

## Discovering Jesus Theme and Active Games

We are on a journey to discover the greatest mystery of all time. It is not really hidden, and you don't have to travel far to find it. We are looking for Jesus Christ. We are seeking not to know about him but to know him personally as a Father, as a Friend and Savior. We come to him in humility, knowing we are lost in sin. We must turn from sin and give Him our whole heart. We come looking for Jesus to satisfy our greatest need. To Know God, to know him as Savior and Lord. When we come to Jesus, we discover forgiveness, faith, hope and so much more. As we are searching for God, He already knows us. He desperately wants us to be saved from sin. We discover it was through Jesus that our hearts are satisfied and set free from sin and death.

**Series Theme Idea:** What do you take if you are going on a journey to discover a new land or animal? It depends on where you are going and what the land will be like. We must have the right equipment and we must have a plan to get there. God gives us all we need to find Him. We are on a journey to Discover Jesus Christ, seeking out the life He has planned for us. Do you want to join us?

### Memory Verses

Lesson 1 Luke 19:10

Lesson 2-3 John 3:16

Lesson 4-5 John 11:25

## Lesson 1 Jesus Loves the Lost

**Theme:** Jesus tells a story of a lost sheep. He told it to a group of people thought they were better than everyone else. They thought they could earn God's love. The story of the lost sheep told a different story. Jesus is seeking to find those who know they are lost in sin. If Jesus did not save them no one could. We all should be happy when others trust in Jesus as their Savior.

### Word Up! Jesus Love Me!

*(Come in with a map)* Do you know where I am? I am lost. I have this map, but I can't find my way. It would be terrible to be lost. To have not map. You know we are lost in a far greater way. Lost in our sin. We need a savior. But before we even could come seeking God to find our way, to save us He came seeking to save us. He knows where we are. And He knows how to save us. He saved you because He loves you.

**(Jesus helps you find your way to Him because He loves you.)**

### Game- Find the lost student?

The teacher writes the names of two student on a piece of paper ahead of time. One name for each team. It can be boys verse girls. The teacher puts one letter of their name on separate pieces of paper *(Example AARON would have each letter of his name on a different piece of paper.)* Two teams would try to put letter to the name in the right order. *(To make it easier pick a shorter name.)* The first team to find the name and yell it out the phrase "We found (name)" is the winner.

### Review Game: Sheep or Zonk!

After each right answer the child will pick a sheep from a basket. The sheep will have his teams' points written on it, or it will have a Zonk. Add up the points at the end to see who wins.

### Lesson 1 Items Needed:

1. Map (*Word Up*)
2. Paper and marker (*Active Game*)
3. Sheep or Zonk cards (*Review Game*)

## Lesson 2 Jesus Takes Away Sin

**Theme:** Jesus meet a blind man named Bartimaeus. He was also in darkness spiritually because of sin. All are in spiritual darkness and only Jesus can give spiritual sight. Jesus asked the man what he wanted. The man was given both physical sight and spiritual sight. When Jesus gave the man sight it was a picture of what happens to you when you trust in Jesus as your Savior. Turning from your sin and trust in Jesus give you spiritual sight. If you have trusted in Jesus, you can praise God for taking away sin.

### Word Up! Jesus Takes Away Sin!

I am going on a trip into the woods. I will be walking to a waterfall in the mountains. What do I need? (*The teacher begins to take rocks out of a backpack.*) Do you think I need these? They will make my pack heavy. Look what is written on these rocks. Sin is on these rocks. I need to give my sin to Jesus by asking Him to forgive me. I need to ask Jesus to be my Savior. He took all my sin with Him on the cross. (*Place the sin rocks next to a cross.*) We will learn today how we can give our sins to Jesus.  
(Jesus takes away our sin so we can be with Him.)

### Game- Take my sin to Jesus.

Divide class into two teams. The teams will work together to find small rocks with letters written on them. They must collect the rocks to spell the phrase "MY SIN". Then they will put the rocks next to a cross and yell the Word Up. "Jesus Takes Away Sin!"

### Review Game: "Find your way to Jesus!"

Two teams compete. After each right answer a team picks a rock from a bag. They receive the points written on the rock. If they pick a rock with Zonk on it, they get no points. After picking a rock they place it next to the cross.

### Lesson 2 Items Needed

1. Backpack – Small rock – Cross (*Word Up*)
2. Rocks with "S" "I" "N" written on them. (*Active Game*)
3. Cross (*Active Game*)
4. Zonk - Rocks. (*Points on rocks*) (*Review Game*)

## Lesson 3 Only Jesus Satisfies

**Theme:** Jesus and His disciple were tired and needing a place to rest. Thousands of people were following them. Jesus began to teach them because He knew they needed a relationship with Him. The people were hungry and there was no place to get food. All that was available was 2 fish and 5 loafs of bread. Jesus provided enough fish and bread for thousands. The people were amazed. Jesus knew they wanted him to keep providing food for them as their king. Jesus used the bread as a picture of their need to trust Him as their Savior, to satisfy people greatest need for forgiveness of sin. The crowd didn't understand. Many only wanted Jesus to give them physical food.

### Word Up! Only Jesus Satisfies!

If you were very hungry and you had the choice between this bag of candy or real food, what would you eat? (*Responses*)  
Our bodies need good food. Especially if you are going on a journey. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so He could give you what you need. Nothing else on this world can take away your sin and give your eternal life. No one else can give you what Jesus can.  
(Only Jesus can satisfy your need for eternal life.)

### Game- What do you really need?

Divide class into two teams. One player at a time runs to the front of the room to pick one picture out of a bag and bring it back to their teams' basket. Teams do this until all the cards have been chosen. The team with the most "*Can't live without*" cards is the winner. (*Addition to game*) For each card that has a picture of something they "*Can't live without*" they get to throw a ball in a basket. The team who makes most of the balls in the baskets is the winner.

### Review Game: Mystery Menu

After each right answer teams pick a card with a picture of food on it. They get points for each card. They place their food card in a bowl. Whoever has the craziest meal is the winner.

### Lesson 3 Items Needed

1. "Can't live without" & "Can live without" Cards(*Active Game*)
2. A piece of fruit / bag of candy (*Word Up*)
3. Food cards or Mystery Menu (*Review Game*)

## Lesson 4 Jesus Has Power over Death

**Theme:** Jesus' friend Lazarus was very sick. His sister Mary and Martha were worried. They sent for Jesus to come heal him. Jesus waited two days before he left. When he arrived, Lazarus was already dead. Jesus speaks with Martha. She came to believe Jesus was the Savior. Jesus could bring Lazarus back to life. He could give eternal life to all who would trust in Him. Mary greets Jesus with great sadness. Jesus cries wept with her. Jesus goes to Lazarus grave and ask the stone to be rolled away. Jesus calls out to Lazarus to come out. Lazarus comes back to life. He walks out of the grave.

### Word Up! Jesus Has All Power! (Option one)

(Ask the smallest child if can come forward to help with something. Give him or her a very large heavy backpack to care to the door.) You can't lift this? Why not? It is very heavy. Who do you think can lift it and carry it? (*Responses*) Jesus can carry larger or small (Show small rock, and picture of large rock. Which would be harder for God to carry. (*Resp*) In a far great way Jesus has come to us to take on our sins. He is all powerful. (**Only Jesus has the power to defeat sin and live for Him.**)

### Game 1- Discover the strongest animal (Pictionary)

Students are chosen to pick two or three animal cards. He or she has two minutes to draw one of them as the class guesses the animal.

The teacher can name some facts about the animals after each turn. (*Optional*) Have the kids act out the animal after each turn. The children with the loudest and best animal sound get a small treat.

### Game 2- Find the strongest animal. (Relay Game)

Divide class into teams. Hide animal cards. One team member at a time must find an animal card and bring it back to their team. After all the cards have been found the team who has the strongest animal cards is the winner. You can give them a candy.

**Review Game: "Power Points"** For each right answer teams pick power cards from a bag. The JESUS' card is worth 10, ZONK is worth zero. The cards are worth the number of letters. (Example: *Truck is 5 points*)

## Lesson 4 Items Needed

1. Heavy Backpack – Small rock – Picture of large rock (*Word Up*)
2. Dry erase board and marker – Animal cards (*Active Game 1*)
3. Animal Cards- small and large animals (*Active Game 2*)
4. Power Card (*Review Game*)

## Lesson 5 Put Your Faith in Jesus

**Theme:** A man from Capernaum had a son who was very sick. He heard Jesus could heal his son, so he walked 15 miles to see Him. He asked Jesus to come and heal his son. Jesus. Instead of going with him Jesus told him to go home. He son would be healed. The man believed in what Jesus said. He had faith in Jesus. The man went back home. When he got home a servant came to meet him telling him that his son was healed. His boy got better at the exact time the man was talking to Jesus. The man and everyone in his household believed in Jesus.

### Word Up! I Can Put My Faith in Jesus!

*(Place a camping chair in the front of the class.)* Do you trust this chair will hold you? You do? Who would like to prove that to us that you trust that belief? Who would like to come up on sit on it? *(Have a student sit on the chair.)* Okay It worked for you, but will it work for me? I am a little bigger than all of you. I believe it will, but I don't think I want to try it.

Faith is believing what God says He will do. It is not something you just think about. You show you have faith by the way you live.

### Game- Can you find the FAITH?

Two teams search for ten sentences hidden around the room. After finding all ten they must work as a team to put them in the right order. The first team put them in the right order wins the game. Both teams can read the faith sentence out loud. If time allows you can hid the sentence again.

1. *God created everything – He loves me.*
2. *All have sinned – You and I have sinned.*
3. *God promised to send a savior – Jesus is His name.*
5. *Jesus had no sin.*
6. *Jesus died on the cross for me. – He took my punishment for sin.*
7. *Jesus came back to life.*
8. *I can ask God to forgive me of my sin.*
9. *I can believe in Jesus as my savior*

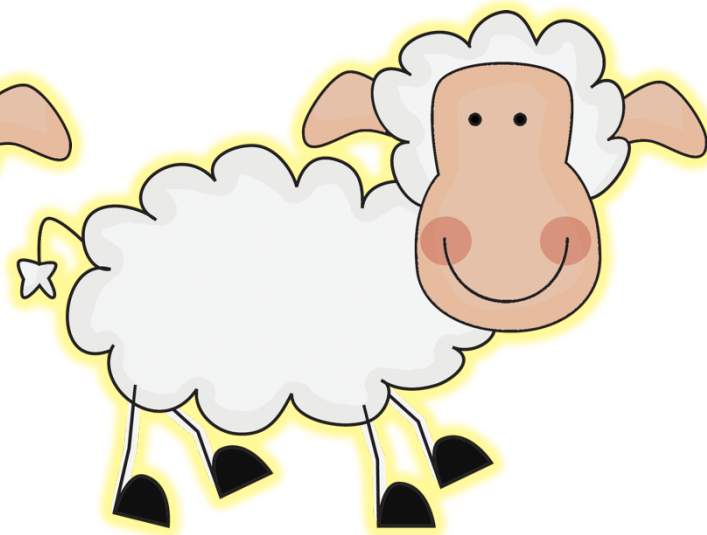
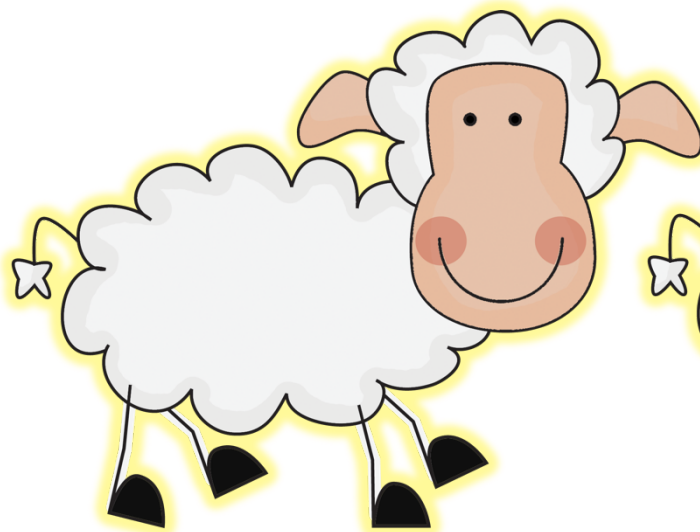
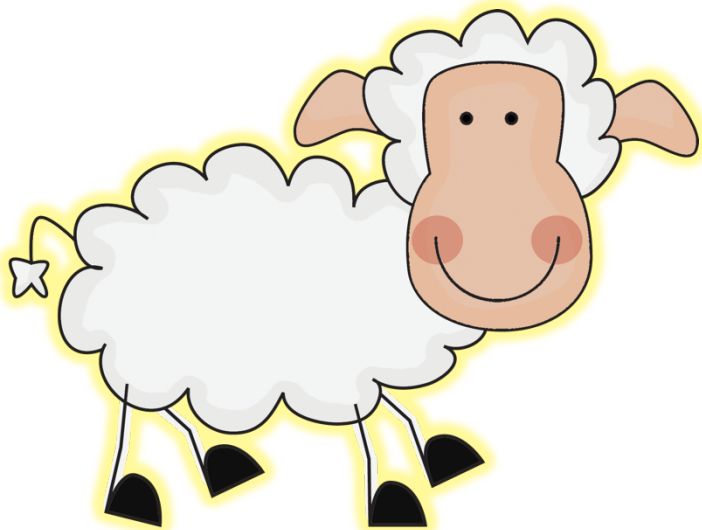
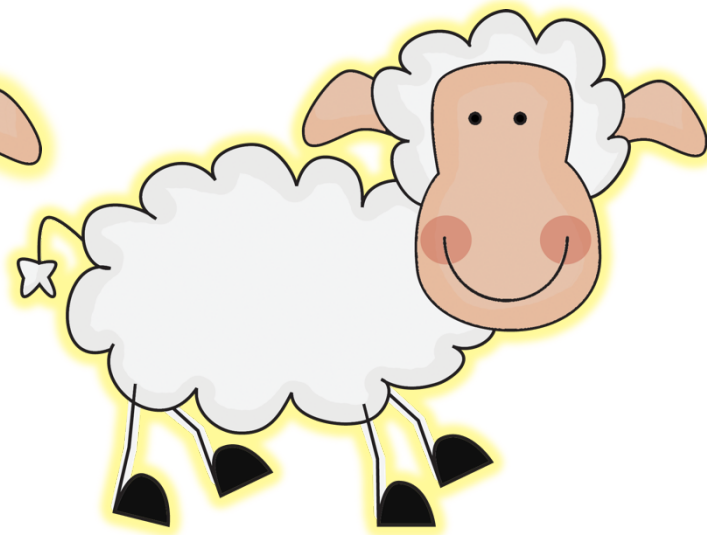
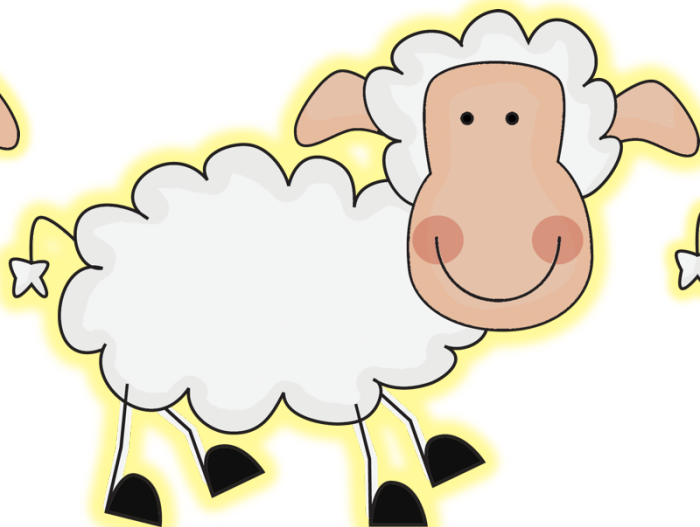
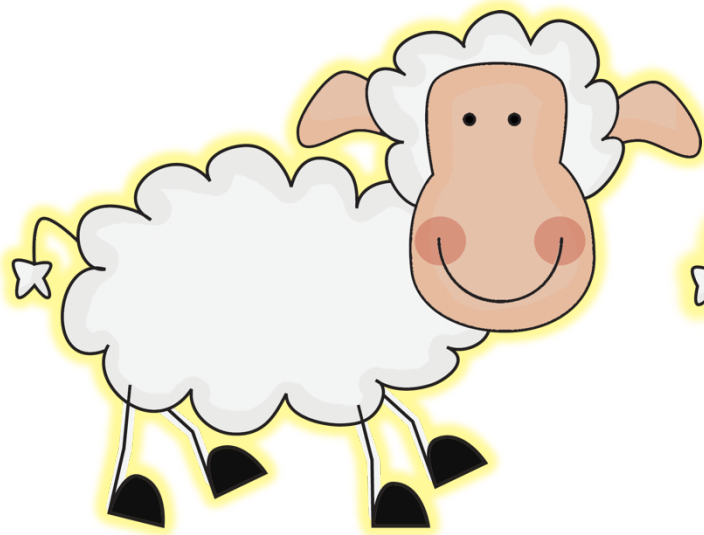
### Review Game “Mystery bag”

After each right answer teams get 2,000 points. Then they will reach into a bag and guess what the object is in the bag. They get 5,000 points for the correct guess.

“Mystery Bag” (Option 2) Teams pick an image card from a bag. Each card has a point written on them. They get an extra 100 points if the cards are a *(Cross, Stone, Nail, White Cloth and Rope)*

### Lesson 5 Items Needed

1. Camping Chair (*Word Up*)
2. The word FAITH (*Word Up*)
3. 10 Faith Sentences (*Active Game*)
4. Cross, Stone, Nail, and White Cloth or picture of each (*Review Game*)







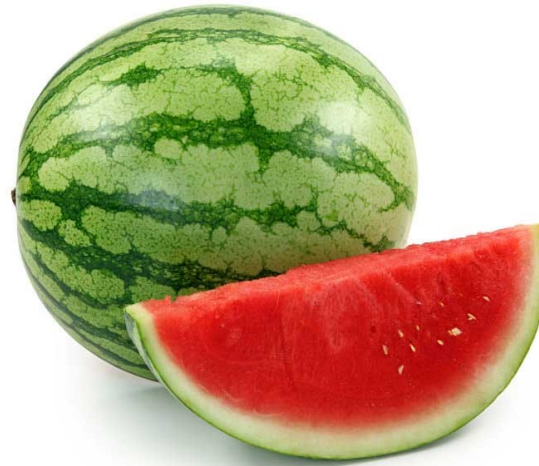


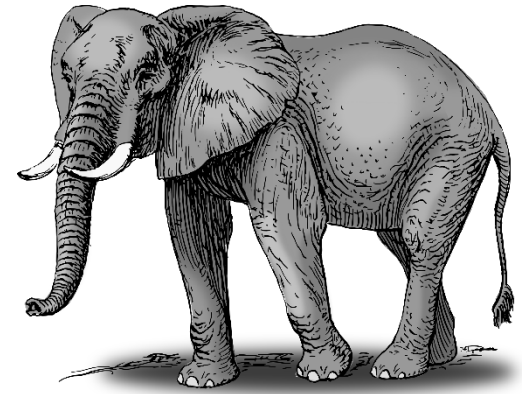
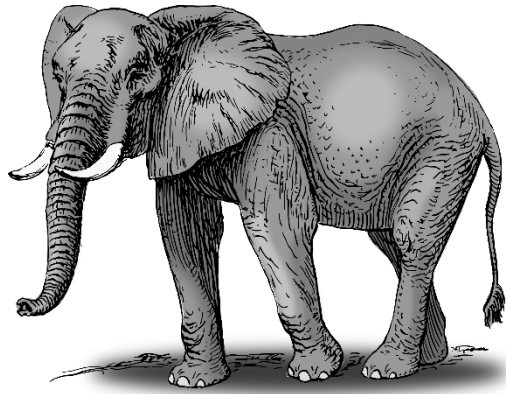
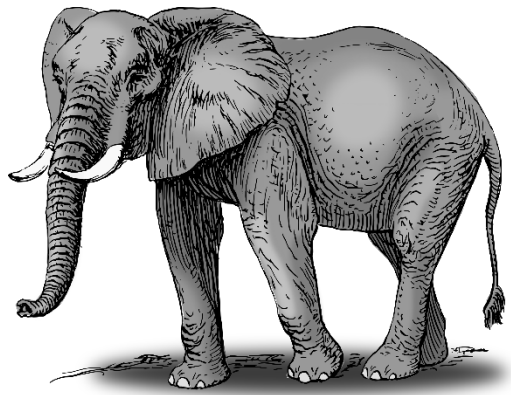


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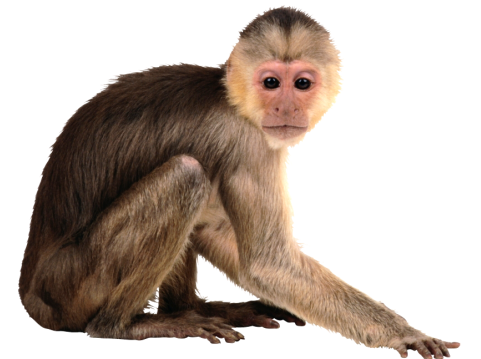
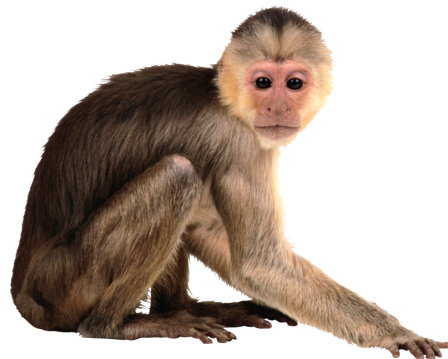
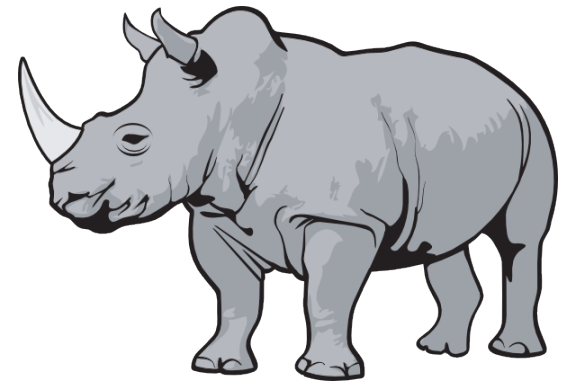
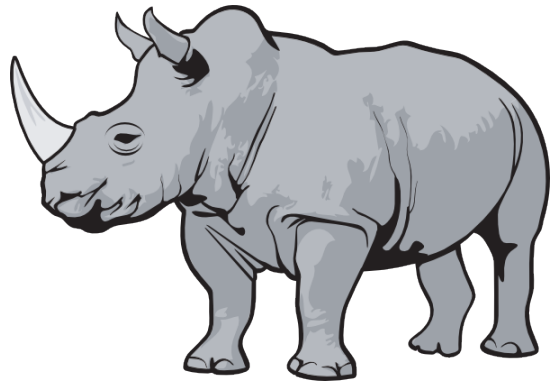
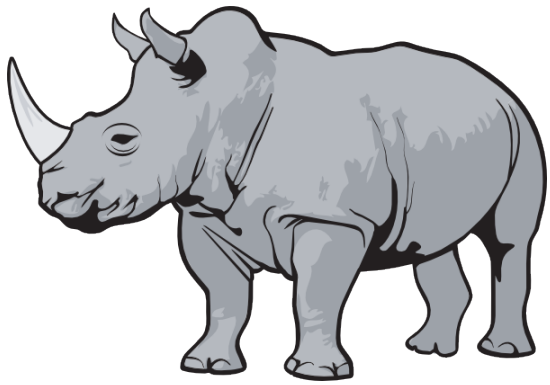


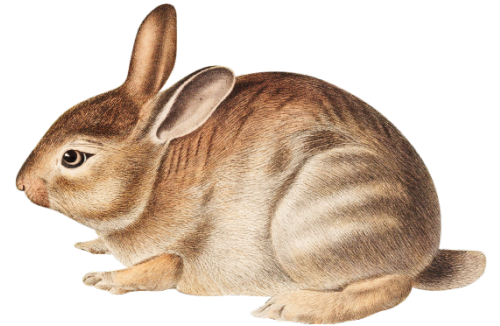
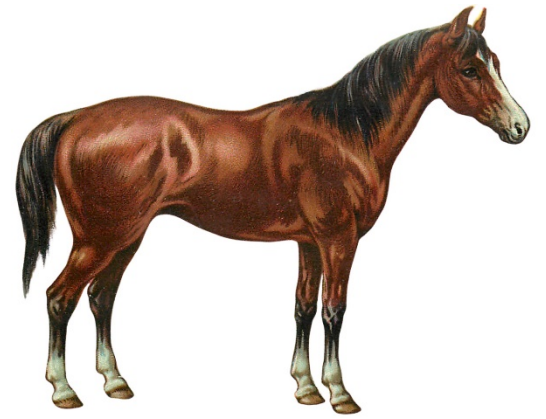
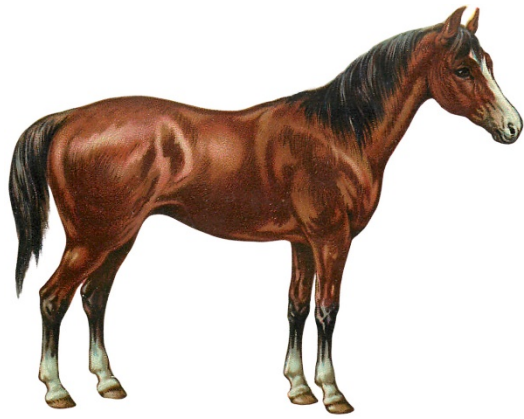
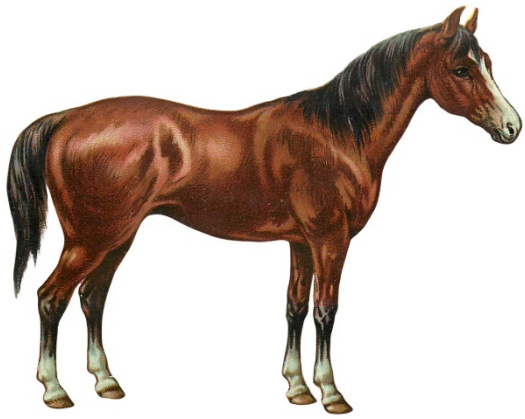














Jesus

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Truck

Train

Storm

Horse

Volcanoe

Elephant

**God created everything.**

**He loves me.**

**All have sinned.**

**You and I have sinned.**

**God promised to send a Savior.  
Jesus is His name.**

**Jesus was perfect, without sin.**

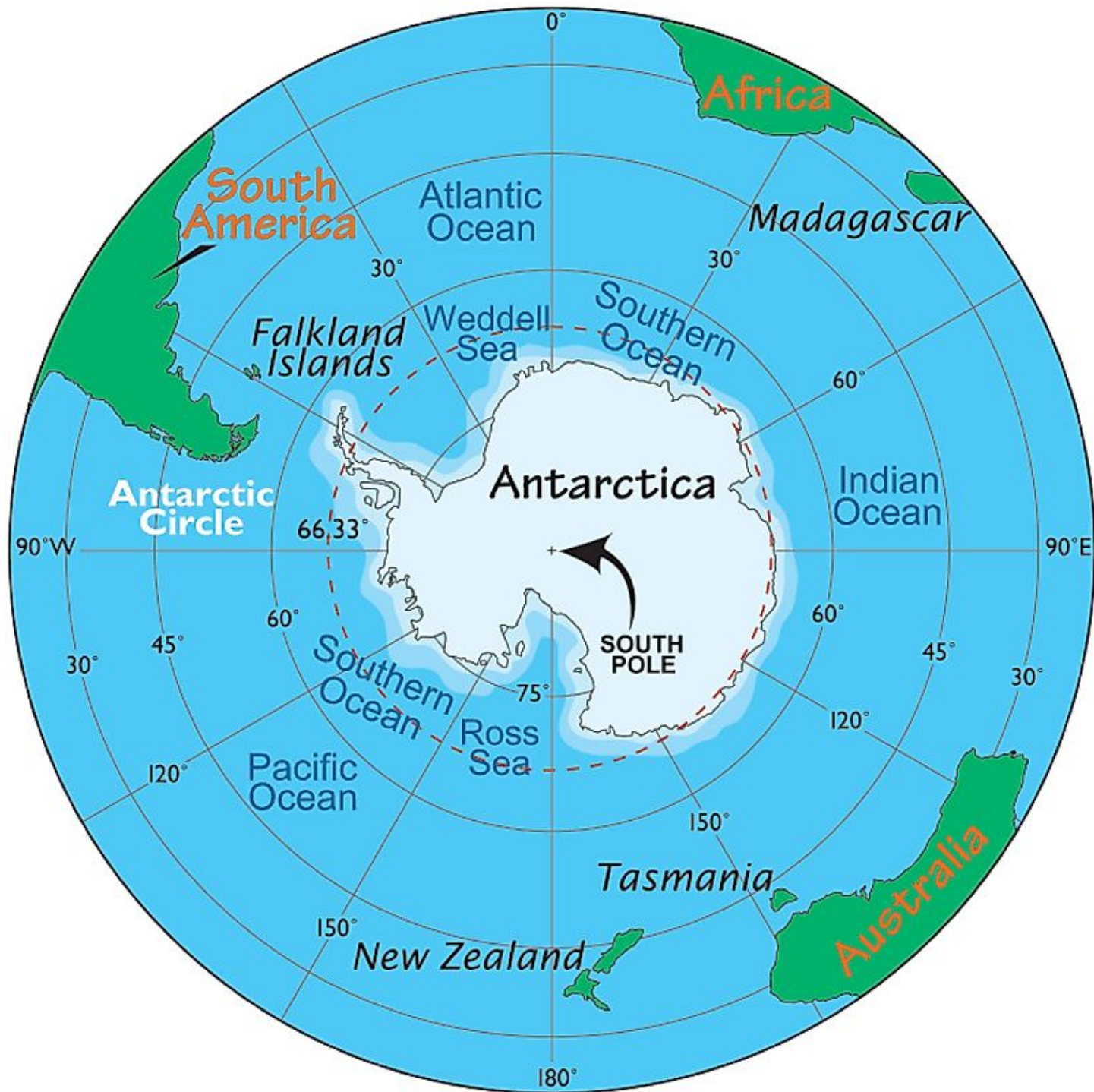
**Jesus died on a cross for me.  
He took my punishment for sin.**

**Jesus came back to life.**

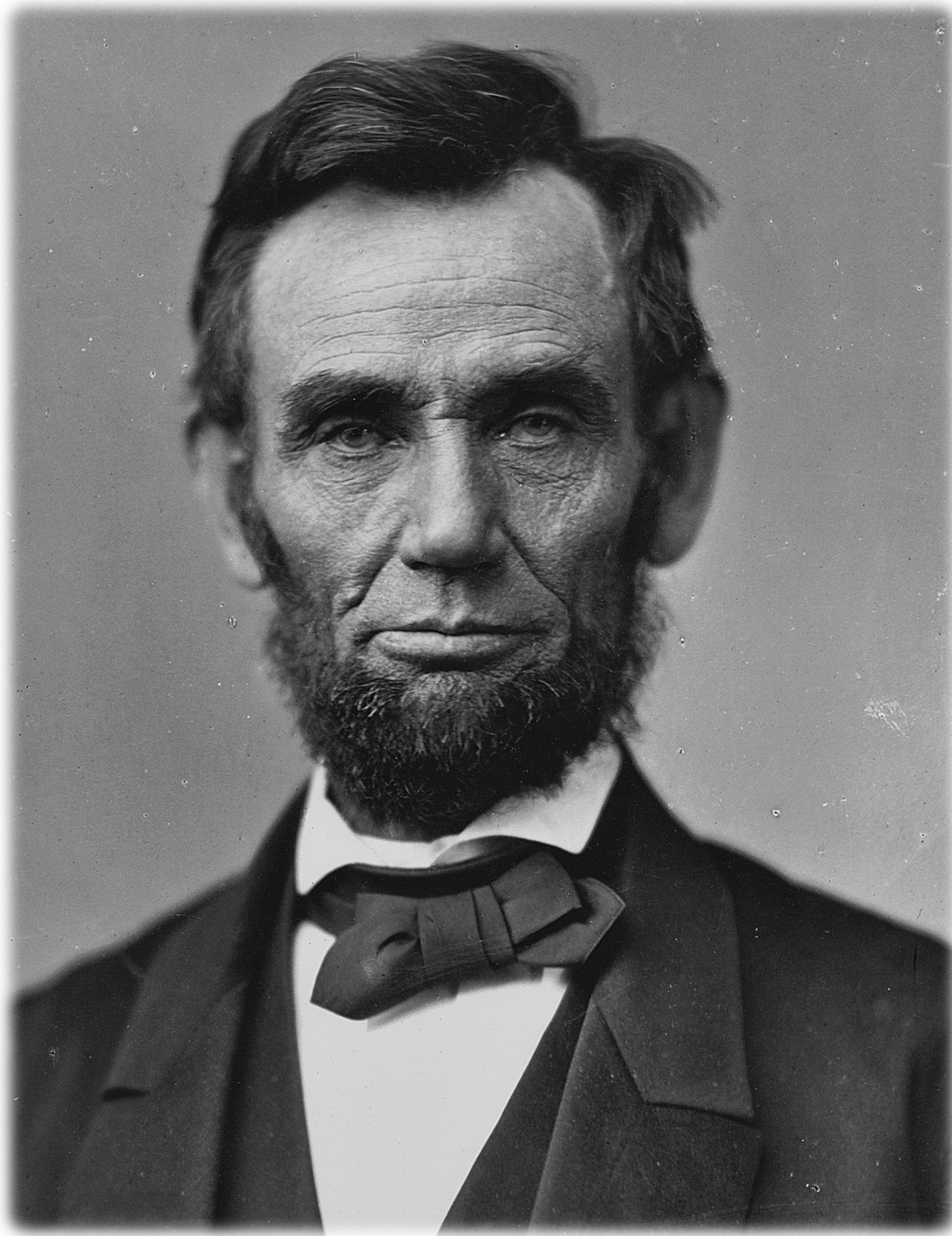
I can ask God to forgive me of  
my sins.

I can ask Jesus to be my Savior.

Faith







**Cross**

**Cloth**

**Stone**

**Rope**

**Nail**

**Bible**