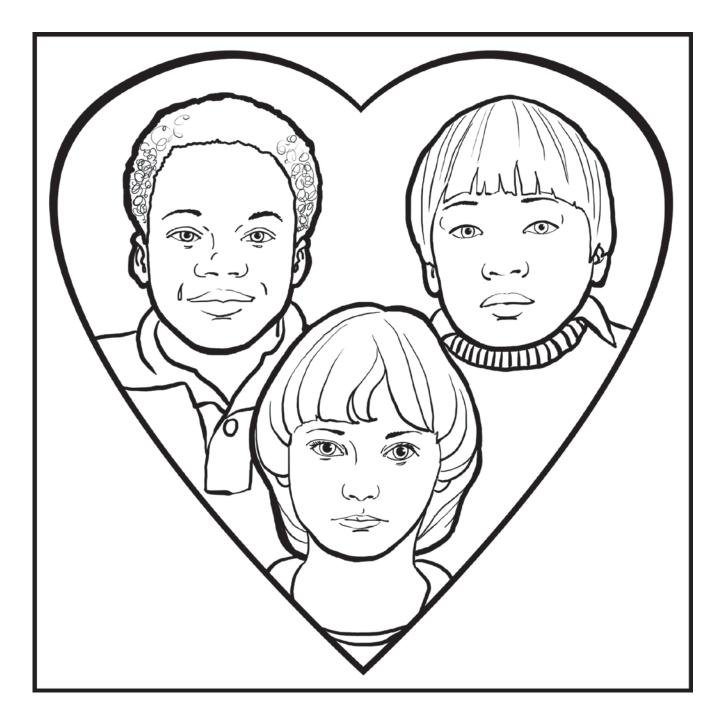




Would you like a friend who loves you no matter what? Someone who is always with you? Someone who is powerful, good and kind? God is like that and He loves you! He wants to be part of your life. He wants you to be part of His family.

God is so powerful that He created the world out of nothing. He made the water, plants, animals and everything in the universe. Did you know that there are billions of stars in the sky? God made them all! The Bible says, "He [God] determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name" (Psalm 147:4).



The most special thing God created was people. God made you! He knows all about you. God loves you more than anyone else can. He wrote a book for you called the Bible. God says in the Bible, "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3). God loved you before you were even born. He will never stop loving you.

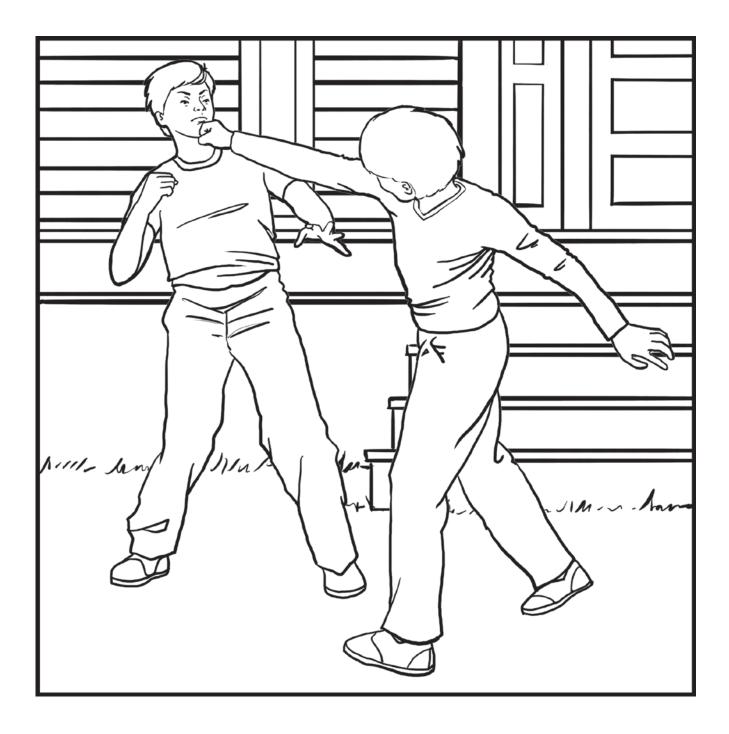
The world may change but God never changes. You can trust Him to keep His promises because God always tells the truth. People may lie or break their promises but God won't. You can even trust God's promises when bad things happen. God says, "I the Lord do not change" (Malachi 3:6).

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Use the code to find the secret message above. Write the letter that goes with each number on the line above that number.



God is holy. He is perfect. He never makes mistakes. God is always on the side of good. His home is called Heaven. It is a beautiful, perfect place. No one is ever hurt or sad in Heaven. There is no pain or death there (Revelation 21:4). No one ever does anything wrong. God wants you to live in Heaven someday.



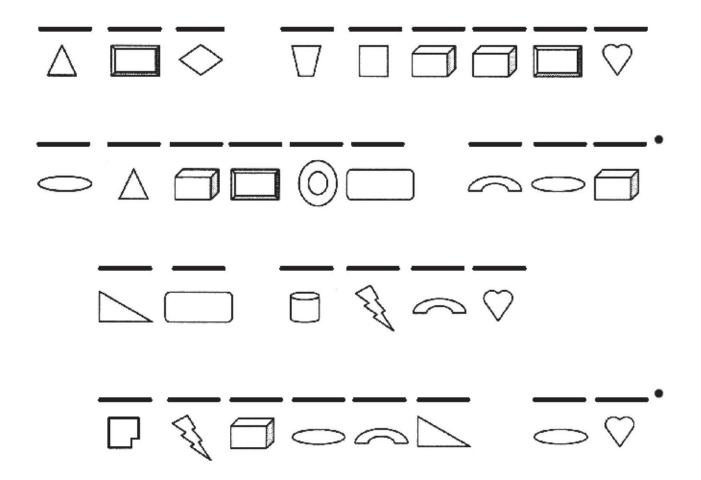
The world is not perfect like God's home in Heaven. The bad things that happen in the world are because of sin. Sometimes people choose to sin. Sin is thinking, saying or doing things God says are wrong. God tells us what those things are in the Bible. Things like hating others, lying and stealing are sin. Being selfish, cheating on tests and fighting are sins too. What God says is wrong will always be wrong. People may not agree with God but God is always right. Have you sinned? Have you done things God says are wrong? Yes! The Bible says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). No one is perfect like God. God knows everything you have ever done. He knows you have sinned. You have been sinning since the time you were born.

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Find and circle these words that name sins: *take drugs, cheat, fight, unkind, be jealous, hate, steal, lie, rob, hit, kill, talk back, swear.* The words may go up and down, across or diagonally. Some may be two words put together.

God is perfect. He can't be around sin. He can't ignore the wrong things you do. Your sin hurts God and hurts others.

God has to punish sin. You deserve to be punished for your sin. The Bible says, "For the wages of sin [what you earn] is death" (Romans 6:23).



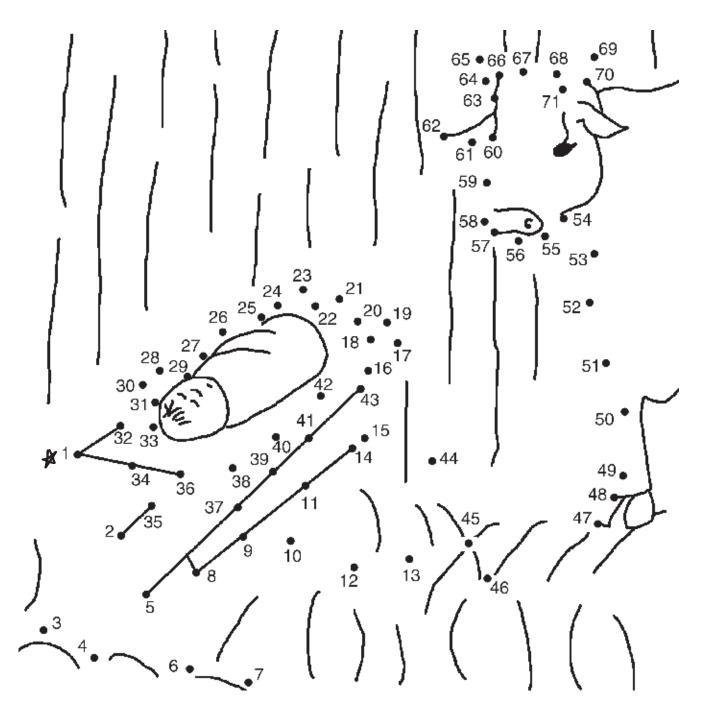
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Your sin separates you from God forever. Unless your sin is forgiven, you will be punished for it. There is nothing you can do to get rid of your sin. Only God is able to forgive you and take your sin away.

God knew He was the only one who could take care of your problem with sin. He loved you so much that He made a way for your sin to be forgiven. God sent His only Son to Earth as a tiny baby. He was the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus was like you in many ways. He grew, ate, played and worked. Jesus was not like you in one way though. He never sinned. Jesus was perfect in everything He did. Jesus is God the Son. The Bible says Jesus has no sin in Him (1 John 3:5).

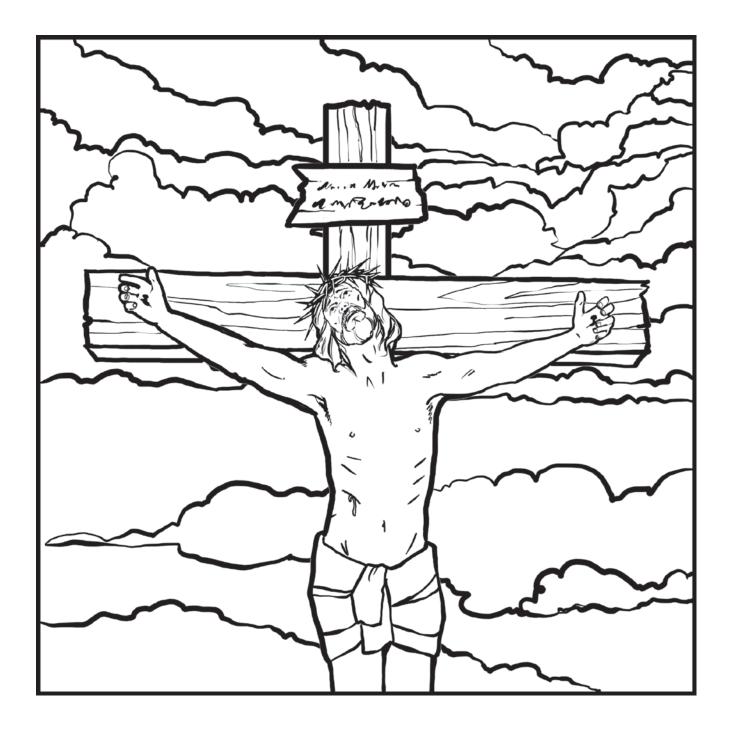


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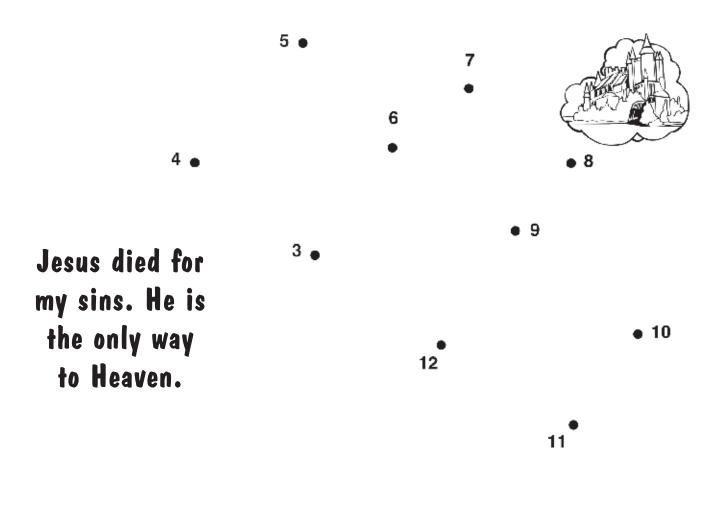


The Lord Jesus grew up. He loved all the people, especially children. He wanted them to come to Him. He started to teach about God's love. Jesus told people to love God and love each other.

Jesus showed people what God is like. He made sick people well. He made blind people see. Jesus even stopped a storm. Nothing is too hard for Jesus! He has all power. Jesus is God the Son.



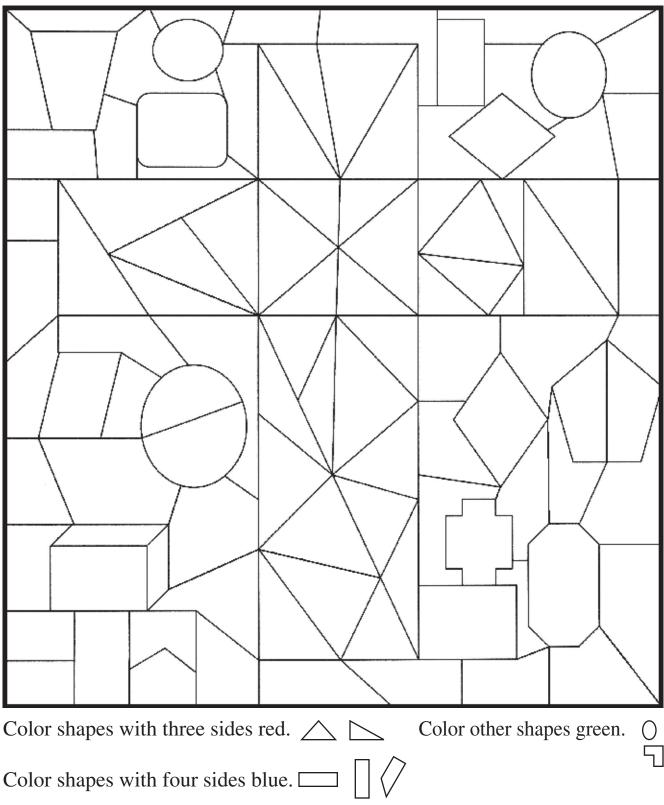
Jesus taught on Earth for three years. Then He did what He had come to do. Jesus died for your sin. He allowed soldiers to put nails in His hands and feet. He was hung on a wooden cross. Jesus bled and died there. He had not done anything wrong. Jesus did not deserve to die. He was being punished for you. He died so you could have your sin forgiven. The Bible says, "But God demonstrates [shows] his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). God sent His only Son to die for you! This was all part of His plan. Jesus is the only way to get to God. You could think of your sin like a huge ocean between you and God. Jesus is the only way for you to get past your sin to God. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus is the bridge between God and you.



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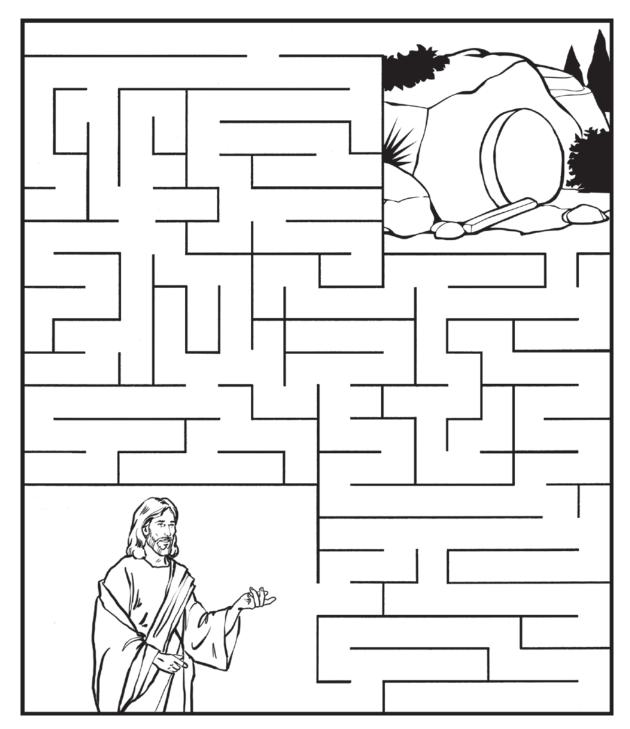
Connect the dots starting at number 1 to see the only way to get to Heaven. Then color the picture. God the Father punished Jesus for your sin. The Bible says, "Without the shedding [giving] of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22). Your sin had to be punished. When Jesus died on the cross, His blood paid for your sin. He was punished in your place. That was the only way you could be forgiven for your sin.





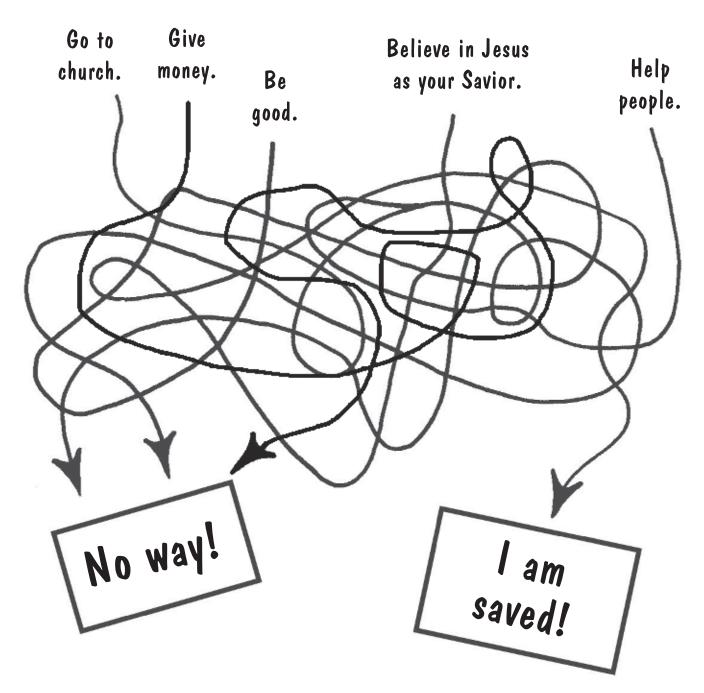
Jesus died on the cross. He was buried in a tomb. Three days later He came back to life. This proved He was God. It proved that Jesus has the power to forgive sin. The Bible says, "Christ [Jesus] died for our sins according to the Scriptures [the Bible], that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Jesus was alive again! He stayed on Earth for 40 more days. He talked to people. He ate with them. More than 500 people saw Jesus. They knew He was truly alive again. Then the Lord Jesus went back to Heaven. Since Jesus is God, He can be everywhere at once. Even though you can't see Him, Jesus is here too. In the Bible Jesus says, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).



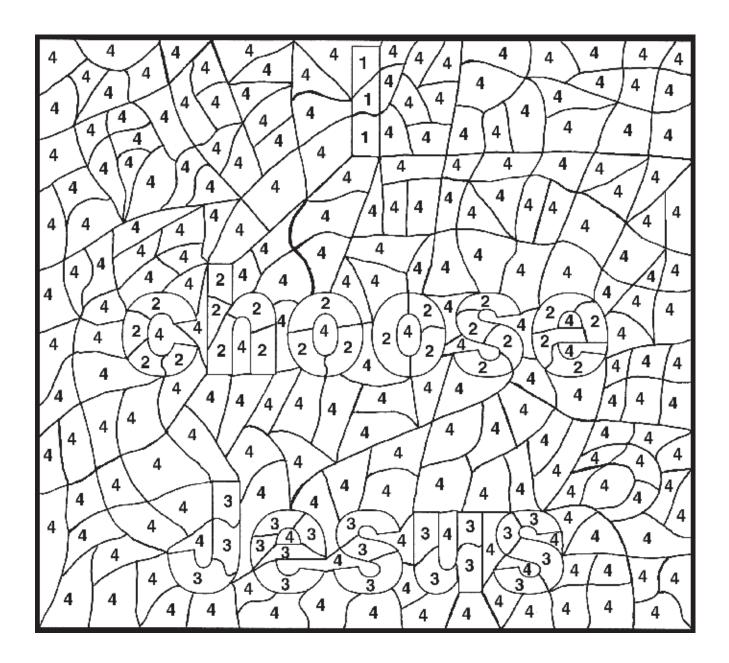
Follow the maze to move from the closed tomb to the picture of Jesus alive.

Because of what Jesus did, your sin can be forgiven! You cannot save yourself. You cannot do good things to be saved. There is only one thing that can pay for your sin. That is Jesus' death on the cross. It is the only thing God will accept. The Bible says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).



Trace the line from each choice above with a different color to see where that choice will take you.

Do you want Jesus to save you from the punishment for your sin? In the Bible God says, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). To believe means to trust completely in Jesus. He is the only one who can save you. You need to agree with God that you have sinned and deserve to be punished. Choose to trust in Jesus alone to forgive you.

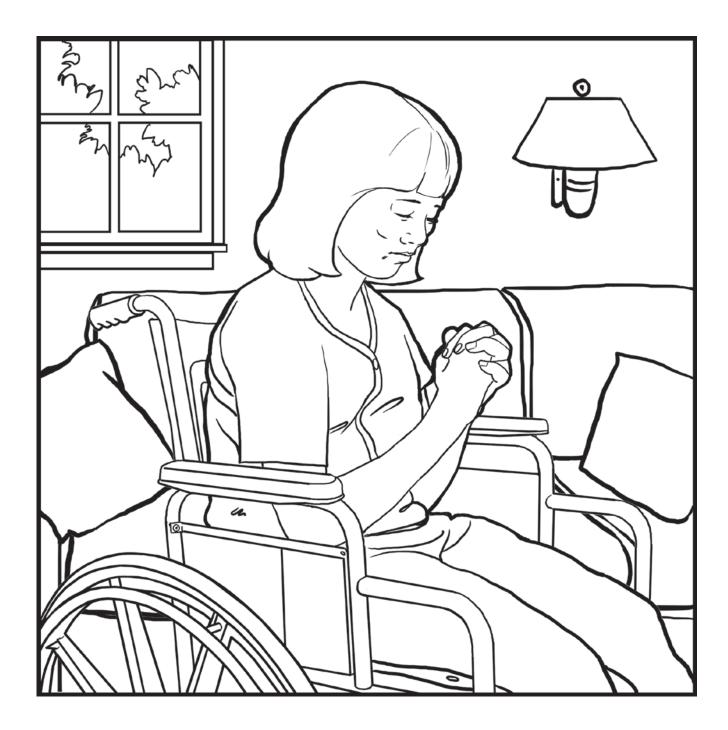


Color the spaces by number. 1 = red 2 = green 3 = blue 4 = yellow

When you trust in the Lord Jesus as your Savior, you are rescued from the punishment for sin. You are no longer separated from God. Your sins are forgiven. God changes you on the inside. He makes you want to do what is right. You will want to live to please God. He gives you power to do the right things.

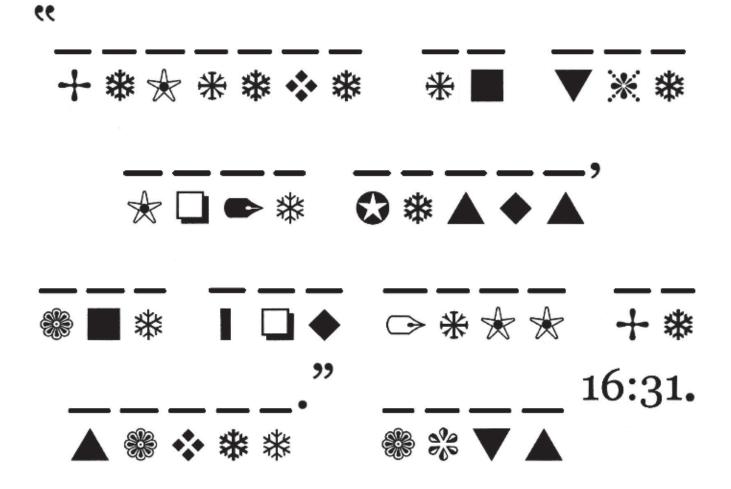
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Find these words about how your life is different when you trust in Jesus as your Savior: *rescued*, *forgiven*, *power*, *changed*, *please God*, *do right*, *new life*, *choices*, *no punishment*. The words may go up and down, across, or diagonally.



Would you like to believe in Jesus as your Savior right now? Are you willing to agree that you have sinned? Do you want Jesus to save you? You can tell God by talking to Him. That is called praying. You can say something like this:

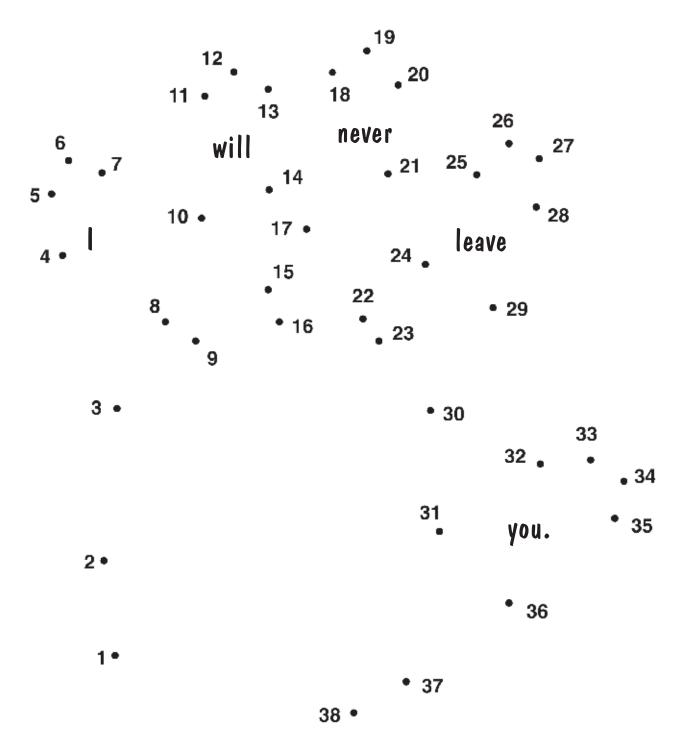
"Dear God, I'm sorry that I have sinned. I believe Jesus died to take the punishment for my sin and came back to life. Please forgive my sin and save me. Change me on the inside. Help me live for you. Thank you for loving me and saving me. In Jesus' name. Amen." If you have truly put your trust in the Lord Jesus, you are saved. Do you remember what God said? "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Your sins have been forgiven. You will not be punished for them. You are clean inside. Jesus has come to live in you. He has changed you on the inside.



Use the code below to solve the Bible puzzle above.

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If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, God has some promises for you. He says, "Never will I leave you" (Hebrews 13:5). God is living in you. He will always be with you. He will go with you wherever you go. You won't have to be alone anymore. Jesus says, "I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

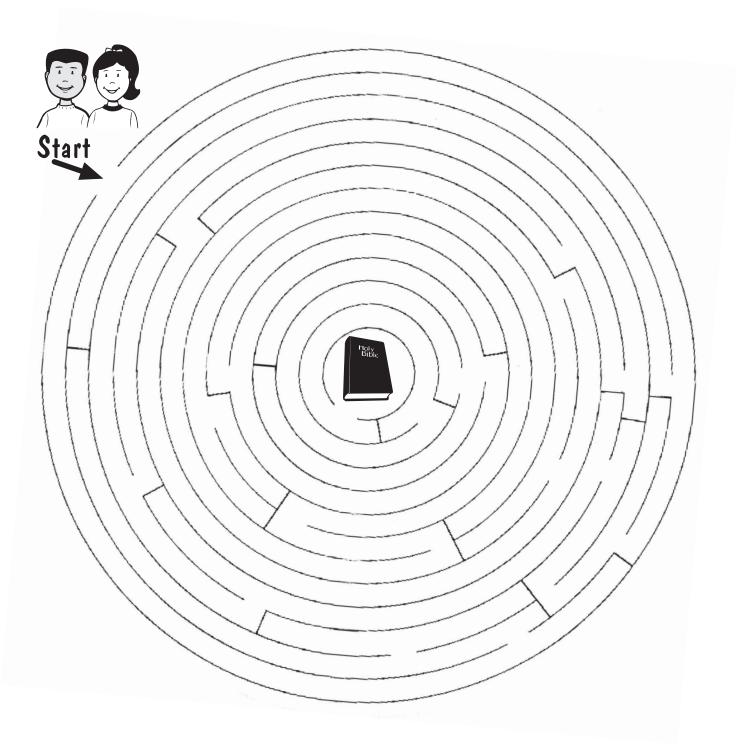


Connect the dots above to find a reminder of God's promise to you.

The very next verse says, "The Lord is my helper" (Hebrews 13:6). God will help you obey Him. He will help you say no to sin. You can talk to Him. Ask for His help in everything you do. He wants to help you be more like Jesus.

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Color every letter T red. Color every letter E green. You will see what God wants you to do. God's enemy, Satan, will try to make you do wrong things. Satan is also called the devil. He wants you to sin. He wants to spoil your friendship with God. But you don't have to sin. The Bible says, "Resist [stand against] the devil, and he will flee [run] from you" (James 4:7).



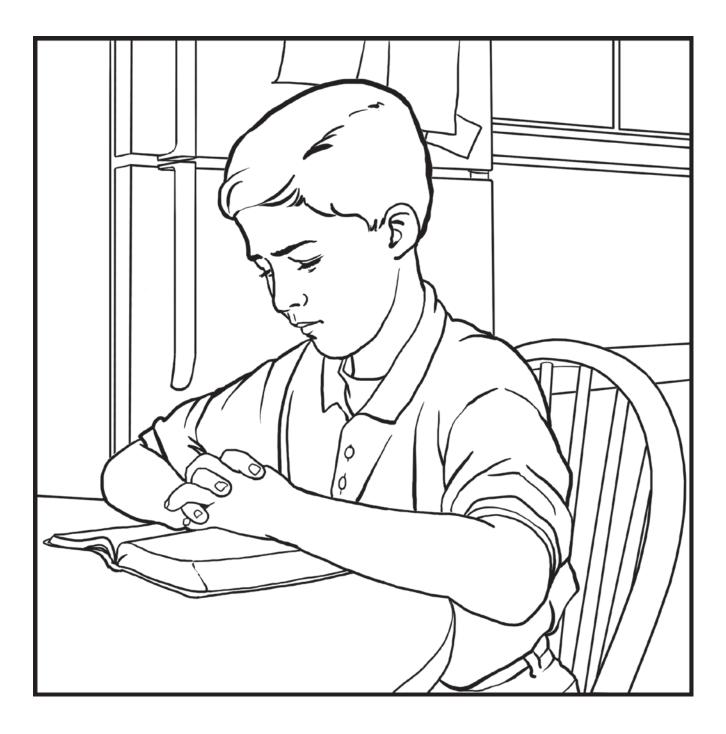
Help these children find their way to the Bible. God's Word will help them stand against the devil when he tries to get them to sin.



If you have Jesus as your Savior, you don't have to be afraid of Satan. God is greater than Satan is. Trust God. He will help you turn away from sin. You can choose not to sin because of the strength of the Lord Jesus. He is living in you and will help you.

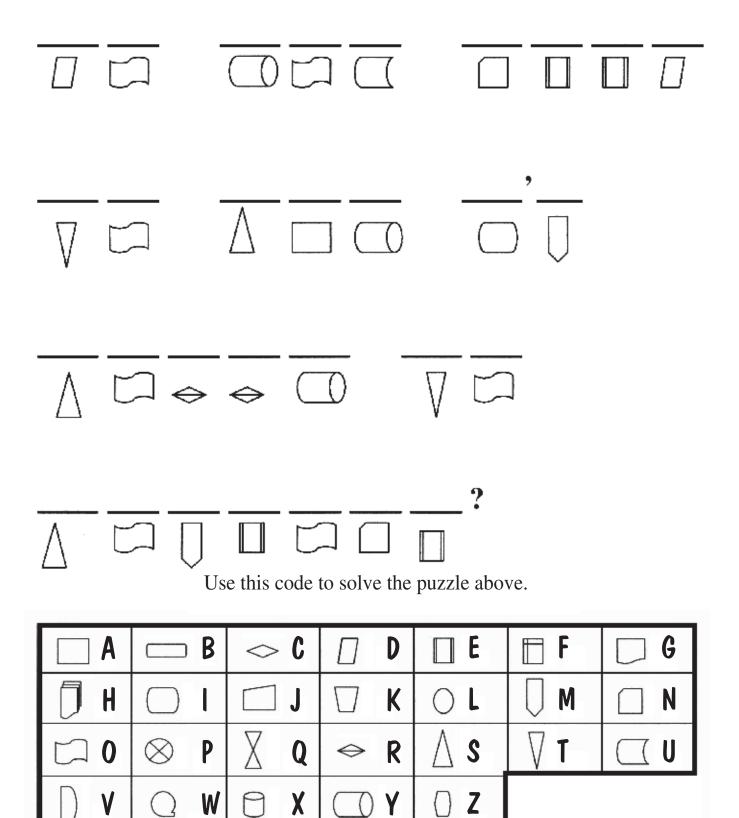
If you do choose to sin, it makes God sad. It keeps you from talking to Him the way you should. As soon as you know you have sinned, tell God about it. Admit that you were wrong. Ask God to help you stop doing the wrong thing.

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The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, he...will forgive us" (1 John 1:9). To confess is to tell God about what you have done. Agree with Him that it is sin. When you confess your sin, God will forgive you as He promised. Then your friendship with Him will be right again.

God may not be the only one you need to tell about your sin. Maybe someone else has been hurt by the wrong thing you did. You may need to say, "I'm sorry" to that person too. Try to make things right with him or her.



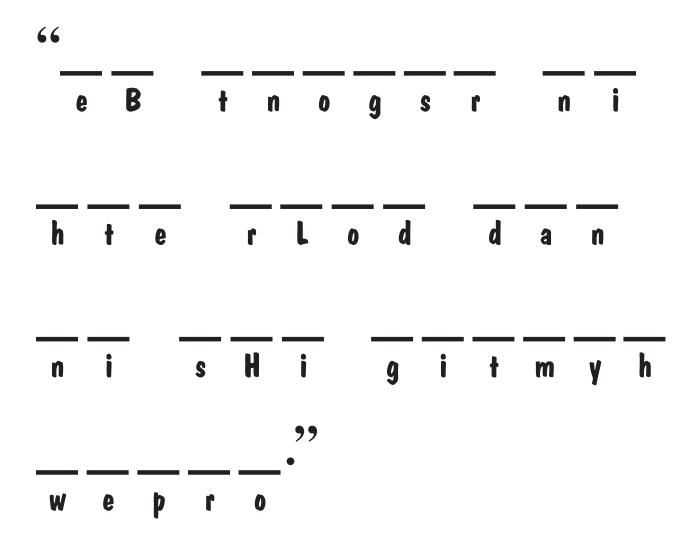
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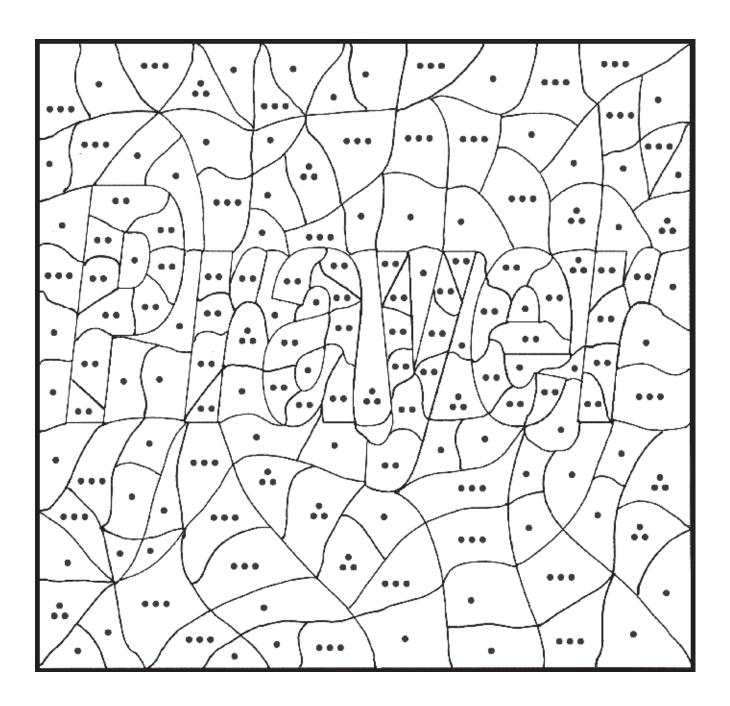
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Thank God for making you a winner over Satan and sin. Remember that Jesus is the one who makes you a winner. The Bible says, "Be strong in the Lord [Jesus] and in his mighty power" (Ephesians 6:10). It is great to know that Jesus can make you a winner over sin!



Unscramble each word in this puzzle to find a special verse from God's Word.

If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, He is your friend. You need to get to know Him better. One way you can do that is by talking to Him. Prayer is talking to God with your own thoughts or words.



Color the spaces with one dot red. Make the spaces with two dots green. The spaces with three dots should be blue. Did you find something God wants to hear?



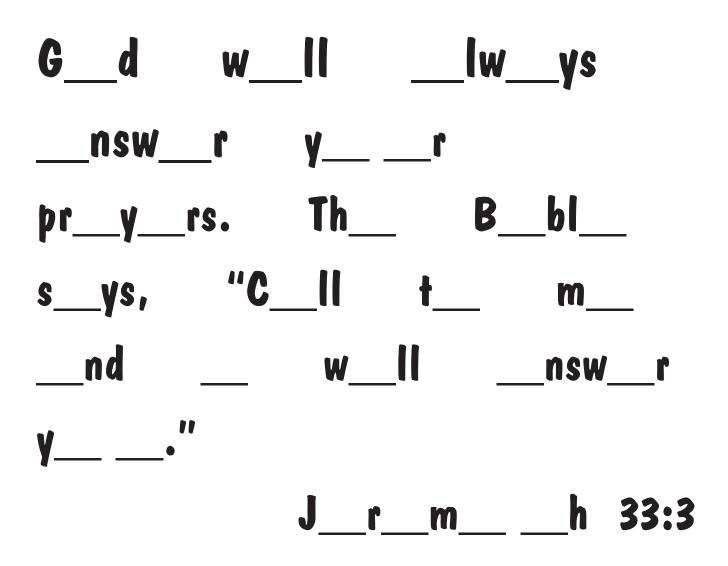
God is never too busy to listen to you. Talk to Him about everything. Let Him know how you are feeling. Tell Him when you are happy. Talk to Him about what makes you sad. Tell God right away when you do something wrong. You can talk to Him anytime.

God wants you to talk to Him often. The Bible says, "Pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). You can talk to God anytime day or night. He is always listening. You can pray while you are playing. Thank God for your food before you eat. Pray when someone is sick. Ask for help when you are afraid. Any time is a good time to talk to God!

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Find these words that tell when and where you can pray: *morning*, *noon*, *anytime*, *night*, *anywhere*, *outside*, *playground*, *dinner table*, *bed*, *church*, *school*, *home*. The words can go up and down, across or diagonally.

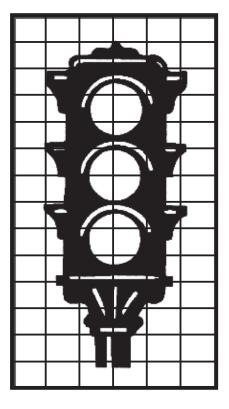
God will always answer your prayers. In the Bible God says, "Call to me and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3). You may not hear God talk out loud, but He will answer. Sometimes God will say "yes." He will give you what you ask for right away.



Fill in the missing vowels in the words above to see what God has to say about prayer.

Sometimes God will say "no" when you pray. God will not give you something He knows is bad for you. God may also say "wait" when you pray. This may not be the right time for Him to give you what you want.

God may say "yes," "no" or "wait" but He will always answer your prayers.



Draw a larger stoplight to remind you of God's answers to prayer. The green light can remind you of "yes" answers. The yellow light can remind you of "wait" answers and the red light can remind you that sometimes God's answer to your prayer is "no."



Remember that God knows everything about you. "O LORD...you know me...you are familiar with all my ways" (Psalm 139:1-3). God knows what has already happened to you. He knows what will happen in the future. God is the only one who really knows what is best for you. He will always answer your prayers in the right way.

You can talk to God anytime. It is also good to have a special time every day just for God. Spending some time praying and reading the Bible every day will help you get to know God better. If you don't have a Bible, you can read this book. It will help you learn more about God.

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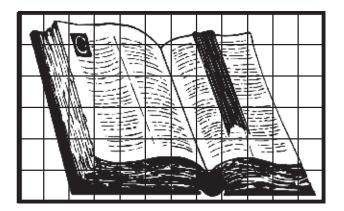
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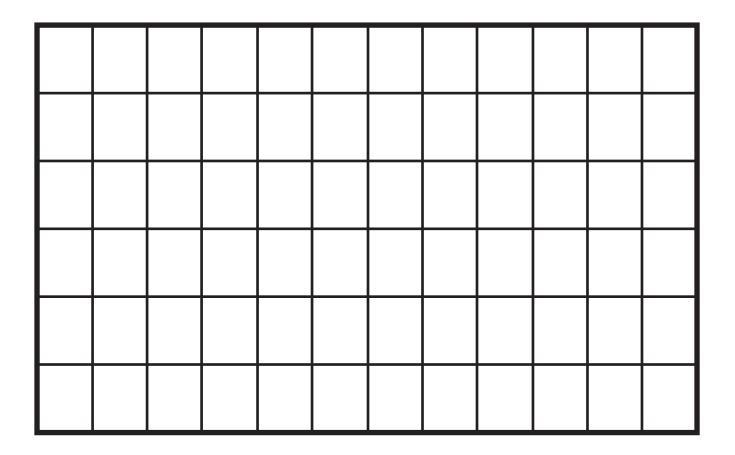


Your special time with God each day is called a "quiet time." Try to meet with God at the same time every day. Look for a place where no one will bother you.

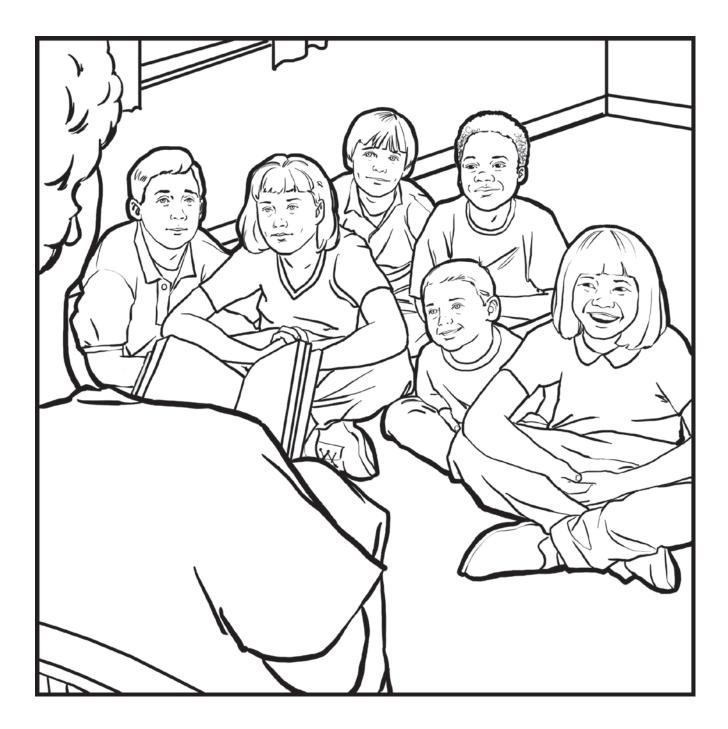
Pray first during your quiet time. Ask God to teach you more about Him. Ask Him to help you understand what He wants to teach you.

Read a few verses from your Bible, or a few pages from this book. Think about what you have read. Is it a promise from God? You can trust it! Is there something God wants you to do? Then do it! Pray again. Ask God to help you obey what He teaches you. Talk to Him about your day. God wants to help you with every part of your life. He wants you to be more and more like Jesus.



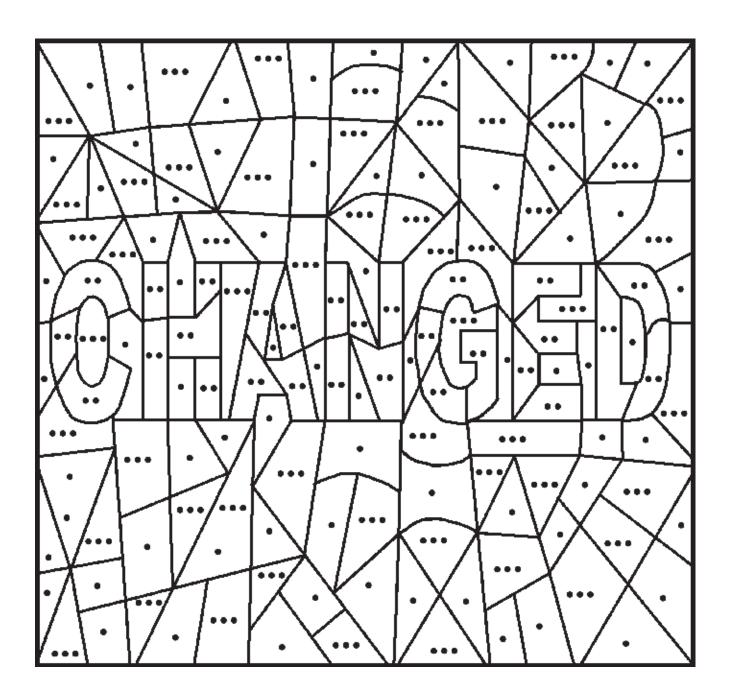


Use the grid to help you draw a larger picture of God's Word, the Bible.



Another way to get to know God better is to make friends with other people who love Jesus. Then you can help each other. You can pray and learn about God together. You might be able to go to a church where you can learn more about God's Word.

When you know Jesus as your Savior, your life will start to change. You will want to do things that please God. Others may see that you are different. They may ask you what has changed. That will give you a chance to tell other people about Jesus.



Color the spaces with the right colors to see what God wants your life to be like.

• = red • • = blue • • = green



You can tell people how much God loves them. Tell them how they can know Jesus and be forgiven for their sins. You could tell them Bible verses from this book. You could share Acts 16:31 with them: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

When you tell others how to believe in Jesus and have life forever with Him, you are being a witness. Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). God wants you to tell others about Him. You can be a witness to your friends and family. Think about someone who needs to know Jesus. Ask God to give you a chance to tell that person about Him. Your actions can be a witness to that person too. When you do what is right, they will see Jesus living in you.

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Who can you tell about Jesus? Find these words in the puzzle and circle them:

brother	sister	friend	bus driver
teacher	grandma	mother	grandpa
father	neighbor	anyone	aunt

The words can go up and down, across, or diagonally.

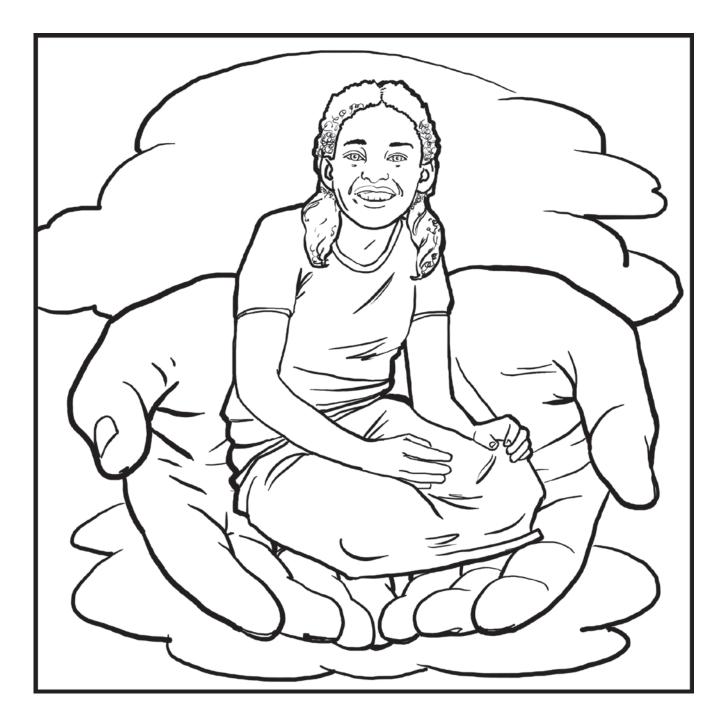


Even though you are saved from your sin, you will still have problems in your life. Maybe your family does not have enough money. Maybe they fight a lot. Maybe you are not getting along with a friend or your brother or sister. Problems will always be part of your life. But now you don't have to face your problems alone. You can trust God to help you. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

The Bible says, "Do not be anxious [worry] about anything, but in everything...present your requests [things you need help with] to God" (Philippians 4:6). What will happen when you give your problems to God? The very next verse tells you that God will give you His peace and quietness on the inside.

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Color in every letter H to find the hidden phrase.



God is in control of everything. Nothing can happen to you unless He allows it. You can always trust Him. Sometimes God will take the problem away. Sometimes He lets the problem stay in your life and helps you get through it.

Just remember, you are never alone. God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). God will be with you all the time here on Earth. Someday you will go to live in Heaven with Him.

Cut out this strip and use the pictures to tell someone else about God. There are verses from the Bible on the back to help you. Here is what you could tell about each picture:

Circle: This circle reminds me of God's love because it never ends. God created you and loves you more than anyone else ever could. The Bible says, (read Jeremiah 31:3). God loves you so much that He wants you to live with Him someday. God is perfect. His home in Heaven is a perfect place too.

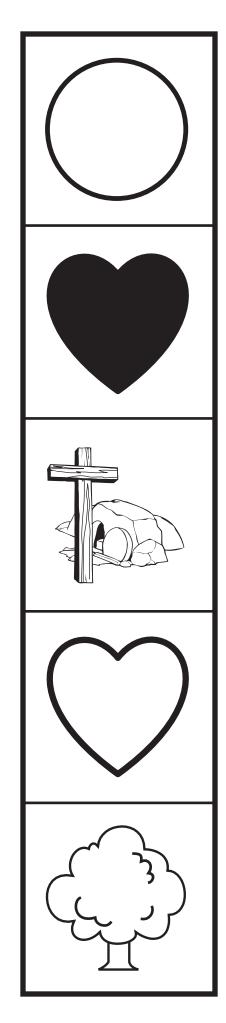
Dark heart: The dark heart reminds me of the one thing that keeps you away from Heaven. That is sin. Sin is anything you think, do or say that God says is wrong—things like stealing or being mean. Everyone has sinned—even you. The Bible says, (read Romans 3:23). God has to punish sin. He can never let your sin into Heaven.

Cross and tomb: God loves you so much that He doesn't want you to be punished for your sin. He sent His only Son, Jesus, to Earth. Jesus never sinned—He is God. Even though Jesus hadn't done anything wrong, people nailed Him to a cross. He bled and died there. This was God's plan! Jesus took the punishment you deserve for your sin. But Jesus didn't stay dead. After three days He came back to life. The Bible says, (read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

Clean heart: Because of what Jesus did, you can have your sin forgiven. Your heart can be made clean. The Bible says, (read Acts 16:31). If you trust completely that when Jesus died on the cross He took your punishment, you will be saved from your sin. God will change you on the inside and make you clean. He will live in you and help you obey Him. Someday, after your body dies, you can go to Heaven to live with God.

Would you like to believe in Jesus right now? Tell God about your sin. Tell Him what you believe Jesus did for you. Ask Him to save you from your sin and change you on the inside. Thank Him for loving you and saving you.

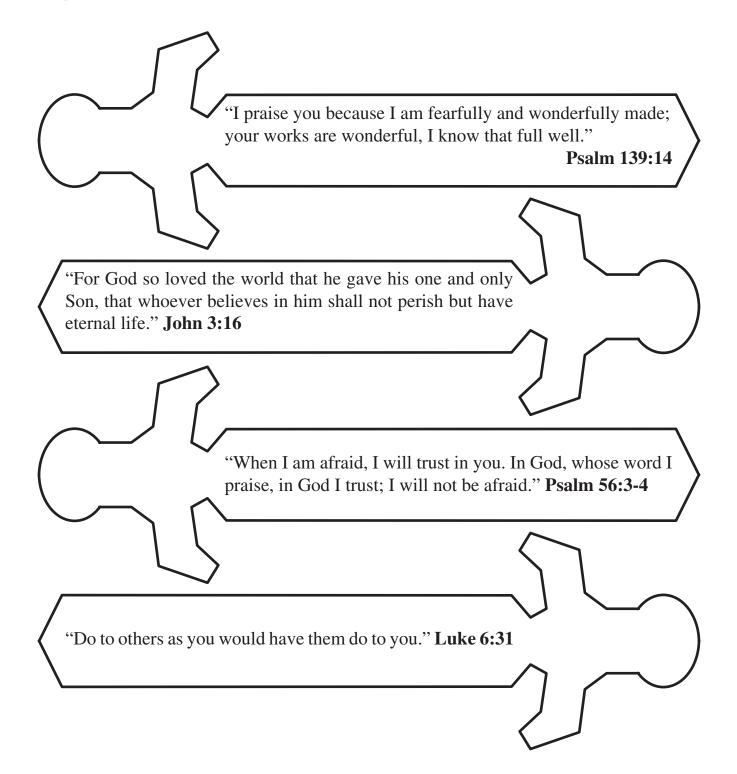
Tree: This tree reminds me of growing. If you have believed in Jesus and are saved, you need to grow to know God better. You can do that by reading the Bible, God's words to us. You can also talk to Him in prayer anytime, about anything. Be sure to pray anytime you know you've sinned. Tell God what you did and ask Him to help you stop. God will forgive you. The Bible says, (read 1 John 1:9). You can get to know God better by meeting with others who know Jesus. You can also tell other people about God, just like I'm telling you.

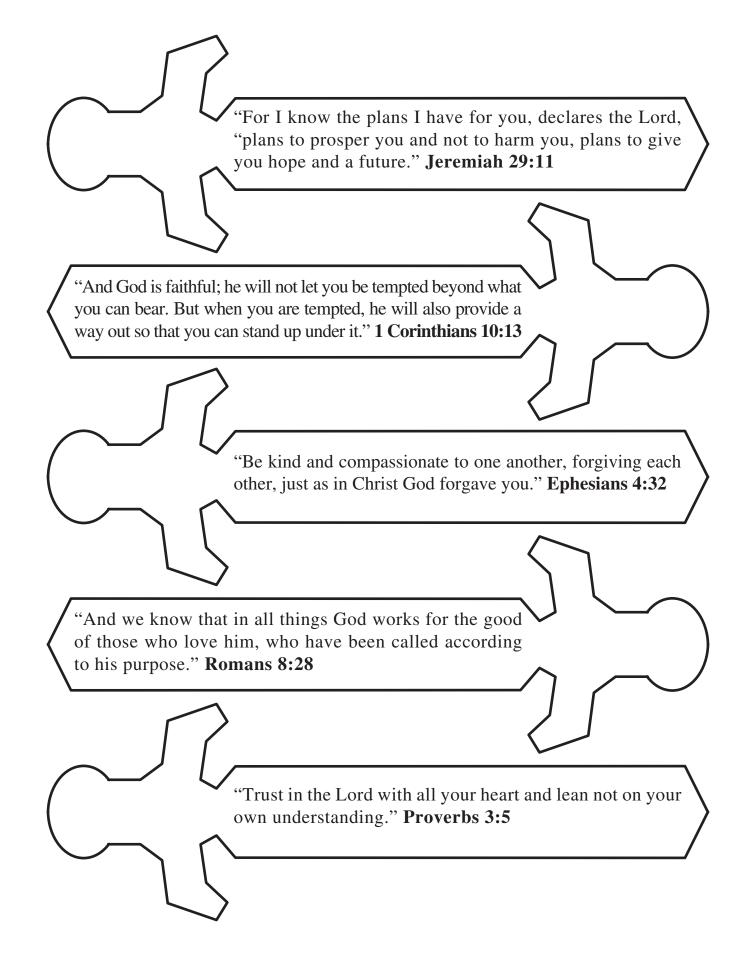


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"Christ [Jesus] died for our sinshe was buriedhe was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures [Bible]." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4	
"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." Acts 16:31	
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins." 1 John 1:9	

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Here are some more great verses for you from the Bible, God's Word. Remember, everything in the Bible is true. Think about each verse and try to learn it. Color the swords as you memorize the verses on them. Use these verses from God's Word to help you live the way God wants you to live.

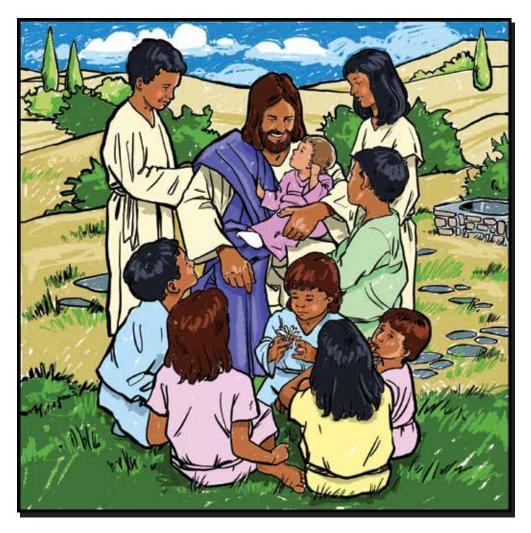




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