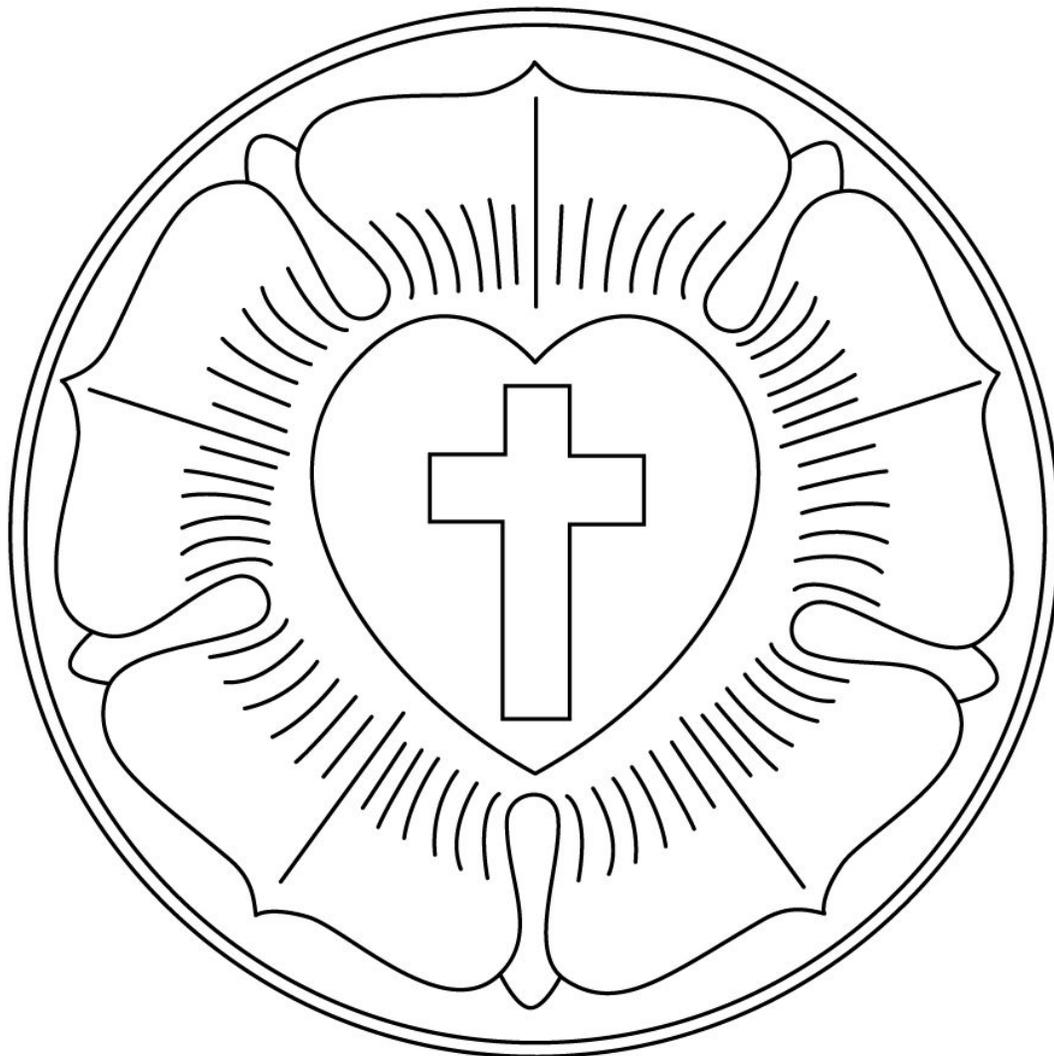


Reformation

Lesson 2



This is Martin Luther's seal. Martin Luther drew this picture to show how people are saved. Each picture in the seal shows us something about God's love and plan of salvation for us. Color the seal using the color key below. Read what each item in Martin Luther's seal means.

Cross

black

Christ's death on the cross forgives our sins.

Heart

red

Faith in Christ's death is found in the heart.

Rose

white

Faith in Jesus gives us peace, forgiveness, and joy.

Background

blue

Faith in Christ's death gives heaven.

Ring

gold

Life in heaven brings happiness and will be eternal.



The Story

Martin Luther was excited that his sins were forgiven because Jesus died on the cross to take them away. He wanted others to know about this, but the church did not want others to know this. The church told the people that if they wanted their sins forgiven, they had to buy special pieces of paper. Martin Luther did not like this. This is not what God said in the Bible. He wrote 95 sentences saying that the church was not teaching what God says in the Bible. He took this 95 sentences and nailed them to the church door. He did this on October 31, 1517. This is the day we call Reformation Day. God was using Martin Luther to change the church into teaching what God says in the Bible.

The church was not happy with Martin Luther's 95 sentences. They wanted him to stop talking about forgiveness of sins through Jesus death on the cross. The church said that he could be killed if he did not stop preaching this. Martin Luther prayed to God for help. He said that he had to preach that Jesus died to forgive sins.

Martin Luther's friends were worried that he would die, so they took Martin Luther to a castle. Martin Luther stayed here for about a year writing the Bible in the German language so all the people in Germany could read for themselves how Jesus died to take away their sins.

Martin Luther did many other important things. He wrote some of the songs in our hymnal. One is called, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." He wrote two books called Catechisms. They talk about the important things in the Bible. He even got married and had six children.

God had a special plan for Martin Luther. God used Martin Luther to show the people that Jesus died to take away the sins of the world. No one can do good things in order to be saved because all people are sinful. God used Martin Luther to change what the church was teaching. That is why we celebrate Reformation Day on

October 31. We thank God that He sent Jesus to die on the cross to forgive us. We also thank God that He used Martin Luther to find in the Bible the good news that our sins are forgiven because Jesus paid for them.

God used Martin Luther to show people from the Bible that they are saved because God loved everyone so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross.

Passages

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Hymn TLH -Hymn 262 v. 1

A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need
That hath us now o'ertaken,
The old evil Foe now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for using Martin Luther to show us that we are saved only because Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins. Help us always remember to praise You and tell others the good news that Jesus died to forgive the sins of the world. Thank You, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Activity One - Reformation Mobile

Directions: Color pieces. Cut out pieces along the black lines. Glue the two pieces together to make the top ring. With a hole puncher, punch six holes along the bottom of the top ring. Punch one whole in the top of each picture. Connect the pictures to the top ring with yarn.

Glue Here
God's Word Shows Us Jesus

Glue Here
Died To Forgive Our Sins.

