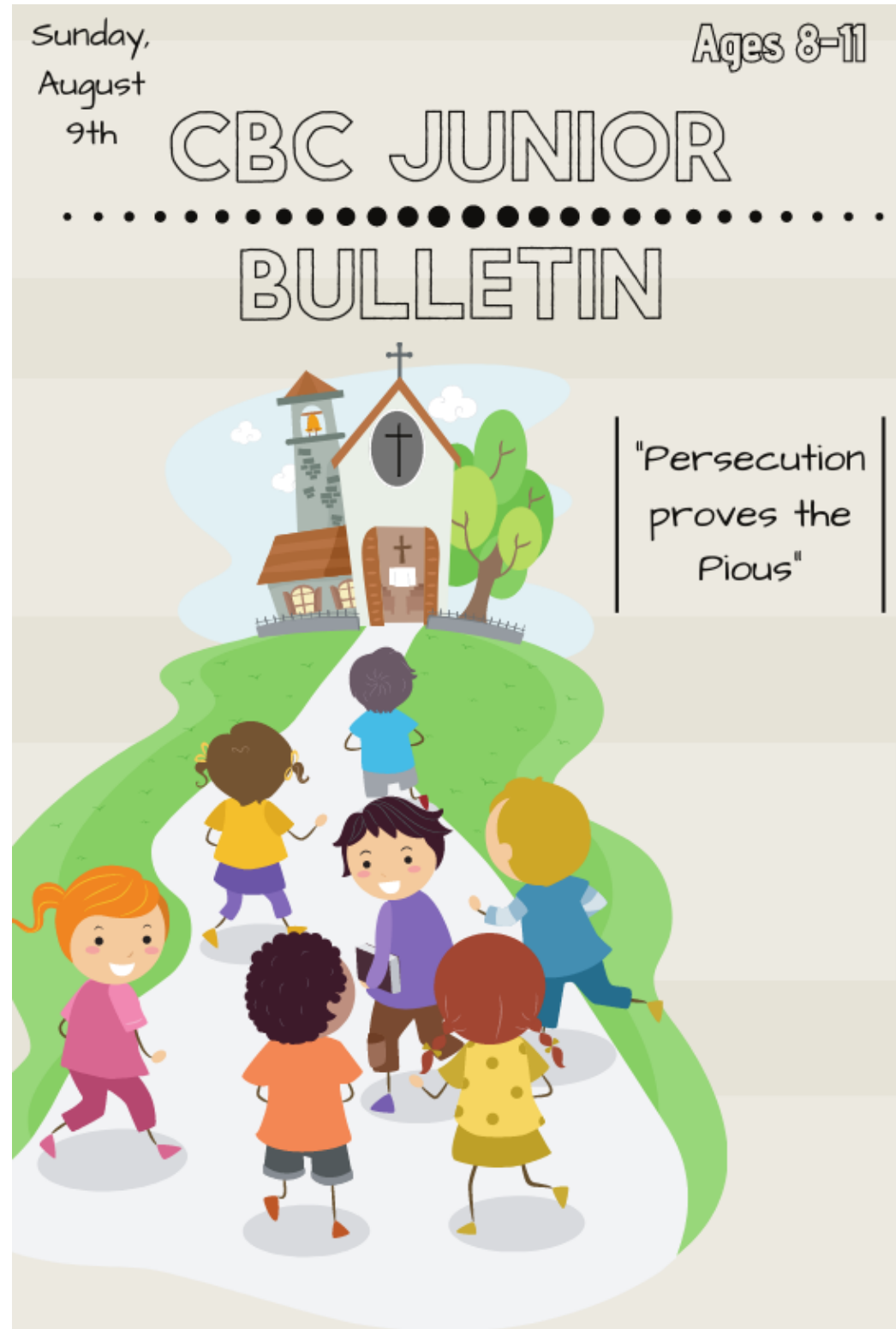
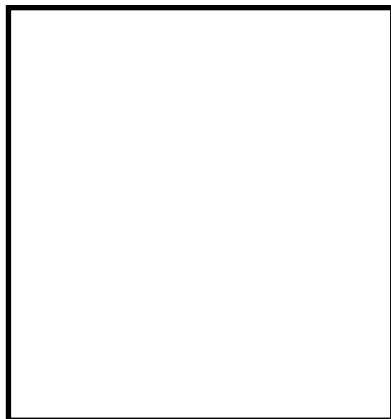
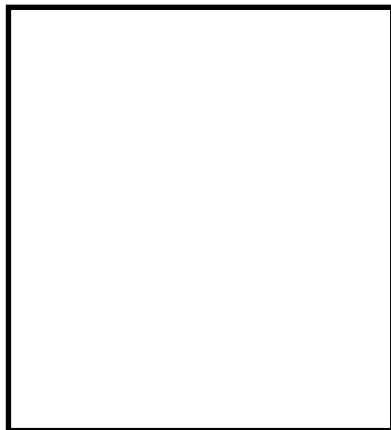


God gives you many wonderful things to enjoy every day!!  
In the boxes below, draw some things that you would be  
willing to give up for Jesus:



Sunday,  
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# CBC JUNIOR

## BULLETIN

"Persecution  
proves the  
Pious"

## “Persecution Proves the Pious”

(Acts 5:12-42)

### READ:

1) In the book of Acts, the Bible tells us what the early church was like. Today, Pastor Cary is talking about persecution in the early church. Persecution means you are suffering or being treated badly because you love Jesus and are sharing the Gospel.

2) In Acts chapter 5, we are told that lots and lots of people were getting saved, and the church was growing well. The apostles were doing many miracles, and healing people in the name of Jesus. As a result, they began to get very popular! This made the High Priest and the leaders of the Jews very jealous of the apostles.

3) The High Priest had the apostles arrested and put into a public jail. But during the night, an angel came and set the apostles free! The angel told them to go preach the Gospel in the temple, and to not hide from the leaders of the Jews.

4) The next morning, the High Priest gathered all the Jewish leaders and told the jail guards to bring out the apostles. But when the guards looked for them, they couldn't find them! Then someone came in and said, “The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!”. So the guards went out and arrested the apostles AGAIN.

5) The Jewish leaders were very angry, and told the apostles to stop talking about Jesus. But the apostles told them: “We must obey God rather than men”. The Jewish leaders beat the apostles and hurt them, and told them to no longer talk about Jesus. But the apostles were filled with joy that the Lord had let them suffer for His Name! The apostles went right on teaching and preaching the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah.

COPY the Bible text from today's lesson below:

Acts 5:40-42:

...After calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and then released them. So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

Acts 5:40-42:

## >> Think About It:

What would YOU do if someone told you to disobey God?

Three men in the Old Testament were in this same situation. Do you remember who they were?

Daniel chapter 3 tells their story:

Some men came to the King of Babylon and said, "There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."

Then King Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ...If you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?"

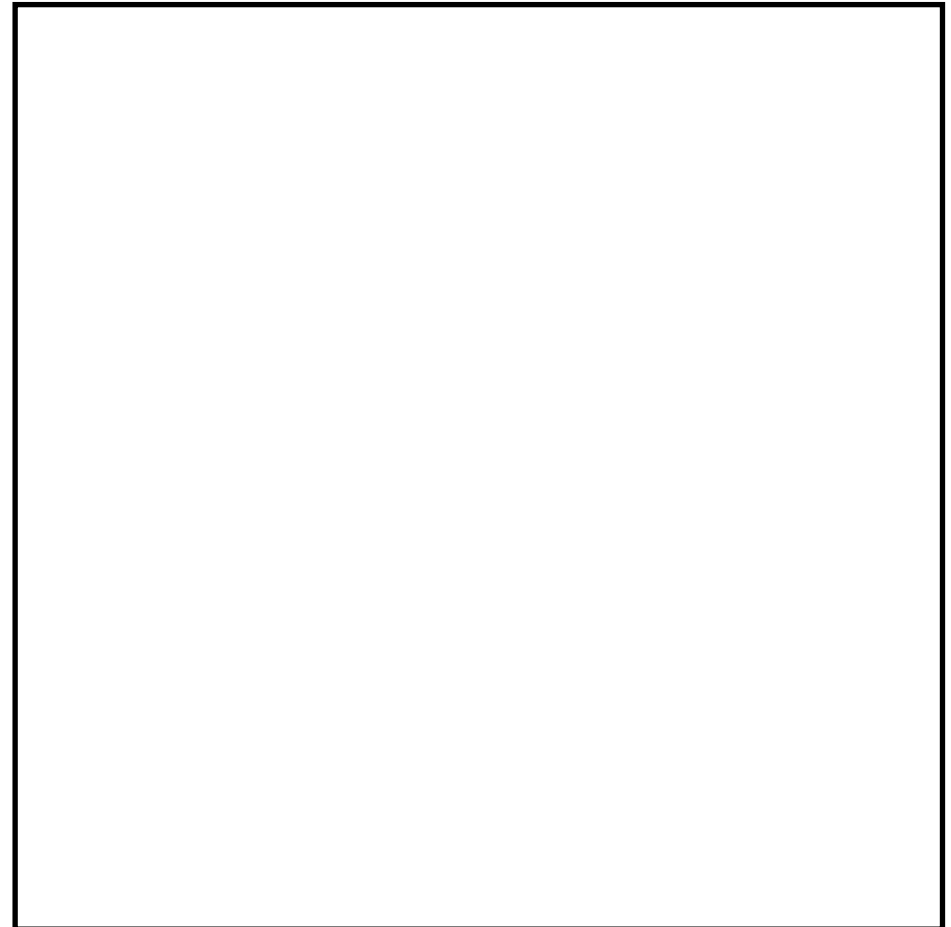
Write down the names of the 3 men:

S \_\_\_\_\_, M \_\_\_\_\_, and A \_\_\_\_\_-nego.

These men told King Nebuchadnezzar that they would not worship any other god besides the One True God. The King was very angry, and had them thrown into a fiery furnace. Do you remember the rest of the story? The men were not harmed at all by the fire, and Jesus came and stood in the fire with them.

God does not always rescue us from the pain of persecution, but he will never leave you to suffer alone. Even when you are afraid, you can trust God.

Draw a picture of the 4 persons in the fiery furnace:



# The Early Christian Church

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Damascus	devotion	love	disciple
Eucharist	martyr	prisoner	Barnabas
Church	Christ	escape	conversion
faithful	arrest	Ananias	letters
Romans	jew	gentile	Peter
apostle	persecute	journey	antioch
Saul	Paul		

WRITE:

1: Persecution means you are being treated badly because you  
 L\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_.

2: Why was the High Priest jealous of the apostles?

- a) The apostles were doing miracles and got very popular
- b) The apostles had a better insurance policy
- c) The apostles had taken over the Temple

3: What did an angel do for the apostles in this story?

- a) The angel set the apostles free from jail
- b) The angel gave the apostles food
- c) The angel preached the Gospel to the apostles

4: When they were set free by the angel, what did the apostles do right  
 away? \_\_\_\_\_.

5: After the apostles were beaten, what did they go do?

- A) They praised God for their suffering, and joyfully preached the Gospel
- B) They went to church right away.
- C) They obeyed the Jewish leaders.

6: What did the apostles say to the Jewish leaders?

“We must obey \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.”