

Story: Plan of Salvation

SUPPLIES NEEDED

You will need the following:

13 Sheets of [Cardstock](#) (8.5" x 11")

13 3 mil Laminating [Film](#)

DIRECTIONS

- Print pages 2-19 two-sided. Laminate the story pages.
- Print pages 20-27 two-sided. Cut the "letters" along the gray line. Laminate all the letters and cut them apart.
- As students arrive, give them a few letters and ask them to look up the verses and fill in the blanks using a transparency (wet erase) marker.
- During class, read the story while holding up the pictures. When you come to the verses in the lesson, have the students take turns reading their "letters." At the end of class, they should put their "letters" in the correct "mailbox" (see Epistles Mailbox Bulletin Board).

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www.freechristianillustrations.com

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<http://www.whimsyclips.com/>

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Before holding up the picture:

Who can tell me what you learned last time?

- 1. The church is one body, with many members, all are important*
- 2. Jesus is the head of the body/church*
- 3. God doesn't show partiality (favoritism) towards Jew/Gentile, slave/free, male/female, etc.*

Hold up picture:

Paul had just told the Ephesians, who were Gentiles, that not too long ago they were without hope because they were not children of God (Israelites). But Eph. 1:3-14 teaches us that God had a plan from the foundation of the world to redeem all of mankind through His Son Jesus. In other words, God's plan was not made up as time went along. Because the Gentiles had not been included under the Law of Moses, God's plan was to "adopt them as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself" (Eph. 1:5).



God
Planned It



Jesus
Fulfilled It



The Holy Spirit
Revealed It

Hold up picture:

God's part in the salvation of man began with love. I bet you can all quote John 3:16:

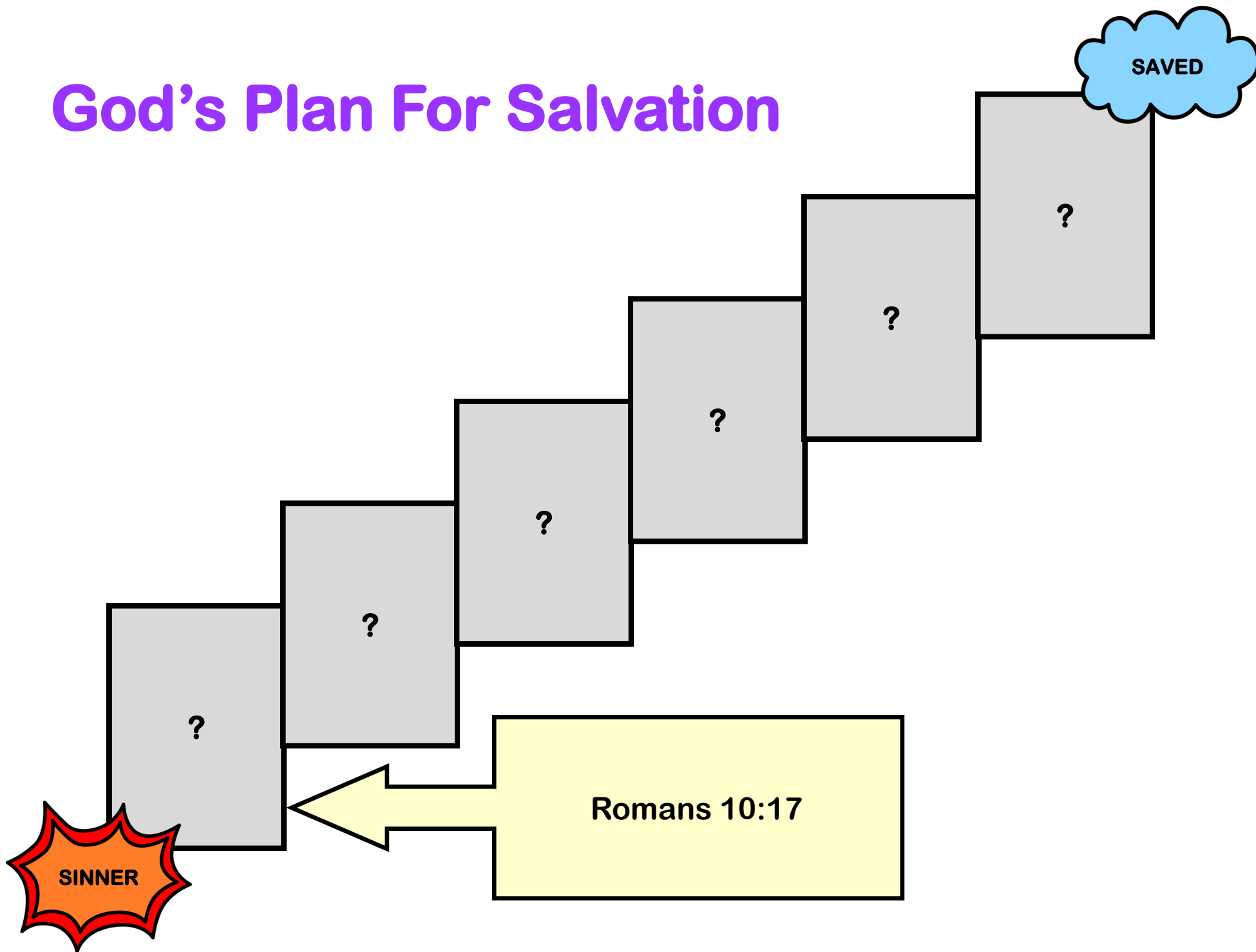
“For God so LOVED the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”

God sent His Son into the world to be the perfect sacrifice for sin. Jesus died on the cross as that sacrifice, and the blood He shed cleanses us from our sins. Then the Holy Spirit revealed to us through the Word (the Bible) the things that God had prepared for those who love Him. Man's salvation was planned by God, fulfilled by Jesus, and revealed by the Holy Spirit. This is the “Gift of Salvation,” but man has a part to play too. In order to receive salvation, we must obey what the Gospel tells us to do.

Explain / Discuss:

Let me give you an example, let's say you hear on the radio: “We're giving away \$1,000 to everyone who walks in our door!” Wow, that's a great gift! I could use \$1,000! But is there something I have to do to get the \$1,000? ***(Yes, I have to walk in their door)*** First, I have to believe that they will actually give me \$1,000. Then I have to act on that belief and drive to their radio station and walk inside. I won't receive that gift of \$1,000 if I don't do my part. So let's see what is man's part to receive God's “Gift of Salvation”...

God's Plan For Salvation



Hold up picture:

Can anyone tell me what the first step to salvation is? *(Hear)*

Let's see what Romans 10:17 says:

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NKJV):

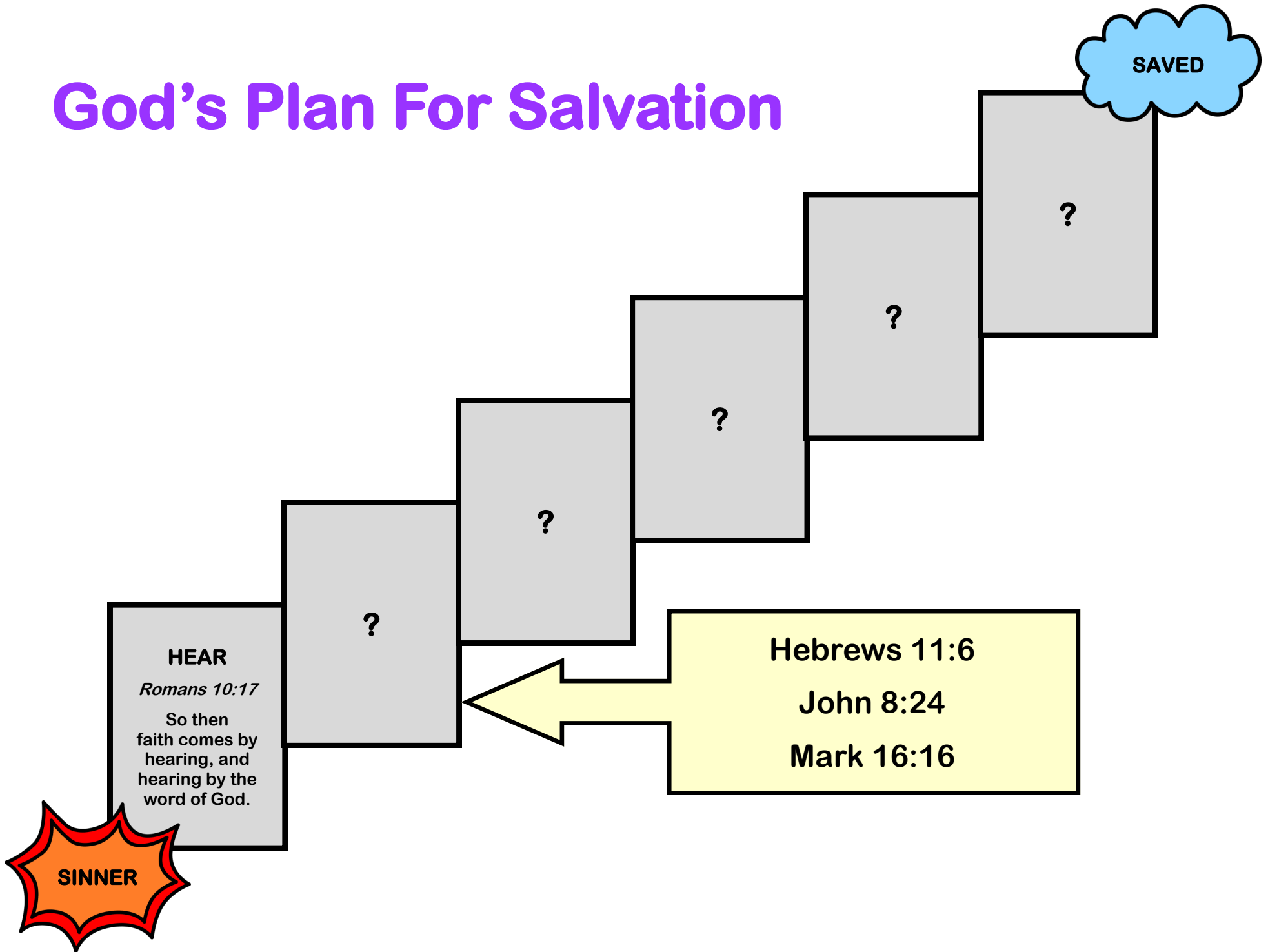
Romans 10:17 – So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Ask / Discuss:

How does one obtain faith? *(Hearing)*

Hearing what? *(The Word of God)*

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SINNER

HEAR

Romans 10:17

So then
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SAVED

Hebrews 11:6

John 8:24

Mark 16:16

Hold up picture:

Can anyone tell me what the second step to salvation is? *(Believe)*

Let's see what Hebrews 11:6, John 8:24, and Mark 16:16 say:

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NKJV):

Hebrews 11:6 - But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

John 8:24 - Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Mark 16:16 – He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

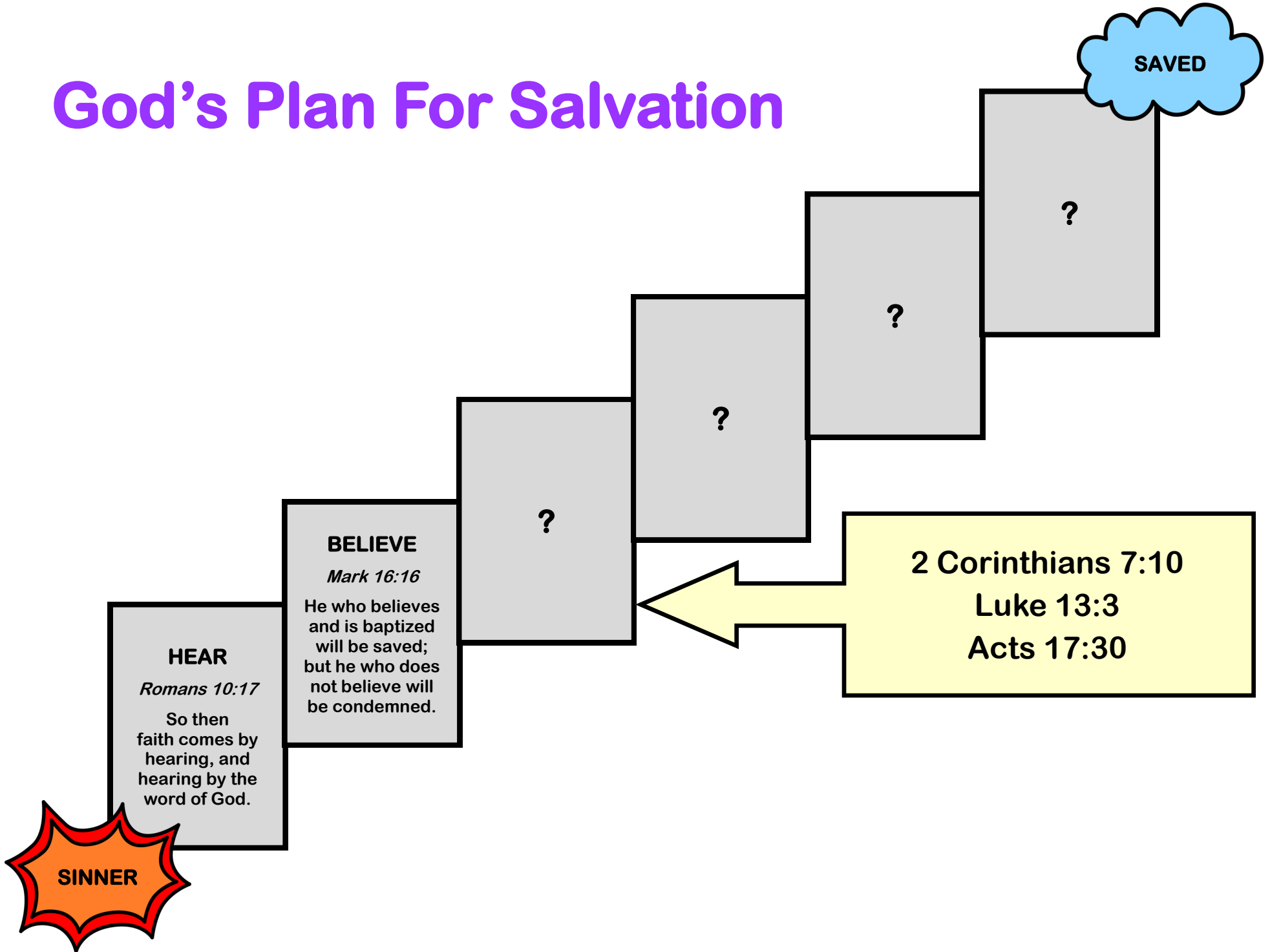
Ask / Discuss:

So in order to come to God, we must do what? *(Believe)*

What specifically are we to believe? *(That Jesus is the Christ or Messiah)*

If we do not believe, what will happen to us? *(We will die in our sins and be condemned)*

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Hold up picture:

Once we have heard the Word of God and we believe Jesus is the Christ, what do we need to do?

(Repent)

Let's see what 2 Cor. 7:10, Luke 13:3, and Acts 17:30 say:

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NKJV):

2 Cor. 7:10 - For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Luke 13:3 - I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

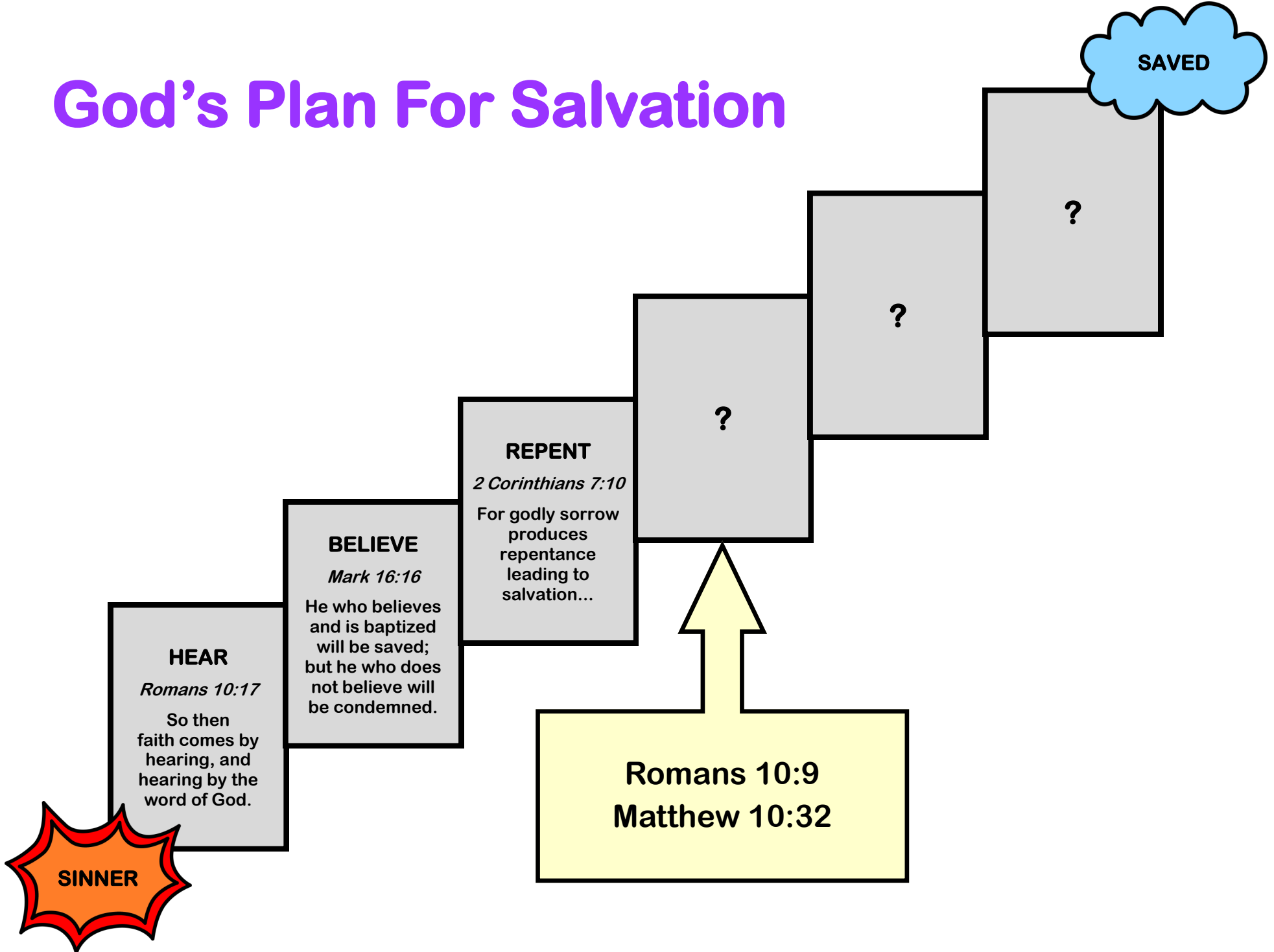
Acts 17:30 - Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Ask / Discuss:

Do you know what the word "repent" means? *(To change your ways; to stop doing what is wrong and to start doing what is right)*

True repentance involves what? *(Godly sorrow; you should feel sorrow for the wrong that you've done)*

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Romans 10:17

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BELIEVE

Mark 16:16

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REPENT

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation...

Romans 10:9
Matthew 10:32

SAVED

Hold up picture:

What comes after repentance? ***(Confess)***

Let's see what Romans 10:9 and Matthew 10:32 say:

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NKJV):

Rom. 10:9 - ...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

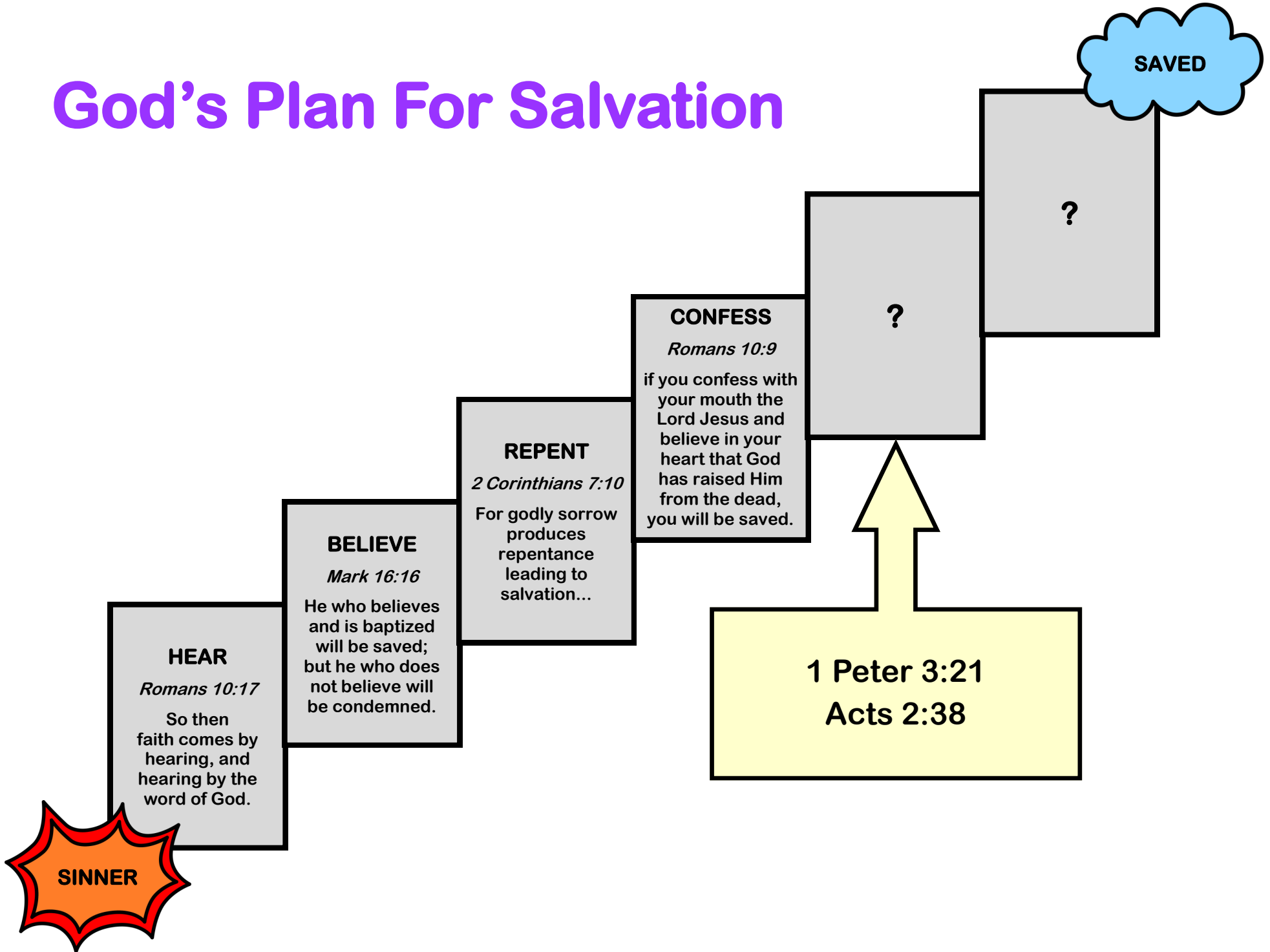
Matt. 10:32 - Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

Ask / Discuss:

What are we to confess? ***(Our belief that Jesus is the Son of God and He was raised from the dead)***

If we confess our belief in Jesus, what will Jesus do for us? ***(He will confess us to God in heaven)***

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Hold up picture:

Some religions will stop at this point. They only think you need to believe in Jesus and confess Him as your Savior, but is that all? No, we are getting close to salvation, but we aren't all the way there yet. Do you know what else do we need to do? ***(Be baptized)***

Let's see what 1 Peter 3:21 and Acts 2:38 say:

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NASB):

1 Peter 3:21 - Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

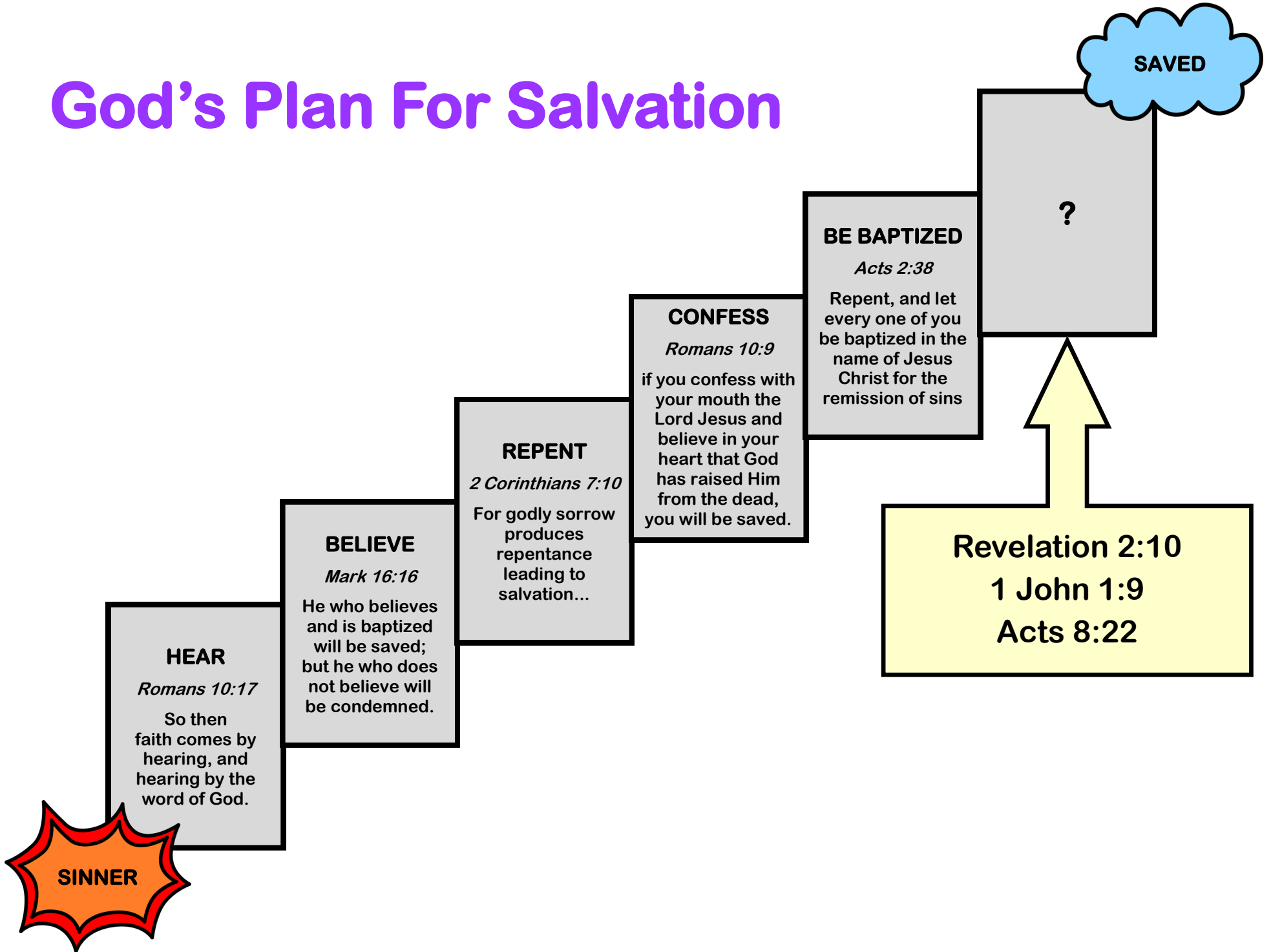
Acts 2:38 - Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Ask / Discuss:

What saves us? ***(Baptism)***

Our sins are not forgiven until we do what? ***(Repent and get baptized)***

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Hold up picture:

Once I am baptized, I am saved. However, I can lose my salvation if I don't do what? *(Remain faithful)*

Let's read Revelation 2:10, 1 John 1:9 and Acts 8:22:

Let the students take turns reading the "letters" (NASB):

Rev. 2:10 - Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

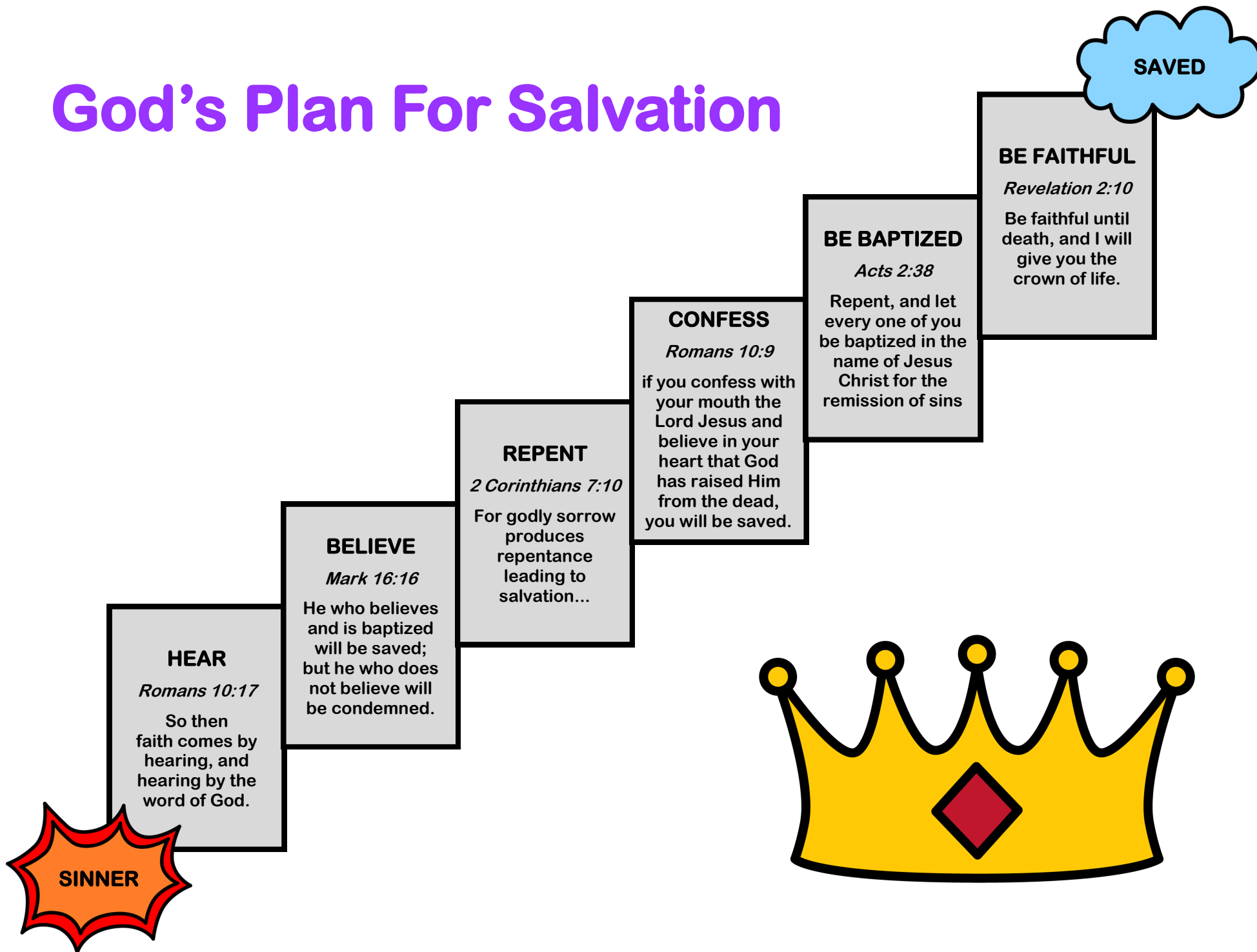
Acts 8:22 - Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

Ask / Discuss:

If we are faithful until death, what will we receive? *(A crown of life)*

Baptism is for the remission of past sins. If I sin after I have been baptized, what do I need to do? *(Confess, repent, and pray for forgiveness)*

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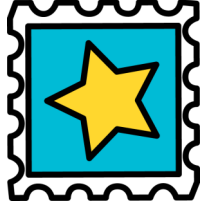


Hold up picture:

God loves all of us and He sent His Son to die for our sins so that we may one day be with Them in heaven. God has had this plan of salvation since the beginning, but we must chose to follow God's plan and live faithfully, so that we can receive that crown of life in heaven.

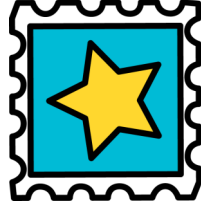
(After the lesson, have the students put "The Epistles" in the correct mailboxes.)

From: Paul



To: The Romans

From: ?



To: The Hebrews

Rom. 10:17

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 1b / #1

So then faith comes by _____, and
_____ by the word of God.

Heb. 11:6

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 1b / #2

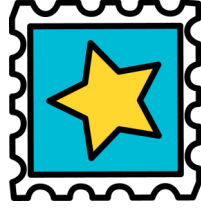
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From: Paul



To: The Corinthians

From: Paul



To: The Romans

2 Cor. 7:10

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 1b / #3

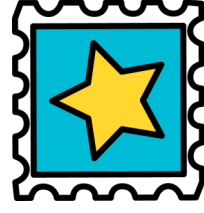
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Rom. 10:9

Yr 3 / Qtr 4 / Less 1b / #4

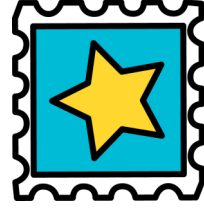
...that if you _____ with your mouth the
Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has
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From: Peter



To: The Christians in
Asia and Galatia

From: John

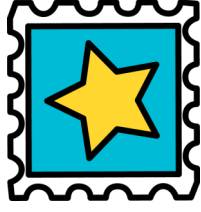


To: The Christians
in Asia Minor
(Revelations)

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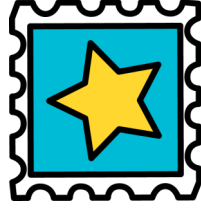
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From: John



To: The Christians
in Asia Minor

From:



To:

If we _____ our sins, He is faithful and
righteous to _____ us our sins and
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
