

Jesus Explains God's Law

BIBLE PASSAGE: Mark 7:1-23

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did the disciples do that made the people complain? (they were eating with unclean hands)
- What's more important, being clean on the outside or the inside? (inside)
- How does Jesus make us clean? (He forgives our sins and makes us right with Him)
- Is it important for us to read our Bibles, pray, go to church and things like that? Why? (Yes, answers may include: God created us to do those things. They help us know God and grow closer to Him. If we love God, we will follow His rules and He asks us to do those things)
- What did today's story teach you about Jesus and who He is?
- How can you show God how much you love Him?

BIBLE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

*Recall the Bible Story

Things you need: Printables: Fruit of the Spirit coloring page and crayons

As your child colors, talk about all of the things that are important to God. He doesn't care about our outward appearance, Jesus only cares about what's in our hearts. This doesn't mean that we don't wash our bodies and take care of ourselves, because our body is our temple, but those things are not what help us have a relationship with Jesus.

*Inside is What Counts

Things you need: Print the body and heart color sheet, crayons or markers, tape or staple

Talk to your child about today's lesson. Some people thought that you had to only eat certain foods and clean your hands a certain way before you could eat, but Jesus knew that those things didn't matter anymore. Those things aren't as important as what's inside. If bad things come out of you, that makes you a bad person.

On the picture of the body. Have your child draw themselves and add dirt to their hands and maybe a scrape on their knee. (let them be creative) Then, on the heart, have them draw what's in their heart. Some sins maybe (lying, being mean, hurting a sibling, disobeying) and hopefully the fruit of the spirit too (love, joy, peace, patience) Help them draw or write what they think is in their heart. If they have a lot of sin, take the time to talk with them about getting their heart clean and giving Jesus their sins. Have them tape the body sheet on top of the heart sheet.

*Live What You Know

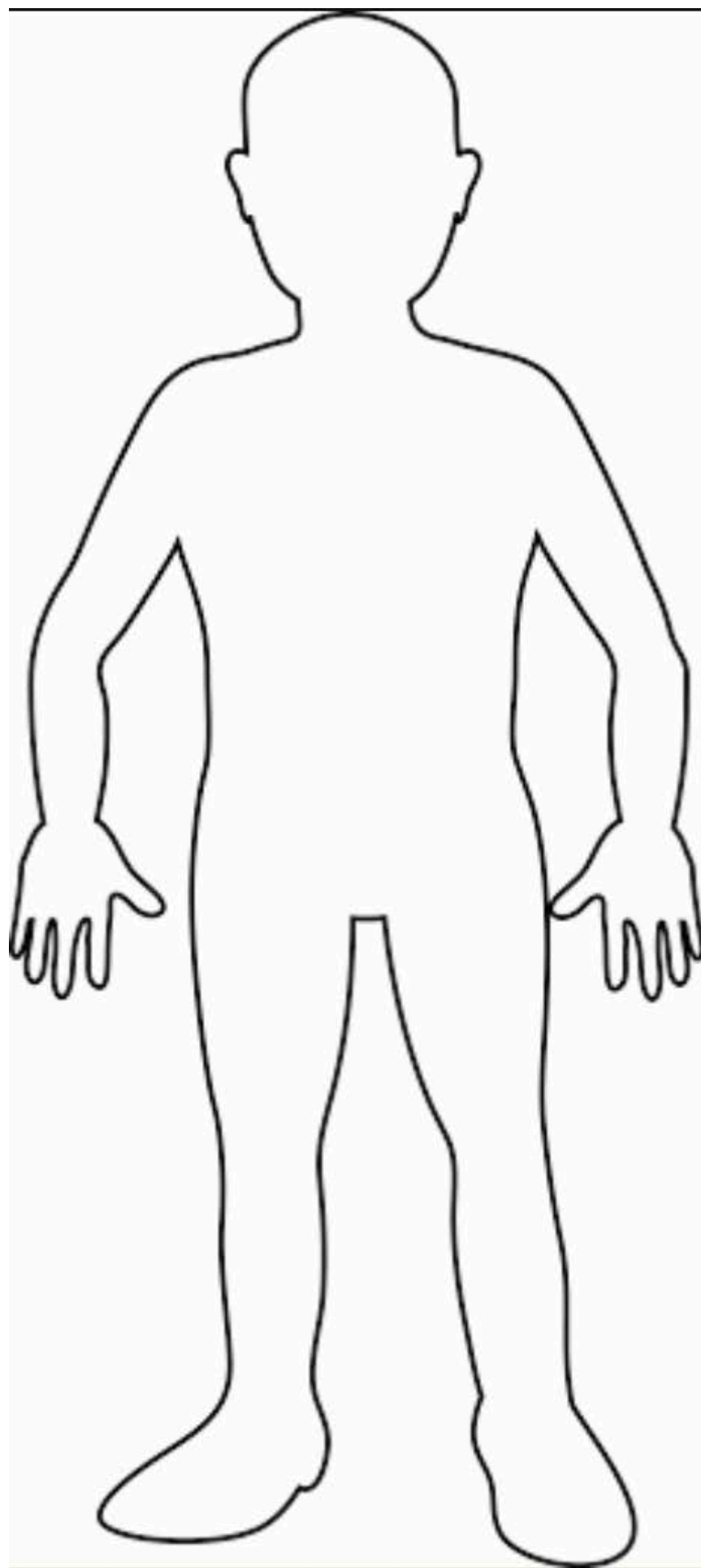
Things you need: print the "Live What you Know" activity sheet and crayons or markers

When we know the right way to live, we need to show God's love in everything that we do. Have your child write out their plan for this week. Ask them: How can you show God's love to someone every day? (ex. doing your chores without complaining, helping your sibling clean their room, etc.) Remind them that it's not the things we do that make us God's children but when we are His children, these things will naturally flow from us.

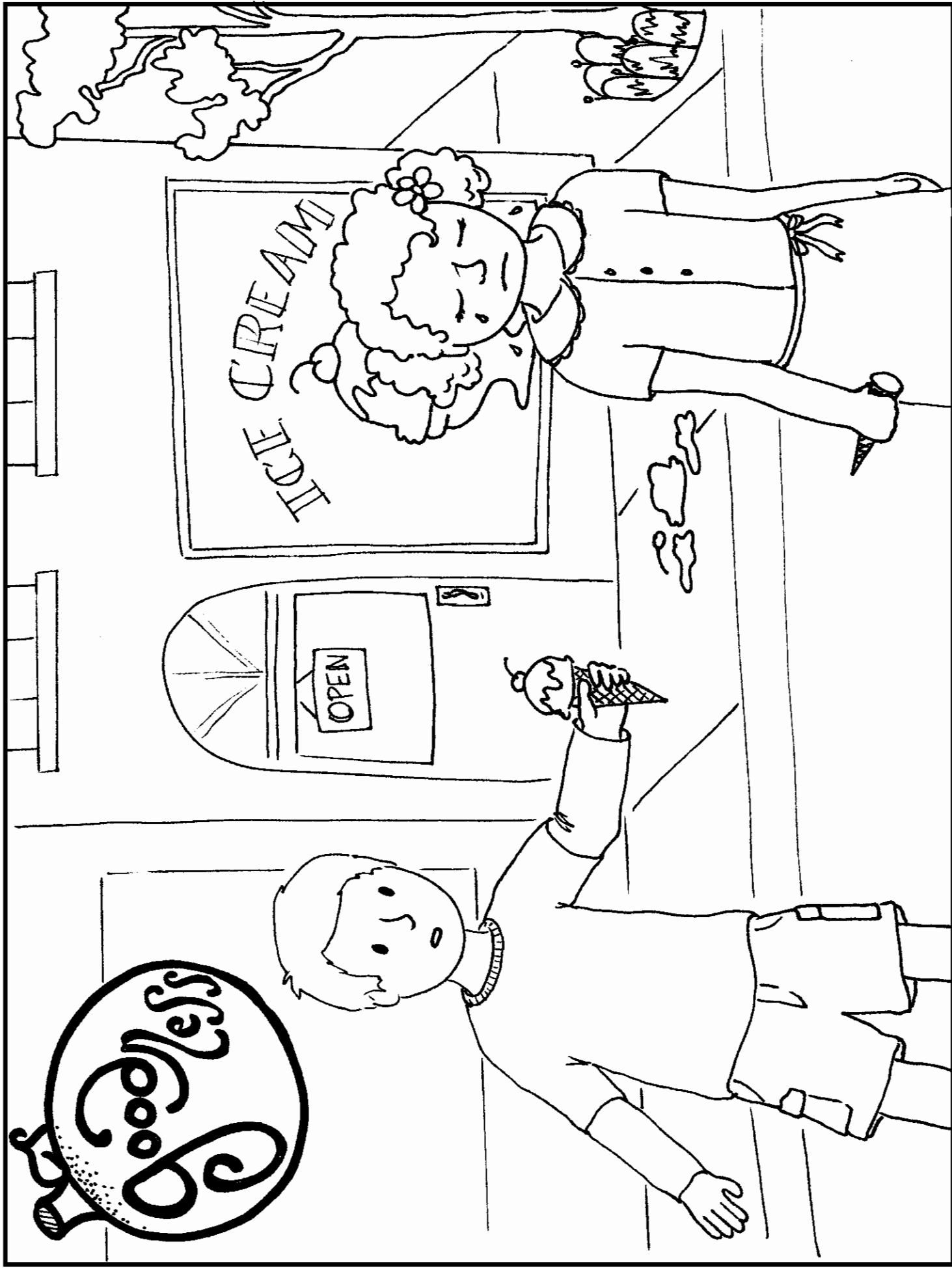
*Pray

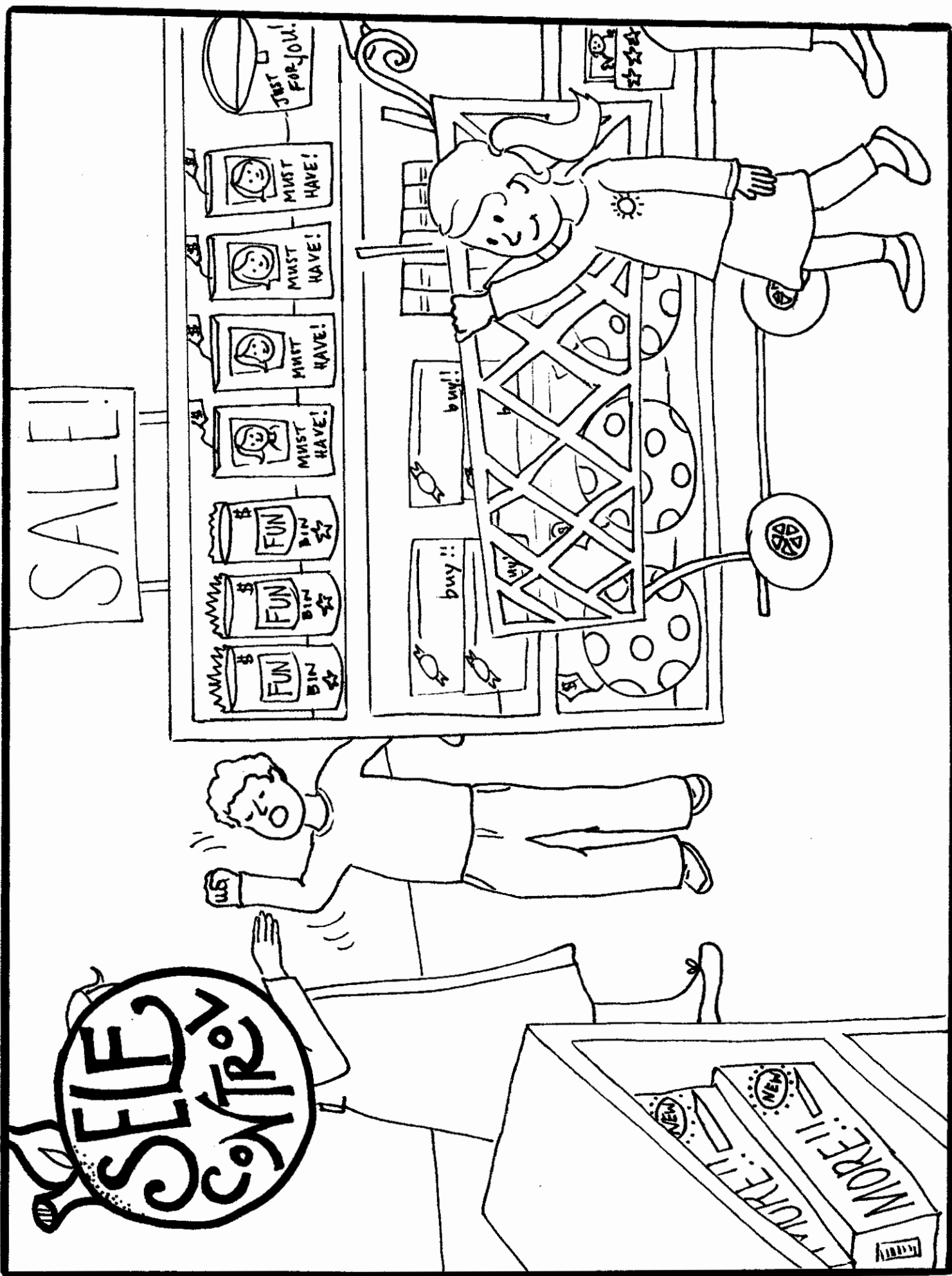
Things you need: nothing

Take turns thanking Jesus that He only cares about what's in our hearts. Ask Him to help us keep our hearts clean. Thank Him for taking our sins away.









Live What You
Know: His Love
to Show

This week, I
can show God's
love by ...

Monday

Tuesday

Sunday

Wednesday

Friday

Thursday

Saturday