

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Together in Jesus

Ephesians 2–3

STORY POINT: THE GOSPEL BRINGS TOGETHER DIFFERENT PEOPLE AS THE CHURCH.

Paul wrote a letter to the church at Ephesus. This is what Paul said.

“Before you knew Jesus, you were dead in your sins. You used to live like the world, like those who choose to disobey God. But God, who is full of mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, made us alive with Christ!”

Then Paul explained what else God has done for everyone who trusts in Jesus. “God raised us up with Christ and gave us a seat with Him in the heavens. For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves: it is God’s gift—not from works, so that no one can boast.”

Paul reminded the Ephesians that they were Gentiles—not Jews. “You were born outside of God’s chosen people. You were not part of Israel. You didn’t know God, and you had no hope,” he said. “But now, Jesus has brought you into God’s family by dying on the cross.”

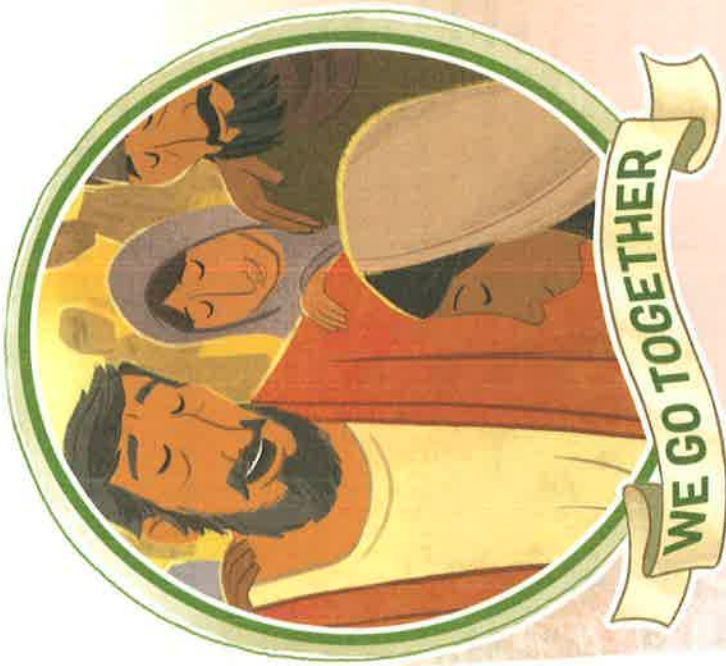
Paul dedicated his life to sharing the good news of Jesus with Gentiles. God called Paul to this work so all people—Jews and Gentiles—would know that they are members of the same body, partners in the promises of Jesus.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How are we saved from sin?
- How does Jesus bring people together as a family?
- Why does God save all kinds of people?

Christ Connection: The gospel brings together all people who have faith in Jesus. God’s salvation is a gift of grace, not something we can earn with good works. Forgiven sinners come together as the church to obey God and do His work in the world.



Joined

The names of eight Bible books appear in the letters below. Circle each Bible book name. Then underline the remaining words to find today's story point.

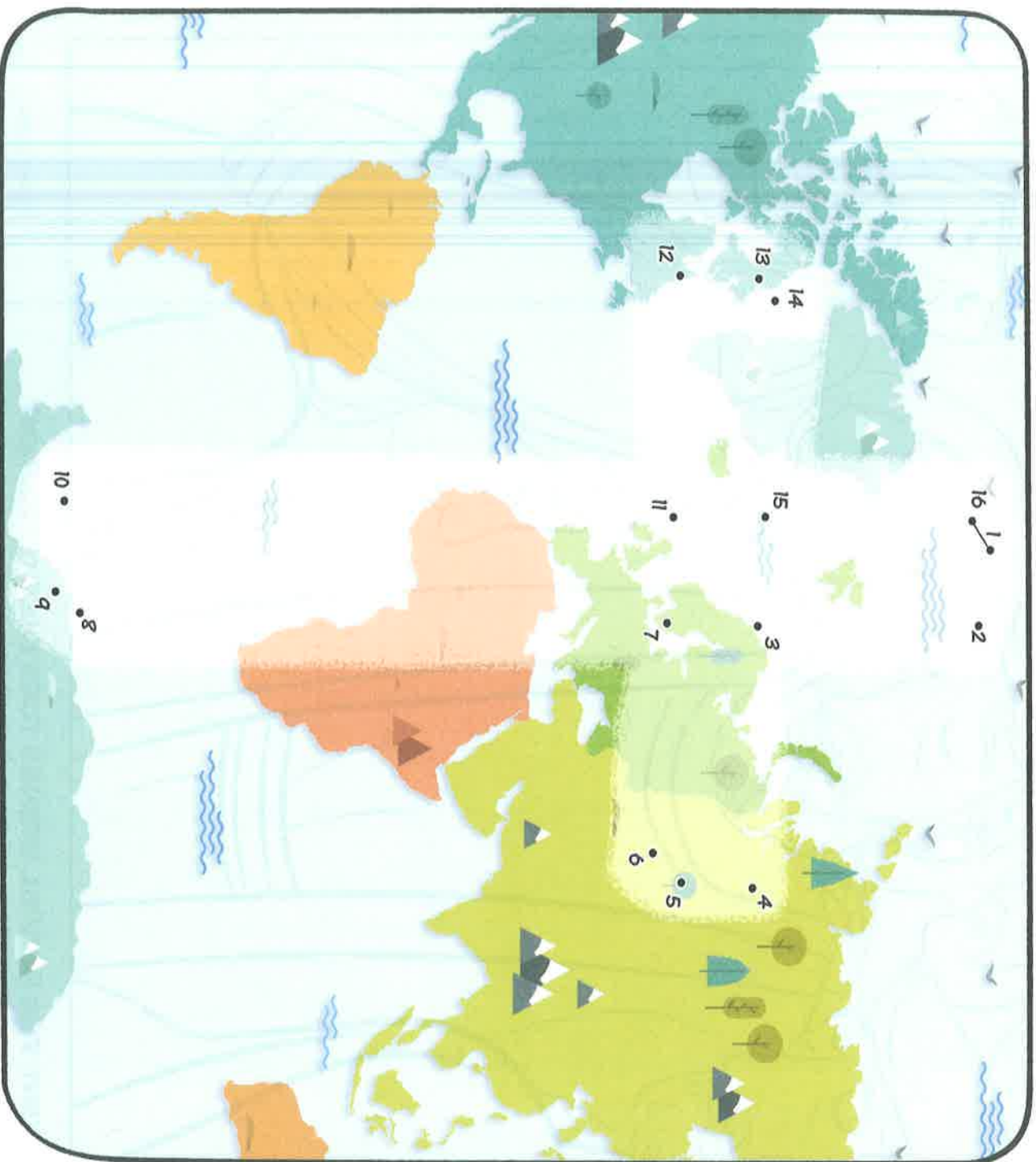
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 THE NUMBERS GOSPEL JUDGES BRING
 THE PEOPLE OF THE
 SACRAMENTS TOGETHER
 IN A MANNER THAT
 REVEALS THE
 DIFFERENT ASPECTS
 OF THE CHURCH

Read each description. Can you figure out the two things that go together?
 We've done the first one for you.

Peanut butter	&	Jelly	• a creamy food made from peanuts
	&		• a sweet and soft food made by boiling sugar and fruit juice until it is thick
	&		• a natural substance used to flavor and preserve food
	&		• a seasoning made by grinding a type of dried berries with their hard, black covers
	&		• the material that is used in the form of thin sheets for writing or printing on
	&		• a writing and drawing tool that has a hard outer part and a black or colored center part
	&		• a thick sauce made with tomatoes
	&		• a thick and spicy yellow or brownish-yellow sauce
	&		• a substance that is used for washing something
	&		• a clear liquid that has no color, taste, or smell, that is used for drinking, washing, and so forth
	&		• to go to or stay at a place where you cannot be seen or found
	&		• to try to find someone or something

Joined by Jesus

INSTRUCTIONS: Connect the dots in numerical order to complete the picture.



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Together in Jesus

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Paul wrote a letter to Christians living in Ephesus.
- Paul wanted them to understand that sinners are saved by faith alone.
- Jesus brings peace between different people groups.
- The gospel brings together different people as the church.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Timothy 6:12

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is sanctification? Sanctification is the process of becoming more like Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Use travel brochures and an atlas to plan a dream vacation. Let each member of your family choose somewhere they'd like to visit. Talk to your kids about God's desire to save people from all over.



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