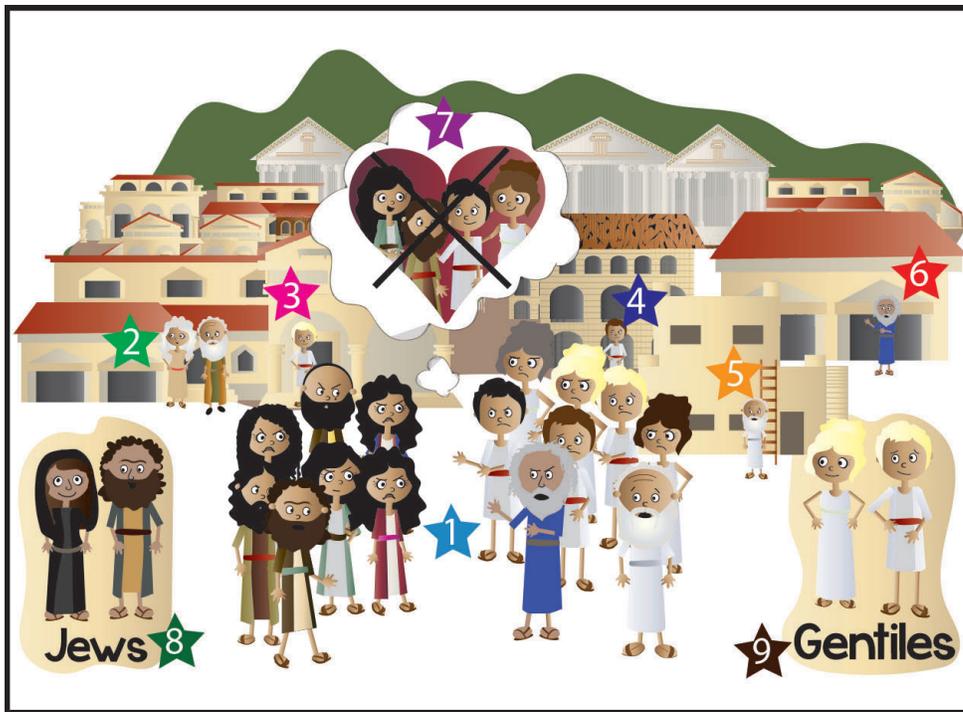


Jews

1B.

What was all the fuss about? Well, it had to do with what kind of family you came from—a family of  Jews or a family of  Gentiles.

Jew and Gentile. Have you ever heard of those Bible family names? Let's find out what they are.



Clue Catchers: Can you find the Jews and Gentiles in the pictures?



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At ★² Priscilla and Aquila's house; and at ★³ Aristobulus' house. At ★⁴ Narcissus' house, and ★⁵ ★⁶ two other houses, little groups of believers gathered to worship God.

They were all saved through Jesus. They were all part of God's family. And they should have been loving each other like sisters and brothers; but, they weren't!

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How do you think they were fighting each other? Hitting with their fists? Kicking with their legs?

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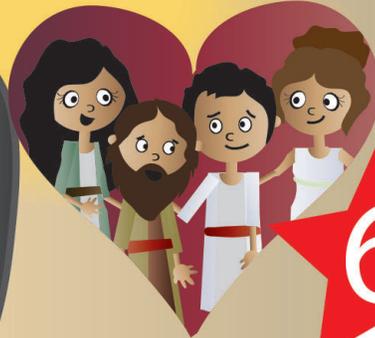
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10 Big, Love Laws



Live Together



2B.

But there was even more laws than those! There was a **THIRD** kind of laws that God gave the Jews. **8** These were the **LIVE TOGETHER** laws. These told the Jews how to live their everyday lives--what clothes they should wear; what food they should eat; how to take care of sick people; what to do when they had arguments; and, other everyday things like that.

Wow! What a lot of laws God gave the Jews! But God had a good purpose for every one of them. These laws helped everyone know what God is like. And, they helped everyone see that the Jews were God's special people, living His way, and waiting for Him to send the Savior one day.

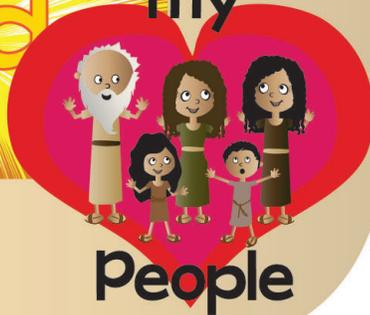


Clue Catchers: Can you find the three different kinds of laws and name them?

WORD



Friendship with God Laws



Other Laws



2A.

Some of the believers were  Jews. They came from families who  worshipped the LORD.

They grew up  learning the Bible and trying to obey its laws... ALL of them... and there were A LOT! (Laws is another word for rules.) Let me tell you about them.

 There were...the Ten, Big Laws God gave them.

Can you remember the special name of the Ten, Big Laws?

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Jesus' Perfect Life

Forgiven

3B.



Clue Catchers

Can you find Jesus risen from the dead?

God's Laws



Jewish Christians

3A.

**And at just the right time, God DID send the Savior
--Jesus!**

★1 Jesus lived a perfect life. He kept all of God's good laws. Then ★2 He suffered and died on the cross, giving His life as the final, perfect worship gift that paid for sins. On the third day, ★3 Jesus rose from the dead, showing that He had beaten sin and death for all who would turn away from their sins and trust in Him as their Savior. Jesus had made the way for us to be friends with God!

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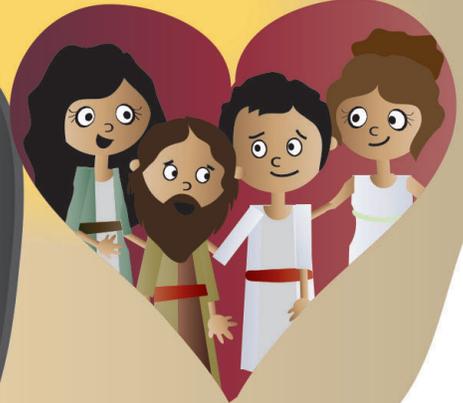
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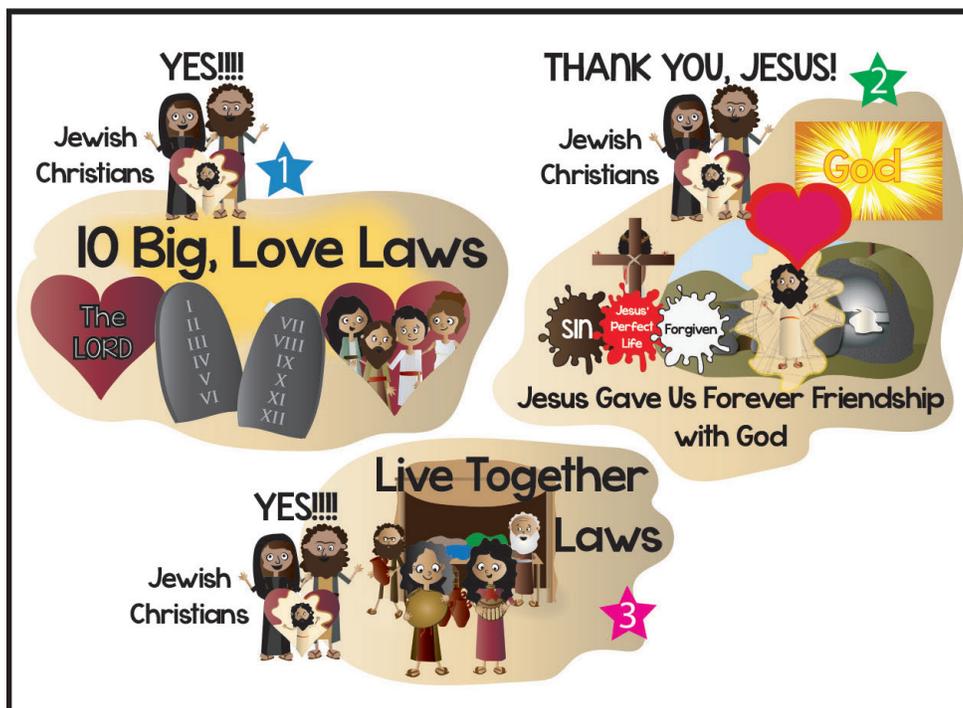


4B.

Do you think God wanted them to keep those laws still?

Many of the Jews **LIKED** those **LIVE TOGETHER** laws. **Actually they LOVED** them. They didn't want to get rid of them...and they wanted everyone else to keep them, too. They thought that **EVERYONE** should become a Christian, saved through Jesus; but, they should keep on living together like Jews... **EVEN** the people who didn't grow up as Jews!

Uh oh, that might just cause a problem or two... especially for the believers who came from that **OTHER** kind of Bible family-- the **Gentiles**. Let me tell you about them.



Clue Catchers

Can you find Jesus on the cross? He gave God's people forever friendship with God.

THANK YOU, JESUS!



Jewish
Christians



Jesus Gave Us Forever Friendship
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4A.

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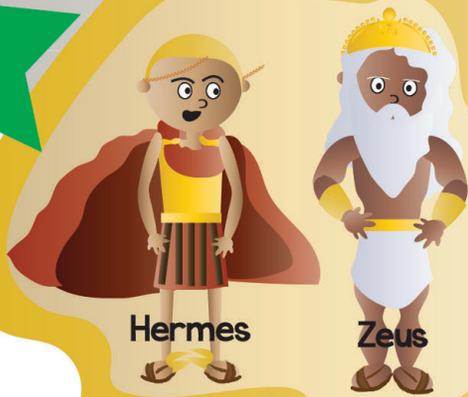
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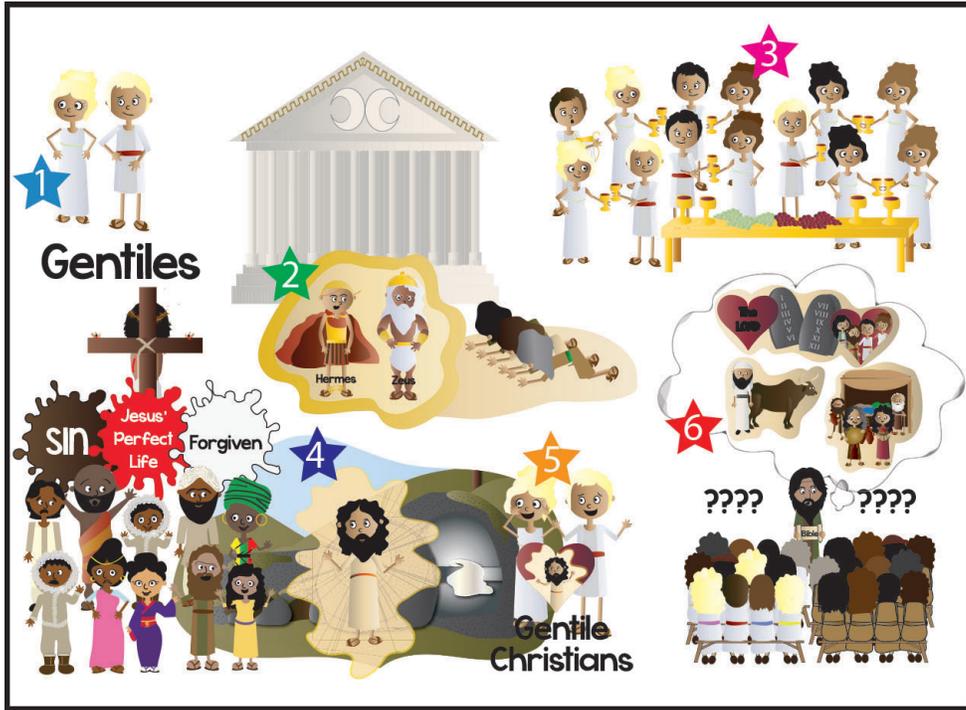
But what about  all those LIVE TOGETHER laws? The ones about what Jews should eat and drink and do in their everyday lives? The Savior Jesus had come. Now they were Christians. Were they supposed to keep on living together like Jews, too?



Gentiles



5B.



Clue Catchers

Can you find the Gentiles worshipping fake gods?



**Gentile
Christians**

5A.

Gentiles came from families who had NOT grown up knowing the Bible or keeping its laws—not the Ten, Big, Love laws or the Friendship with God laws, or even the Live Together laws.  They had grown up worshipping fake gods. And actually, worshipping those fake gods meant doing some very bad things that disobeyed God’s good laws--  like those big, worship parties they had.

But when these Gentiles heard  the good news of Jesus, they left their fake gods and their bad ways behind.  They trusted in Jesus as their Savior and they wanted to live God’s way now. They became Christians.

 They went to church with the other Jewish and Gentile believers. And as they listened to God’s Word, they heard all about all those laws for the first time. Now everyone had a question...

Can you guess what the question was?

The question was: what should they--the people from Gentile families-- do with all of those laws?

YES!!!!

**Gentile
Christians**



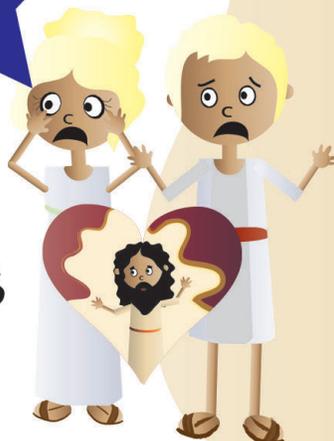
10 Big, Love Laws



Live Together

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**Gentile
Christians**



6B.

YES!!!!
Gentile Christians
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THANK YOU, JESUS!
Gentile Christians
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Live Together Laws

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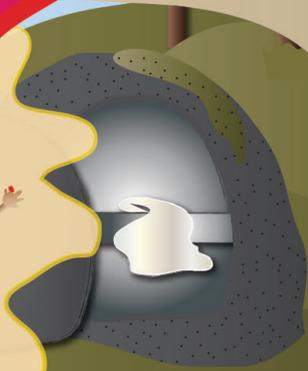
Clue Catchers

Can you find the Live-Together Laws that the Gentiles did NOT think they should keep?

THANK YOU, JESUS!



Gentile
Christians



Jesus Gave Us Forever Friendship
with God

er Laws

YES!!!



Jewish
Christians



6A.

Like the Jewish Christians, the Gentile Christians KNEW that they should obey  God's Ten, Big, Love laws—the 10 Commandments. They still needed to keep on loving God and others, like those LOVE laws taught. That was clear.

And like the Jewish Christians, they KNEW that Jesus had paid for their sins.  His life had been the final worship gift. He gave them FOREVER friendship with God. So they did NOT have to keep the FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD laws anymore.

But what about those  LIVE TOGETHER laws? The laws that told the Jews how to live together? The Savior had come. Surely Gentiles didn't need to obey THOSE laws! Surely they didn't need to live like Jews to be Christians! That didn't make sense! They were saved through Jesus, not those laws! Nope.  They would NOT obey the LIVE TOGETHER laws. No way!

And so came  all of the squibble-squabbling.



THE LORD my



7B.

“Maybe we ARE just Gentiles. Maybe our families didn’t come from God’s special people, long ago. But we believe in the Savior Jesus NOW! ★4 And a lot more of US believe in Him than you, Jews!”

“★5 Look who God is choosing to make into His special people NOW—it’s us, Gentiles. And we DON’T have to keep all of your Live Together Laws!” they squabbled back.



Clue Catchers

The Jews were proud that God chose to write down the Bible and give it to them first. Can you find the scroll of the Bible in this picture?



7A.

“ We’re better than you, Gentiles,” the Jewish Christians said.

“Long ago,  God chose US to be His special people through Abraham.  He chose US to write down the Bible, His Word. He gave US the great promises about the Savior Jesus coming.”

“Jesus came from OUR family. He was a Jew!”

“God gave US His good laws—the LOVE laws and the FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD laws and the LIVE TOGETHER laws. All of them!”

“We obey them and so should you! That’s what God’s people have always done,” they told the Gentiles.

“You are NOT better than us!” the Gentile Christians squabbled back.

“Yes, you’re right. Long ago, you Jews WERE chosen to be God’s special people. But now, many people from your family don’t even believe in Jesus.”

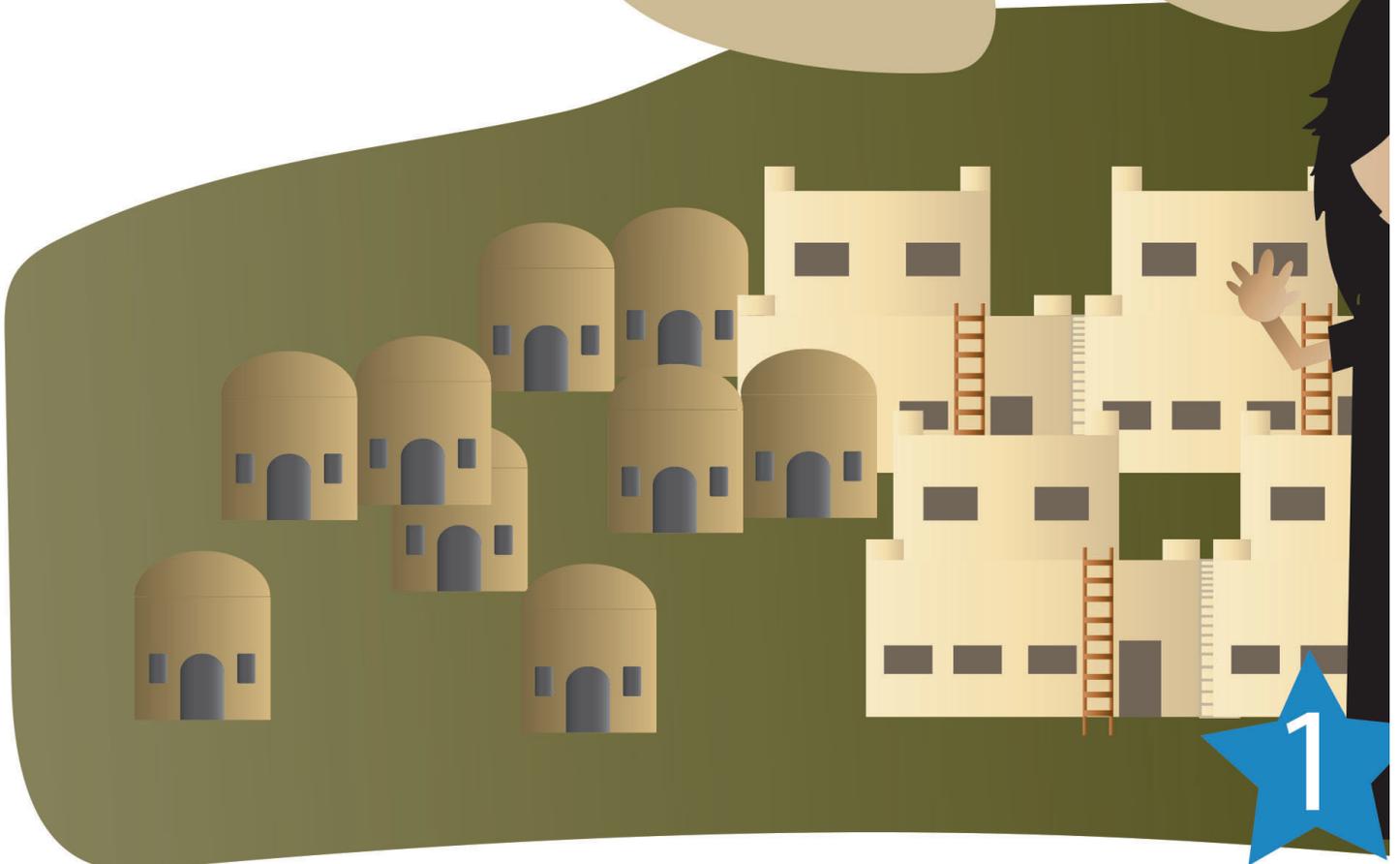
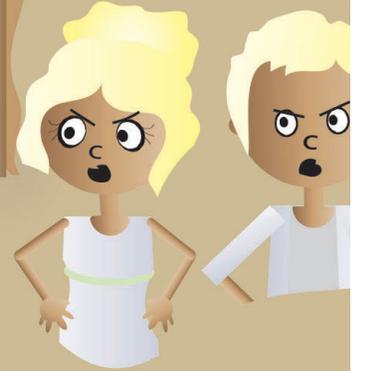
Live Together Laws



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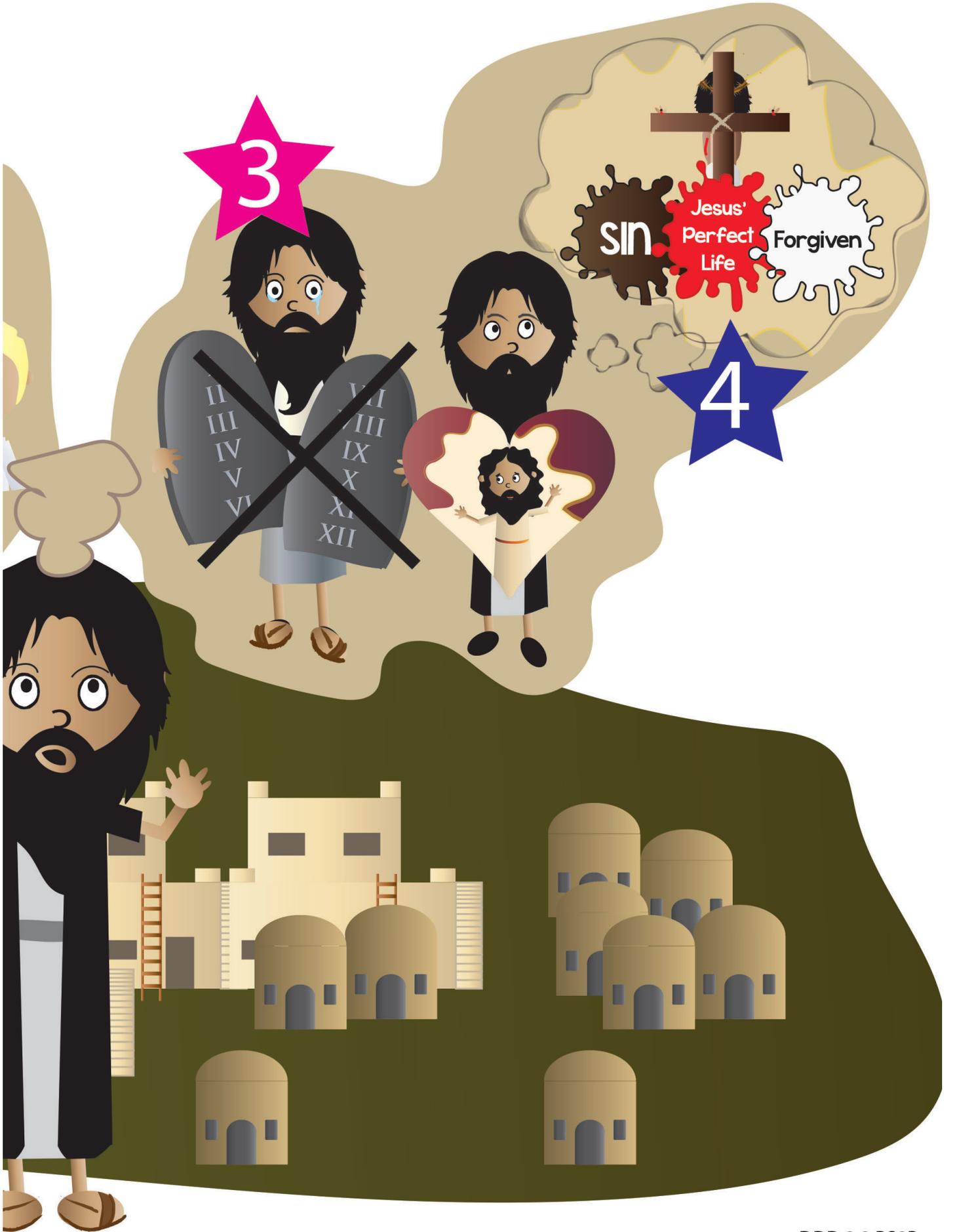
no!!!!



8B.



Clue Catchers
Can you find Paul trusting in Jesus as his Savior?



8A.

Far away in the city of Corinth,  Paul heard about  these squabbles.

Paul had come from a Jewish family. He had grown up reading the Bible and learning God's laws.

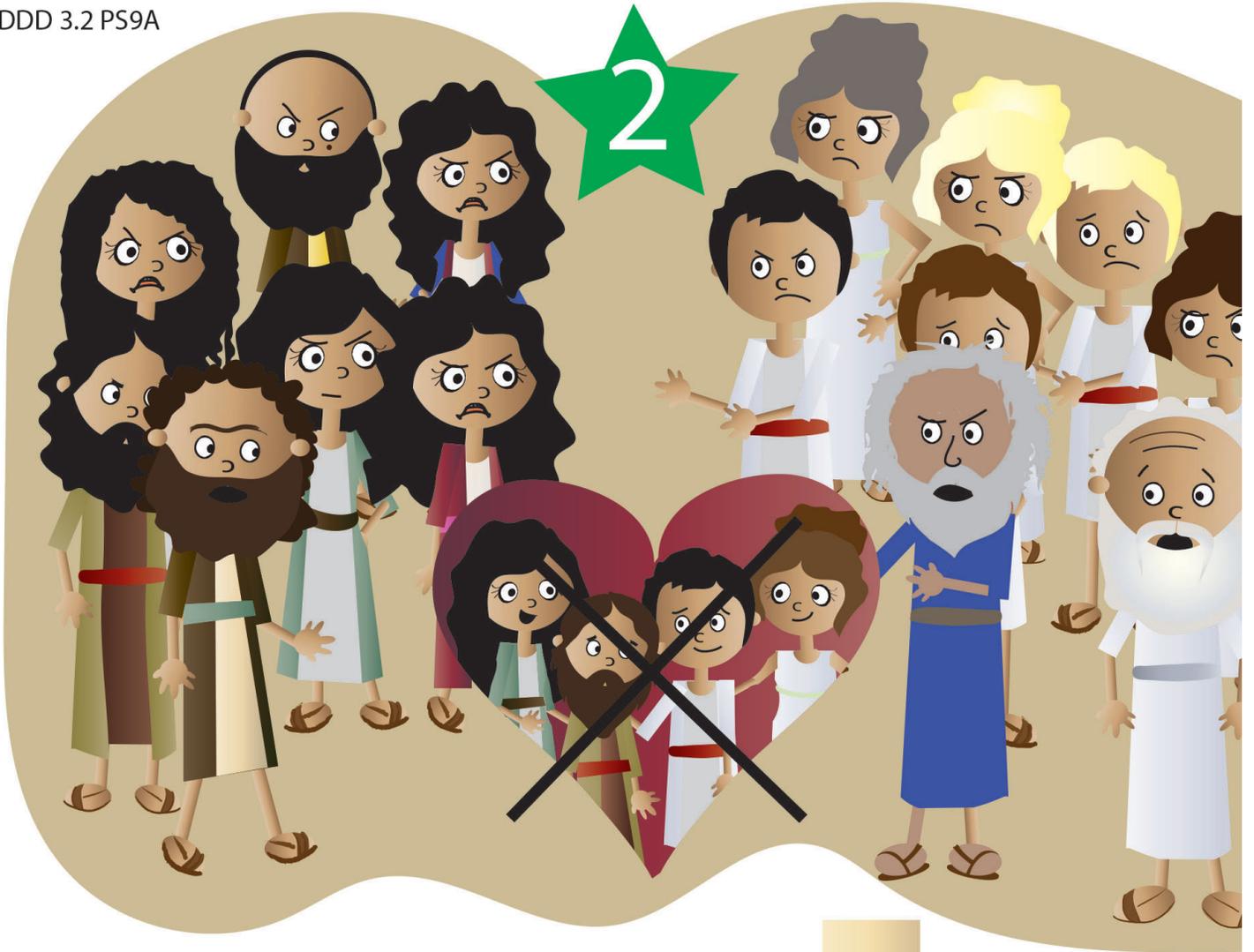
Paul had tried as hard as he could to keep all of God's laws, but  he could never obey them as God required.

Nope, if there was one thing Paul knew, it was only by  trusting in Jesus as their Savior that ANYONE can be forgiven of their sins. That was the only way to become one of God's people.

These believers needed to remember this; so, Paul decided to do something about it.

Can you guess what Paul did?

Paul wrote them a letter.



Jews Gentiles



Need a Savior



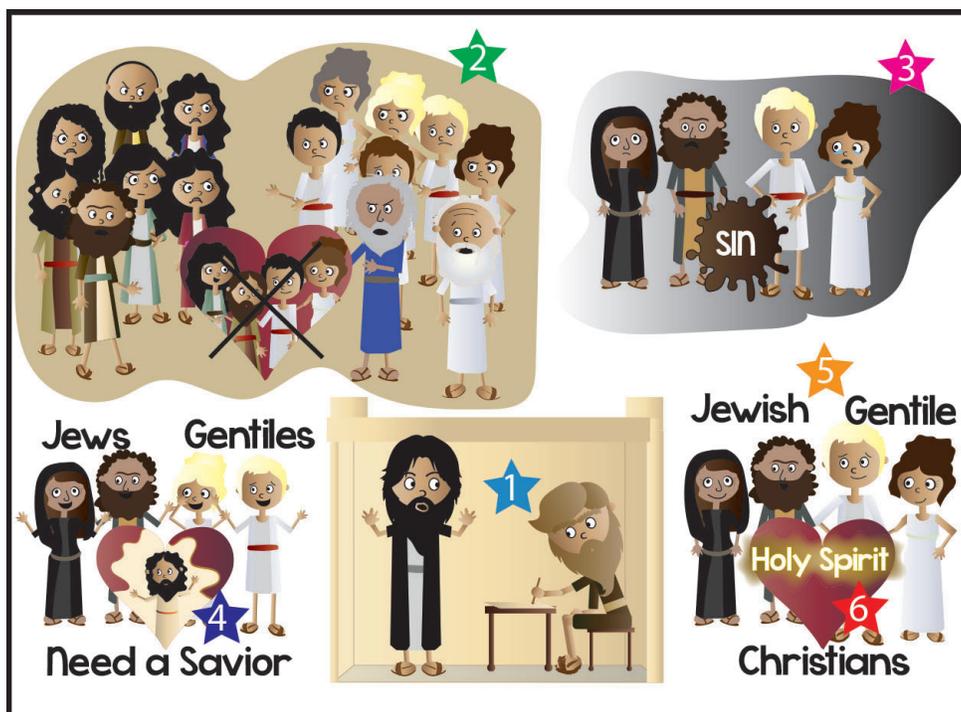
9B.

And you, Gentiles: Yes, maybe a lot more people from your Gentile families are trusting in Jesus as their Savior than the Jews these days, but it's not because Gentiles are better than Jews. It's only because **4** God has been kind enough to save you through Jesus, too. Be thankful, not proud!

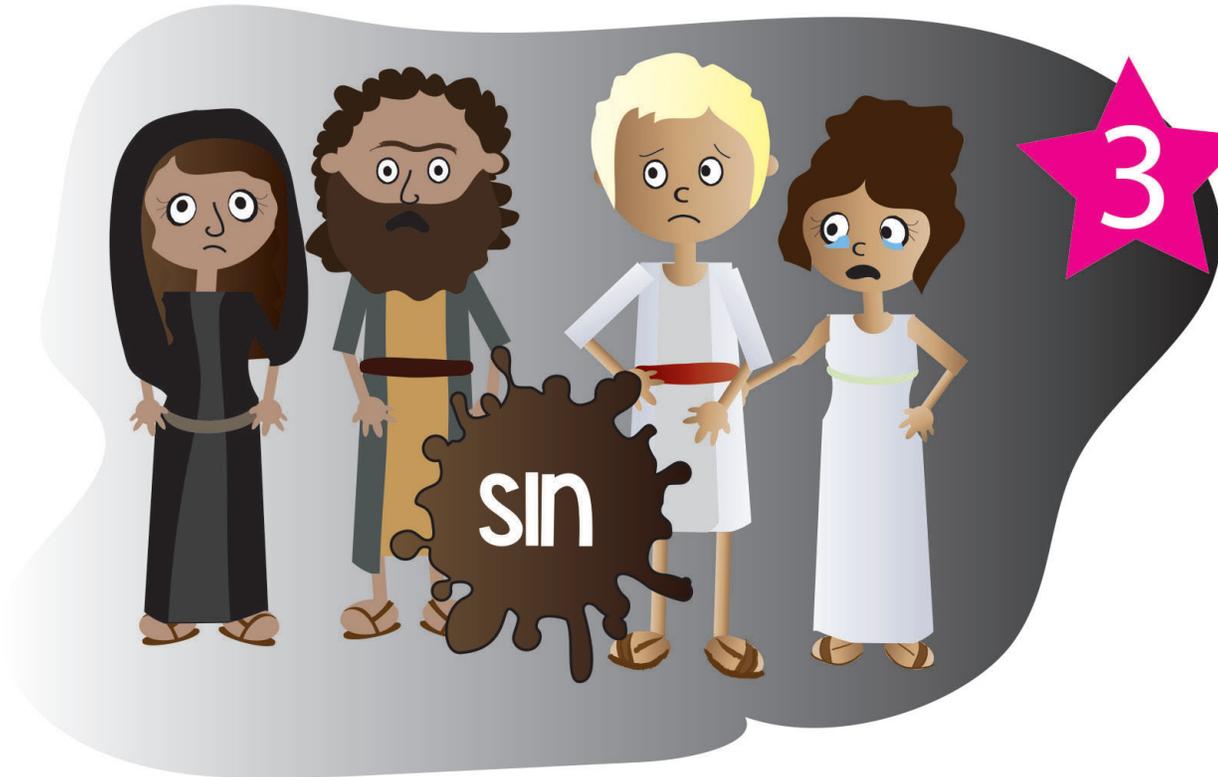
You are ALL part of God's family. **5** The Holy Spirit lives in ALL of you. Stop your squibble-squabbling! Love each other like sisters and brothers should! Use the gifts God has given each of you to care for each other and to show others how great God is!

Praise God together with me! He gives us everything we need through Jesus, our Savior!

-- Paul



Clue Catchers: Can you find the picture of Tertius writing down Paul's letter?



Jewish  Gentile



Christians

9A.

“Help me write to the believers in Rome,” Paul asked
★1 his friend, Tertius. So Tertius got out his scroll and
wrote down Paul’s words:

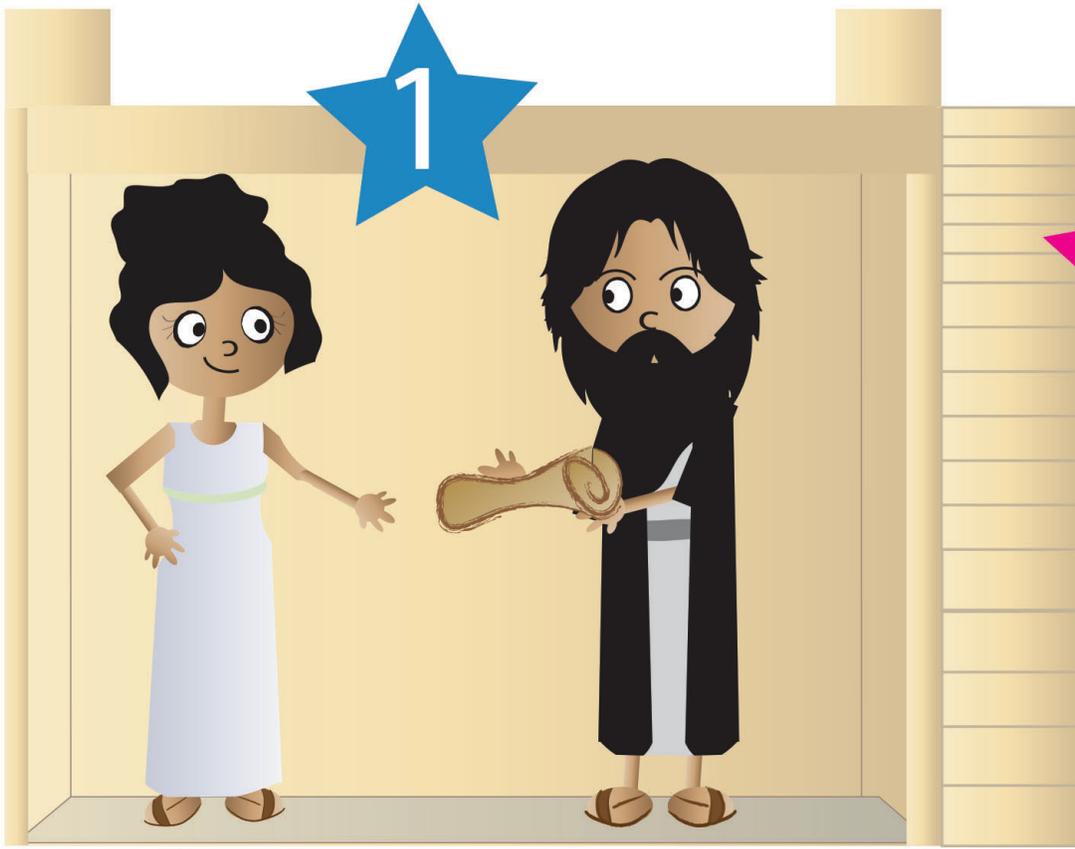
“Dear believers in Rome,
I thank God for saving you! I can’t wait for the day when
I will get to see you and we can encourage each other in
our faith in God!

God has given me the job of preaching to all of you
--both Jews and Gentiles. One day, I hope to come and
preach more of the good news of Jesus to you in Rome,
face-to-face.

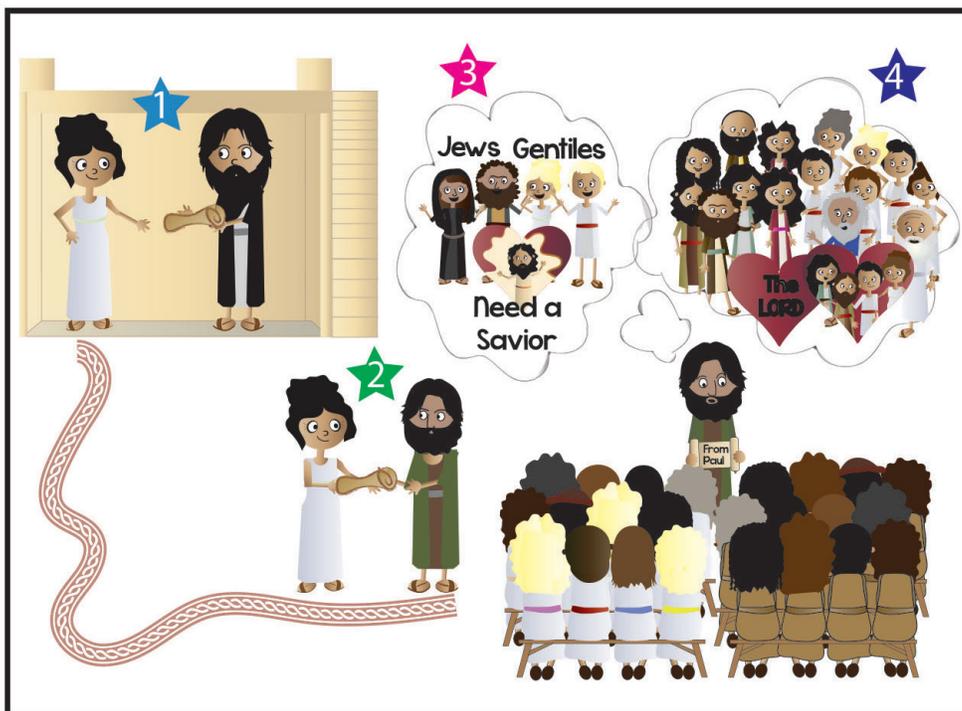
★2 I know you are squabbling about who comes from a
better family—the Jews or the Gentiles. I know you are
squabbling about the Live-Together Laws from God’s
Word.

But remember: ★3 all people have sinned against
God—both Jews and Gentiles. EVERYONE! None of us is
righteous. None of us does what is good and never sins.
NO ONE! We all deserve God’s punishment.

Jews: God may have chosen your family to write down
His Word, the Bible. He may have given your family His
laws to live by. But you couldn’t obey them all, could
you? Nope! You were all law breakers! (4) You needed a
Savior to save you from your sins. Only Jesus could do
that for you. Be thankful, not proud!

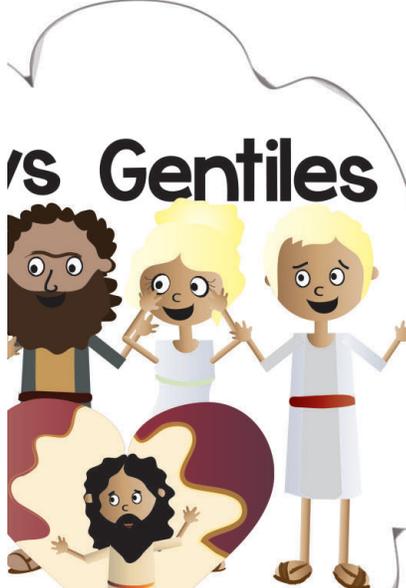


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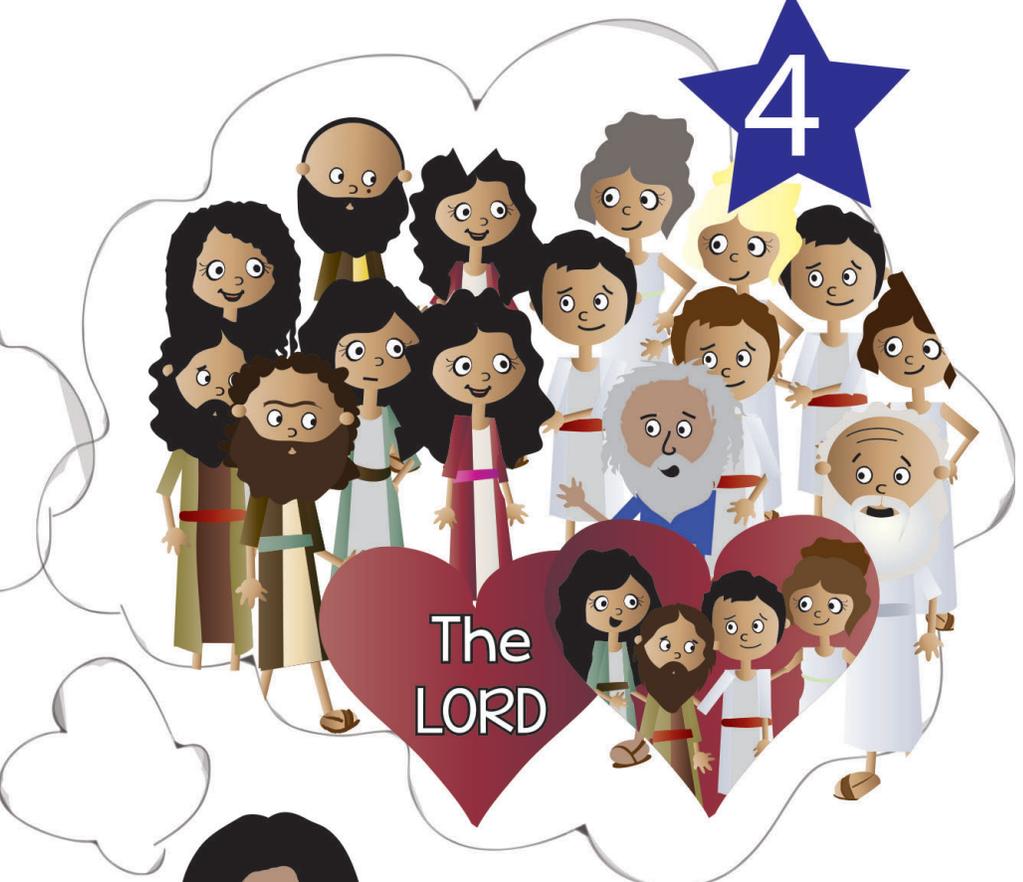
 **Clue Catchers**
Can you find the believers gathered together, listening to Paul's letter being read out loud?

vs Gentiles



Need a Savior

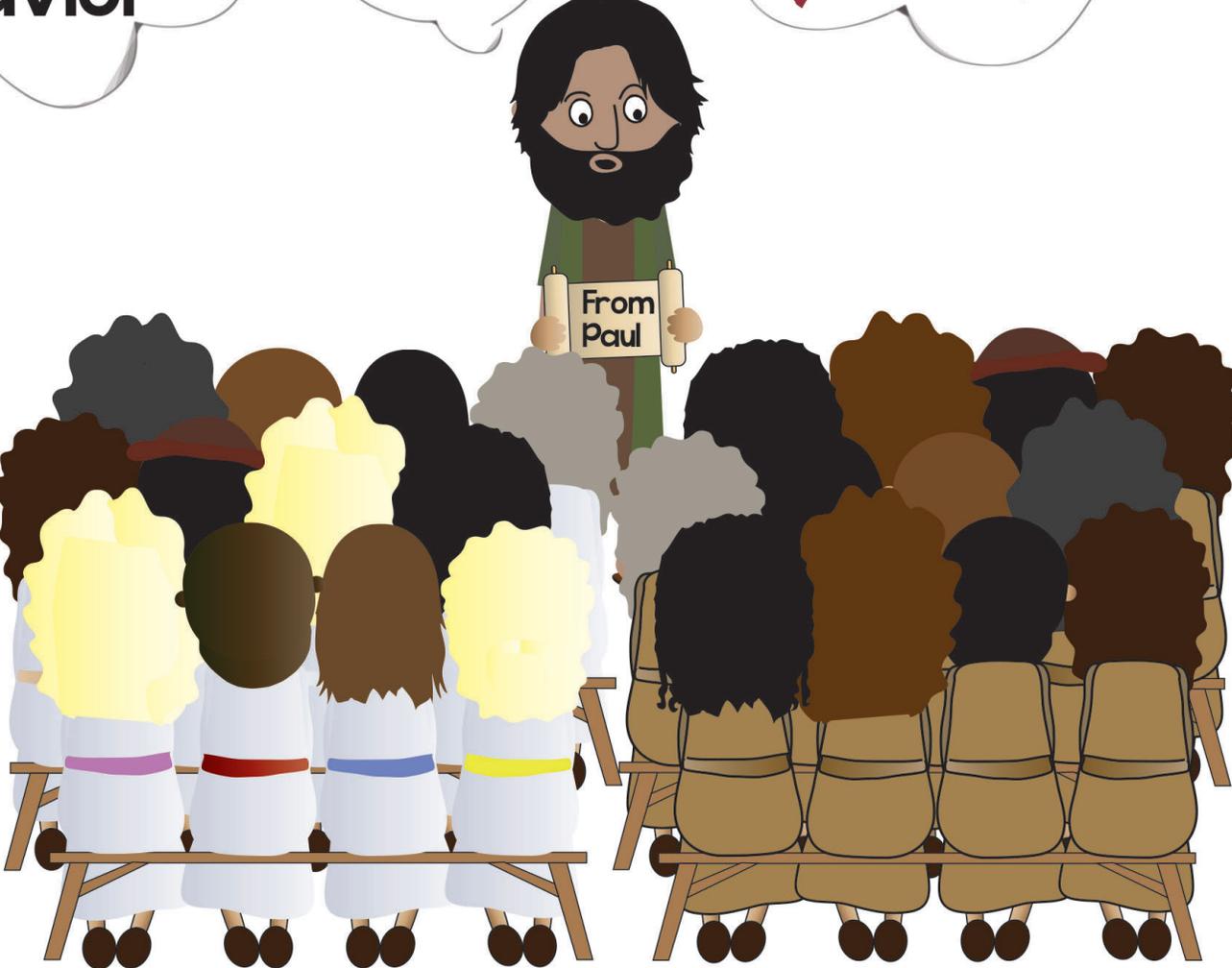
This thought bubble contains an illustration of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe with a red sash, standing in front of a large red heart. To his right are three people: a man with a beard and a white robe, a woman with blonde hair and a white dress, and another man with blonde hair and a white robe. The text 'vs Gentiles' is at the top and 'Need a Savior' is at the bottom.



The LORD

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This large thought bubble contains a diverse group of people of various ethnicities and ages, including men with beards and women with different hairstyles, all wearing simple robes. In the center is a large red heart with the text 'The LORD' written on it. A blue star with the number '4' is positioned at the top right of the bubble.



From Paul

This illustration shows a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a green robe, standing and holding a scroll that says 'From Paul'. He is addressing a group of people seated on wooden benches. The audience is diverse, with some people having blonde hair and others having dark hair. The scene is set in a simple, open-air environment.

10A.

1 Paul rolled up the letter and gave it to Phoebe to take to the believers in **2** faraway Rome.

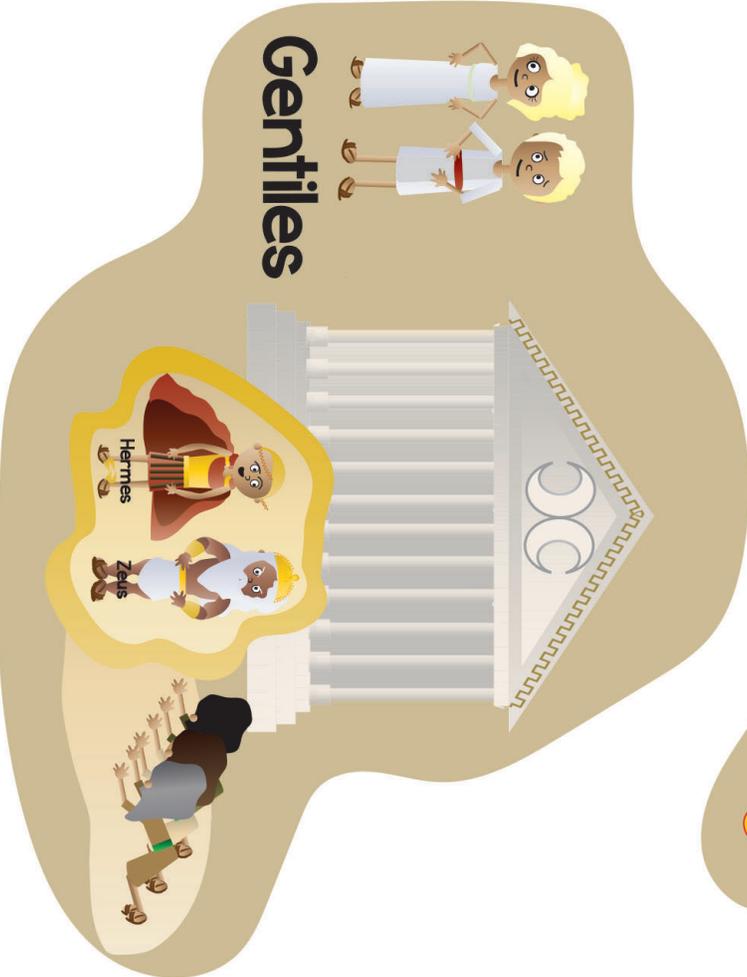
What happened when Paul's letter was read to the believers in Rome? We don't really know. The Bible doesn't tell us.

How Paul hoped it would help them remember that **3 they ALL needed Jesus to be their Savior. How he hoped it would stop their squibble-squabbling over who is best and over those LIVE TOGETHER laws!**

4 Paul wanted them to love God and love one another. He wanted them to live out the good news of Jesus together, and share it with others. And I hope that's exactly what they did!

Big Question 3, Bible Truth 2 Story Pictures for Story Review Games

Here are 12 important pictures from the story to use with your story review games. Cut out and laminate individually.



The Jews Had Known the
LORD and the Bible for Many
Years
DDD 3.2 Story

The Christians Should Have
Been Loving Each Other, But
They Were Arguing Instead
DDD 3.2 Story

The Gentiles Worshipped Fake
Gods for Many Years
DDD 3.2 Story

The Jewish Christians Thought
They Were Best.
DDD 3.2 Story

Live Together Laws



Friendship with God Laws



The Live Together Laws Found
in the the Bible
(Old Testament)
DDD 3.2 Story

Hearing about God's Laws
from the Bible
DDD 3.2 Story

The Friendship with God Laws
from the Bible
(Old Testament)
DDD 3.2 Story



Phoebe Brings Paul's Letter to
the Roman Christians to Be
Read
DDD 3.2 Story

Gentile Believers Thought They
Were the Best
DDD 3.2 Story

Jewish and Gentile Believers
Have All Been Given the Holy
Spirit
DDD 3.2 Story

We Are All Sinners--Jews and
Gentiles
DDD 3.2 Story

God's 10 Big, Love Laws from
the Bible (10 Commandments,
Old Testament)
DDD 3.2 Story