
Jesus Heals a Man

Big Idea | We can share God's love by helping those who are hurting.

1. Hangout

Supplies

- Paper
- Drawing supplies
- Media player

Instructions

- Discuss:
 - Has anyone ever helped you when you were hurt? What happened? How did they help?
 - Have you ever helped someone who was hurt? How did you help?
- Introduce today's Big Idea: **We can share God's love by helping those who are hurting.**
- Give each person a piece of paper. Place the drawing supplies where everyone can reach them.
- Direct the kids to draw a picture of someone who is hurt being helped.
- Guide them to write the Big Idea on their pages. Help them as needed.
- Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse.

2. Hear

Supplies

- Bible

Instructions

- Let the kids know that in today's God Story, the friends of a man who is paralyzed carry him to Jesus. Then something amazing happens! Ask if anyone knows what it means to be paralyzed. Explain that paralysis is the loss of muscle function in part of the body. It happens when something goes wrong with the way messages pass between the brain and muscles. It can occur in just one area, or it can be widespread.
- Look up Luke 5:17-26 and read about Jesus healing the man who could not walk.
- Review:
 - How did the man's friends help him? (they carried him on a mat to Jesus)
 - Why did they lower the man through the roof? (a crowd was blocking the way to Jesus)
 - Whose faith got Jesus' attention? (the friends)
 - What did Jesus do because of their faith? (healed the man)
 - Why could Jesus forgive sins and heal people? (Jesus is God)
- Explain that when the man's friends carried him to Jesus, they shared in his problem.
- Discuss:
 - What does it mean to make someone else's problems our own? Can you think of any examples?
 - What are some ways we could share God's love with other people, especially when they're hurting?

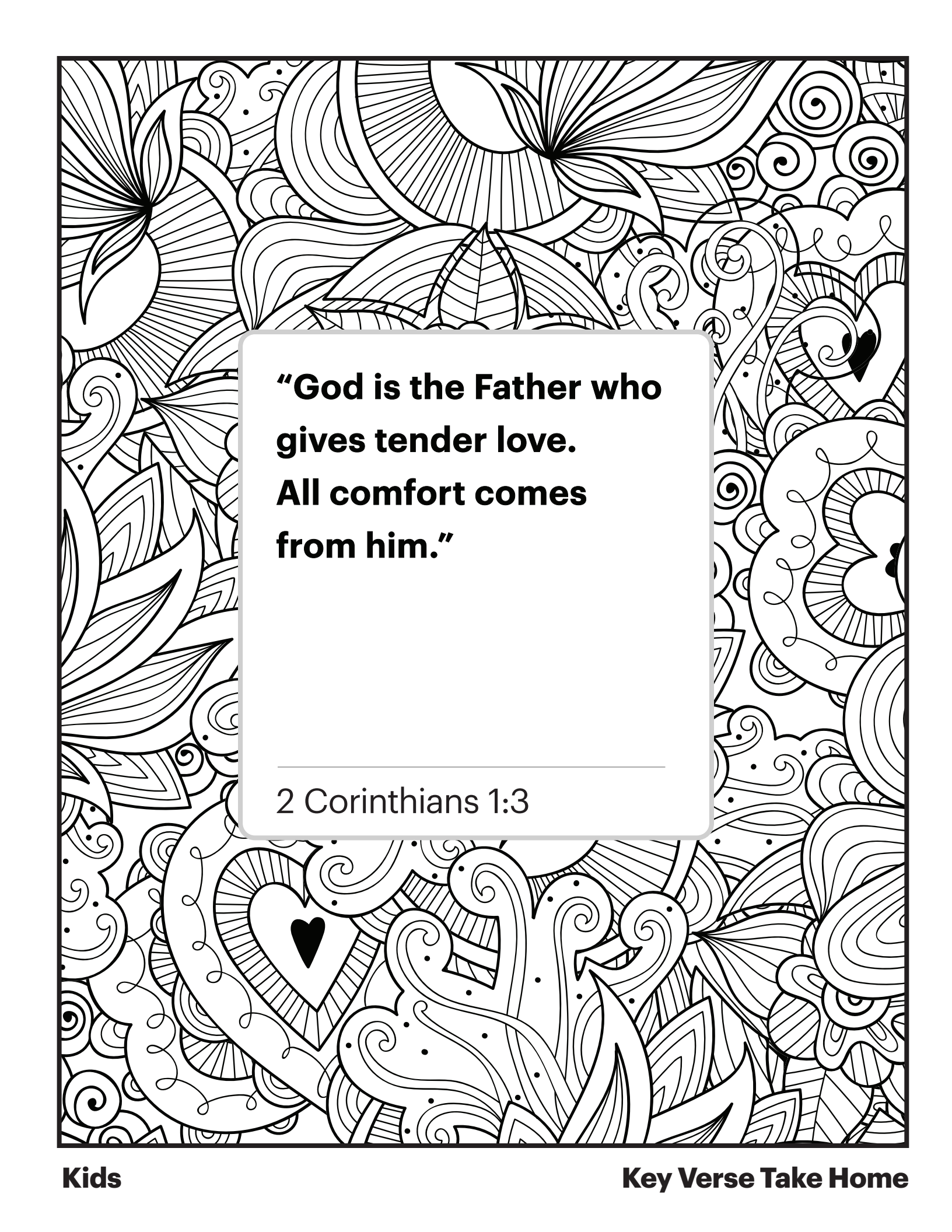
3. Huddle

Supplies

- Blankets

Instructions

- Introduce the Key Verse for this series: [God] is the Father who gives tender love. All comfort comes from him. | 2 Corinthians 1:3b, NIRV.
- Let the kids know that this comfort is like being wrapped up in a cozy blanket of love. Explain that when we show God's love to others who are hurting, it's like sharing a warm blanket with someone who's cold.
- Give each a blanket to each person in your group.
- Encourage the kids to wrap themselves up as you repeat the verse aloud. Emphasize "comfort" by hugging yourself as you say the word. Remain wrapped in your blankets and invite the kids to pray with you.
- Pray, "Thank you, God, for your tender love towards us and the comfort that you give us. Please help us to have eyes to see those around us who are hurting, so we can show them your love, too. Amen."



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2 Corinthians 1:3