

WEEK 2: Paul in Antioch

Big Idea: Following Jesus means that we believe Jesus is Lord.

HANGOUT

1. Discuss:
 - What does it mean for someone to have authority in our lives? (they have the right to tell us what to do)
 - Who has authority in your home? In your school? In your community? In your country?
 - What do you think makes someone a good leader? Why?
2. Introduce today's Big Idea: **Following Jesus means that we believe Jesus is Lord.**
3. Let the kids know that Jesus is the best and most perfect leader. When we follow and obey him, the Bible calls this making him Lord of our lives.
4. Guide everyone to crouch down into a ball. Lead the kids to say, "Jesus." Move to a squatting position with your hands on your knees and say, "is." Spring up into a star shape with your hands in the air and shout, "LORD!" Repeat together a few times.

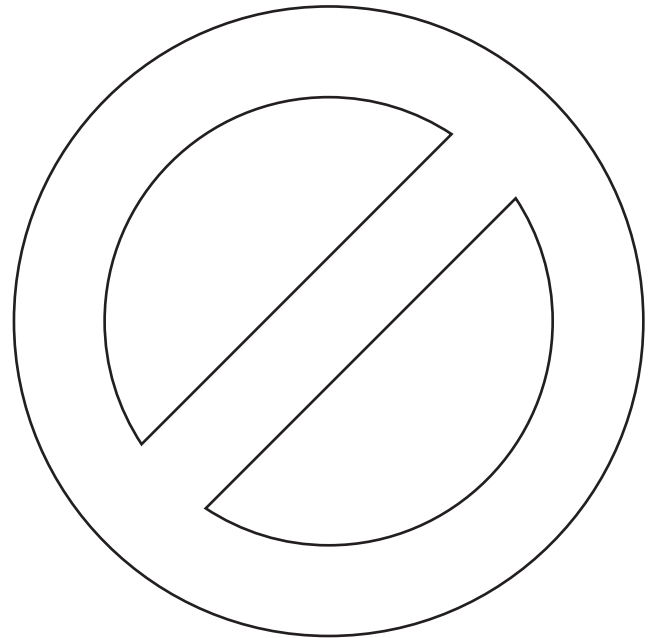
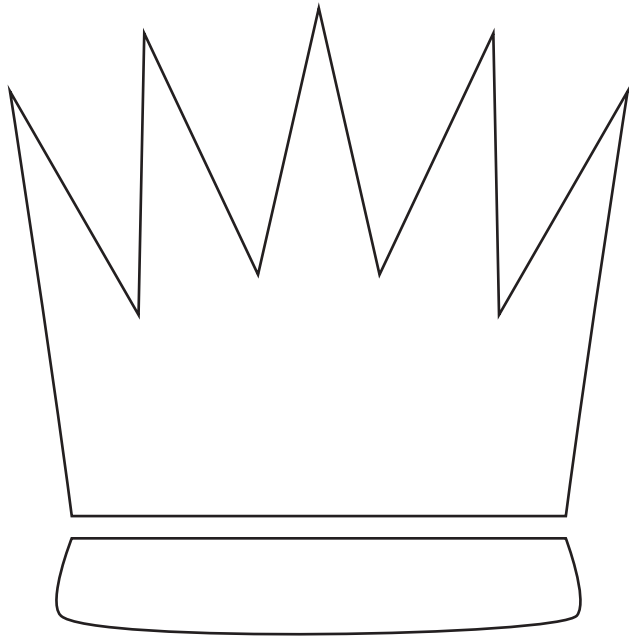
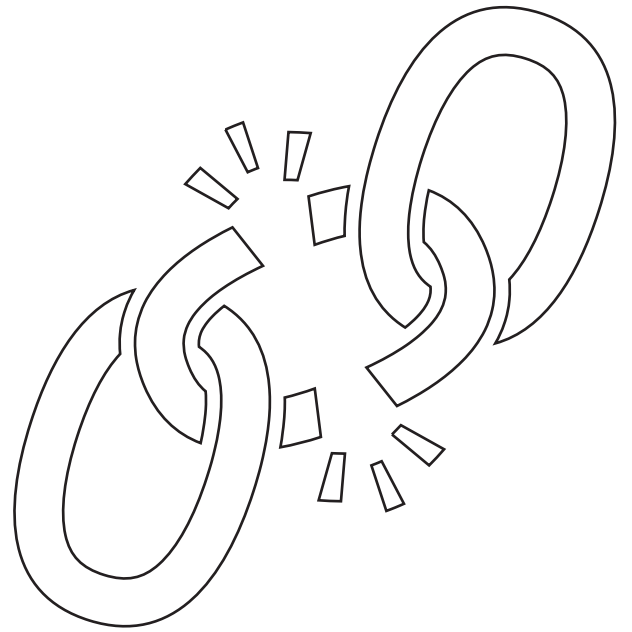
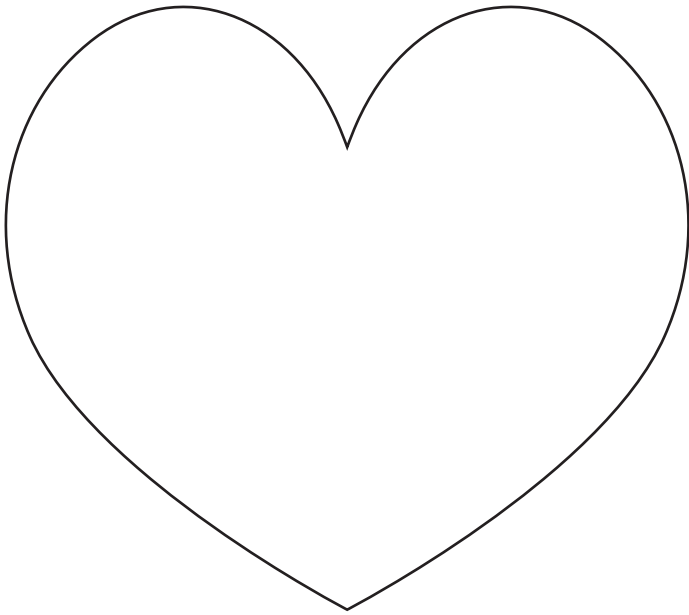
Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

5. Let the kids know that today's story from the Bible is about the apostle Paul preaching in a synagogue (like a Jewish church). He tells everyone that Jesus is Lord! Encourage the kids to listen carefully because they're going to answer some multiple-choice questions afterward.
6. Look up and read about Paul in Antioch from Acts 13:13-43. If you have confident readers in your group, break the story into sections and ask a few of them to take turns reading aloud.
7. Ask the following multiple-choice questions:
 - Did Paul and his companions leave Paphos by a) chariot, b) ship, or c) on foot? (b: ship)
 - Did Paul begin preaching in the synagogue by talking about a) the history of Israel, b) his journey on the ship, or c) where to get some good food in town? (a: history of Israel)
 - Who is the king described as a "man after [God's] own heart"? a) Saul, b) Samuel, or c) David (c: David)
 - Who is David's descendant, God's promised Saviour of Israel? a) John the Baptist, b) Jesus, or c) Paul (b: Jesus)
8. Discuss:
 - What is the good news that Paul shared about Jesus in verses 38-39?
 - What do you think it would have been like to hear Paul preaching that day?

HUDDLE

9. In advance, write "The Good News of Jesus" at the top of a large piece of paper. Divide the page into three columns. Write the following headings at the tops of the columns: Jesus came to show us God's love by.../Jesus came to save us from sin by.../Jesus came to share his peace by...
10. Lead your group to brainstorm how Jesus did these three things. Record their ideas in the corresponding columns.
11. Provide paper and drawing supplies. Ask the kids to come up with a picture or symbol that represents each of the three ideas to them (e.g., a heart for "love", a cross for "sin", and a peace symbol for "peace"). Encourage everyone to display their good news symbols at home as a reminder of what Jesus has done!
12. Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, for the amazing news that you love us, you saved us, and you give us peace. We're so excited to say that you are Lord of our lives! We love you. Amen."



Jesus is God with us, come to
show us God's love,
save us from sin,
set up God's kingdom, and
shut down religion, so we can
share in God's life.