

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

You can't fight someone into heaven.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Proverbs 15:1
Proverbs 25:15
Ephesians 4:1-3
Philippians 4:5
2 Timothy 2:23-26
Acts 17:16-34

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who is the most gentle person you know?
How is their gentleness demonstrated?

What works against gentleness?
What is required to be gentle?

2 Timothy 2:23-26 and Acts 17:16-34

What is at the root of an argument?
What is the goal of an argument?
Why does Paul tell Timothy not to argue?

How does Paul demonstrate gentleness?
What is the most effective thing Paul does in regard to communicating his message?

Think of someone that you want to "come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil".
How could you gently instruct them?
What would that require in you?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His gentleness.
Agree with God about your tendency
to be rough and harsh.

Thank God for examples of gentleness in people you know.
Ask God for opportunities
to gently instruct people you love.

FAMILY RESOURCE

BIG IDEA: You can't fight someone into heaven.

READ ACTS 17:1-10

Where did Paul teach?
What did Paul teach?
How did the people react?
What did Paul do?

Draw pictures of places where you hear God's Word.

READ ACTS 17:10-15

Where did Paul teach?
How did the people react?
What did Paul do?

Use a magnifying glass to examine some things.

READ ACTS 17:16-17

Where did Paul teach?

Draw pictures of places you could go to meet people
and tell them about Jesus.

READ ACTS 17:18-23

What name did they call Paul?
What's the worst name you've ever been called?
What was Paul teaching?

What did Paul find in the town
that helped the people understand about Jesus?
Make a list of things around you that will help
people you know understand about Jesus?

READ ACTS 17:24-31

Make a list of things that Paul said about God.

READ ACTS 17:32-34

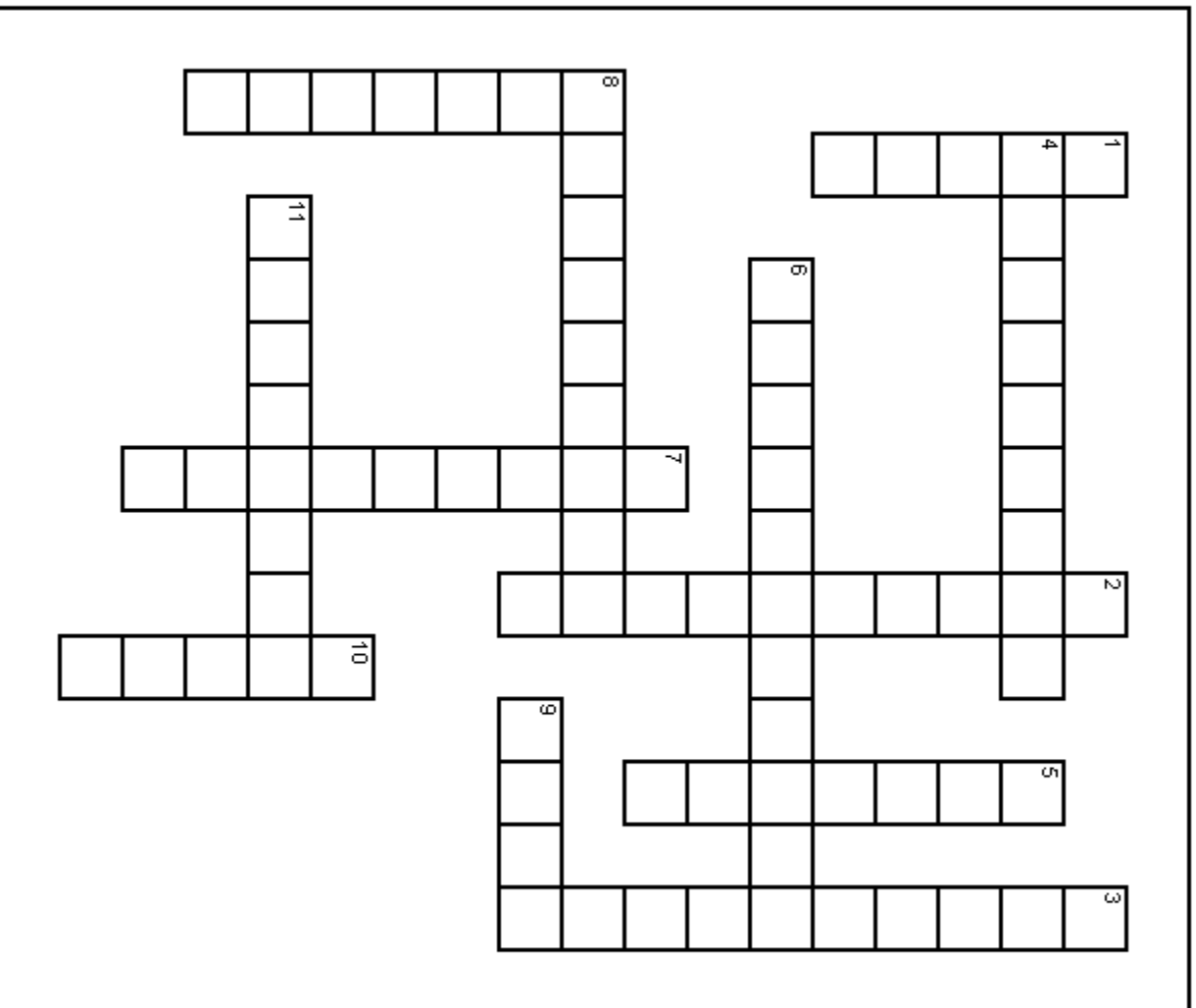
How did the people react to Paul's words?
Make up some skits that show
different ways to tell others about Jesus
and the different ways that people can react.

MEMORY VERSE:

But the _____ of _____ is _____, _____,
_____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, gentleness,
and self-control. _____ things _____ is _____ law.
Galatians 5:22-23

Gently Tell Others About Jesus

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



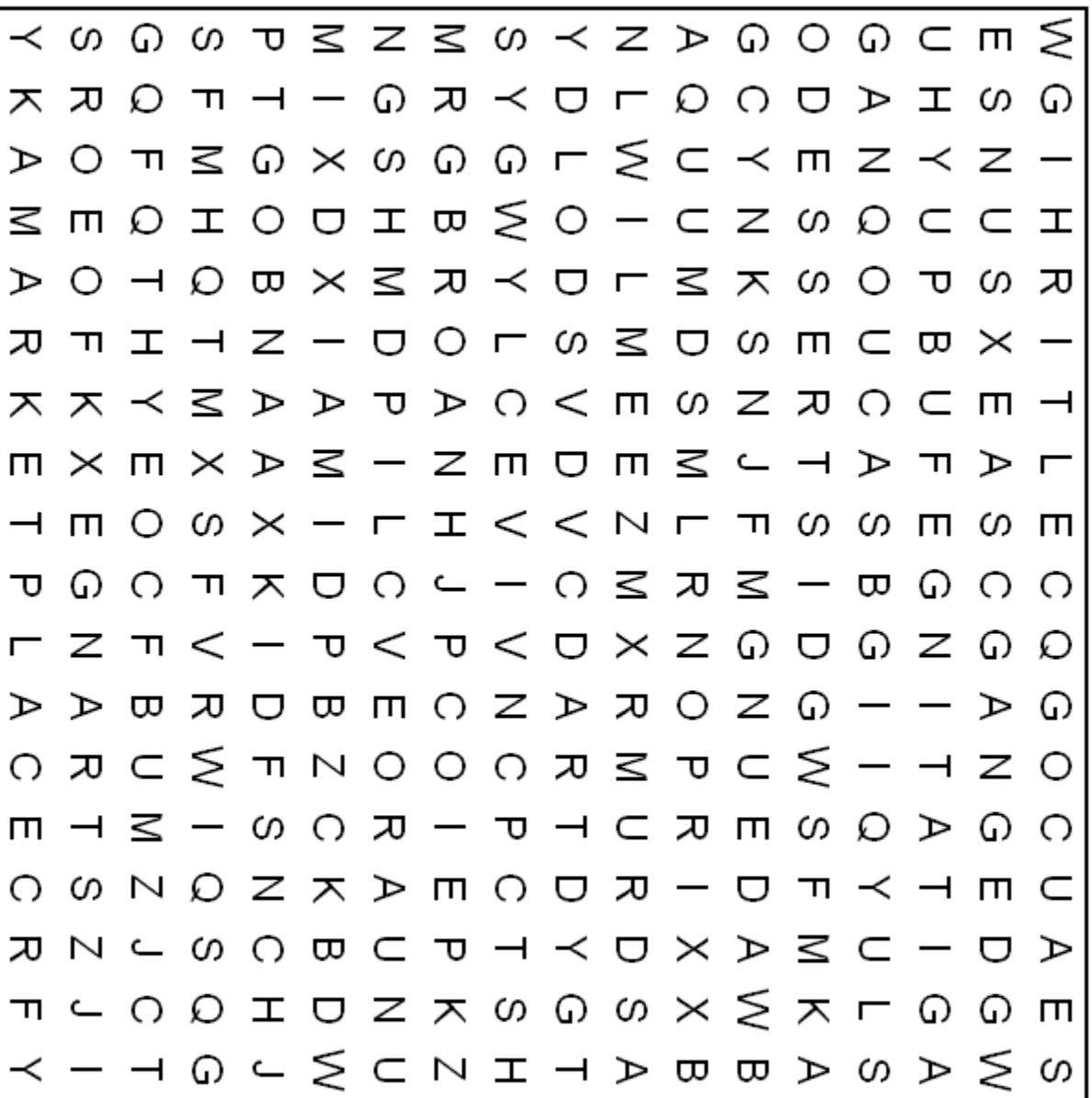
Across

4. lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30)
6. place where people buy & sell things (Acts 17:5)
8. place where Jews worshipped God (Acts 17:1)
9. God is not made of this (Acts 17:29)
11. carefully looked at (Acts 17:11)

Down

1. opposite of day (Acts 17:10)
2. written word of God (Acts 17:2)
3. upset (Acts 17:16)
5. day of rest and worship (Acts 17:2)
7. stirring up (Acts 17:13)
8. different (Acts 17:20)
10. statues representing gods (Acts 17:16)

Gently Tell Others About Jesus



marketplace

sabbath

agitating

idols

strange

distressed

scriptures

examined

synagogue

ignorance

gold

night

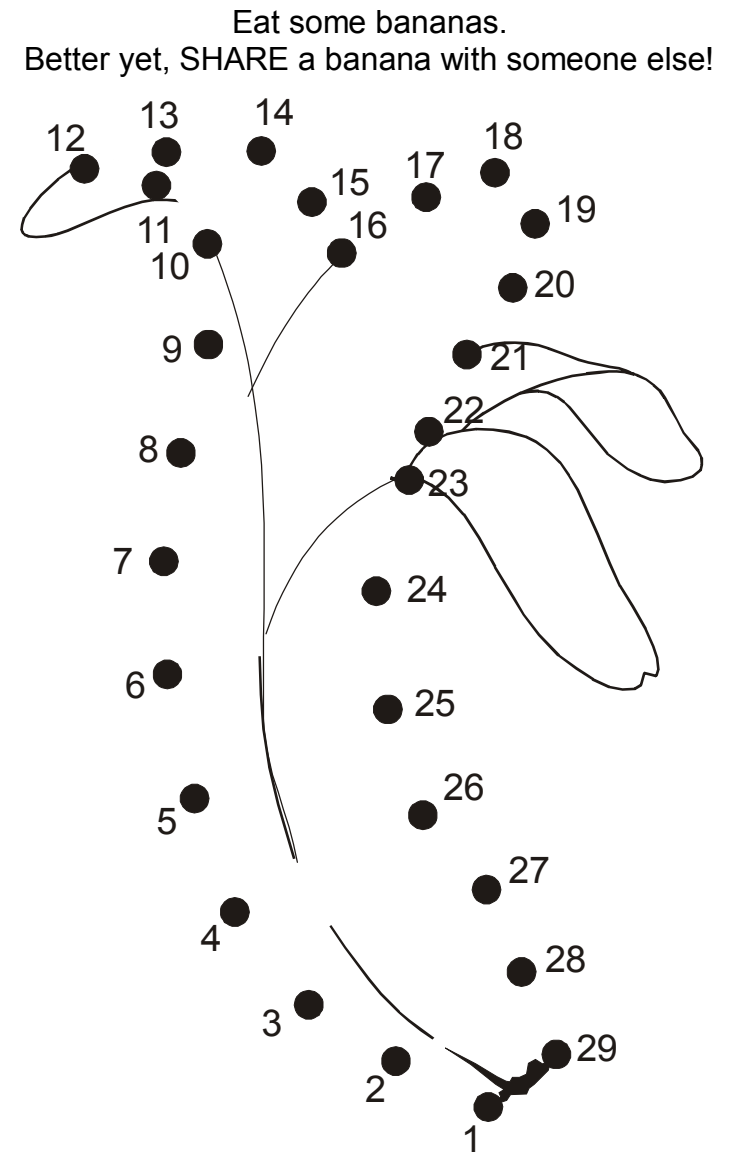
Gently Tell Others About Jesus

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4. NGTHI _____
5. EDDISIRTES _____
6. CRNOEAIGN _____
7. TBAHASB _____
8. MCTEALREAKP _____
9. SERGTNA _____
10. GTINAATIG _____
11. GUSAEYOGN _____
12. NAXMEIED _____

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Bible Verse in sign: But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness; **GENTLENESS** - the sign indicates soft touch

GENTLENESS - You must be very gentle with a banana or it will bruise.



Additional Bible verses: 2 Timothy 2:24-25; Galatians 6:1; Philippians 2:3; Proverbs 15:1

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

Notice where people get together and talk. What kinds of things do they talk about? How, when, and where do you talk about God?

Play twister—gently!

Use playdough to make some things that God has made. Make some idols. How are they alike/different?

CRAFTS:

Make a person out of a hard boiled egg, a banana ... (olive slices, small carrots, etc.) then eat it?

Use egg shells or macaroni/pasta and gently glue them onto a paper in the shape of a cross. How gently does God treat us?

GAMES:

What's in the bag? Place several different items in different brown lunch bags (number the bags) and see which ones the kids can identify. Kids can write or draw on a list next to the #'s. (Make some of the items delicate - a cookie, sandwich, ribbon, etc.) Open the bags to find out what was in them and how the things survived. How gentle were we?

Balloon volleyball. Can we really play without breaking the balloon?

Egg peel contest - Who can peel a hard boiled egg with the fewest dents?

Play Fruit Match.

Play Fruit Bingo.

MUSIC:

Galatians 5:22-23

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Gentle Servant

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What 2 words are in each verse?
(This makes a great Bible drill too!)

Jude 1:20

1 Thessalonians 5:11

2 Samuel 24:18

1 Corinthians 14:12

Haggai 1:8

1 Chronicles 21:18

Romans 15:2

2 Chronicles 36:23

Acts 20:32

Ezra 1:5

Psalms 51:18

Isaiah 57:14

Jeremiah 24:6

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