

LESSON 1: CRUSH CONFLICT GOD'S WAY

MAIN IDEA: We must handle conflict the Bible way!



POWER VERSE

"For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength."

- Philippians 4:13



THE BUZZ

I will crush conflict
God's way!

LESSON INFO

Bible Story: Paul Writes To The Philippians (Philippians 4:1-3; The Book Of Acts)

Hands-On Learning: The kids will learn that they should handle conflict God's way!

Crafts:

- Bible Story Coloring Page
- U Is For Unity Craft
- Unity Trucks Coloring Page

Lightning Round: Review the lesson with a quiz game.

MATERIALS NEEDED

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| • Blocks | • Cardstock |
| • Large toy truck | • Bible Story Pictures (<i>printed or prepared on screen</i>) |
| • Volunteer | • Coloring Pages (<i>print peice</i>) |
| • Crayons or markers | • Maze Craft (<i>print piece</i>) |
| • Paint | |
| • Toy trucks and cars | |



LESSON INTRO

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS: This script is meant to be read aloud to the kids to start off the lesson. Before class begins, prepare the Intro Video to be played during this segment.

Hey everybody! Welcome to church! Today, we've started a new series called 4×4. In this series, we're looking at four things from Philippians Chapter 4 that we need to know.

Have you ever argued with someone or disagreed about something? Friends, families, and strangers don't always get along or think the same way. Today, we're learning about how to handle arguments and disagreements when they happen. Those things are called conflict!

Before we hear our Bible story, we are going to check in with Scooter and Snow and see what they are up to today. Let's watch!



INTRO VIDEO

Play: "4×4 - Lesson 1 - Intro Video (PS)"

Wasn't that great? Now, I want us to stand up and practice The Buzz together. Everyone stand up! Let's say it in a silly voice. Ready? What's the Buzz?

(Repeat The Buzz together, in a silly voice)

That was silly! Now let's use our normal voices and say it one more time. What's the Buzz?

(Repeat The Buzz together, in your normal voices)

Great job, everyone. You can sit down. Today, we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about a conflict that happened in the early church! Let's listen carefully as we hear our Bible story.



BIBLE STORY VIDEO

Play: "4×4 - Lesson 1 - Bible Story Video (PS)"

→ *Either play the "4×4 - Lesson 1 - Bible Story Video (PS)" or continue to the live teaching script and tell the story aloud to the kids.*



BIBLE STORY

Paul Writes To The Philippians (*Philippians 4:1-3; The Book Of Acts*)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS: The Bible Story can be taught either through the Bible Story Video or through a live teaching. Below is the live teaching script. Before class begins, print the Bible Story Pictures. Have the children gathered around so they can see the pictures.

1 Hey, friends! It's time for an amazing Bible Story about the Apostle Paul. After Paul became a Christian, everything in his life changed. He learned from other apostles. He grew in his faith. He studied the Scriptures. And before long, Paul began traveling from city to city telling people about Jesus.

2 Paul had one mission: start churches and help people follow the teachings of Jesus. One of the cities Paul traveled to was called Philippi.

Philippi was filled with people who didn't know Jesus yet. Paul met a woman named Lydia, and she became one of the first Christians in Philippi. Soon, others believed, too. A brand-new church was started. How exciting!

3 Paul loved the people of Philippi, but he couldn't stay with them forever. There were other places that needed to hear about Jesus. So, Paul left Philippi and traveled to other cities, telling more people about Jesus.

4 Years later, two women in the church at Philippi were in a big disagreement. Their names were Euodia and Syntyche. Paul heard that the church people in Philippi were arguing with each other. Arguing and disagreeing is called conflict. Say conflict with me. (*Say "conflict" along with the kids*)

5 Paul wrote a letter to the Philippians. He said, "...Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement." Paul didn't say "Win the argument." "Prove you're right." "Ignore each other." Paul said, "Agree!" Paul knew something important. Conflict is going to happen. People will disagree. Feelings will get hurt. But followers of Jesus must handle conflict differently. We choose to crush conflict God's way!

→ *End by praying with the kids and reminding them that they can crush conflict God's way.*

1 Show Bible Story Picture 1

2 Show Bible Story Picture 2

3 Show Bible Story Picture 3

4 Show Bible Story Picture 4

5 Show Bible Story Picture 5



THE BUZZ

Before moving on to the next segment, have the kids all stand together and repeat The Buzz:

**I will crush conflict
God's way!**



HANDS-ON LEARNING

Blocks, large toy truck, volunteer prepped ahead of time

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS: Before class begins, gather all classroom materials. Have the children gathered around so they can see any illustration materials.

I spent so much time building this awesome tower. It is so amazing! I am super proud of myself! *(show tower)* I want to keep this tower forever! I love it! *(Volunteer crashes the tower with a toy truck)*

(To volunteer) Oh no! You smashed my tower! I am so mad at you right now! I am also very, very sad! You broke something I worked hard on.

(Volunteer says) No way! This is YOUR fault! Your tower got in the way of me playing with my truck.

Ok, everyone, what I really want to do right now is be mean. I want to argue. THEY are wrong, and I am right! That's how I feel. Have you ever argued with someone? How did that make you feel? *(Pause for response)* Those are real feelings. But since we're part of God's team, we have to crush conflict God's way!

What is conflict? *(Pause for response)* Conflict is when people argue, fight, or don't get along. And guess what? God wants to help us stop the fighting and choose His way! That's what it means to "crush conflict God's way"—we stop the fight and choose what Jesus would do.

Jesus helps us be kind, use kind words, not argue, and forgive. God doesn't want us to keep arguing and fighting. He wants us to love each other and get along. When we follow Jesus, we can choose kindness—even when we feel mad!



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CRAFT TIME

Use any or all of the following craft options

CRAFT 1

Supplies: Bible Story Coloring Page (Print Piece), crayons or markers

How To Do: Allow kids to color freely.

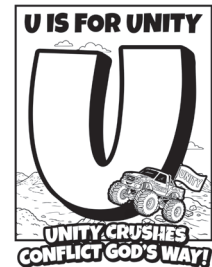
Talk About: We should not argue with each other! We should choose unity!



CRAFT 2

Supplies: U Is For Unity Craft (Print Piece), paint, toy trucks and cars, cardstock

How To Do: This will work best if printed on cardstock. Allow the kids to decorate the craft by placing dots of paint on the large letter U, then run the cars and trucks through the paint to make tire marks with paint.



Talk About: We should crush conflict God's way!

CRAFT 3

Supplies: Unity Trucks Coloring Page (Print Piece), crayons or markers

How To Do: Allow kids to color freely.

Talk About: We should choose unity over being "right"!





LIGHTNING ROUND

Review Game

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS: Ask the kids the following questions to quiz them. Test their listening skills while also reviewing the lesson with them.

- ① Who was the man in our Bible story?
Answer: Paul
- ② What did Paul do before he followed Jesus?
Answer: Hurt Christians
- ③ Did Paul love the people in Philippi?
Answer: Yes
- ④ What were Euodia and Syntyche doing?
Answer: Arguing
- ⑤ Did Paul want them to keep fighting?
Answer: No
- ⑥ What did Paul tell the women to do?
Answer: "Agree in the Lord"
- ⑦ True or False: Christians never argue.
Answer: False
- ⑧ What should we choose instead of arguing?
Answer: Unity
- ⑨ Whose way crushes conflict: Our way or God's way?
Answer: God's way
- ⑩ What's The Buzz, today?
Answer: I will crush conflict God's way!

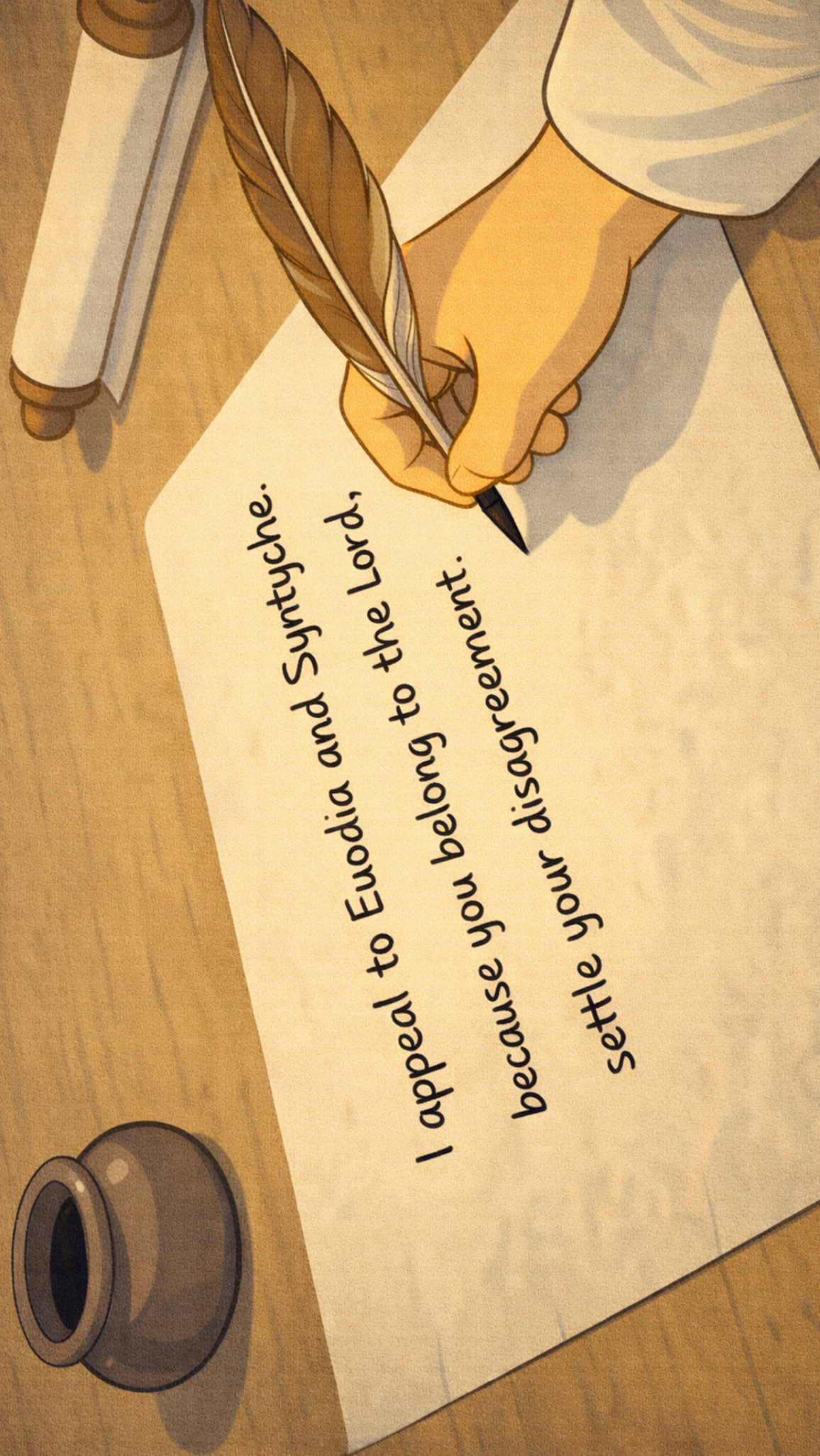
→ *End class time with an encouragement and a prayer. Thank God that He helps us choose unity!*



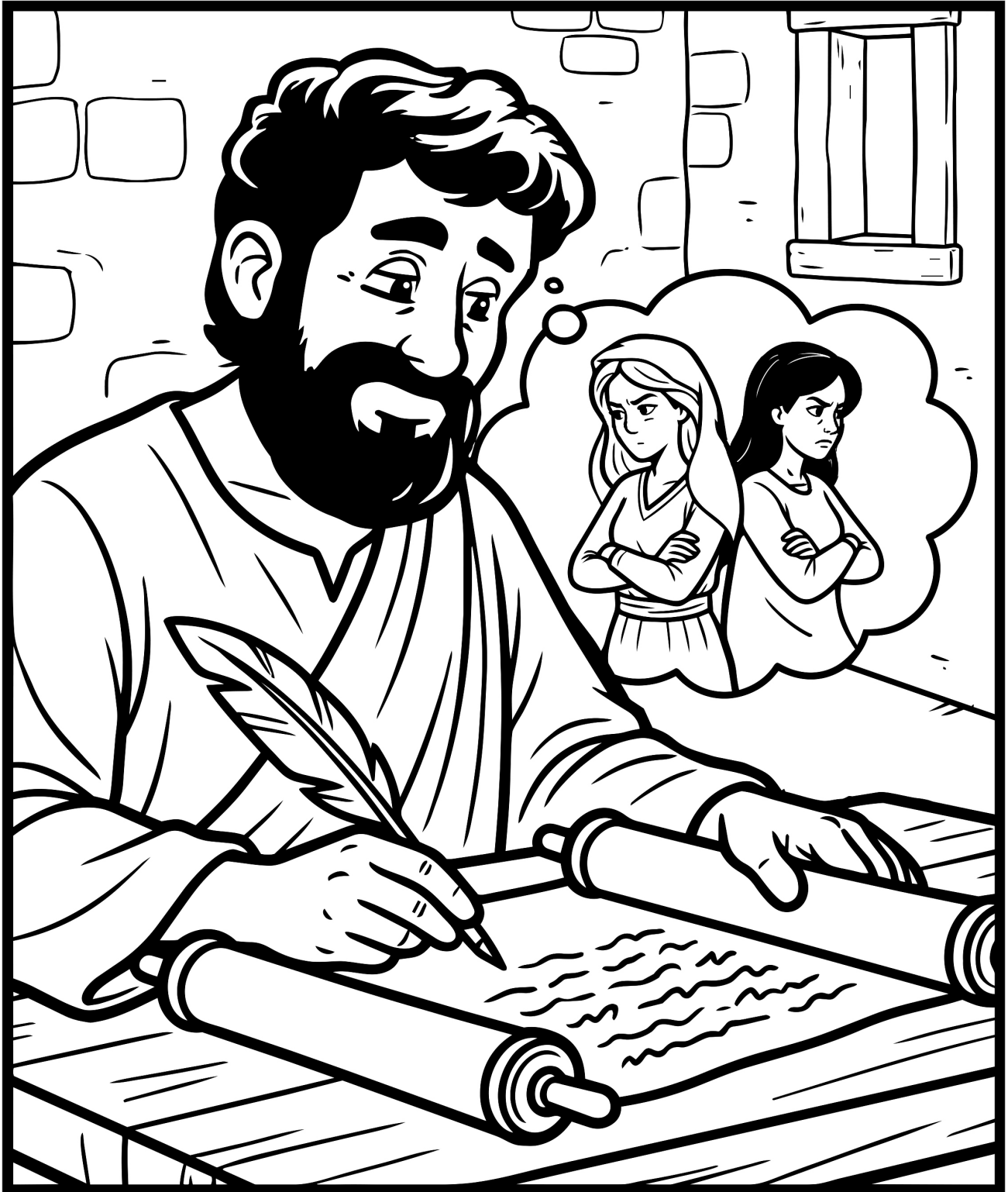






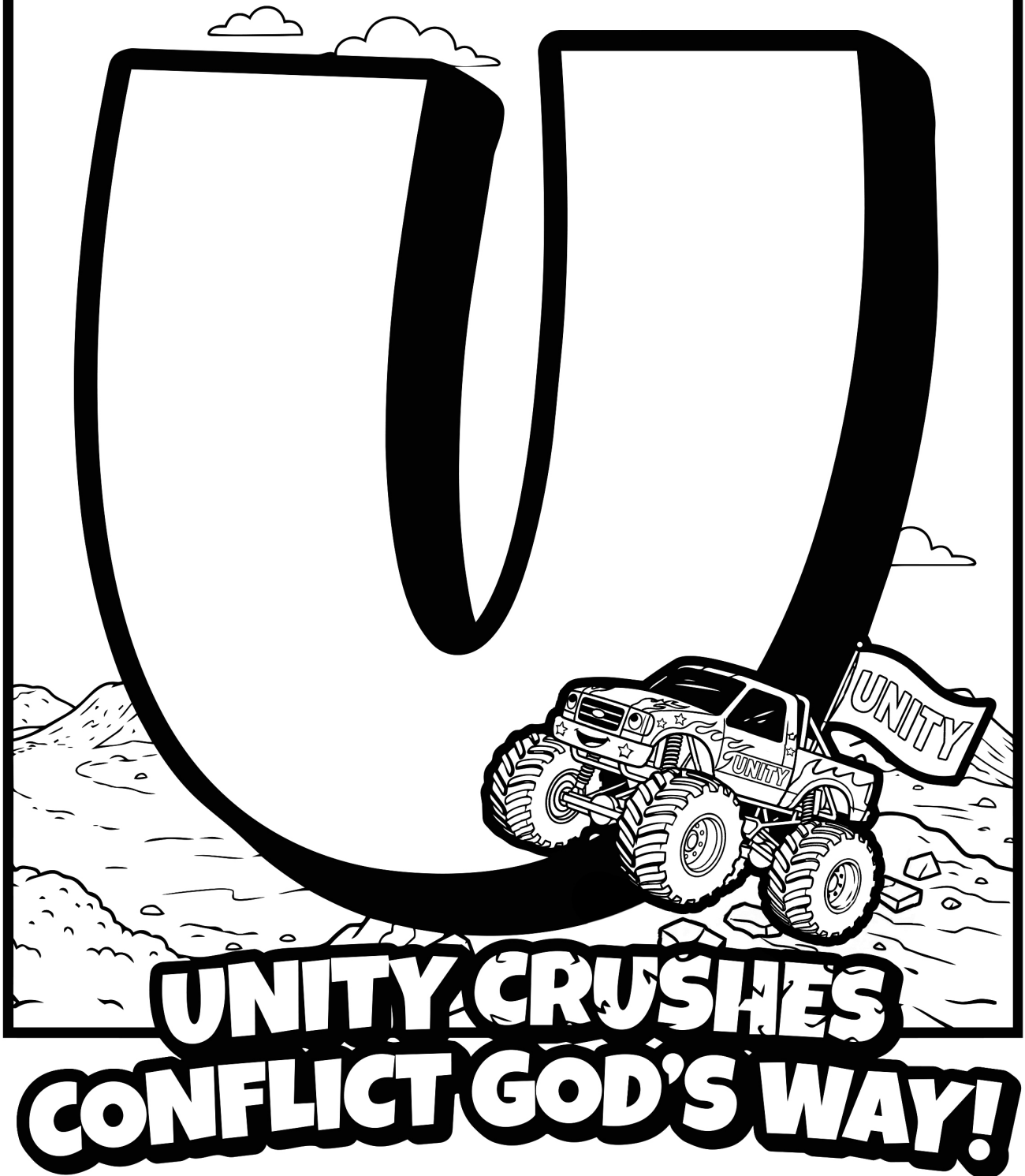
An illustration of a hand holding a quill pen, writing on a scroll. The scroll is unrolled on a wooden surface. To the left of the scroll is a small, dark, round inkwell. In the background, a rolled-up scroll is visible. The hand is wearing a white sleeve. The text is written in a cursive, handwritten style.

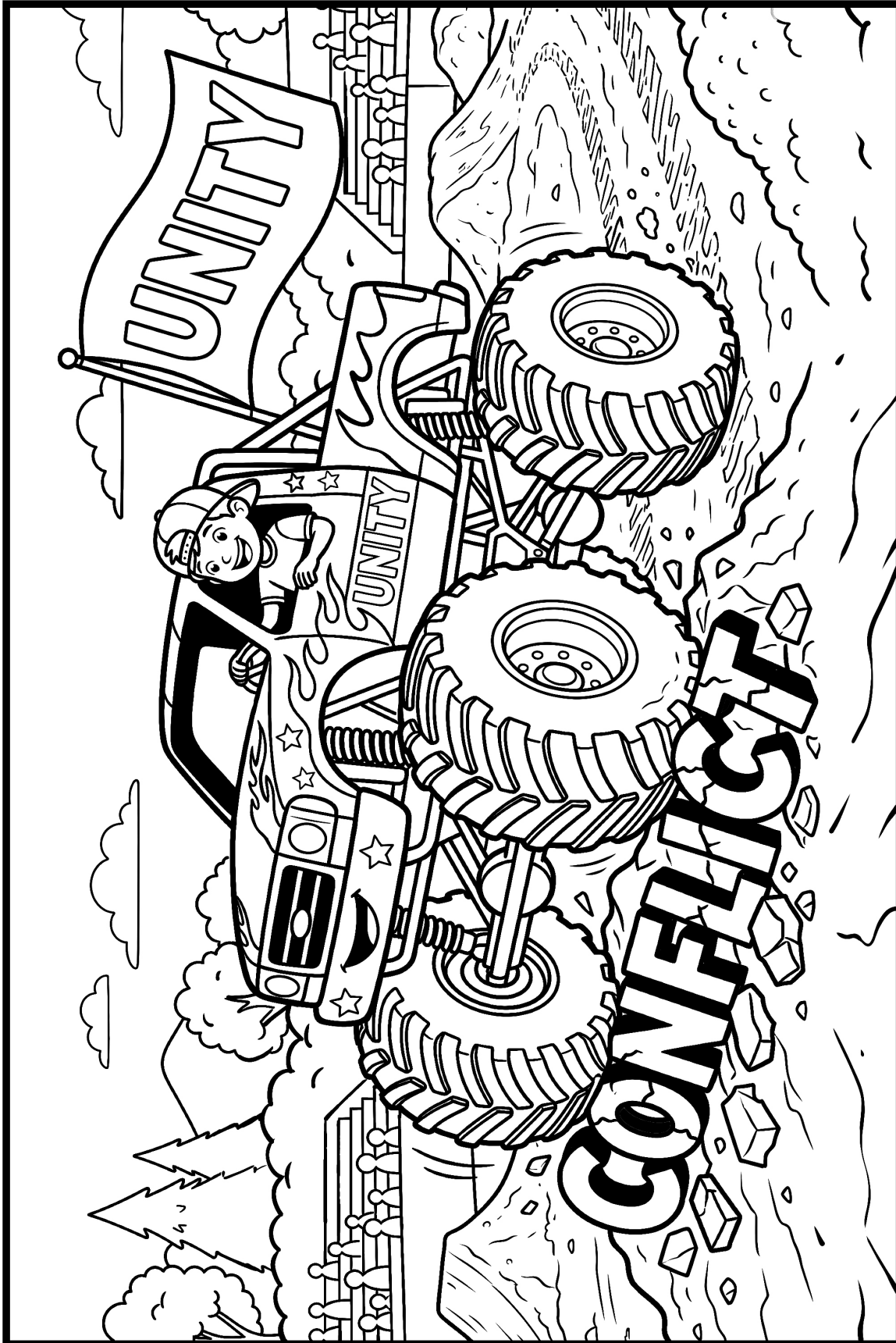
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because you belong to the Lord,
settle your disagreement.



**PAUL WROTE A LETTER TO THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI.
HE TOLD THEM TO STOP ARGUING AND CHOOSE UNITY!**

U IS FOR UNITY





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