



Gospel

READING PLAN FOR KIDS



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Hi,

My name is Rene. I am so excited that you have gotten this booklet! Here we are going to talk about the best news ever! You will get to learn about God and how much He loves you! I can't wait for you to learn more about Jesus!

Enjoy!

Rene Christensen

A note for parents:

I wrote this book in a way that children can read it themselves, but it would be so much more impactful for you to read it with them.

You can use this booklet over a period of days, or in one sitting, and skip the recaps. Kids often understand what it means for Jesus to save them from their sins sooner than they understand what it means for Jesus to be their Lord, where they submit their lives to him. Gospel conversations can take time, and kids may gradually understand more as they go, or they may be ready the first time you read through this booklet. Pray and ask God to give you wisdom. He gave you these children for a reason, and you are the perfect person to share the gospel with them.

Each day, there are verses to read. You can look up the verses in your Bible, or if you don't have a Bible, the verses are printed at the end.

I did not write out a prayer at the end of this booklet for kids to read because it is so important for kids to be able to pray for themselves rather than repeat a prayer. This helps you know they understand what they are praying.

There are activities they can color each day. At the end of each day, I encourage you to have them tell you what they learn, and when they are ready, you can listen to their prayer as they talk to God.

I pray that this book is a help to you as you share the gospel with your children! We are praying for each person who gets a copy of this booklet!

Day 1

Read:

Genesis 1:1 and
Genesis 1:31

(If you don't have a Bible, you can find the verses printed at the back of this booklet.)

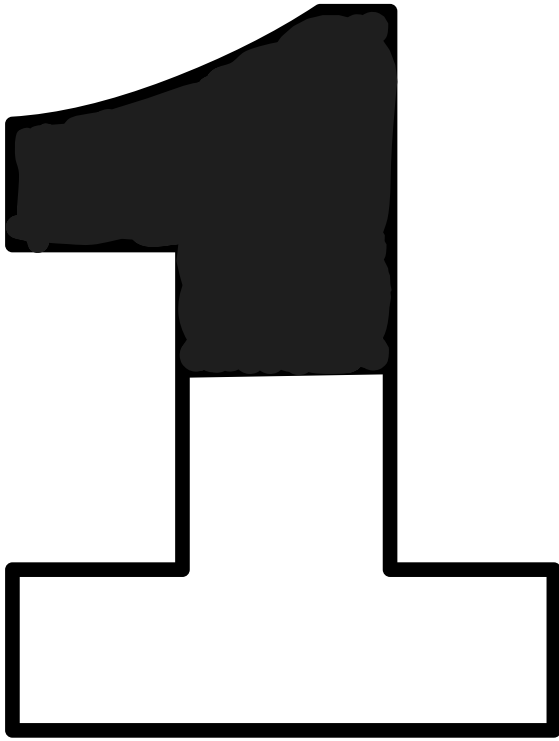


God made the sun, moon, stars, plants, fish, birds, animals, and everything in the world. When He made it, He said it was good. Once He made man, He said it was very good. And it was! Adam and Eve lived in a beautiful garden. They walked and talked with God every evening! Do you enjoy yummy food? They had delicious food to eat. There was no pain, sickness, or death. Most importantly, they had an amazing relationship with God.

What are some of your favorite animals and plants God created?

Can you imagine getting to walk and talk with God every day! What would you talk to Him about?

Want to learn more about creation? There is an activity you can do on the next two pages. You can also check out our website, Training Them Wisely, for a more in-depth creation activity booklet.



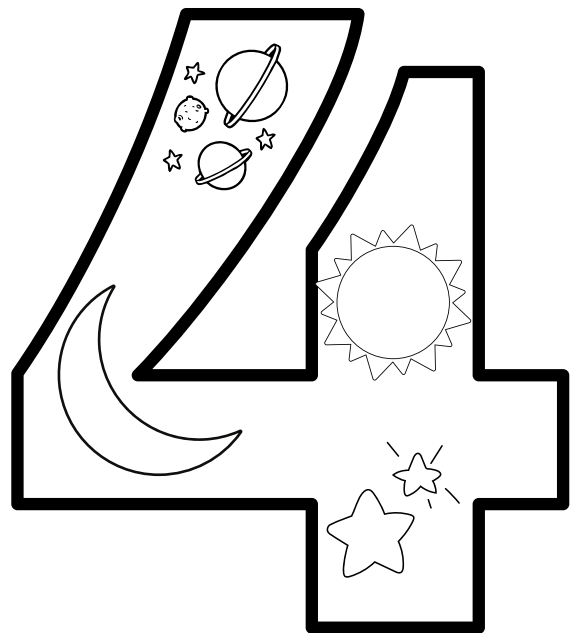
God made the light. Color the other half of the one yellow.



God separated the waters and made Heaven.

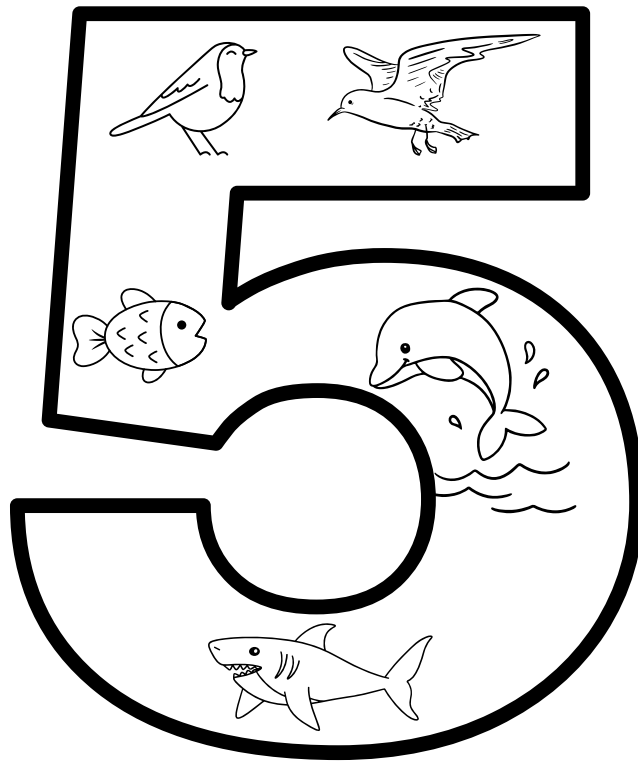


God made the dry land, fruit, plants, and seeds.

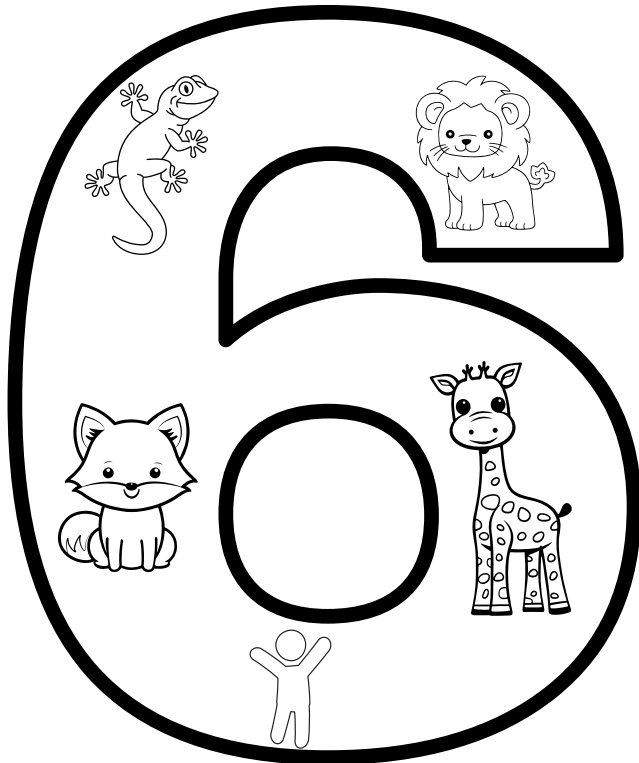


God made the sun, moon, and stars.

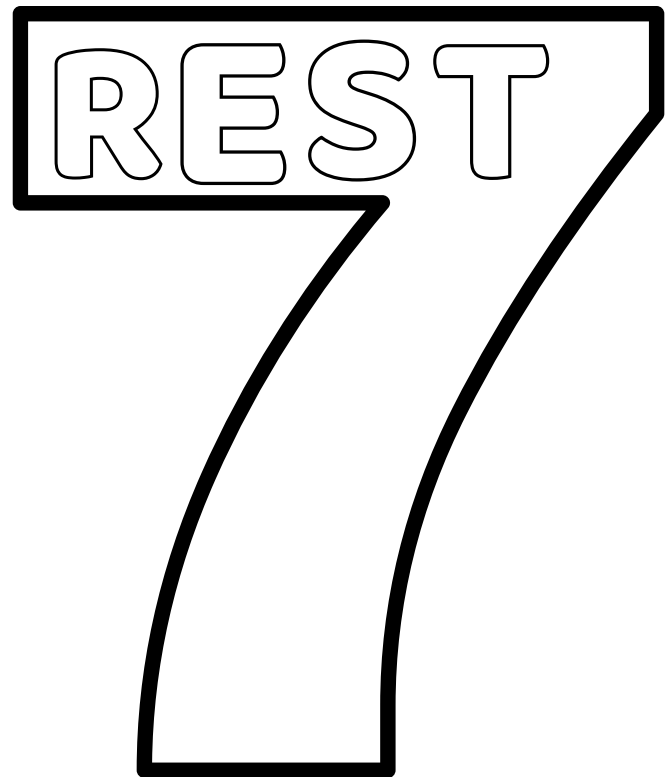
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God made the birds
and the fish.



God made the animals
and people.



God rested.

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Day 2

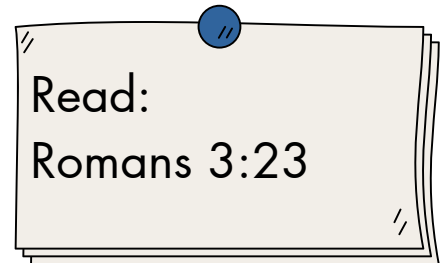
Yesterday, we learned that God created everything. When God made Adam and Eve, He placed them in a beautiful garden. They walked and talked with God every evening. There was food to eat and only one rule they needed to follow. They were not supposed to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Let's see what happened next.

Read:
Genesis 3:1-6



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- Adam and Eve disobeyed God
- when they ate the fruit; this was
- when sin entered the world. They
- were ashamed and hid when
- God came to talk to them. Do you
- think people sin today? Let's read
- this verse:
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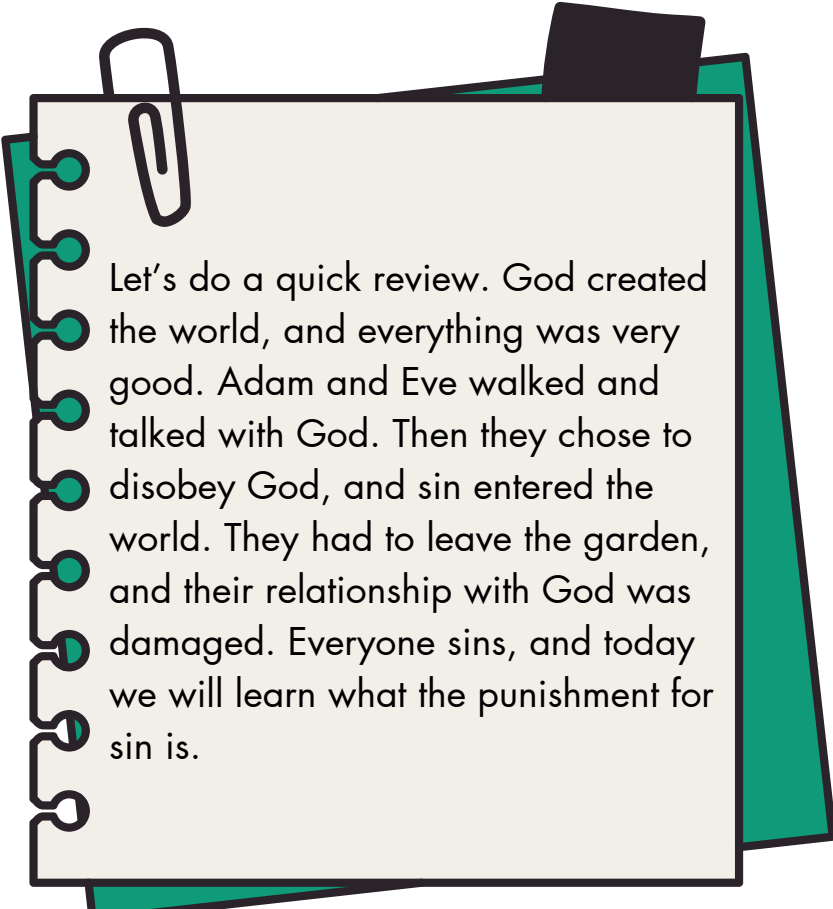
Sin is anything that we think, say or do that God doesn't want us to do. God tells us in the Bible what is right and what is wrong.

SIN

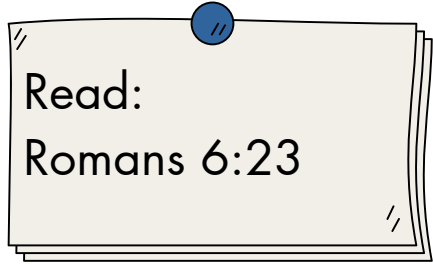
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- Some ways we sin:
 - lying
 - stealing
 - wanting what someone else has
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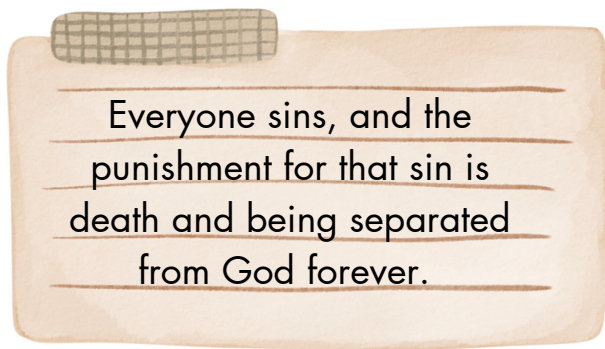
Day 3



Let's do a quick review. God created the world, and everything was very good. Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. Then they chose to disobey God, and sin entered the world. They had to leave the garden, and their relationship with God was damaged. Everyone sins, and today we will learn what the punishment for sin is.



Read:
Romans 6:23



Everyone sins, and the punishment for that sin is death and being separated from God forever.

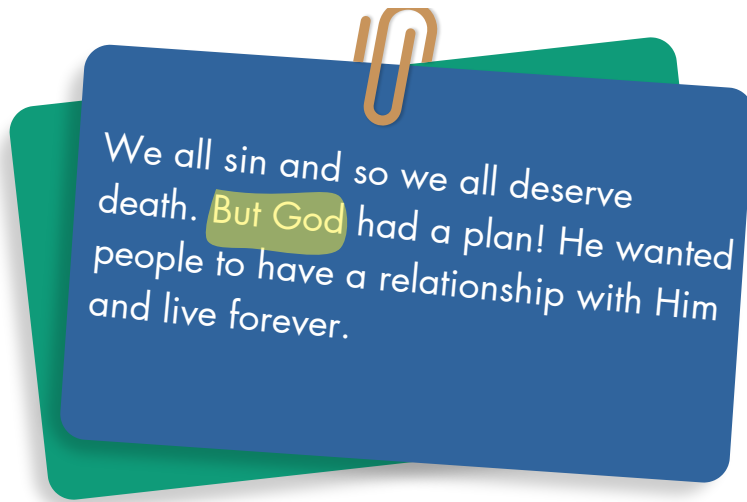


It's kind of like this drawing below. People are on one side, and God is on the other and there is nothing that we can do on our own to get to Him. We have sinned. We can't be good enough to go to heaven on our own. We can't work our way to heaven. But God had a plan to restore our relationship with Him and give us life instead of death.



You can draw a line connecting God and people because God made a way for our relationship with Him to be fixed.





Here's a sneak peek of part of God's plan. It's a baby! Not just any baby, but God's only Son, Jesus.



Day 4

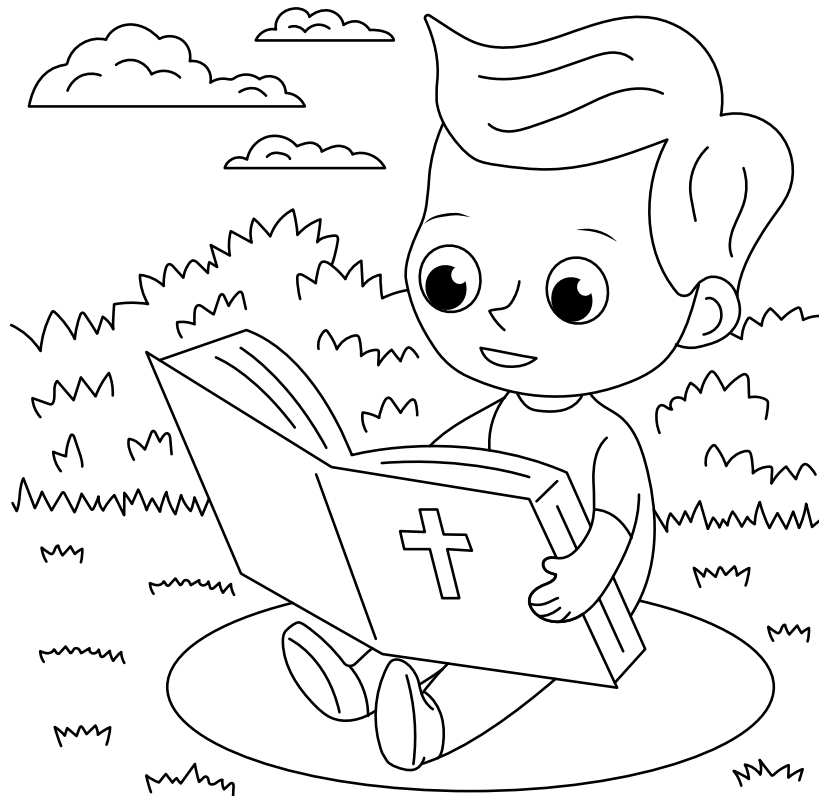
Here's a quick recap. God made the whole world. He is holy and perfect. When He made the world, it was very good. But Adam and Eve sinned when they disobeyed God. Their relationship with God was hurt. Every single person sins, and the punishment for sin is death. God knows everything and knew this would happen. He loves us so much. He had a plan from the beginning to rescue us from our sins.

Read:
John 3:16-17

God sent His only Son, Jesus, to earth to save us from our sins. Jesus was fully God and fully man. As God, He has always existed. He created the world. As a human baby, He was born to Mary in ancient Bethlehem. He loved us so much that He was willing to leave heaven, come to earth, and be born to Mary. Mary was not wealthy or royalty. She was a young girl without much money. When she gave birth, she was in a stable and placed Jesus in a manger where animals eat food.



Jesus was willing to come to earth as a baby because He loved us. While He was alive, He lived a perfect life. He never sinned. People got to see God in the flesh. The Bible tells us about Jesus and what He did and said. We need to believe in Him. That is the only way we can be saved from the punishment we deserve for our sins. Tomorrow, we will read about what Jesus did that allows our sins to be forgiven.



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Day 5

✓ Quick Recap: God created everything and is holy. We all have sinned and deserve death and separation forever because of our sins. But God loved us so much, He had a plan to save us. He sent His only Son to earth as a baby. Let's see what happens next. (Another name for Jesus, God's Son, is Christ.)



Read:
1 Corinthians 15:3



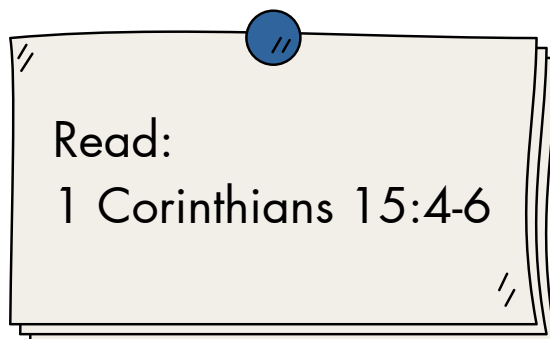
WHAT?



God's plan from the beginning was to send His Son to suffer and die on the cross for our sins. Do you remember how the punishment for sin is death and separation from God forever? Sin requires a payment of death. While we all deserve to die because of our sins, Jesus didn't. He was perfect. He never sinned, not even once. He took all of our sins and paid the price of death for all of us so that we can live forever with God one day in heaven. Because of His death, we can be forgiven for our sins.



This would be a really sad story for us all if Jesus stayed dead, but He didn't! Let's read the next verses.

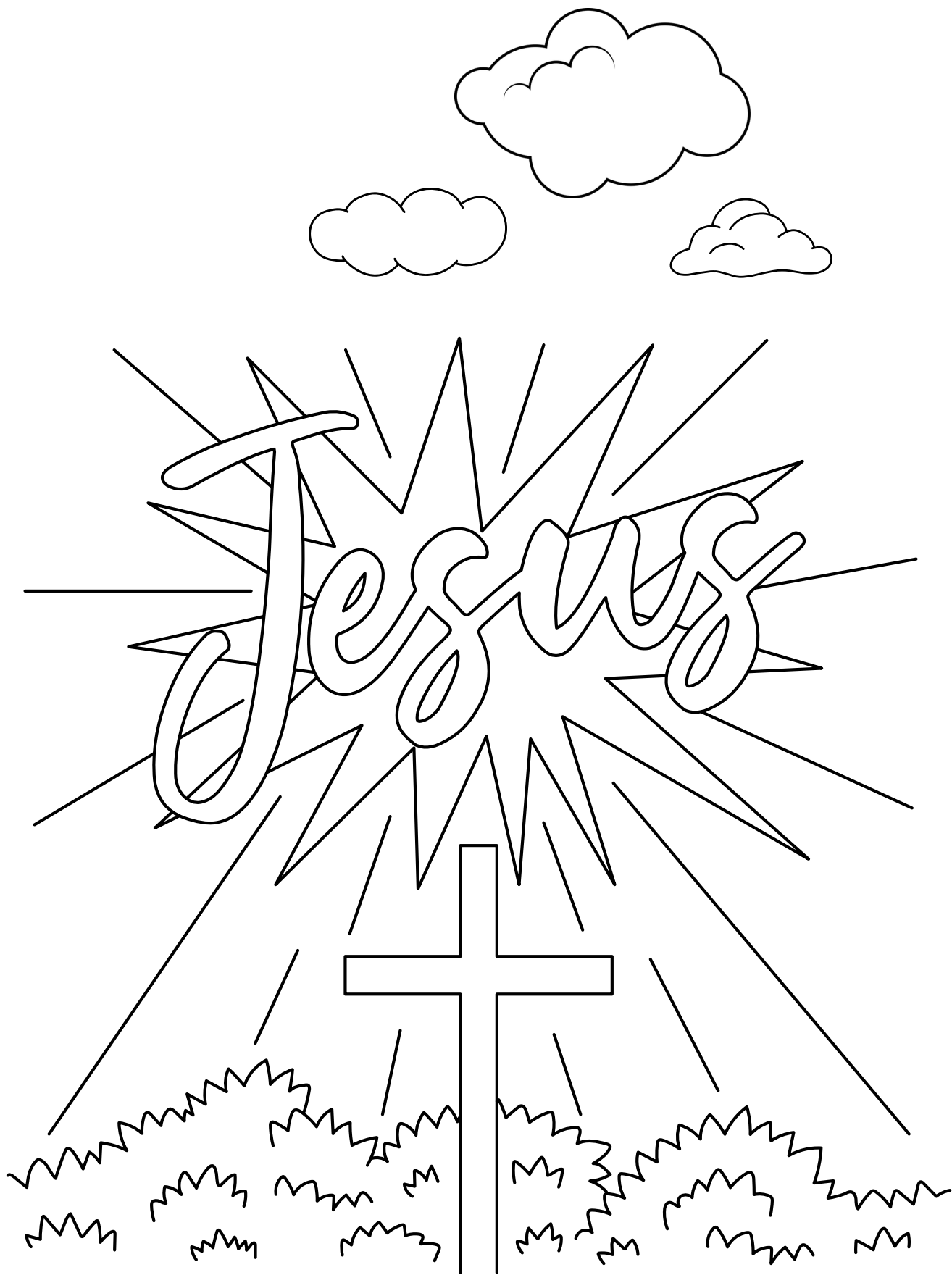


JESUS
HAS Risen



*He's
alive!*

When Jesus died and rose again, He defeated death. While our physical bodies will die, we can live with God forever in heaven because our sins can be forgiven. Through Jesus, we can be holy or set apart like God is. We can go to heaven and be with God! This is the best news ever!! It's the best gift ever!



Day 6

Let's do a quick recap. Everyone has sinned. Do you remember what sin is? Sin is anything that we think, say, or do that God doesn't want us to do. We all have sinned, and we all deserve death. But God loves us so much and has so much mercy that He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to earth to suffer and die to pay the penalty of death that we deserve. Then, three days later, Jesus rose from the grave. He is alive, and He always will be! This is the greatest news and gift of all time!

Read:
John 14:6

Read:
Ephesians 2:8-9

You just read that we are saved by grace. There is nothing we can do on our own to have our sins forgiven and our relationship with God fixed, but God loved us so much that He offers us the gift of being with Him forever because of His grace. My mom used the acronym on the next page to explain grace to me.



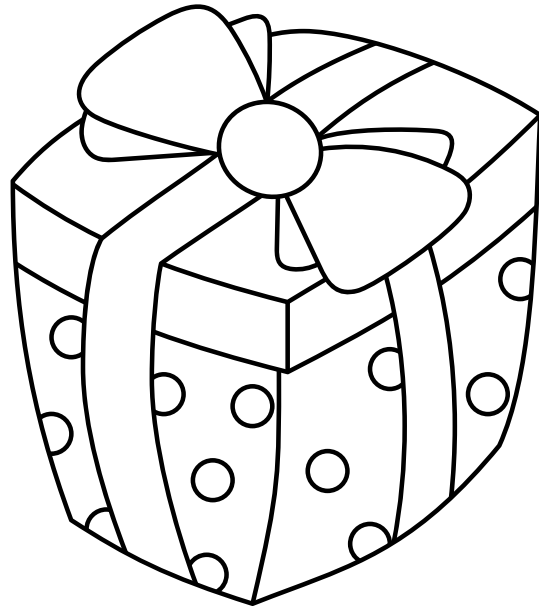
*G = God's
R = Riches
A = At
C = Christ's
E = Expense*

Jesus Christ paid the penalty for my sins. In faith, I can believe that He did this and have a relationship with Him!

FAITH

A gift is something someone gives you. It can't be earned. You can never be "good enough" to go to heaven, because even one sin is a sin worthy of death. I am so thankful that I don't have to worry about being good enough, but instead, I know that Jesus has paid the price for my sins, and I will be in heaven with God forever.

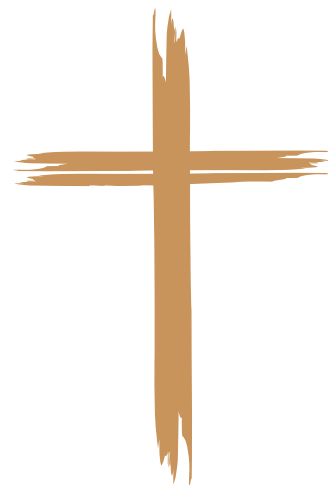
GIFT



Day 7



God is holy and loving. We all sin and deserve death, but God loved us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, died, and rose again in three days. He died so our sins could be forgiven. He wants to be our Savior and our Lord. Those are two words that need an explanation.



Savior:

He wants to save us from our sins. We need to believe that Jesus is God's Son, that He died and rose again, and that He is the only one who can forgive our sins. We can talk to God just like we can talk to anyone else. When we talk to God, it is called prayer. He can hear us. We can tell Him that we believe that Jesus is God's Son, that He died and rose again, and can forgive our sins. We can ask Him to forgive us for our sins, and He will!

Lord:

We also want to make Him our Lord. This means that we want Him to be in charge. Think of it like this: when you get in the car, and your mom, dad, grandparent, or guardian is driving you somewhere, who decides which way to go? The driver is, right? Once Jesus is our Lord, we want Him to be in charge of our lives. Before Jesus is our Lord, we make decisions about what we want to do, but once He is Lord, we want to do what He wants us to do. That is making Him Lord of our life.



You can pray and ask Jesus to forgive your sins and be your Lord and Savior, and He will! Isn't that exciting! You can talk to your parents or someone you know who loves Jesus about this.

Day 1 Reading:

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
Genesis 1:1

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

Day 2 Reading:

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:1 —6

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

Day 3 Reading:

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Day 4 Reading:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. John 3:16—17

Day 5 Reading:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:3

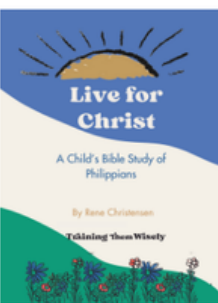
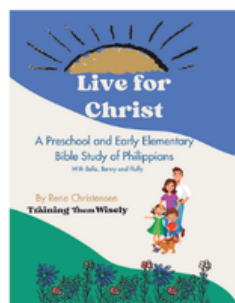
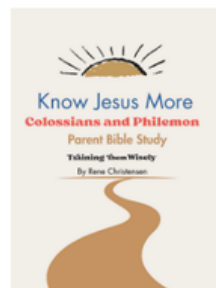
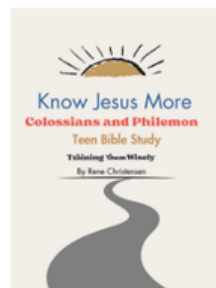
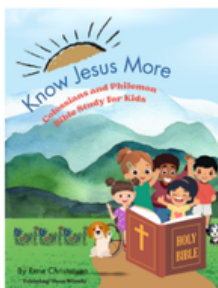
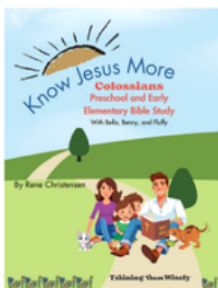
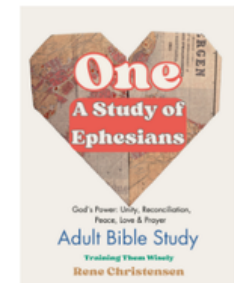
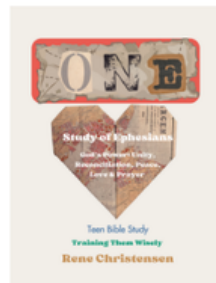
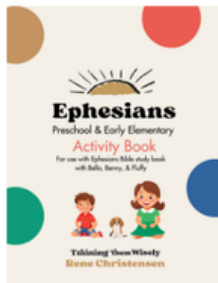
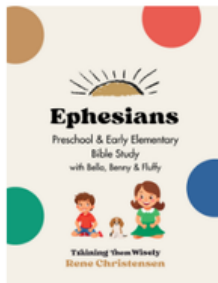
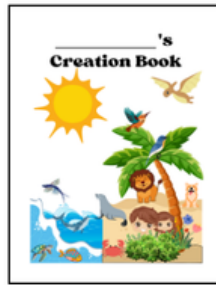
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:4—6

Day 6 Reading:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8—9

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