

THE RENAISSANCE REVEALED

LUTHER, THE FERVENT REFORMER

WHAT WE LEARNED:

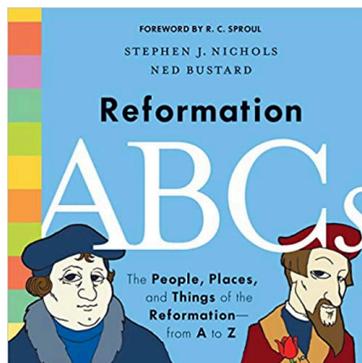
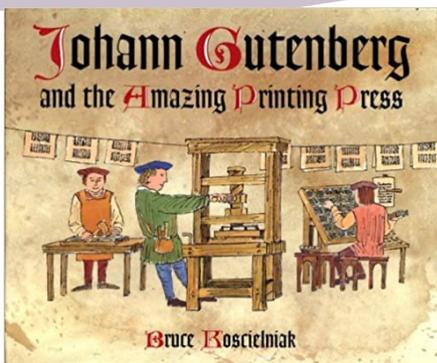
- Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press changed the world.
- Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Chapel, an act that launched the Protestant Reformation.
- Artists who supported Luther were Albrecht Dürer and Lucas Cranach, the Elder.
- The Roman Catholic Church responded with the Counter-Reformation.

ART ACTIVITY: PRINTED LETTER

The concept of printing is similar to engravings or today's craft stamps—the lettering and design are a mirror image (reversed). A printer designs the original lettering, then copies it as a mirror image. The reversed letters are covered in ink, and a paper is placed on top of the inked letter. Pressure is applied to transfer the image to the printed page.



BOOK NOOK



Johann Gutenberg and the Amazing Printing Press

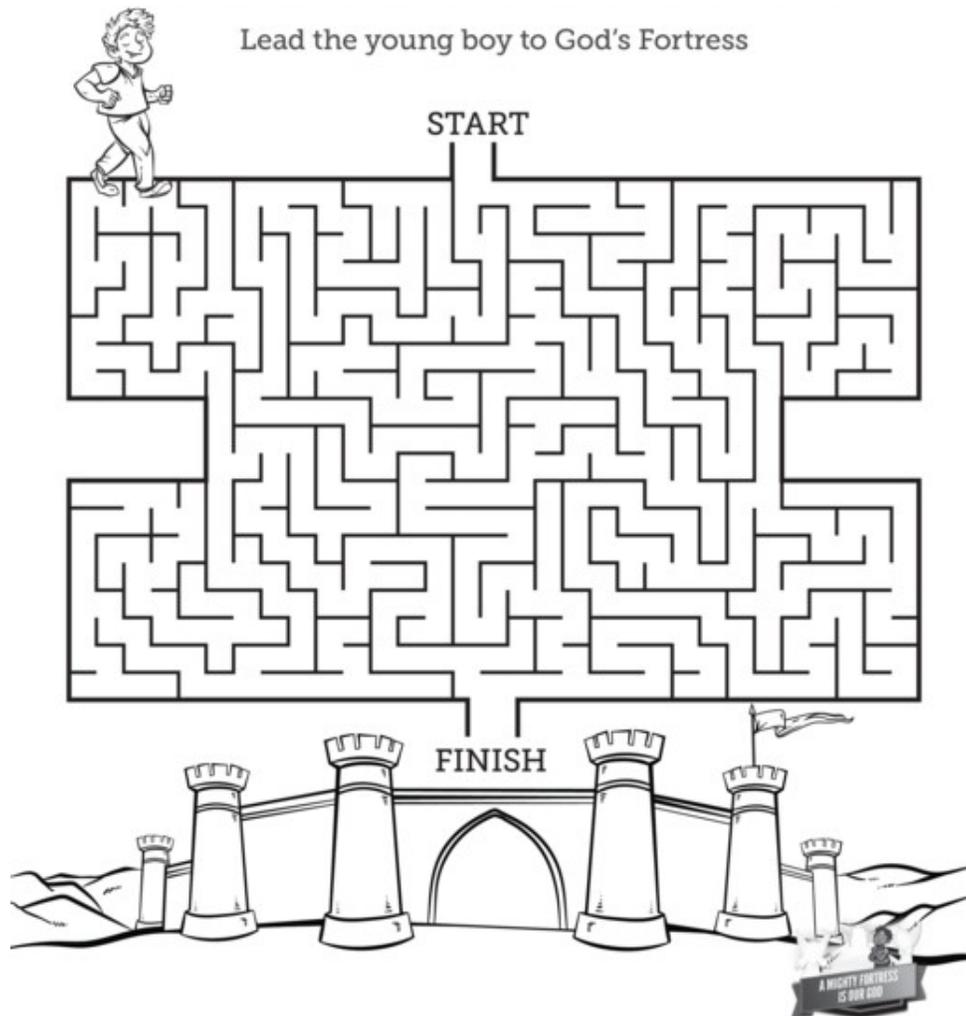
By Robert Beckham

Reformation ABCs

By Stephen J. Nichols

FORTRESS PUZZLE

Martin Luther was also a hymnwriter. One of his best-known hymns is *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*. Complete the puzzle.



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FOR PARENTS:

The lesson featured Martin Luther, his grievances with the Catholic Church, and the Protestant Reformation that followed. However, the movement's ideas would not have expanded throughout Europe and beyond without the invention of Gutenberg's printing press. More importantly, printing Gutenberg's Bible and Luther's German translation of the Bible enabled common people to have access to God's Word and to read its truth for themselves, rather than relying solely on church tradition and the teachings of church leaders.

Please note: As M&G's host location for *Homeschool Days*, Mack Library will feature books each month for parents to reference as resources. We hope these additional features will further support your teaching at home.

CONNECTIONS AT HOME: CITRUS PRINTING



MATERIALS:

- Citrus fruits (grapefruit, orange, lemon, and/or lime)
- Tempera paint (your choice of colors)
- Painting paper or white cotton dishtowel
- Paper plates
- Art apron
- Paring knife and/or grapefruit spoon

DIRECTIONS:

1. Set out the prepared citrus fruits, tempera paints, and paper or white cotton towel.
2. Next, invite children to use an orange, grapefruit, lemon, or lime
3. Cut the fruit in half.
4. Choose to either squeeze the juice from the fruit or remove the sections with a grapefruit spoon. There is no right or wrong way to make the stamps.
5. Pour a thin puddle of tempera paint onto a paper plate.
6. Allow the child to stamp the citrus fruit into the tempera paints and onto the paper or white cotton dishtowel. Emphasize process over product.

Find more detailed information [here](#).



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Download a Reformation A-Z Coloring Book:
<https://lutheranreformation.org/resources/for-teachers/reformation-a-z-coloring-book/>
- Create hand-printed valentines: <https://www.kitchentableclassroom.com/heart-prints/>
- Look at a letter written and signed by Martin Luther in 1518, from the collection of the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC:
<https://collections.museumofthebible.org/artifacts/1015-martin-luther-autograph-letter-signed-1518>

Due to the changing nature of web resources, M&G strongly urges you as the parent to preview these sites before your child accesses them. The fact that these sites are available on this handout does not imply that M&G endorses their content from the standpoint of morals, philosophy, theology, or scientific hypotheses.



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Through tours, events, and publications, the Museum & Gallery seeks to partner with educators in fulfilling all of the National Visual Arts Content Standards. By integrating art into the core curriculum, M&G's goals are to teach children to value the arts, to communicate through the arts, to become creative problem solvers through the inclusion of STEAM-related concepts and fully-developed STEAM units, to understand history and culture in light of the arts, to improve literary interest and understanding through visual storytelling, to critique the arts, and to develop an aesthetic awareness of the arts. Through fulfilling the mission, M&G is able to help develop citizens who have the ability to think, feel, and understand the world in which they live.