I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12
(NIV 1984)
Believe on (the) Lord Jesus Christ and you will (be) saved.
Jesus said: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey every thing I have commanded you."
A Persecutor Becomes a Preacher

PART 1

Decide which word is missing from each numbered line. Fill in the crossword puzzle by writing each missing word in the puzzle spaces with the same number.

Saul led the (1) against the believers. He got permission to go to Damascus and bring believers back to Jerusalem as (2). As Saul got close to (3), a bright light from heaven flashed around him! Saul heard a voice and asked, “(4), who are you?” The voice spoke to Saul and said, “I am (5), the one you are persecuting.” In Damascus, God sent (6) to give Saul his sight. Saul got up and was (7). Then he began to preach that Jesus is the Savior. Some unbelieving Jews made a plan to (8) Saul, but he escaped in a (9) let down through an opening in the city wall. Saul then went to (10). There (11) told the other believers how the Lord had spoken to Saul. So Saul joined the believers and boldly taught about Jesus.

PART 2

Draw a line down the middle of the back side of this paper. On the left side of the line, draw a picture of how God has called you to faith. On the right side, draw a picture of you doing the job that God has called you to do.
Do You Need CPR?

**PART 1**
Unscramble the letters to summarize how Jesus changed Saul from his enemy into his friend.

1. Jesus called Saul to _________. (h i f a t)
2. Jesus called Saul to _______ _______ _________. (e b h i s n i s w)

**PART 2**
Sin made us all enemies of God. Our hearts were dead in sin, but God has given us CPR. Look up the passages and complete the messages. Then write the words with letters underneath them in the hearts with the same letters to find out what CPR is.

1. **Ephesians 2:1** On our own, we are ______________ in our sins.

2. **James 3:2** None of us can lead a perfect life. We all ______________ in many ways; we sin.

3. **2 Corinthians 5:21** Jesus is perfect, but his heavenly Father made him to be __________ for us so that we can become the ______________ of God.

4. **2 Corinthians 5:17a** Through __________, we are ______________ creations (creatures).

**CPR is**

dead in sin  
| CPR  | healthy life in Christ |

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Name ___________________________
To complete hymn 573:2, cut out the boxes at the bottom of the page and glue them in the correct spaces.

1. If you cannot speak like

5. If you cannot rouse the

2. If you cannot preach like

6. With the Judgment’s dread

3. You can tell the love of

7. You can lead the

4. You can say he died for

8. To the Savior’s
One day while shopping with his dad, Jace
said, “Look, Dad! There’s that new family from our
neighborhood I’ve been telling you about. They just
moved here from India.”

“I’d like to meet them,” his dad replied. “They
probably don’t know many people in our neighborhood
yet. I think I’ll go over and invite them to come to
church with us this Sunday. Afterwards we can have
them come to our house for dinner.”

“I don’t know if that’s such a good idea,” Jace
told him. “They don’t look or dress like us. They
can’t speak English very well, and they probably have
their own religion. Do you think our church is the
place for them to be?”

How would you answer Jace’s question?

As Christians, we know the good news that Jesus
came to be our Savior. We call this good news the
gospel. God has told us to share the gospel. Today’s
lesson will help us learn the answer to the question,

With whom does God want us to share the gospel?
Acts 11:1-18

1The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

3Peter began and explained everything to them precisely as it had happened: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. 4I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. 5Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

6“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

7“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ 8This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

9“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. 10The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. 11He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. 12He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

13“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. 14Then I remembered what the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 15So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?”

16When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life.”

1. Read verse 1. “The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea” were Jews who had been brought to faith in Jesus as their Savior. What news did these Jewish believers hear?

2. Who are Gentiles?

3. The “circumcised believers” in Jerusalem were Jewish believers who still followed all the Old Testament laws. Why did these believers criticize (scold) Peter? (verses 2 and 3)

4. The believers felt that Peter had done something wrong when he went into a Gentile’s house to eat and share God’s Word. They believed that Jews should keep themselves separate from Gentiles as God had commanded his people in the Old Testament. They also felt that the gospel was meant only for Jews. What did some Jewish believers feel?

Some Jewish believers felt that the gospel shouldn’t be shared with ________________.

5. Read verses 4-10. Describe the vision Peter had while he was praying.

6. God used this vision to teach Peter and the other Jewish believers that they no longer were to keep themselves separate from others. The Old Testament rules about what they could eat or with whom they could keep company no longer applied since the Savior had already come. Why do you think God gave the vision to Peter three times instead of just once?
7. Immediately after Peter’s vision, three Gentiles from Caesarea came to see him. Who told Peter that he should go with them? (verse 12)

8. When Peter entered the house, what did the gentile man who lived there tell him? (verses 13 and 14)

9. What saving message did Peter have to share with this man and his household?

10. What happened when Peter shared the gospel with them? (verse 15)

11. What did this show?

12. After Peter explained to the Jewish believers what had happened, how did they react? (verse 18)

13. What did God show Peter and the Jewish believers?

   **God showed Peter and the Jewish believers that the gospel is meant for ________ people.**

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Words to Treasure

1 Timothy 2:3,4

*God our Savior . . . wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

Table Talk

- Who of us are Jews? Who are Gentiles? Why is it important for us that Peter and the other apostles obeyed God’s command and shared the gospel with Gentiles as well as Jews?
- Why is sharing the gospel the most important thing we can do for someone who isn’t a believer?
- How might we share the gospel with someone who speaks a language that is different from ours?
- Mr. Bryce doesn’t think that Sunday school or church is necessary for little children. He thinks that these children should wait until they’re older to hear the gospel. Do you agree with Mr. Bryce? Why or why not?

This Week’s Family ✔ List

- Pray that God would give the members of your family opportunities to share the gospel with others. Then watch for those opportunities and make use of them.
• Practice sharing the good news about Jesus with one another so that you will be more comfortable doing so when you have the opportunity to witness to others.

• Go to a Christian bookstore and purchase small items (such as magnets, bookmarks, and the like) that share a gospel message. Then, as a family, distribute these items to the residents of a local nursing home.

2 Together

• **Songs to Sing:** Sing “Go” or “Go into the World” (*Let All the People Praise You*, Northwestern Publishing House). Then discuss how the words of those songs apply to today’s lesson.

• **Flags Display:** Assign a country to each person in your group. Ask each person to find a drawing of her country’s flag and re-create it on a sheet of paper, using crayons or markers. Display the completed flags under the heading “Share the Gospel with the World.”

• **Playacting:** As a group, write out a script for the lesson. Assign parts, making sure that everyone has a role to play. Then act out the lesson. (For Peter’s vision, you may wish to have some children lower a bedsheet with toy animals inside.) If you wish, videotape the presentation to share with another class or family.

• **Newspaper Application:** Have each person work with a partner. Give sections of a newspaper to each pair and tell them to look through the newspaper to find the names of various people (people from other countries, catastrophe victims, celebrities, sports figures, criminals, etc.) and use a red crayon to circle them. Then remind everyone that God loves all people and wants all of them to hear the saving gospel. On the newsprint have the partners use a black crayon to write “God wants everyone to hear the gospel.”

**Prayer**

*Dear Lord, how happy we are to know that you want all people to be saved! Help us make use of every opportunity to share the wonderful gospel message with others. Amen.*

Answers:  1. The Gentiles also had received the Word of God.  2. all people who are not Jews;  3. They scolded Peter for going into the homes of Gentiles.  4. Gentiles;  5. Three times Peter saw a large sheet being let down from heaven, filled with all kinds of animals and birds. God told him to kill and eat these animals, even though some of them were unclean (forbidden for Jews to eat according to God’s Old Testament laws).  6. to assure Peter that what he was telling him was true;  7. the Spirit (Holy Spirit);  8. An angel had told him to send for Peter in order to receive a saving message.  9. the gospel—the good news that Jesus is the Savior;  10. The Holy Spirit came on them.  11. The Holy Spirit had brought them to faith in Jesus.  12. They had no further objections, and they praised God.  13. all

**God wants us to share the gospel with all people.**