

God has written an amazing story about the whole world, and it includes all of us!

In the beginning, God created everything in the universe as a special place for all of his people to live. Then God created people. He loved his creation and he loved all his people! He wanted to be close to them, and he wanted all of them to love and follow him forever! From the moment he created the first speck of light, through all of history, even to this very day, God has been loving and consistent and faithful and powerful and patient. This whole awesome story is all written down in the book we call the BIBLE.



In the Bible we learn all about how big and awesome and perfect God is! We also see just how much he loves us (which is a lot)!



The Bible is God's Word—it is the amazing story of his love!

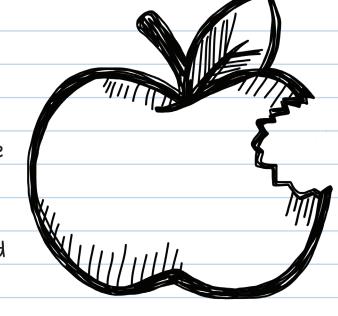
God created everything we see (and a bunch of stuff we can't see)!

From the furthest planet and star, to
the tallest mountain and deepest ocean, all the way
down to the fingerprints on your hand and the hairs
on your little head—it was all his design!

And guess what? HE LOVES YOU!

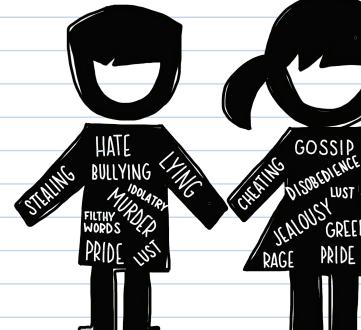
God wanted to have a relationship with all the people he created.

God's plan was perfect! He wanted to be our closest friend and our perfect provider. He wanted us to love him and talk to him and listen to him above everything else! It started out that way with the very first man and woman, Adam and Eve. They loved God and listened to him, but something really bad happened.



God's enemy (called Satan) tricked Adam and Eve into not trusting God. They doubted that God loved them and wanted good for them! They decided to listen to the lies of Satan and turned away from God and did something that he told them not to do. And you know what we call that? Sin. That sin changed everything.

Sin broke the relationship between us and God, and it separated us from him. Every time we choose sin it drives us further away from God, and that breaks his heart.

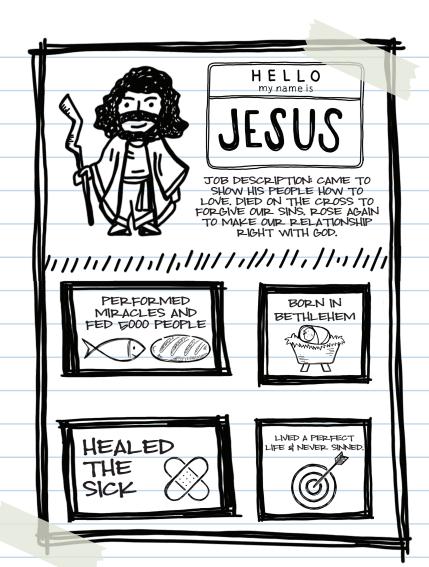


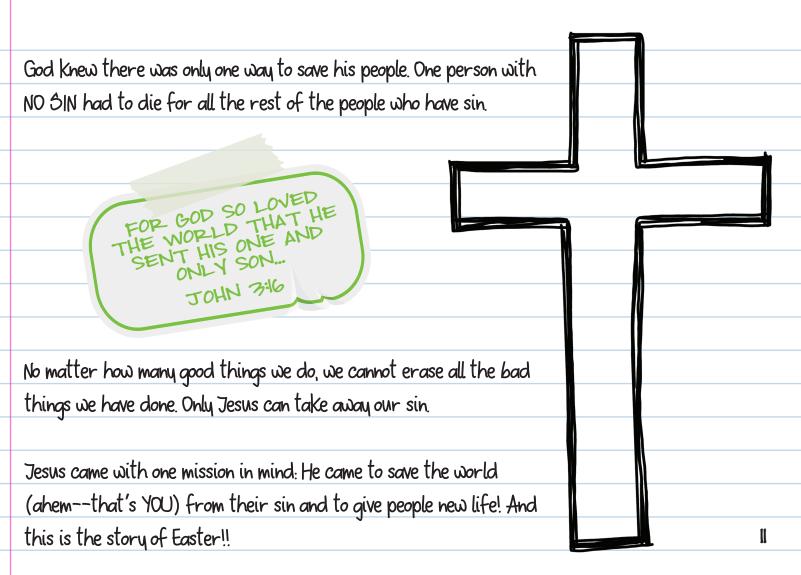
sin | noun 1. disobeying God's commands

Sin breaks everything and causes death. So everypne who sins will have to die, and be separated from God forever. But upu know what is so awesome?

GOD STILL LOVES US!

Even though people sinned against him (and we sin against him all the time),
God had something up his sleeve to fix
it. He was going to send someone to take
away our sin!





Jesus was born. He lived a sinless life. And when God's perfect timing had come,

Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for all of our sin--once and for all! Isn't that amazing news?!

And Jesus raised from the dead on the

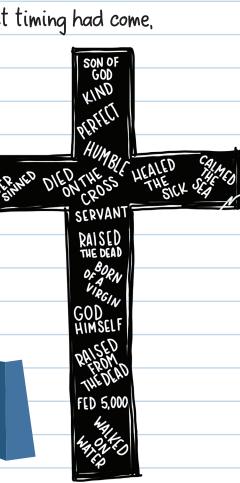
3rd day (Easter!) -- just like he said he would.

In doing that, Jesus defeated death and the power of sin. This means we can be saved from sin and have eternal life with God!

AND IT'S AS SIMPLE AS

ABC

eternal | adjective 1. lasting or existing forever; without end or beginning.





THAT WE ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD

THAT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO IN OUR OWN EFFORTS TO SAVE OURSELVES OR TO MAKE GOD LOVE US. ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE OUR SINS AND PURIFY US!

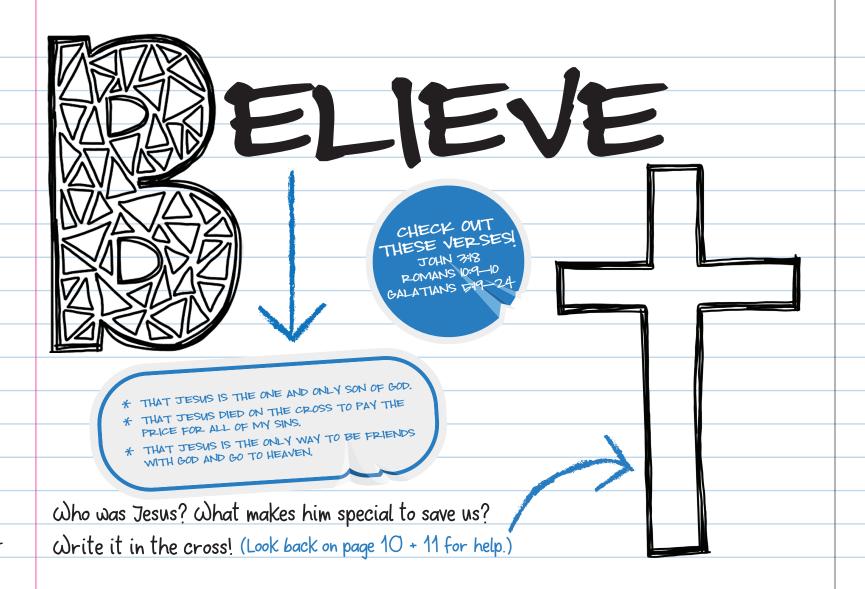
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ROMANS VERSES
ROMANS 3:23
ISAIAH 59:2
I JOHN 1:9

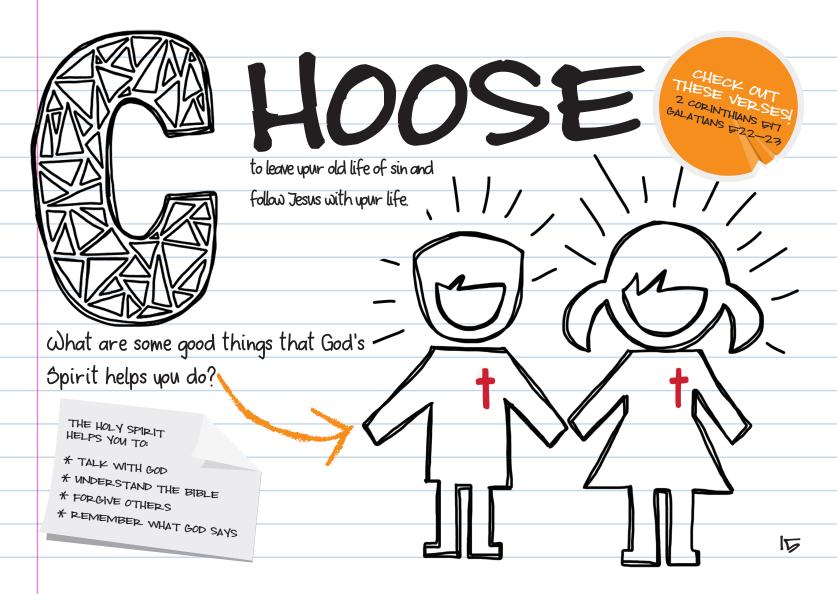
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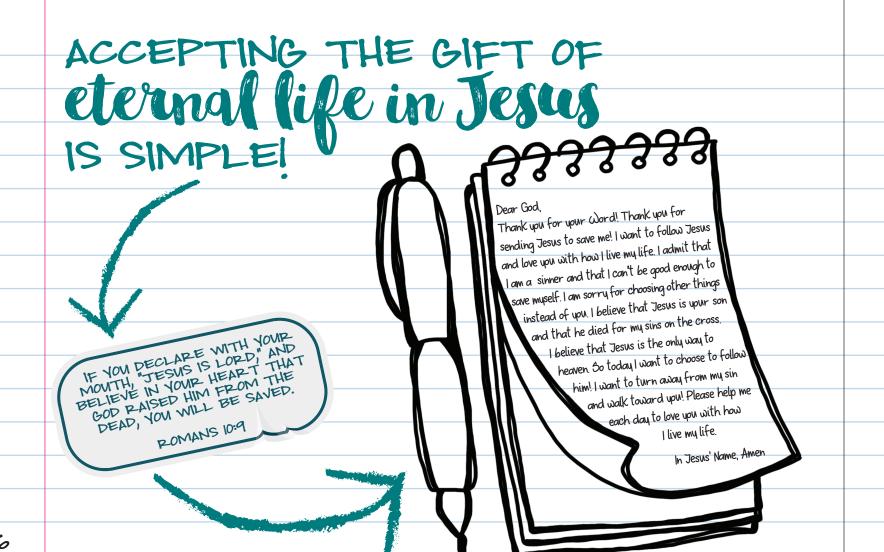
What are some sins that keep us from God? Write them in these kid doodles, and then circle a few that upu need to confess.



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Or you can write your own prayer! God Knows your heart! There are no magic words--Just tell God what is in your heart! A—B—C!

WHATS YOUR STORY

Your story of why and how you follow Jesus is called your testimony.

Complete the following sentences to help write your story.

I need Jesus in my life because

ly life is	different	now th	nat I know	Jesus	because	

HEWANTS US TO KNOW AND LOVE HIMI

We know him by reading his word!

We can know him and hear from him by praying!





We show him we love him by obeying him!



HE WAS STORY OF THESE VERSES ONT MATTHEW 2889 122:37-39

God wants us to tell people around us how much we love him!

oikos noun

1. the 8-15 people God has strategically placed around you. God wants you to show the love of Jesus to these people!

WHO IS
SOMEONE IN
YOUR LIFE YOU
WANT TO TELL
ABOUT JESUS?



Now it's time to share your story with your oikos (friends and family)!

Use this chart and the provided oikos card to help you.

WHO DO YOU EAT
LUNCH WITH?

WHO IS ON YOUR

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO TO LOVE THE PEOPLE AROUND US?

