



The Hearts of Man

Our hearts are wicked, but Jesus can help.

Lesson Focus

The bad news is that we all have sin in our hearts. But the good news is that God made a way through Jesus so he can clean our hearts, and we can be forgiven.

Key Passages

Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9; John 3:16

Memory Verse

John 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

Jesus Cleans My Heart

Materials

- One set of white and text hearts for each student (following pages)
- Dark-colored crayons
- Tape or stapler

Instructions

Print and cut one set of hearts for each student (one white and one with text). Have students color their white hearts using dark colors. Explain to the students that this represents sin in their hearts.

Help students attach the other heart with the words, "Only Jesus can make our hearts clean!" over the first heart. Tape or staple it along the top so it can be lifted up and down showing the heart below then covering it.

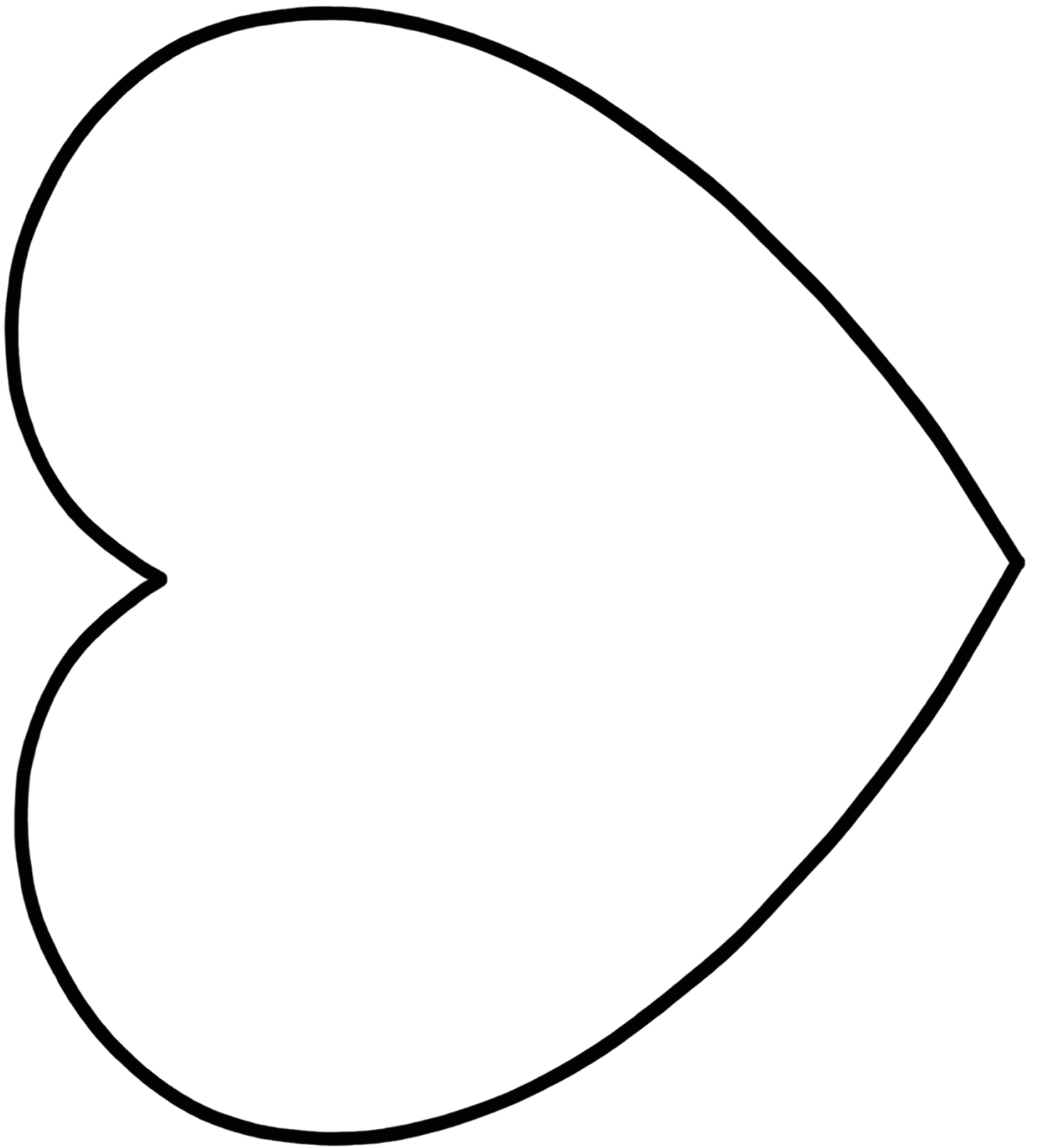
Suggested Discussion

The heart that we colored reminds us that we all sin because we have sinful hearts. And the Bible tells us that there is only one person who can take away our sins and make our hearts clean—that is Jesus. Like this other heart says, "Only Jesus can make our hearts clean."

Because we are all sinners, we want to disobey. This is sin. God must punish our sin. But those who turn away from their sins and believe in Jesus will be forgiven. Only Jesus can make our hearts clean!



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Review Questions

K-1st Review Questions

1. What does the Bible say about man's heart? What is it like? *It is bad, sick, sinful, deceitful.*
2. Where do you learn how to love and obey God? *In the Bible.*
3. Who has sinned? Was it just Adam and Eve, or Cain, or all of us? *We have all sinned.*
4. What is in our hearts that makes us disobey God? *Sin.*
5. Who sins against God? *All of us.*
6. Do we learn how to sin or are we born that way? *We are born that way.*
7. How do we know we are sinners? Where did we read that? *The Bible.*
8. God is holy. What must he do to sin? *He must punish sin.*
9. Where is God? *God is everywhere.*
10. Can you see God? *No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.*
11. What kinds of good things can we do to get rid of our sins so we can go to heaven? *There is nothing we can do.*
12. Who is the only one who can clean the sin from our hearts? *Jesus.*
13. What does the Bible say we must do so we can be forgiven and go to heaven? *Believe in Jesus.*
14. Who did God send to the world to take the punishment for sin? *Jesus.*
15. Who can fill in missing words from the memory verse? *Read the memory verse and stop at various places to allow students to say the next word.*

Pre-K Review Questions

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4. Who has sinned? Was it just Adam and Eve, or Cain, or all of us? *We have all sinned.*
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6. How do we know we are sinners? Where did we read that? *The Bible.*
7. God is holy. What must he do to sin? *He must punish sin.*
8. Where is God? *God is everywhere.*
9. Can you see God? *No. I cannot see God, but he always sees me.*
10. Think about the pictures we put up on the board today. Would any of those things help us get rid of our sins so we can go to heaven? *No. There is nothing we can do.*
11. Who is the only one who can clean the sin from our hearts? *Jesus.*
12. What does the Bible say we must do so we can be forgiven and go to heaven? *Believe in Jesus.*
13. Who can fill in missing words from the memory verse? *Read the memory verse and stop at various places to allow students to say the next word.*