

LET'S GO TO CHURCH!

SAY THIS VERSE:

II PETER 3:18... "BUT GROW IN GRACE, AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BE GLORY BOTH NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN."

MEMORY VERSE

15 POINTS!

Did you know that Jesus loves you? That's right! Jesus loves YOU! But did you know that the Bible tells us that Jesus not only loves you, but there is also a very special place that He loves, too? This place is called the Church! But, what is the Church? What is the Church supposed to do, and what does it have to do with you? Well, let's take a look in the Bible and see what God's Word tells us about the Church...

The first thing you need to know is that the Church is a group of people that come together to worship God – it is not just a building. There are lots of different types of church buildings. Some are big, and some are small. Some have fancy windows with pictures in them, and some don't have any windows at all. But remember, those are just buildings, and buildings are not what is important to God – people are. God tells us in His Word that when you meet with another saved person to pray and worship God, He will be there with you, no matter where you are!

Church is a very special place to Jesus. He is the head of the Church... that means that He is the one who is in charge of it. Jesus is in Heaven now, so He gave each Church a Pastor to lead the Church until He comes back. The Pastor's job is to listen to everything Jesus says, and to obey Him. This is a very important job.

Every day, the Pastor talks to God and reads the Bible so He can learn more about God. Then he preaches the Bible to others so they can learn more about God, too.

The Bible tells us that Jesus loved the Church so much that He gave Himself for it. Remember how Jesus died on the cross? Well, He didn't die on the cross just for you and me – He also died for His Church so it can be clean and spotless before Him. You see, one day Jesus is going to come back again, and when He does, the Church is going to be given to Him like a special award – all pretty and clean. We don't want His present to have the ugly stain of SIN, so for it to be all clean, this very special place needs to be full of wonderful boys and girls just like you (with moms and dads too) who are being obedient to Him!



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| JESUS | LISTEN | FELLOWSHIP |
| CHURCH | PREACHES | ENCOURAGING |
| WORSHIP | BIBLE | COMMAND |
| BUILDINGS | SPOTLESS | MESSAGE |
| SPECIAL | PRESENT | OBEY |
| PASTOR | PRAY | HELP |
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HINT:
 WORDS MAY BE BACKWARD, FORWARD, DIAGONAL, OR UPSIDE DOWN!



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 WHAT THE CHURCH IS,
 WHAT IS THE CHURCH
 SUPPOSED TO DO?

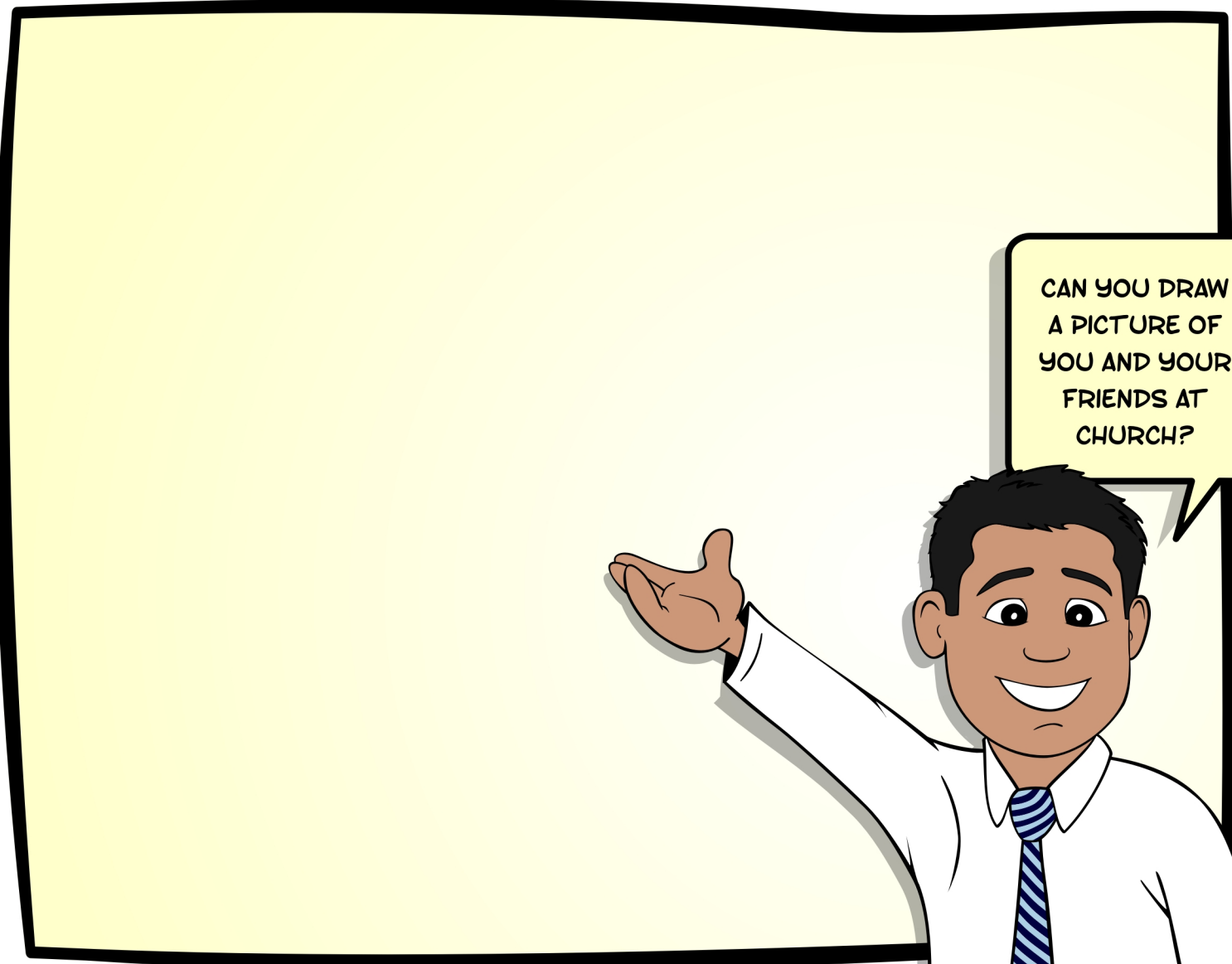
...well, the Church is supposed to be a place where Christians can come together to pray and learn about the Bible. It is also a place for fellowship – that means spending time with other Christians and encouraging each other to do good things for Jesus! The Church should always be a place full of people who love Jesus and are busy learning about Him and telling others about Him! That is another thing the Church is supposed to do – tell everyone, everywhere about God and His Word! Jesus commanded us to share this message with everyone, and He wants us to obey His command. That means that you should tell others about how Jesus saved you from your SIN, and how He can save them, too!

So what does the church have to do with you? A lot! Did you know that the Church is made up of people just like YOU? That's right! Without YOU, there would be no Church! The Bible tells us that you should gather together with other people who love Jesus whenever you can. That is another command from God's Word, and you should always obey, right? That is why it's important for you to go to church every chance you get! And do you know what? You should also try to help wherever you can... that is how we serve God. It is a wonderful way to show God that you love Him!

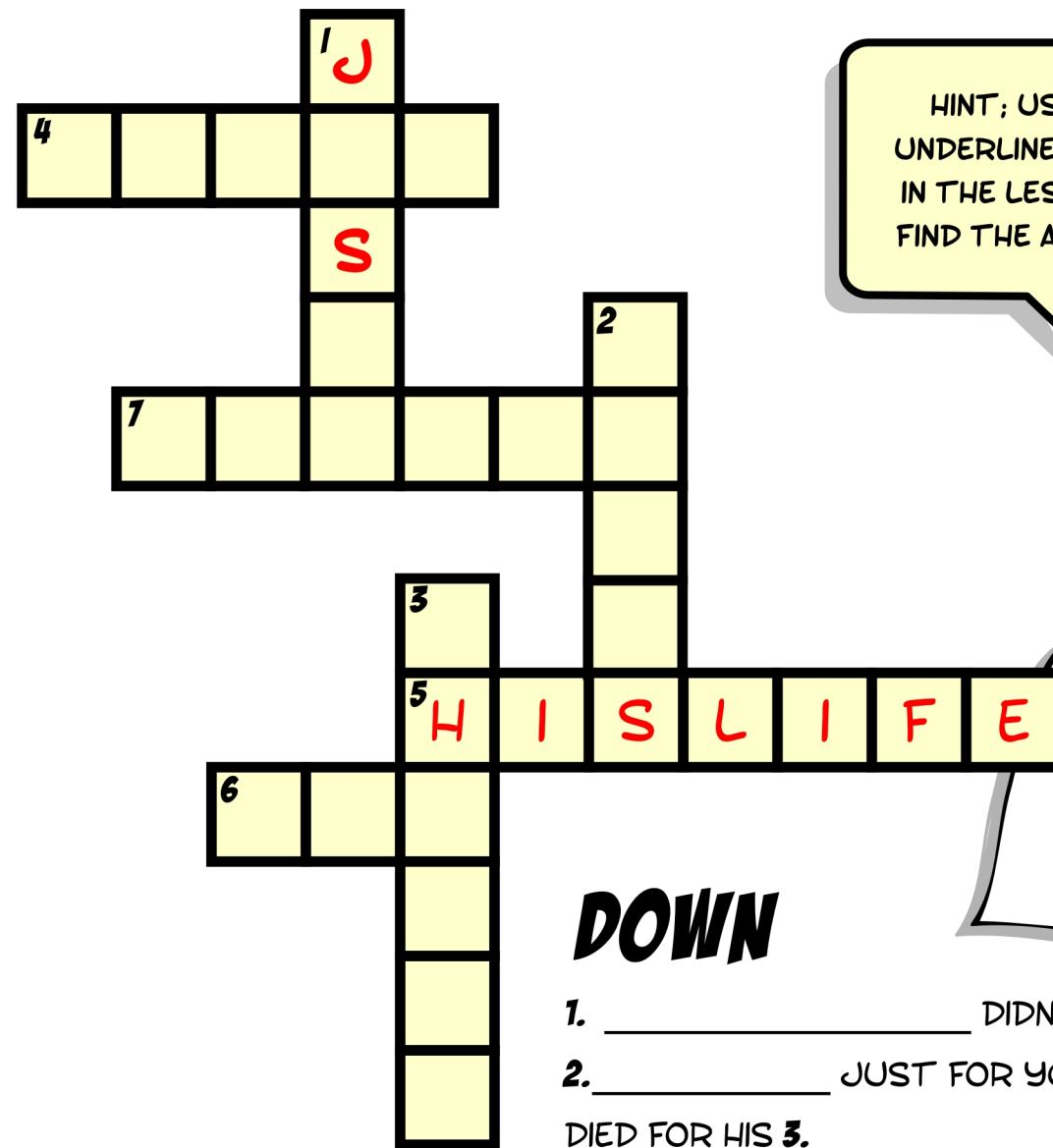
Is there a Church near you where you can go and hear more about Jesus? Could you take your friends or even your parents there? Do you have friends or neighbors that do not know if they have been saved from their SIN? You can tell them all about it, and invite them to church, too!

Church is a very important place, so if there is not a Church near your home, you should pray that God would send a Pastor to start a Church that you can go to! You may also write a letter to your friends at Faith Baptist Church, and we will help find a church for you! Just write to:

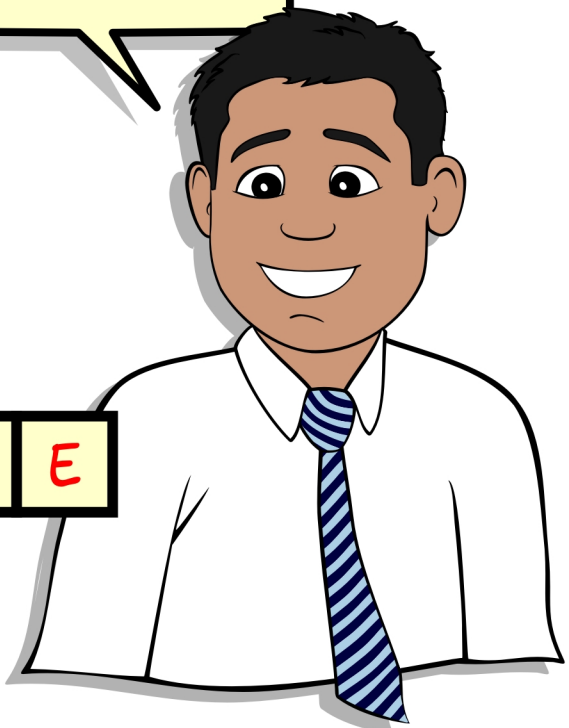
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CAN YOU DRAW A PICTURE OF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS AT CHURCH?



HINT: USE THE UNDERLINED CLUES IN THE LESSON TO FIND THE ANSWERS



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- 1. _____ DIDN'T DIE ON THE
- 2. _____ JUST FOR YOU AND ME, HE ALSO
- DIED FOR HIS 3. _____ SO IT CAN BE
- CLEAN AND SPOTLESS BEFORE HIM.

ACROSS

- 4. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT JESUS _____ THE CHURCH SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE 5. HIS LIFE FOR IT.
- 6. THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF PEOPLE JUST LIKE _____.
- 7. CHURCH IS A VERY IMPORTANT PLACE, SO IF THERE IS NOT A CHURCH NEAR YOUR HOME, YOU SHOULD PRAY THAT GOD WOULD SEND A _____ TO START A CHURCH THAT YOU CAN GO TO!

