HOW MANY CLOWNS?

(Cut out and fasten the inner disc here so it rotates freely.)

How many clowns can you find? Point the cross toward clown A, and you will find 12. But one is lost!

Sharing the Gospel is as simple as pointing the cross toward clown B. Count again. Now there are 13!

The lost has been found!

Every soul is a circus,
And every life is a tent.
So be a fool for Jesus,[1]
And smile wherever you're sent!

For God will use the foolish,[2]
Yes, reach out and clown around.
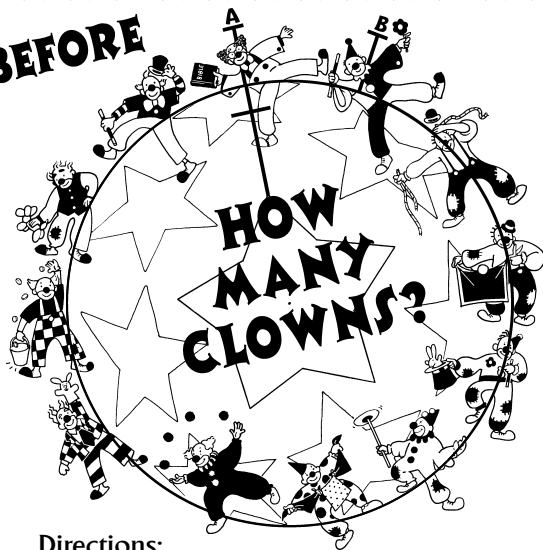Use all your gifts for Jesus,
Seek and the lost shall be found![3]

[1] *I Cor. 4:10*   [2] *I Cor. 1:27*   [3] *I Cor. 1:18*

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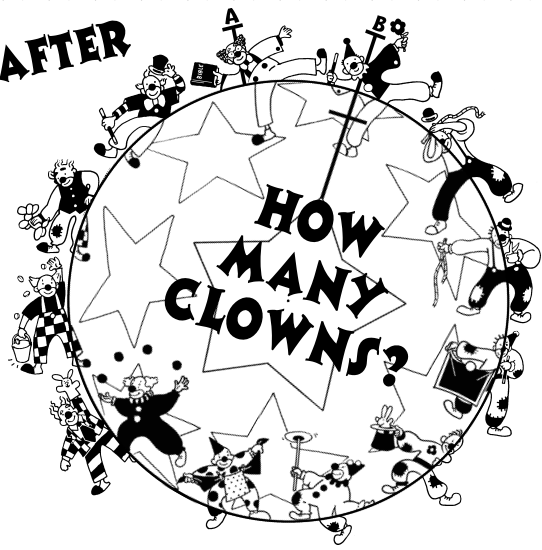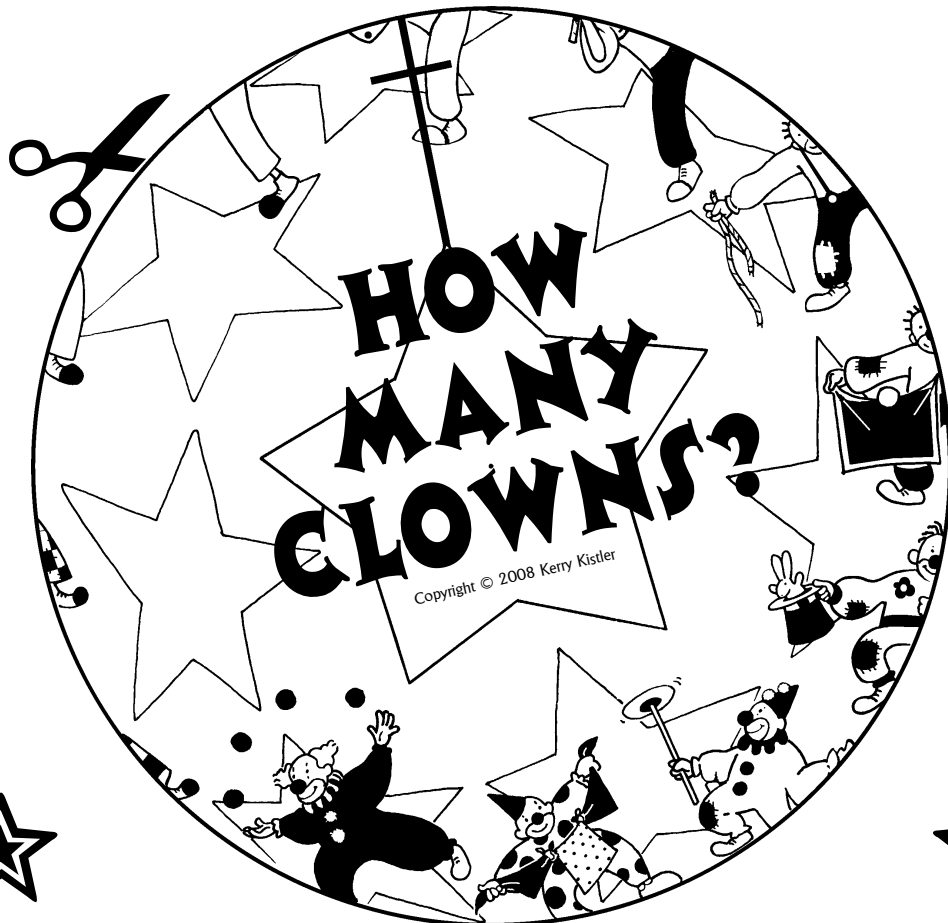
Directions:
1. Print both pages on lightweight card stock or heavy paper.
2. Cut out the large inner disc (below) and fasten it by the center to the outer disc on the first page so that the inner disc rotates freely.
3. Point the cross to clown A and count the clowns. Now rotate the disc so the cross points to clown B and count them again (see smaller diagrams above).

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(OR, BEING A FOOL FOR CHRIST)

Over a century ago, Sam Loyd designed one of the most popular and magical puzzles ever created–more than ten million copies were produced! This genuine puzzle masterpiece is called "Get Off the Earth" and features a posse of sword-wielding Chinese warriors. I was inspired to re-imagine Sam's puzzle with an added gospel flavor and tinkered around with this for over a year. Then, one day, my daughter Christy suggested using clowns. Viola! My version called "How Many Clowns?" is the result. Special thanks to illustrator Keith Alexander for his helpful assistance.

How does this puzzle work? Martin Gardner, magician, author and puzzle-meister, has classified this genre of puzzle as "The Principle of Concealed Distribution." Which basically means that each of the twelve clowns subtly donates a small portion of themselves which are then combined to create a thirteenth clown. Kind of like an organ-donor program for puzzles. If you study the diagrams it should eventually sink in.

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See you down the road,

Kerry Kistler

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