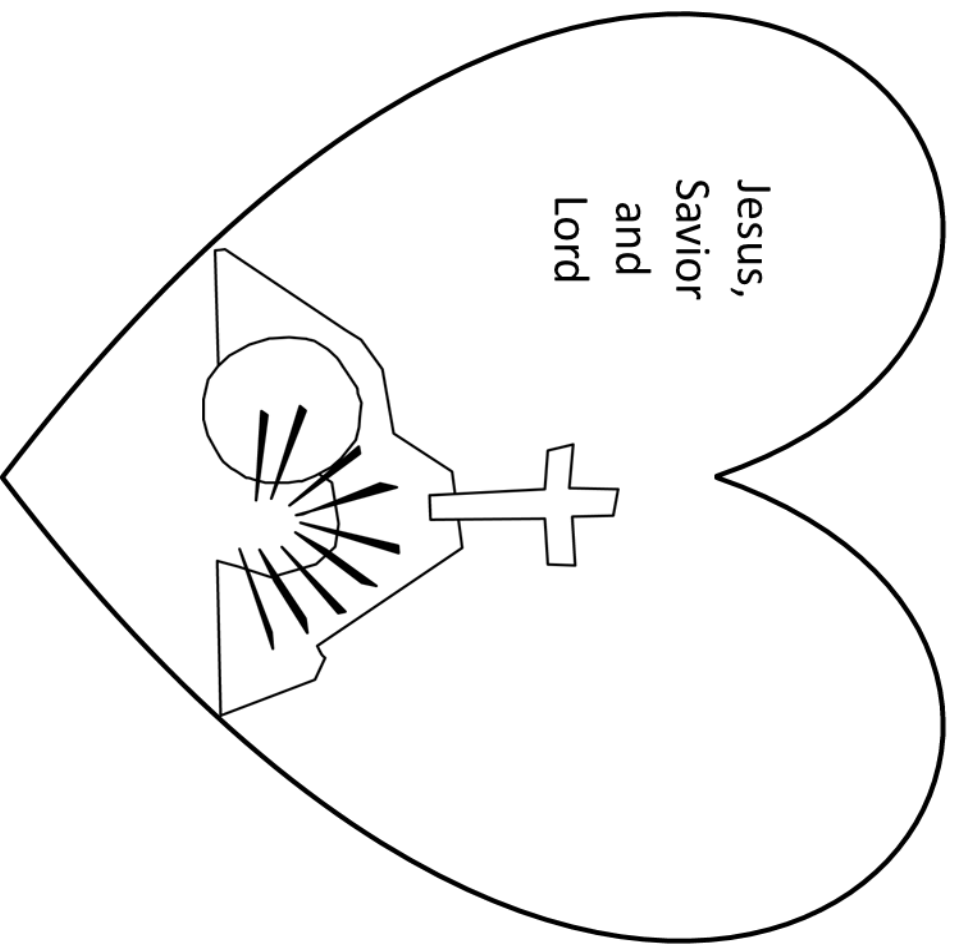
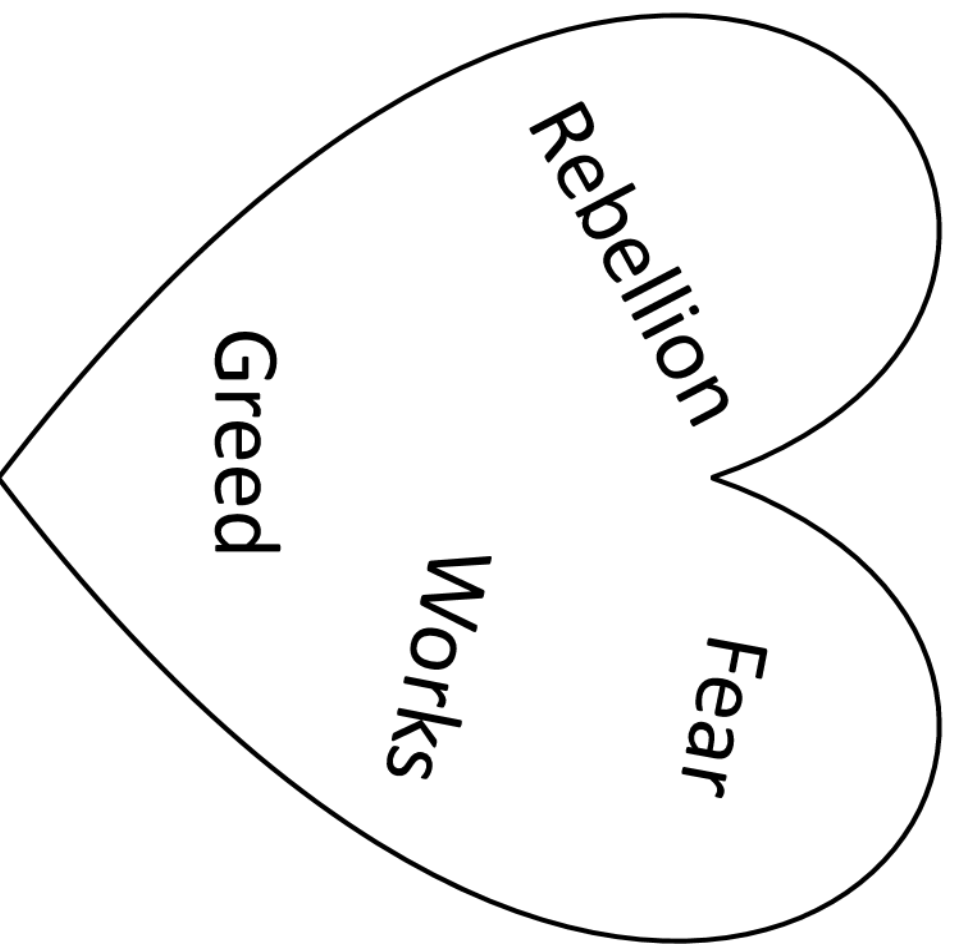


My Perfect Home



My NOT Perfect Home



Learning At Home

Bible Study:



This lesson covers 2 Samuel 13-23. There is a lot in there, but the primary goal is to continue to point out that David, “the man after God’s own heart.” was far from perfect. And as we learned last lesson, David KNEW his sinful heart was prone to leading him into unfaithfulness and he deeply needed God’s forgiveness. It was his true Fear of the Lord – the knowledge that the WORST thing in the world is to be separated from God – drove him to true repentance.

This lesson sheds even more light on the extent of brokenness in David’s life, and the consequences of his sin on the brokenness of his household (see attachment for basic details). But the theme of Loyalty continues in 2 Samuel 23, where David asserts that his house is right with God (a completely ridiculous statement in the absence of God’s Saving Grace!). The only way he can say that with integrity is knowing that it is God’s loyalty in His promise to bring salvation to fruition (2 Samuel 23:5).

Psalms 3 and Psalm 63 were written when David was on the run for his life, running from people who should love him.

The gospel in the story:



The analogy that the state of our household is a direct reflection of the status of our heart is a theme that occurs throughout Scripture. The Shema Prayer in Deuteronomy 6 is rich with the language of a whole-life/whole-household approach to pursuing God. The bad news is that, while most households are not as broken as David’s, ALL households are broken without Jesus. That is why the promise of God making His home in our Hearts is profoundly Amazing. (Ephesians 3:16-17). And though David’s life OFTEN did NOT exemplify righteousness, God’s Loyalty to bring Salvation to the world through David’s family would not be thwarted!

Application

Heart : Memory verse

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. Psalm 63:3

Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

Jesus, Savior AND Lord

Sin in our lives is analogous to messy rooms in our hearts. In the classic “My Heart, Christ’s Home” (Munger, 1951, a bit antiquated, and borderline works focused, but still relevant in the right light). The rooms in our spiritual heart are represented as:

- Library - the study of the mind
- Dining Room - appetites and desires
- Living Room – relationships/fellowship
- Work Room – Kingdom work
- Rec Room - activities and amusements
- Hall Closet – secret sins

Parents:

Share with your children the importance of desiring a clean heart (Ps. 51), and be brave enough to discuss rooms in your own heart that are in need of Jesus’ cleansing (sanctifying) work.

Kids:

Cut the coloring page in half, color the Not perfect heart, and learn how our hearts become a mess (parent hint: see *4 g’s of the gospel*, vergenetwork.org). Then color the perfect home heart. That is the heart Jesus will give anyone who puts their faith in Him. Make it into a flip-book to illustrate who I am with and without Jesus.

Heaven: How does this help us share our Faith?

Friends and neighbors can see the difference between a ‘fixed up’ home, and something made new by Jesus. Consider who you will share with this week, how Jesus has turned your messy heart into a house that is right with God!