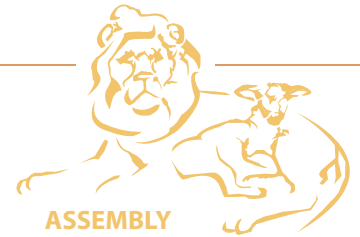


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The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

MIME THE VERSES

Use this activity to help the children memorize this Scripture and explain the more difficult words.

Make up hand motions for this passage and spend some time teaching them to the class, then read it again with the class using the hand motions that you taught them. Below are a few suggested phrases with motions.

- Confess with your mouth.....Place palm on mouth and drop slowly.
- Believe in your heart.....Use two index fingers to draw a heart in the air.
- Raised him from the dead.....Bow down and rise slowly lifting hands.
- Heart believes.....Draw another heart.
- Mouth confesses.....Place palm on mouth and drop slowly.
- Everyone who calls.....Turn to the side and cup hands as if shouting.
- Have never heard.....Hand cupped around ear.
- Someone preaching.....Lip-sync preaching with hand movements.
- Beautiful are the feet.....Everyone shuffle-step in place.

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GETTING IT DOWN

The following puppet skit will help your children to memorize Romans 10:9.

- Puppet: (mumbling to himself) How am I going to remember this? How am I ever going to memorize this? Oh, what am I going to do?
- Teacher: What's wrong Puppet, you look upset.
- Puppet: I am a part of a Bible quiz team and I have to memorize Romans 10:9 and I get it all mixed up. Could you help me?
- Teacher: Sure, how can I help?
- Puppet: Do you have a Bible? Can you read it to me and help me remember it? You read it and I will try to repeat it back to you.
- Teacher: Okay, just let me look it up. (Teacher looks up the verse and then recites it to the puppet.) "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
- Puppet: Okay, here goes. If you confess with your mouth God will raise you from the dead? (Puppet repeats as a question, not sure if he got it right.)
- Teacher: Well, you got part of it but not all of it. If you confess what with your mouth?
- Puppet: What you did wrong?
- Teacher: No, Puppet. I mean what does that Scripture say you should confess with your mouth?
- Puppet: Your heart!
- Teacher: No, not your heart. You confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead. Let's try again.
- Puppet: Okay, here goes. If you confess with your heart and believe with your mouth you will be resurrected!
- Teacher: Puppet, you don't confess with your heart, you believe with your heart. You confess with your mouth. Confess means to say or to speak out. So you speak out what you believe in your heart.



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- Puppet: Oh, I get it. You confess with your mouth and believe in your heart!
- Teacher: Yes, now all you have to add is what you confess and what you believe and you got it.
- Puppet: Okay. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord... wait... don't tell me... Oh yes! ...and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- Teacher: You got it!
- Puppet: I got it! I got it!
- Teacher: Why don't we all try it? (The teacher then works with the class to memorize the verse.)

WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

This is one of the clearest passages which indicate our responsibility toward God in order to receive salvation.

We must believe that the Jesus who was crucified was also raised from the dead. Though this belief is a requirement for salvation, we don't just believe unless God extends his saving grace to us since we were completely dead in our sins. When we hear the words of the Gospel, the Spirit of God uses them to effect change in our heart so that we might believe and confess.

