

KIDS DRAW THE BIBLE



*Illustrated by children
around the world!*

30 Daily Devotionals

Helping Kids Get the Big Picture!



This is my book.

My name is:

**This book will
help me learn
more about God!**



Getting the Big Picture

Are you ready for something big? The whole Bible gives you a big picture of what God is like. God wants you to know the big picture about Him. He loves you very much. He wants you to spend time with Him every day. That will help you know Him better.



This time with God is called a “quiet time.” You can think about God. You can read about God. You can talk to Him in prayer.




This book will help you with your quiet time. You will get the big picture about God. You will find out what He says in the Bible.



Choose a time to spend with God each day. It may be when you first get up. It may be just before you go to bed. There is a new story in this book for every day. After you read all the stories, go back and read them again!

This book is special. It has 100 Bible stories just for you! It is written so you can read it yourself. The pictures were drawn by children like you.



Are you ready to start? Every day you can learn more of God's big picture. Here is what to do. You can start with story number one.



- **Talk to God.** Ask Him to help you learn about Him.



- **Read the story.** Each story is from God's Word. You can find it in your own Bible. Read the story carefully. Think about what it says. The stories will help you know how to live God's way.



- **Talk to God again.** The part called "You can pray" will help you get started.



- **Read "God's Word Says."** These words come right from God. They are written for you in the Bible. They will help you understand the story.



- **Read the "Let's Talk" questions.** Think about the answers. You can tell the answers to someone in your family if you want to.

Have fun learning more about God every day!



1. The Beginning



Have you ever wondered how the world started? How did the sun get in the sky? Where did the animals come from? The Bible tells you. It is called God's Word.

God has always lived. He created the heavens and Earth. God is most powerful of all! He made the heavens and the Earth from nothing! God made light so it would not always be dark. He made the sky.

God's Word Says:
"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
Genesis 1:1

God moved the water around and made dry land. He made all kinds of plants and trees on the land. They had seeds so more plants could grow. God made the sun, moon and stars. They give the Earth light.



Next God made all the fish and animals that live in water. He made birds to fly over the Earth. Then God made the animals that live on land. God blessed the things He made so more birds and animals could be born. God saw that everything He had made was good!

God is amazing! He is greater than all His creation. Praise God for His greatness. Thank Him for all He has made!



You Can Pray:

Dear God, You are wonderful! Thank You for the beautiful world You have made! (Tell God about the things He has made that you like best.) In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Genesis 1:1-25.



Kylie Kadey, Age 7, Washington

Let's Talk:

1. Who has made the world and everything in it?
2. What is your favorite thing that God has made?
3. Why do you think you should thank God for the world He has made?

2. Creation Completed



God created the world. He made all the plants and animals. Was that all He created? No! What do you think God made next?

God's most special creation was people! God made a man named Adam. God saw that Adam needed a helper. He made Eve to be Adam's wife. The man and woman were made in the likeness of God. They could know God in ways the animals could not. They could choose right or wrong. They could choose to love God.

God's Word Says:

"Love the LORD
your God with all
your heart."
Deuteronomy 6:5

People today can still love God. God loves you very much! He wants you to love Him too. The Bible says to love God with all your heart. Pray and tell God you love Him. Choosing to obey God shows you love Him.



God put Adam and Eve in charge of all the birds and animals. He gave them plants and fruit to eat. God saw that everything He made was very good!

It took God only six days to create everything in the world! On day seven God was done with His work. He took that day to rest.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for making me so I can know and love You. (Tell God how you will show you love Him.) In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Genesis 1:26—2:7, 18-23.



Elena Jordanovska, Age 6, Republic of Macedonia

Let's Talk:

1. What was the last thing God created?
2. What does Deuteronomy 6:5 say God wants you to do?
3. How can you let God know that you love Him?

3. In the Garden



Where do you think is the best place to live? Do you like trees? Would you want to live by a lake? God had a perfect place for Adam and Eve to live!

God made a beautiful garden. It had all kinds of trees. There was fruit to eat. A river watered the garden. Everything was perfect! Adam and Eve lived in this lovely home.

God's Word Says:
"Be joyful always;
pray continually."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

God loved Adam and Eve very much. They loved God too. God walked in the garden and talked to them. It must have been wonderful to talk to God!



You do not live in the Garden of Eden but you can talk to God. Talking to God is called prayer. Tell God how great He is. Thank God for all He has given you. Tell God about all the things in your life. Talk to Him about other people. God loves it when you talk to Him.

God liked to talk to Adam and Eve too. He told them they could eat the fruit from all the trees in the garden except one. You can find out about that tomorrow.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for letting me talk to You. Help me remember to tell You about all that happens in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Genesis 2:8-17.



Neema Elias, Age 10, Kenya

Let's Talk:

1. What is your favorite thing about the Garden of Eden?
2. What could Adam and Eve do in the garden?
3. What are some things you will talk to God about?

4. Sin Enters the World



What kinds of choices do you make every day? You decide to do right or wrong. Adam and Eve had to make choices too.

God said they could eat from any tree in the garden but one. If they ate that fruit, they would be punished. Satan is God's enemy. He lied to Eve about what God had said. She ate the fruit. She gave some to Adam. They disobeyed God.

God's Word Says:

"Christ [Jesus]
died for our sins."
1 Corinthians 15:3

That was the first sin. Sin is doing what God says is wrong. God must punish sin. Many bad things happened. Adam and Eve had to leave the garden. Some day their bodies would die.



Everyone since then has sinned. You have sinned. God promised to send someone to save people from sin. After many years God sent His perfect Son to Earth. His name was Jesus. He never sinned. Jesus was nailed to a cross. He died for your sin, He was punished for you. Then He came back to life.

Because Jesus died, you can be forgiven. You can trust that Jesus has taken your punishment. You will be saved from sin.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to die for my sins. Thank You that I can believe in Jesus. Thank You that my sins can be forgiven. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Genesis 3:1-24.



Jorge Jarquin, Nicaragua

Let's Talk:

1. What did Adam and Eve do that God said was wrong?
2. What is something you have chosen to do wrong?
3. What has Jesus done so your sin can be forgiven?

5. God Sends His Son



Have you ever had to wait a long time for a promise to be kept? God was about to keep a promise He had made a long time ago.

God had promised to send someone to save His people from sin. Now was the time for that Savior to come.

God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman named Mary. Gabriel said, “God has chosen you to have a special baby. He will be God’s Son.”

God’s Word Says:
“The Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.”
1 John 4:14

Mary answered, “How can this happen?” Gabriel told her that anything is possible with God.



Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph. He found out that Mary was going to have a baby. An angel told Joseph that Mary’s baby was from God. The angel said, “Name the baby Jesus. He will save His people from their sin.” Jesus would be the Savior God had promised.

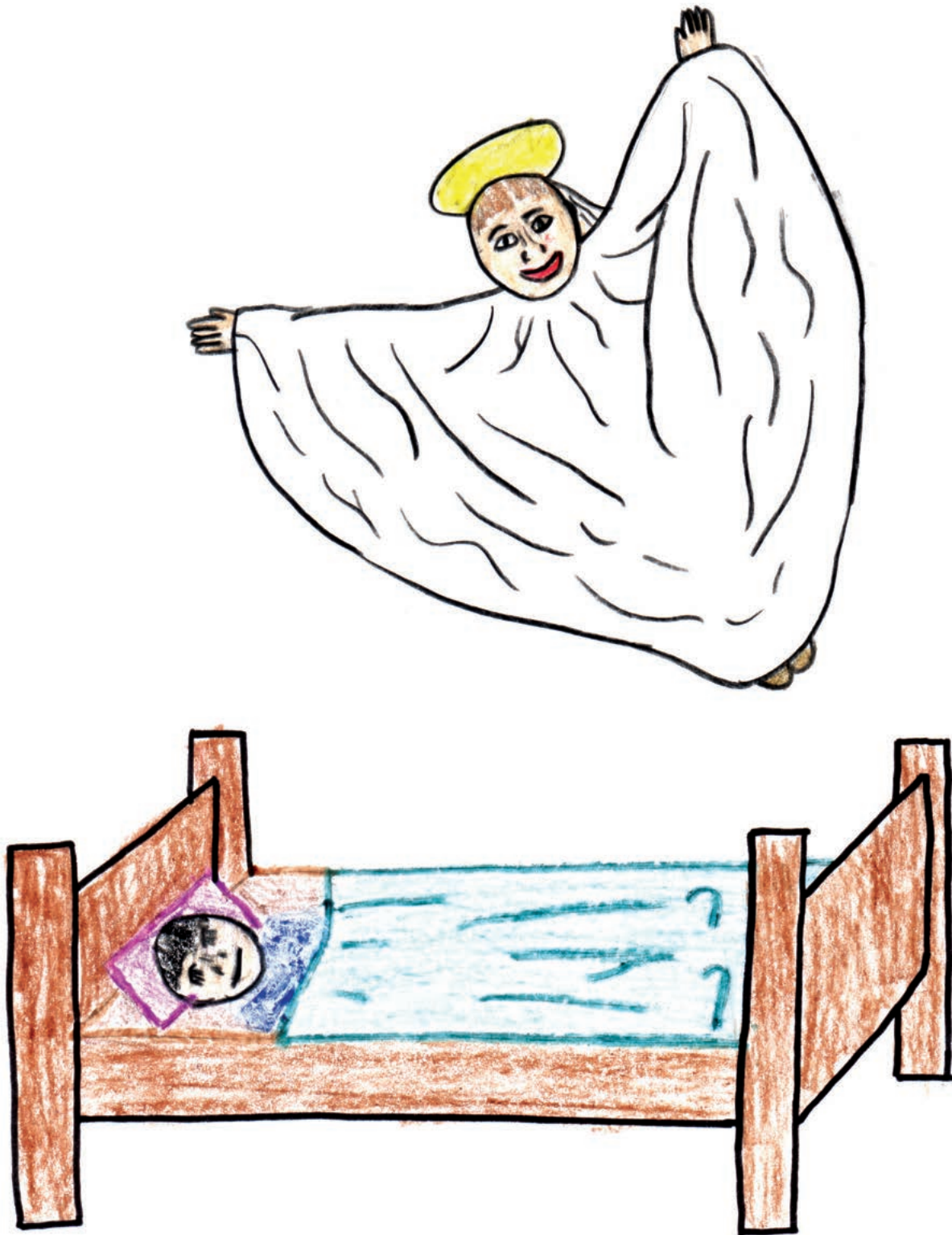
This promise is for you too. What if God had not kept His promise? Your sins would not be forgiven. You would not be God’s child. Have you thanked God for keeping His promise by sending His Son?



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for keeping Your promise to send a Savior. Thank You for forgiving my sin. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Matthew 1:18-24; Luke 1:26-38.



Rachel Vile, Age 9, Illinois

Let's Talk:

1. What promise had God made to His people long ago?
2. Why did God send His Son into the world?
3. Why are you thankful that God sent His Son?

6. Jesus Is Born



Have you ever had to go and live in a different place? Were you scared? That is what happened to Mary and Joseph.

The leaders were counting all the people in the country. Each family had to go to the town their family came from. Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. The trip was hard. Mary would have her baby soon.

God's Word Says:
"Trust in the LORD
with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding."
Proverbs 3:5

Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay. All the rooms were full. They had to stay in a stable where animals were kept. This was not a good place for a baby to be born. Still Mary and Joseph trusted God.



Trusting God means to believe that He will take care of you. Maybe you have to move to a different place. Are you scared or lonely? God is always with you. He knows where you are. You can trust Him to take care of you.

God took care of Mary and Joseph. God's Son was born in the stable. Mary and Joseph named Him Jesus. Mary wrapped Jesus in cloth. She made a bed for Him in a manger.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for always being with me. Help me trust You to take care of me all the time. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 2:1-7.



Kelsey Ebersole, Age 10, Pennsylvania

Let's Talk:

1. Where did Mary and Joseph have to stay in Bethlehem?
2. What does it mean to trust God?
3. What should you remember when you are scared or lonely?

7. Shepherds and Angels



What do you do when you hear good news? Do you want to tell everyone? That is what some shepherds did.

The night Jesus was born shepherds were in a field taking care of their sheep. Suddenly an angel came down in bright, shining light. The shepherds were afraid.

“Do not be afraid. I have good news!” the angel said. “A Savior has been born. You will find Him in Bethlehem. He is lying in a manger.”

God's Word Says:

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

Mark 16:15



Suddenly many other angels came from Heaven. They praised God. “Glory to God in the highest. Peace on Earth to everyone.” Then the angels left.

“Let us go to Bethlehem,” the shepherds said. “Let us see if we can find this baby.”

The shepherds rushed to Bethlehem. They found the baby just like the angels said. They hurried away to tell others this good news.

God wants you to tell others about Jesus. Tell them that Jesus came to save them from their sins. He died for their sins on a cross. He came back to life again! All who believe in Jesus will have eternal life.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to save the world from sin. Help me tell others this good news. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 2:8-20.



Emily Nussbaum, Age 9, Alberta, Canada

Let's Talk:

1. What good news did the angels tell the shepherds?
2. What good news about Jesus does God want you to tell others?
3. Who can you tell this good news?

8. The Wise Men



Can a star lead people to Jesus? Long ago a special star led some wise men to Jesus so they could worship Him.

The night Jesus was born a new star appeared. Wise men who lived far away saw it. They knew it meant a new King was born. They followed the star to find the baby.

God's Word Says:

“Come, let us bow down in worship.”
Psalm 95:6

The star led them to Jerusalem. The men asked about this new King. King Herod was worried. He thought this new King would take his place.



“Go to Bethlehem,” Herod said. “When you find this King, come and tell me so I can worship Him.” That was not true. Herod really wanted Him killed.

The star was above Mary and Joseph’s house in Bethlehem. The men went in and saw Jesus. They gave Him gifts. They bowed in worship.

Jesus is God the Son. He is the King over all kings. He should be worshiped. You worship by praising someone. You can praise Jesus in song and in prayer. You also praise Him by obeying.

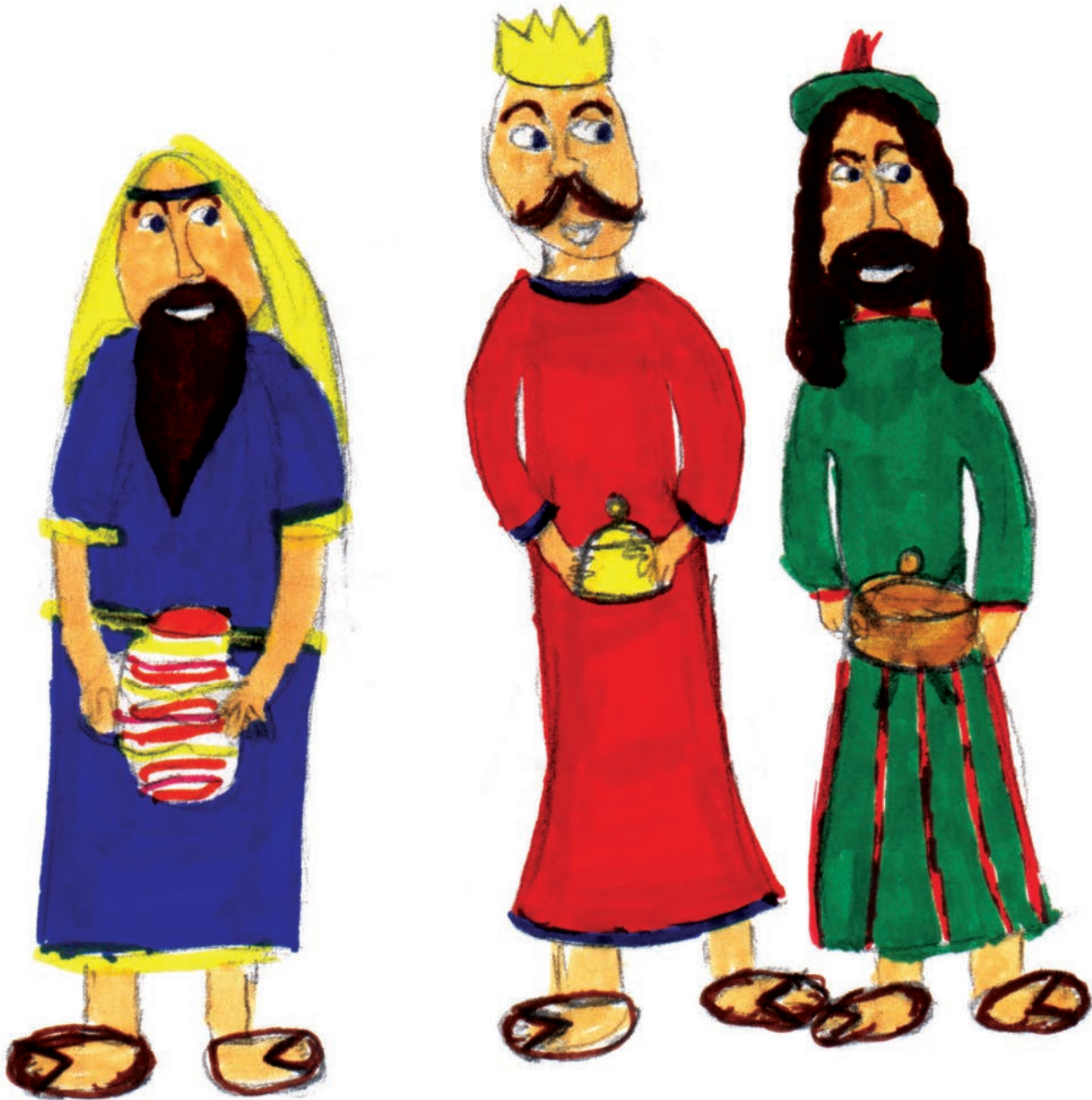
God told the wise men in a dream not to return to Herod.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, You are the King of all kings. You are the one who made the stars. You love me and care for me. Thank You! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Matthew 2:1-12.



Alyssa Hatteberg, Age 9, Ohio

Let's Talk:

1. Why did the wise men follow the star?
2. Why should you worship Jesus?
3. What are some ways you can worship Jesus?

9. Jesus as a Boy



How can you show God that you love Him? When Jesus was a child, He showed the answer to this question.

Jesus lived with His family in Nazareth. Mary and Joseph took Him to Jerusalem when He was 12. They went to the temple. They would worship God.

Soon it was time to go home. Mary and Joseph thought Jesus was walking with His friends. That night they looked for Jesus. They could not find Him. They hurried back to Jerusalem.

Finally Mary and Joseph found Jesus at the temple. He was talking to the teachers about God. Everyone was surprised at how much Jesus knew.

God's Word Says:

“Whoever has my commands [the Bible] and obeys them... loves me.”
John 14:21



Mary told Jesus they had been worried. They had been looking for Him for three days. “Didn’t you know I would be in my Father’s house?” Jesus asked. He knew God was His Father.

Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph. He obeyed them. God wants you to obey like Jesus did. You obey God by obeying your parents. You show God you love Him by obeying the Bible.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I want to be like Jesus. Please help me show that I love You by obeying. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 2:41-52.



Kali Saint, Age 5, California

Let's Talk:

1. What was Jesus doing in the temple?
2. What are some ways you should obey God?
3. What are you showing God when you obey Him?

10. Jesus Is Tempted



Who is God's enemy? It is Satan. He wants people to sin. Satan wanted Jesus to sin too.

Jesus had become an adult. He was in the desert for 40 days. He did not eat. He prayed to God. Then Satan came and said, "If you are God's Son, turn these stones into bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written [in the Bible] that people need more than food to live. They need the Word of God."

God's Word Says:

"I have hidden [kept] your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."
Psalm 119:11



Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple. He told Jesus to jump off to prove He is God's Son. Jesus told Satan, "It is written that you should not test God."

Next Satan took Jesus to a mountain. "Look around," Satan said. "I will give all this to you if you worship me."

"Go away, Satan!" Jesus answered. "It is written that only God should be worshipped." Satan left Him.

Jesus used Bible verses to fight Satan. You can use Bible verses to help you keep from sinning. Keep God's Word in your heart by learning verses. Remembering these verses will help you say no to sin.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for the Bible! Help me use Your Word so I will not sin. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Matthew 4:1-11.



Samantha Jo Groenke, Age 8, Missouri

Let's Talk:

1. What was one thing Satan wanted Jesus to do?
2. What did Jesus use to fight Satan?
3. What can help you say no to sin?

11. Jesus Chooses Disciples



Have you ever played follow the leader? You have to do what the leader does. Jesus is looking for people to follow Him.

Jesus knew that someday He was going back to Heaven. He wanted to choose people He could teach about God. They could tell other people about God when Jesus was gone.

God's Word Says:
"You should follow in his [Jesus'] steps."
1 Peter 2:21

One day Jesus was walking by the sea. Peter and Andrew were fishing. "Come, follow Me," Jesus said. They obeyed. Then Jesus saw James and John by their boats. They followed Jesus too.



God wants you to follow Jesus. If you are His child, you will try to be like Him. How do you know what Jesus is like? You can read about Him in the Bible and in this book. You can pray. Ask God to make you more like Jesus. It pleases God when you follow Jesus.

There were other people who followed Jesus too. He chose 12 of them to be His disciples. Their names were Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, Simon, Thaddaeus and Judas.

Are you a friend and follower of Jesus?



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I want to be like Jesus. Please help me follow Him in all I do and say. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 1:16-20.



Madison Gober, Age 8, Pennsylvania

Let's Talk:

1. Why did Jesus choose 12 men to follow Him?
2. Can you name three of Jesus' followers?
3. How can you follow Jesus?

12. Jesus Calms a Storm



Does it scare you when a storm comes? Jesus' disciples were in a storm one night. They were afraid!

Jesus sat by the lake teaching the people all day. He was tired. Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us go to the other side of the lake."

God's Word Says:

"So do not fear,
for I am with you."
Isaiah 41:10

They got into a boat and started across the lake. Jesus fell asleep. Suddenly there was a big storm. The wind blew. Waves crashed! Water splashed inside the boat.

"Wake up, Jesus! Don't you care if we drown?" the disciples said. They were afraid!



What makes you afraid? If you are God's child, Jesus is always with you. Ask Him to give you His peace. He can make you calm when you are afraid. Jesus has power to help you get through anything.

Jesus could help the disciples. "Peace. Be still!" He said to the wind and the waves. At once the lake was calm. Jesus looked at His disciples. "Why are you afraid?" He asked. He wanted the disciples to trust Him.

The disciples were amazed. "Even the wind and waves obey Him!" they said.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for always being with me. Remind me to ask for Your peace when I am afraid. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Mark 4:35-41.



Eddy David Gonzalez Palacio, Age 8, Cuba

Let's Talk:

1. Why were the disciples afraid?
2. What does it mean to have God's peace?
3. What should you do when you are afraid?

13. Jairus's Daughter



Do parents worry when their children get sick? The Bible tells about a father named Jairus. He was very worried about his sick daughter.

Jairus came and fell at Jesus' feet.
"My only daughter is sick," he said.
"She may die. Please come and make her well."

Jesus went with Jairus to help the girl. A man came to Jairus with a message. "Do not bother Jesus any more," he said. "Your daughter has died."

"Do not be afraid," Jesus told Jairus. "Have faith and your daughter will be healed." Jairus needed to believe that Jesus could still help his daughter.

God's Word Says:
"And without faith it is impossible to please God."
Hebrews 11:6



God wants you to believe that He can help you. Believing that God will do what He says is called *faith*. When you have a problem, have faith in God. He has power to help you.

Jairus had faith that Jesus could help. When they came to the house, Jesus went inside. He took Jairus's daughter by the hand. "Get up," He said. The girl stood right up. She was alive! Her parents were amazed at Jesus' power.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I believe You have power to help me. (Tell God about your problem.) Thank You for helping me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 8:40-56.



Molly Kitchen, Age 6, Florida

Let's Talk:

1. Why did Jairus come to Jesus?
2. What is faith?
3. What problem can God help you with today?

14. Feeding the 5,000



Is it hard to share? You may not think you have much to share. But God can use even a little bit to help others!

A crowd of more than 5,000 people listened to Jesus teach all day. They were far from their homes. It was late. The people were hungry.

Jesus asked His disciples, “Where should we get bread for the people to eat?” Jesus knew what He was going to do. He wanted His disciples to trust Him.

God’s Word Says:

“It is more blessed [happy] to give than to receive.”

Acts 20:35



The disciples did not have money to buy enough food. A boy in the crowd had five little loaves of bread and two small fish. It was not much to share but he gave it to Jesus.

What can you share? You can share a smile with a sad friend. You can share kind words with others. You can share your time to help someone with a problem. Let God use what you have to help others.

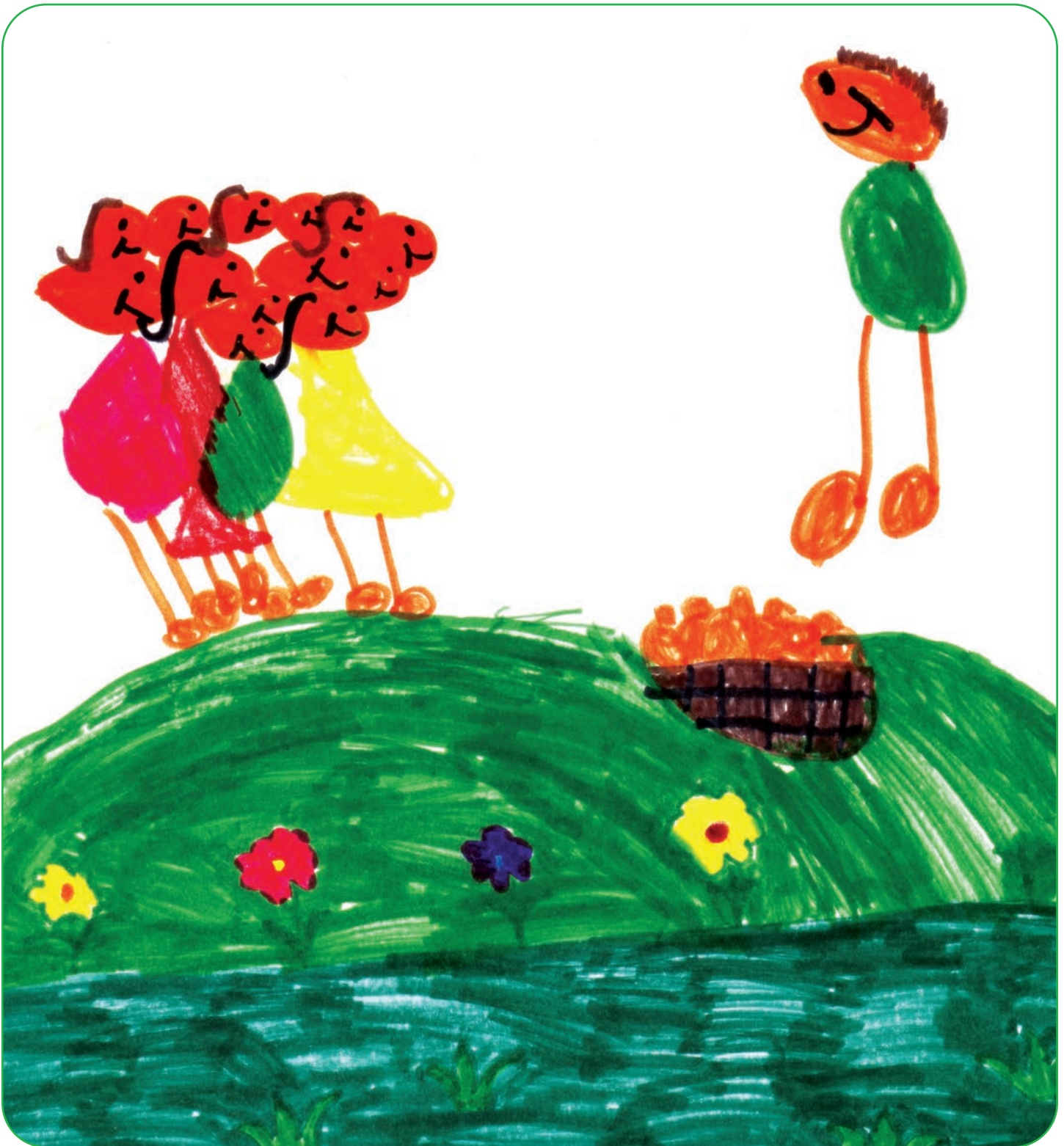
Jesus took the boy’s lunch. He thanked God for it. The disciples fed all the people. Everyone had all they could eat. There was even food left over!



You Can Pray:

Dear God, help me share what I have. Thank You for using it to help someone else. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in John 6:1-14.



Emily Buschman, Age 7, Colorado

Let's Talk:

1. What did the boy give to Jesus?
2. What can you share for God to use?
3. How can Jesus use what you have to help others?

15. The Good Samaritan



How do you show love? Saying kind words shows love. Doing nice things shows love. Sometimes the best way to show love is to help someone.

One day Jesus told this story to teach about loving other people.

A man took a long trip. Robbers beat him and took his clothes. They left him to die. Three men walked by. The first two men were supposed to be God's helpers. They did not stop to help the man. They walked away.

God's Word Says:
"Love your neighbor
as yourself."
Luke 10:27

The third man was from an enemy country. He stopped and showed God's love. He bandaged the man's wounds. He paid for a place for the man to stay. The man was able to rest and get well.



Jesus told this story so people would know they should show love to everyone.

God wants you to show His love too. You can do extra things at home without being asked. You can help a friend with his or her schoolwork. You can be kind to an older person. These are some ways God's children can show His love to others.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for loving me. Help me show Your love to others every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 10:25-37.



Etonam Ameobe, Age 9, Ghana

Let's Talk:

1. How did the man in Jesus' story show love?
2. Who are some people you can show God's love to?
3. How can you show God's love today?

16. The Ten Lepers



Do you remember to say thank you? It is important to thank people for the nice things they do. It is even more important to thank God!

One day Jesus saw ten sick men. They had leprosy. It was a terrible disease. No medicine could cure it. The men had to live away from other people. It was a very sad life.

God's Word Says:
“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.”
Psalm 136:1

“Jesus, have pity on us!” the men called out. They wanted Jesus to heal them.



Jesus cared about these men. He said, “Go show yourselves to the temple leaders.” Only the leaders could say if the men were really well.

The men trusted Jesus. They left to see the temple leaders. As they went, they were healed. The leprosy was gone! Jesus had healed all ten men. Only one of them came back to thank Him.

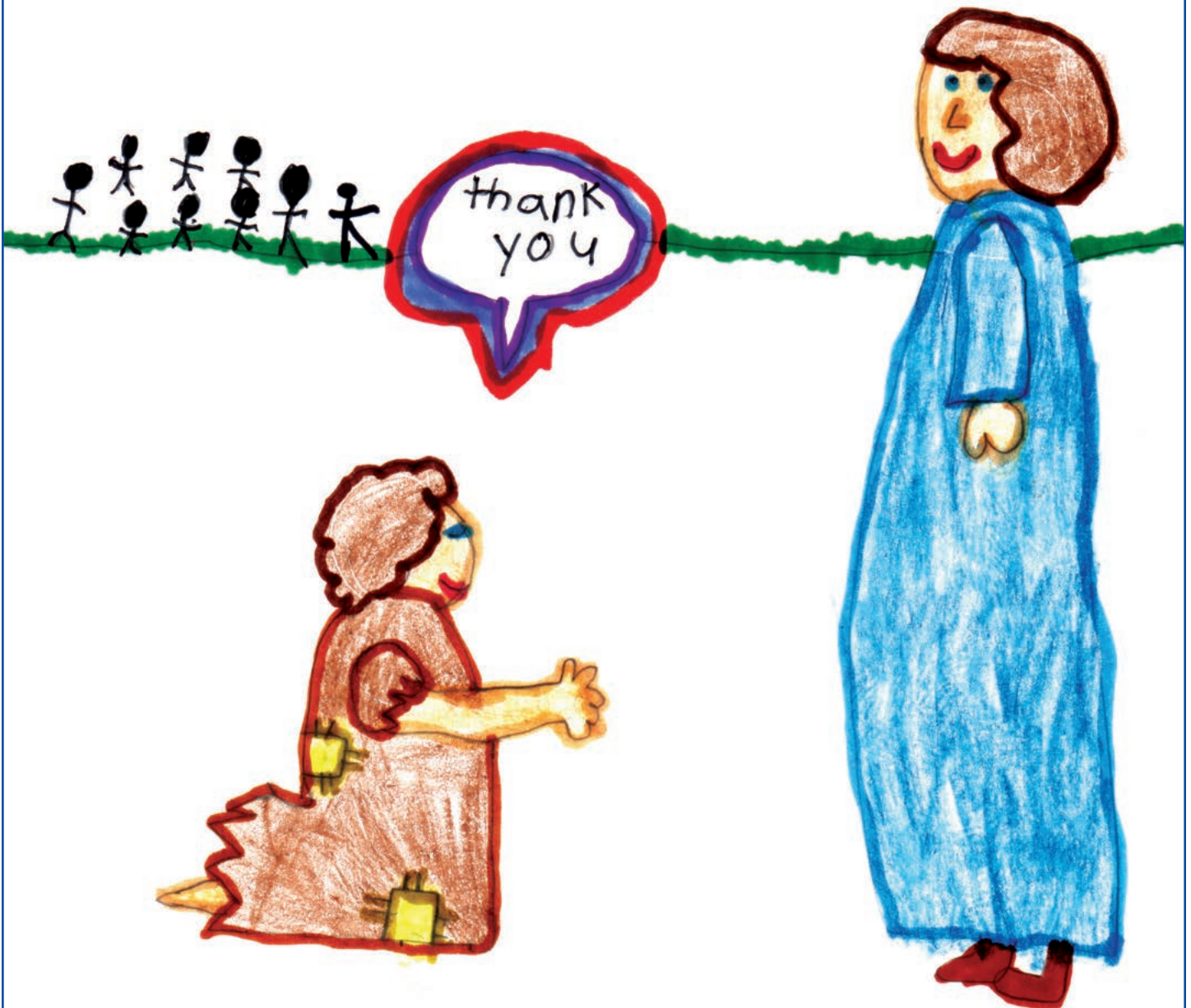
Do you remember to thank God? Think of all He does for you. He gives you air to breathe. He has given you a family and friends to love. Have you stopped to thank Him? Thanking God is always the right thing to do!



You Can Pray:

Dear God, there is so much to thank You for. (Tell God some things you are thankful for.) Remind me to be thankful every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 17:11-19.



Kristin Fisler, Age 7, Pennsylvania

Let's Talk:

1. What did Jesus do for the ten men?
2. Why do you think only one man came back to thank Jesus?
3. What are some things you can thank God for?

17. Jesus and the Children



Do you ever feel too young? There are some things you cannot do if you are little. Coming to Jesus is something you can do even if you are young.

Many people wanted to be around Jesus. He was always very busy. One day parents brought their children to Jesus. They knew Jesus was special. He was God the Son. They wanted Jesus to bless their children.

God's Word Says:
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."
Mark 10:14



Jesus' disciples scolded the people. They told them to keep their children away. The disciples thought Jesus had more important things to do.

Jesus saw what the disciples did. He was angry! Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me. Do not keep them away!"

Jesus loved the children. He loves you. You can talk to Him anytime. He is never too busy for you. You are never in His way. He wants you to spend time with Him. He wants you to tell Him what is happening in your life. Other people may not have time for you. Jesus always does!

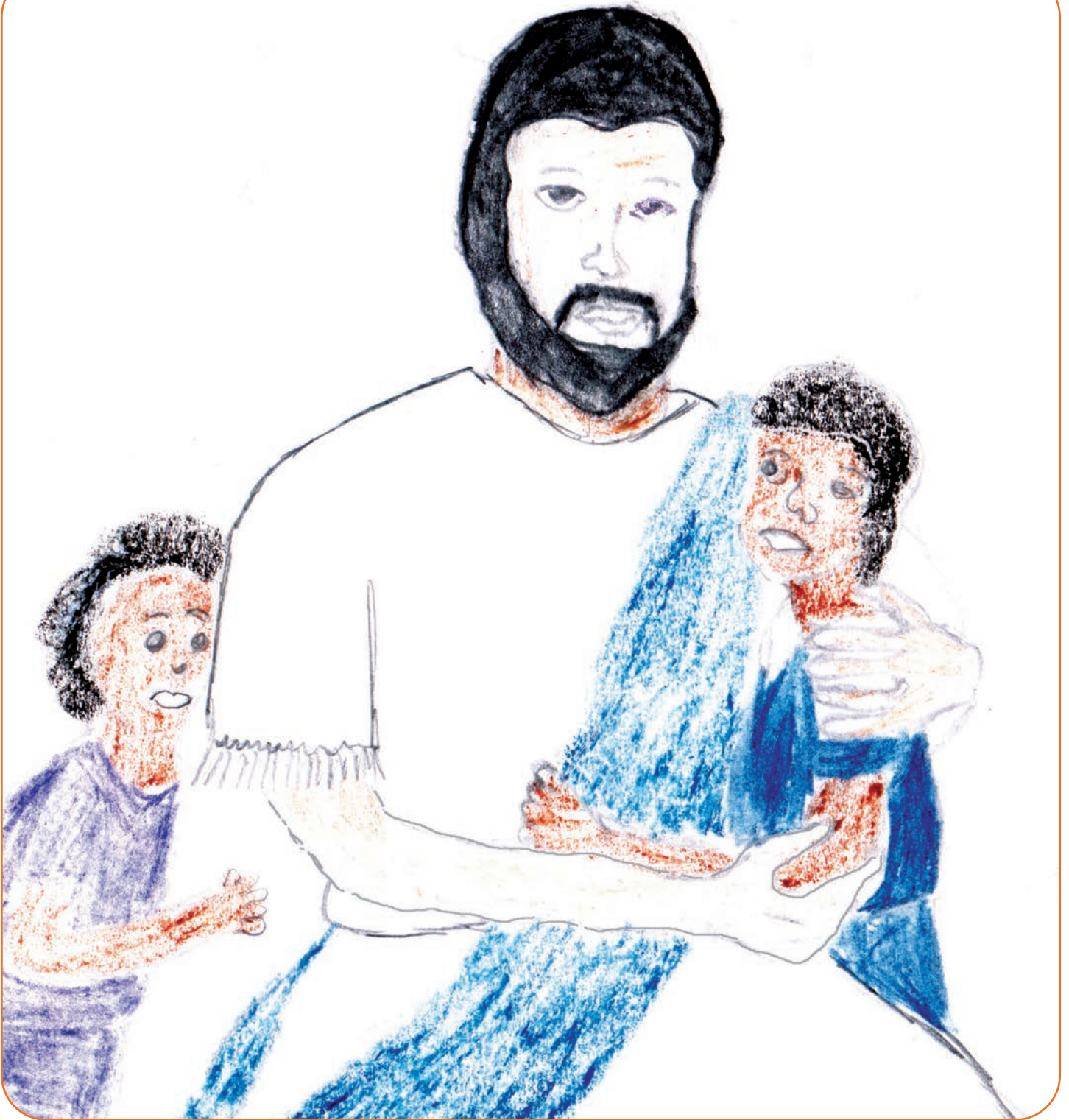
Jesus took the children in His arms and blessed them.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for loving me so much. I am glad I can talk to You anytime. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Mark 10:13-16.



Lina Asante, Age 8, Ghana

Let's Talk:

1. Why were parents bringing their children to Jesus?
2. Why was Jesus angry?
3. What are some things you can talk to Jesus about?

18. Blind Bartimaeus



Have you ever praised someone? That means to say something good about him or her. God deserves your praise most of all!

Jesus and His disciples were leaving Jericho. A large crowd followed. They probably made a lot of noise. One voice was heard above all the noise.

God's Word Says:
"I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart."
Psalm 9:1

"Jesus," a man called. "Help me!" It was a blind man named Bartimaeus. He could not see but he knew Jesus was coming. The people told Bartimaeus to be quiet. Instead he shouted louder.



Jesus stopped. "What do you want me to do for you?" He asked Bartimaeus. "I want to see!" Bartimaeus said. "Go," said Jesus. "Your faith has healed you."

Right away Bartimaeus could see! He could see the crowd. He could see the tall trees. Best of all, he could see Jesus! Bartimaeus began to follow Jesus. He and all the people praised God.

God deserves to be praised. Every day He does wonderful things! He loves you. He takes care of you. He gives you everything you need. You can praise God for who He is and what He does.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I praise You for being so good. Thank You for all You do for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:43.



Carly DeBurgh, Age 9, Wisconsin

Let's Talk:

1. Why was Bartimaeus calling to Jesus?
2. Why did the crowd praise God?
3. What can you praise God for?

19. Zacchaeus



Have you ever cheated? Cheating is not playing fair. It is doing something wrong to help yourself. One day Jesus met a man who liked to cheat.

The man was a tax collector named Zacchaeus. He took extra money for himself. He was cheating and stealing.

One day Jesus was walking through Jericho. All the people came to see Him. Zacchaeus was too short to see. He climbed up a tree to watch Jesus coming. Soon Jesus stopped in front of him.

God's Word Says:
"If anyone is in Christ
he is a new creation."
2 Corinthians 5:17



"Zacchaeus, come down!" Jesus said. "I am going to your house today!" The people grumbled. Why would Jesus go to Zacchaeus's house?

After Zacchaeus believed in Jesus, he was changed. "I will give money to the poor," Zacchaeus said. "I will pay back anyone I have cheated!" He was changed on the inside!

Jesus wants to change you on the inside. He wants to help you say no to sin and obey God. He can help you stop cheating and do what is right. He can help you stop lying and tell the truth. You will be different if Jesus lives in you.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for saving me from my sin. Change me from the inside out. Then others will know You live in me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 19:1-10.



Hillary Charles, Age 6, Kenya

Let's Talk:

1. What made Zacchaeus want to stop cheating?
2. How has Jesus changed your life?
3. Are there other changes you need Him to make?

20. Triumphal Entry



Have you ever been excited to see someone? The people in Jerusalem were excited to see Jesus. They had a party for Him right in the street!

Jesus and His disciples were walking toward the city. He told two of the disciples to get a donkey and its colt. The disciples put their coats on the donkeys. Jesus sat on the coats. He rode toward the city. Long ago God had said this would happen. The Savior would come into Jerusalem riding a donkey!

God's Word Says:
"Great is the LORD and
most worthy of praise."
Psalm 145:3



The people were excited to see Jesus. They cut palm branches and laid them on the road. Some people spread their coats on the road as Jesus came into the city.

"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" The people shouted for joy. Jesus had done great things. He was worthy of their praise.

God is also worthy of your praise. Tell Him how wonderful He is. You can praise God when you are by yourself. You can praise Him when you are with other people. Have you praised God today?



You Can Pray:

Dear God, You are a great God. You deserve my praise! Remind me to praise You every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Matthew 21:1-11.



Sara Dellinger, Age 8, Colorado

Let's Talk:

1. How did the people praise Jesus?
2. How can you praise Jesus?
3. When should you praise Jesus?

21. Jesus Washes Feet



Do you like to walk barefoot? Bare feet get very dirty. One night Jesus used dirty feet to teach His disciples a special lesson.

Jesus and His disciples were sharing a meal. It was the last meal Jesus would eat before dying on the cross.

God's Word Says:

“Serve one another in love.”
Galatians 5:13

Jesus got up from the table. He took water and a towel. He washed His disciples' dirty feet. In most Jewish homes a servant would do this job. Jesus was willing to serve His disciples.



Jesus finished washing the disciples' feet. “Do you understand why I did this?” He asked. “I have washed your feet. Do the same thing for each other.” Jesus was telling His disciples to serve each other like He had served them.

You need to serve others like Jesus did. You can serve a younger child. You can help with something he or she cannot do. You can serve your family by helping around the house. You can serve your teacher by cleaning up the classroom. When you serve others, you are serving God.

Jesus wanted His disciples to learn to serve others.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You that I can serve others. Help me serve like Jesus did. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in John 13:1-17.



Maximilian Klinkert, Age 9, Germany

Let's Talk:

1. Why did Jesus wash His disciples' feet?
2. Why should you serve other people?
3. What are some ways you can serve?

22. Jesus Is Betrayed



Have you ever felt betrayed? Betraying someone is turning against him or her. It is when a friend acts like an enemy. Jesus had a friend like that!

Jesus and His disciples were sharing their last meal. Soon He was going to die on the cross. Jesus said, “One of you will betray me.” The disciples were surprised. Who would betray Jesus? Jesus knew it would be Judas.

God’s Word Says:

“So do not be ashamed to testify [tell or show] about our Lord [Jesus].”
2 Timothy 1:8



Judas left the meal. He told Jesus’ enemies where to find Jesus. The men paid Judas 30 silver coins. He had pretended to be a friend of Jesus. Now Judas betrayed Him. He hurt Jesus by helping His enemies.

Do you ever betray Jesus? Maybe you hide your Bible when your friends come. Maybe you do not pray in front of others. Maybe you do not want anyone to know you go to church. These are all ways you betray Jesus. God wants His children to be faithful. Let others see that you love God.

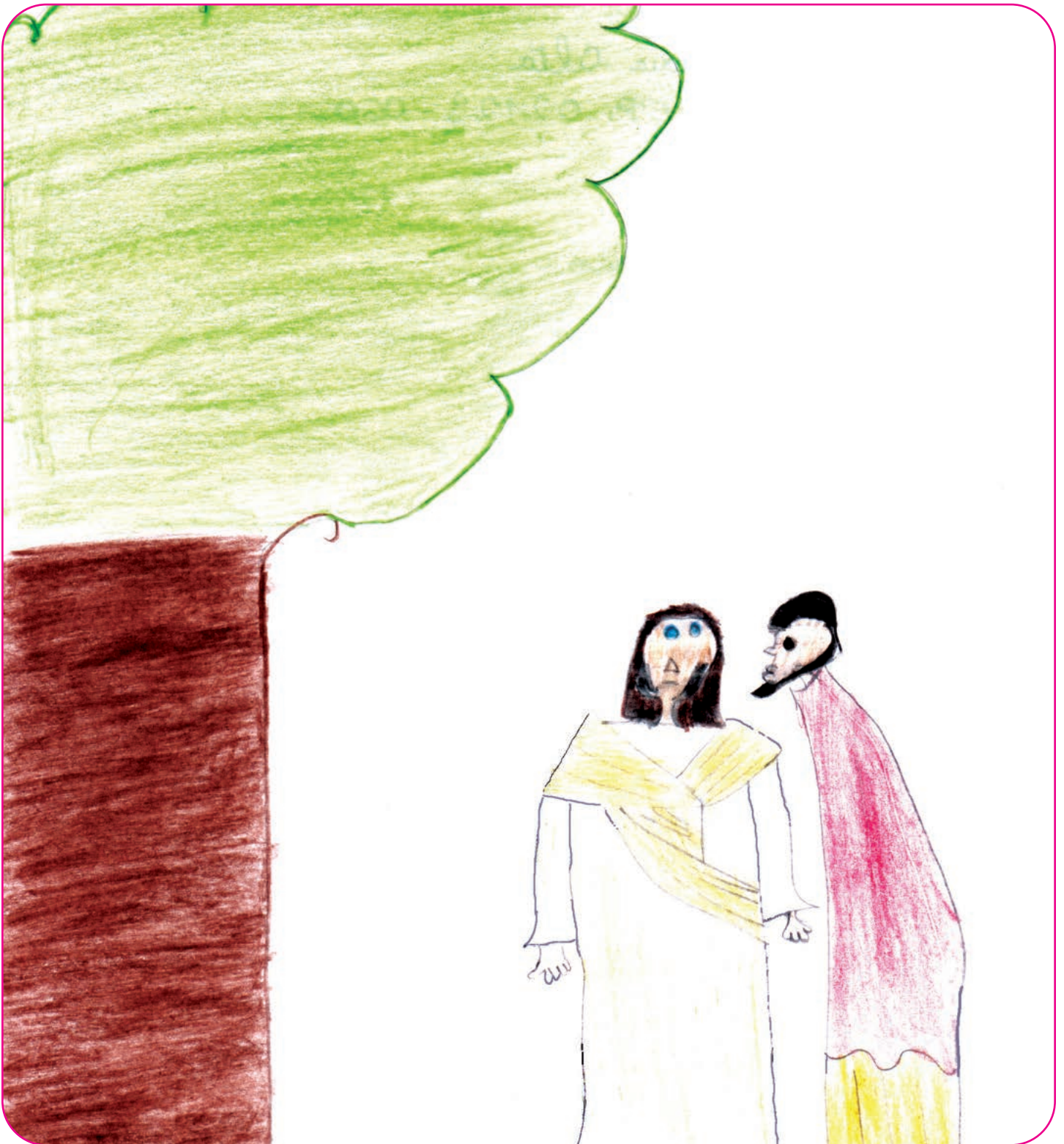
Judas was not faithful to Jesus. Later that night he brought Jesus’ enemies to Him. They arrested Jesus and took Him away.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I do not want to betray You. Help me to be faithful and show others that I love You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in John 13:21-30; 18:1-12.



Giovanna Munoz Galvav, Age 9, Brazil

Let's Talk:

1. How did Judas betray Jesus?
2. What are some ways people betray Jesus today?
3. How can you show that you are faithful to Jesus?

23. Jesus Suffers



Have you ever seen a trial? A judge decides if a person is guilty. Jesus was put on trial. He was not guilty of anything wrong!

Jesus was arrested. He was taken from one temple leader to another. They wanted Jesus to die because He said He was God's Son.

God's Word Says:

"Christ suffered
for you."
1 Peter 2:21

They sent Jesus to a government leader named Pilate. He knew Jesus was not guilty. He wanted to set Jesus free. The people shouted, "No!" Pilate wanted to make the people happy. He had the soldiers beat Jesus. They made Him wear a crown of thorns. They slapped His face and said mean things.



Jesus is God the Son. Why did He have to suffer so much? He was willing to suffer and die for your sin. If you have trusted in Jesus, you are God's child. Your sin is forgiven. Have you thanked Jesus? You should thank Him every day. He went through so much for you.

Jesus suffered but the people still were not happy. They wanted Jesus to die. Pilate told the soldiers to nail Jesus to a cross.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, Jesus did not deserve to be punished. Thank You that He was willing to suffer for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in John 18:13-14, 28–19:16.



Allison Petrov, Age 8, Missouri

Let's Talk:

1. Why did the temple leaders want Jesus to die?
2. What are some ways Jesus suffered?
3. How can you show you are thankful for all Jesus has done?

24. Jesus Dies



How do you know God loves you? Jesus proved it. He did something for you that no one else would do.

Pilate sent Jesus to die. Soldiers made Jesus carry His cross up a hill. They pounded nails into His hands and feet. He was hung on the cross. Blood came from His body.

God's Word Says:
“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”
Acts 16:31

All this was God's plan. He proved His love by sending His Son. Jesus died for you. He could have stopped the soldiers. He was willing to bleed and die so your sin could be forgiven.



Have your sins been forgiven? The Bible says, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.” (Acts 16:31). Agree with God that you have sinned. Trust that Jesus took your punishment. He will forgive your sin. You will be saved. You will not have to be kept away from God. That is why Jesus came to Earth.

Jesus hung on the cross for a long time. Then the sky grew dark. Jesus cried out, “It is finished!” He had paid for your sin. He bowed His head and died.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I am sorry I have sinned. I believe Jesus died to save me from my sin. Please forgive me! Thank You for loving me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Luke 23:26-46; John 19:28-30.



Mary Hargrove, Age 6, California

Let's Talk:

1. How do you know God loves you?
2. How did Jesus die?
3. What do you need to do to be saved?

25. Jesus Is Buried



Has someone you know died? You feel sad when someone close to you dies. Jesus' friends were very sad when He died.

Jesus had hung on the cross for a long time. After He died, a soldier near the cross said, "This was the Son of God!"

God's Word Says:
"He [God] forgave
us all our sins."
Colossians 2:13

It is true. Jesus is the Son of God! You can thank God for sending Jesus. Thank Him that Jesus was willing to die and save you from sin. Thank God that Jesus took your punishment. Thank Him for forgiving your sin.



After Jesus died, His friends wrapped His body in cloth. They carried it to a garden. They gently placed His body in a tomb that was like a cave.

A big stone was rolled in front so no one could go in or out. Guards stood by the tomb. They made sure no one could take Jesus' body away.

Jesus' friends were very sad and afraid. They thought they might be arrested because they had been with Jesus. They did not understand that Jesus had to die for their sins.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to die for my sin. Thank You for forgiving me and saving me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Mark 15:39; John 19:38-42.



Jennifer Adusei, Age 9, Ghana

Let's Talk:

1. What did Jesus' friends do with His body?
2. Why were Jesus' friends afraid after He died?
3. Why should you be thankful that Jesus died?

26. Jesus Comes Alive



Do you like surprises? It is exciting when something good happens that you do not expect. A lady named Mary was about to have a wonderful surprise!

Three days after Jesus died, Mary came to the tomb. She saw that the big stone had been rolled away. Jesus' body was not there.

God's Word Says:

"He [Jesus] has risen,
just as he said."
Matthew 28:6



Mary ran and told Peter and John, two of Jesus' disciples. They ran to the tomb. They found only the cloth Jesus' body had been wrapped in. They did not understand what had happened to Jesus.

Mary stayed by the tomb and cried. Suddenly she saw two angels. They asked why she was crying. Mary said, "They have taken my Lord away!"

Mary turned and saw a man. He asked, "Who are you looking for?"

Mary did not know the man was Jesus. Then He said her name. Mary was so surprised and happy! She ran back to tell the disciples, "Jesus is alive!"

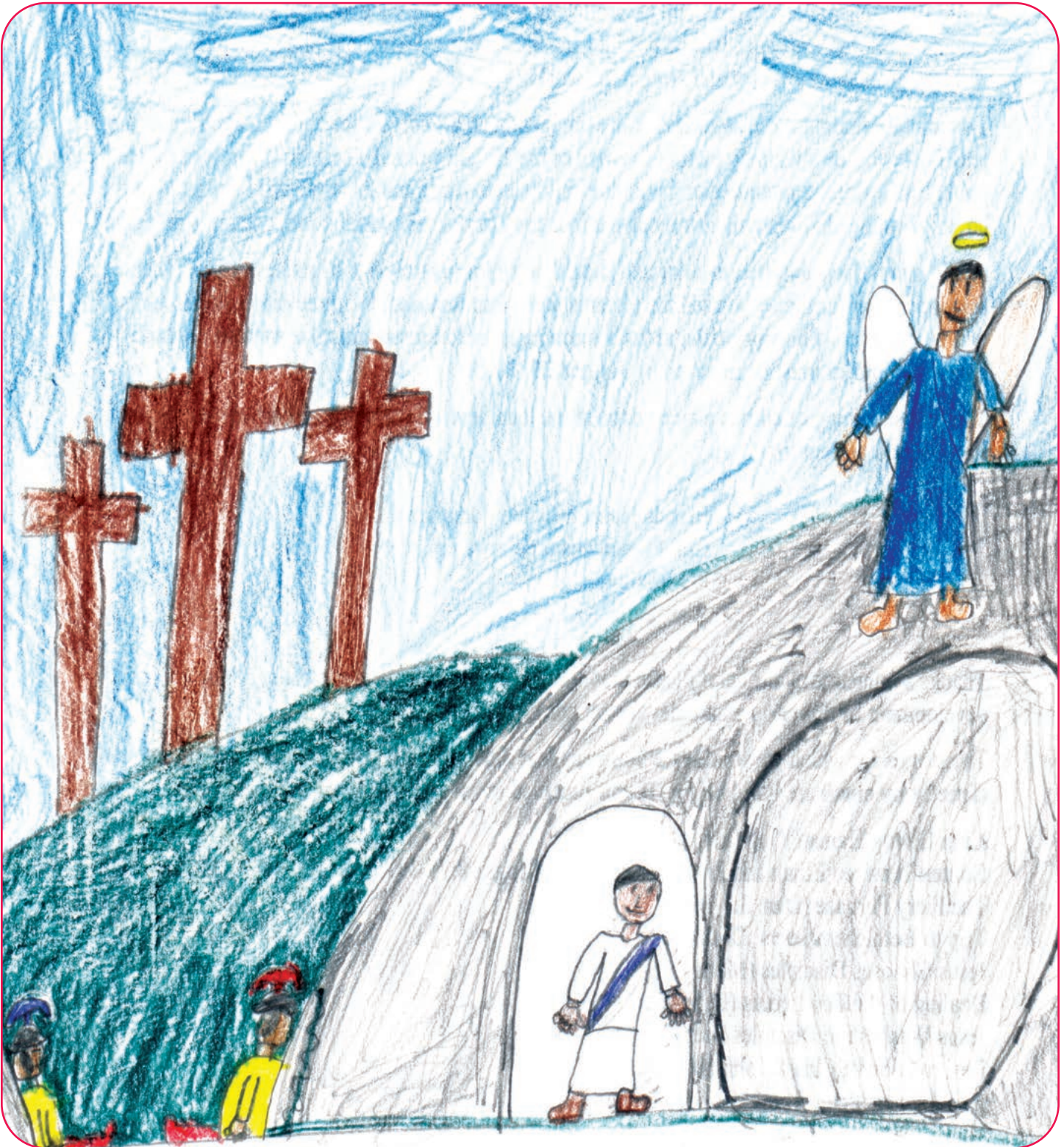
Who can you tell that Jesus is alive? Tell your friends and family. They need to know Jesus died for their sins and came back to life.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I know Jesus is alive. Help me tell others what Jesus did for them. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in John 20:1-18.



Jordan D. Knight, Age 10, Pennsylvania

Let's Talk:

1. What did Mary find when she went to the tomb?
2. What did Mary do after she talked to Jesus?
3. Who can you tell about Jesus this week?

27. Jesus Appears



Do you know what doubt is? It is when you do not believe something is true. Some people in the Bible doubted that Jesus was alive.

Jesus' disciples were in a room with the doors locked. Suddenly Jesus stood in the room with them! They saw the nail marks in His hands. It was really Jesus. They were excited! He was alive!

God's Word Says:

"Blessed [happy] are those who have not seen [Jesus] and yet have believed."

John 20:29

A disciple named Thomas was not there. The other disciples told him Jesus was alive. Thomas said, "I will not believe unless I see Him." He doubted that it was true.



Are there times you doubt God? Do you really believe God loves and cares for you? Do you believe He is always there to help you? You can trust everything God says in His Word. You do not ever have to doubt God.

Thomas doubted. Later he was with the other disciples. Suddenly Jesus stood in the room with them. He told Thomas to stop doubting and believe. Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Thomas saw Jesus for himself. Then he believed and did not doubt.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You that the Bible is true. Help me believe Your Word and not doubt. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in John 20:18-31.



Sarah Mayers, Age 5, Florida

Let's Talk:

1. How did the disciples know it was Jesus in the room with them?
2. Why did Thomas doubt that Jesus was alive?
3. What are some things God wants you to believe about Him?

28. Return to Heaven



Are you ever afraid to tell people about Jesus? There is someone who can give you courage to witness. Jesus' friends found out about Him.

Jesus had come back to life. He stayed on Earth 40 more days. Jesus told His friends something that was going to happen. "The Holy Spirit will give you power to witness," He said. "You must tell people everywhere about Me." God the Holy Spirit would give them courage to tell others about Jesus.

God's Word Says:

"You will be
my witnesses."
Acts 1:8

If you have believed in Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in you. He will give you courage to witness. Pray when you are afraid. Ask God to help you. Ask Him for the right words to tell about Jesus. Ask Him to help you be brave.



Jesus was finished talking to His friends. As they watched, He went up into the sky. A cloud hid Jesus so they could not see Him.

Two angels stood beside Jesus' friends. "Why are you looking up?" they asked. "Jesus has gone to Heaven. Someday He will come back to Earth the same way you saw Him leave."



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You for the Holy Spirit. He gives me power to tell others about Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Acts 1:1-11.



Colton Currier, Age 7, Florida

Let's Talk:

1. How would the Holy Spirit help Jesus' friends?
2. What does it mean to witness?
3. What can you do when you are afraid to witness?

29. Spread the Word



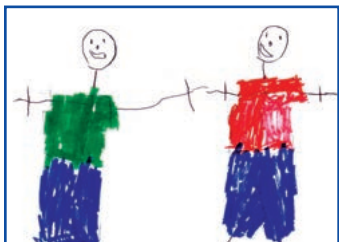
What job did Jesus give His disciples before He went back to Heaven? He wanted them to tell others about Him!

Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the good news.” Paul and other Christians told people about Jesus in many parts of the world.

God’s Word Says:

“I am with you
always, to the very
end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20

Some people today still have never heard about Jesus. They need to know that He can save them from sin. Are you telling others about Jesus? You can witness anywhere you are. God wants every Christian to be a witness.



God has chosen some people to be missionaries. Their work in life is to help others know about Jesus. Some missionaries are teachers or doctors. Others may be builders or pilots.

Some missionaries work in their own countries. Others go to another country. They tell people about Jesus. Someday God may ask you to be a missionary. Are you willing to obey Him?

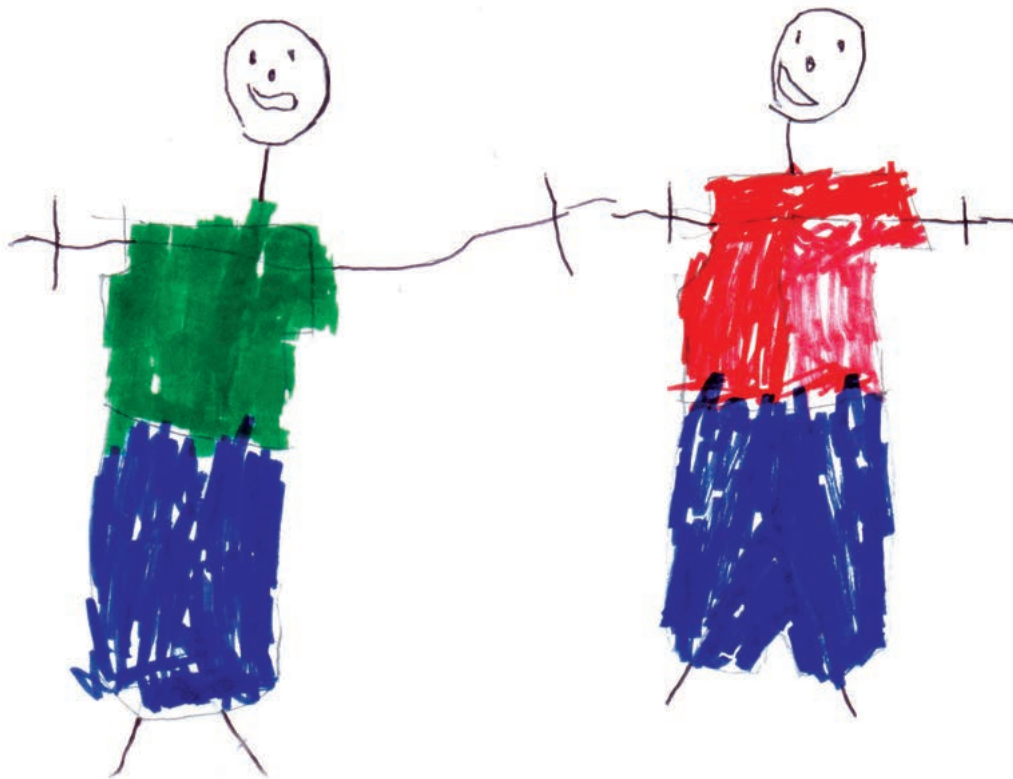
Telling people around the world about Jesus is a big job. You do not have to do it alone! Jesus said, “I am with you always.” He will help you.



You Can Pray:

Dear God, I want to be a witness for You. Make me willing to do whatever You want me to do with my life. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15.



Seth Johns, Age 5, Missouri

Let's Talk:

1. What job did Jesus give to believers?
2. What is a missionary?
3. What does God want you to be willing to do?

30. Be Ready!



Have you ever gone on a trip? How do you get ready? Someday God's children will go on a much bigger trip—to Heaven!

Jesus promised to come back again. All those who have believed in Jesus will rise up to meet Him in the air. They will live with God in Heaven forever.

Heaven will be much better than Earth. No one will sin. No one will die. No one will cry or get hurt. Everyone will always be happy!

God's Word Says:
“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man [Jesus] will come.”
Matthew 24:44



How can you be ready for Heaven? You need to know Jesus as your Savior. If you do know Him, you will want to obey His Word.

Read your Bible and do what it says. If you do not have a Bible, you can learn the Bible verses in this book. Talk to God in prayer each day. God wants His children to become more like Jesus.

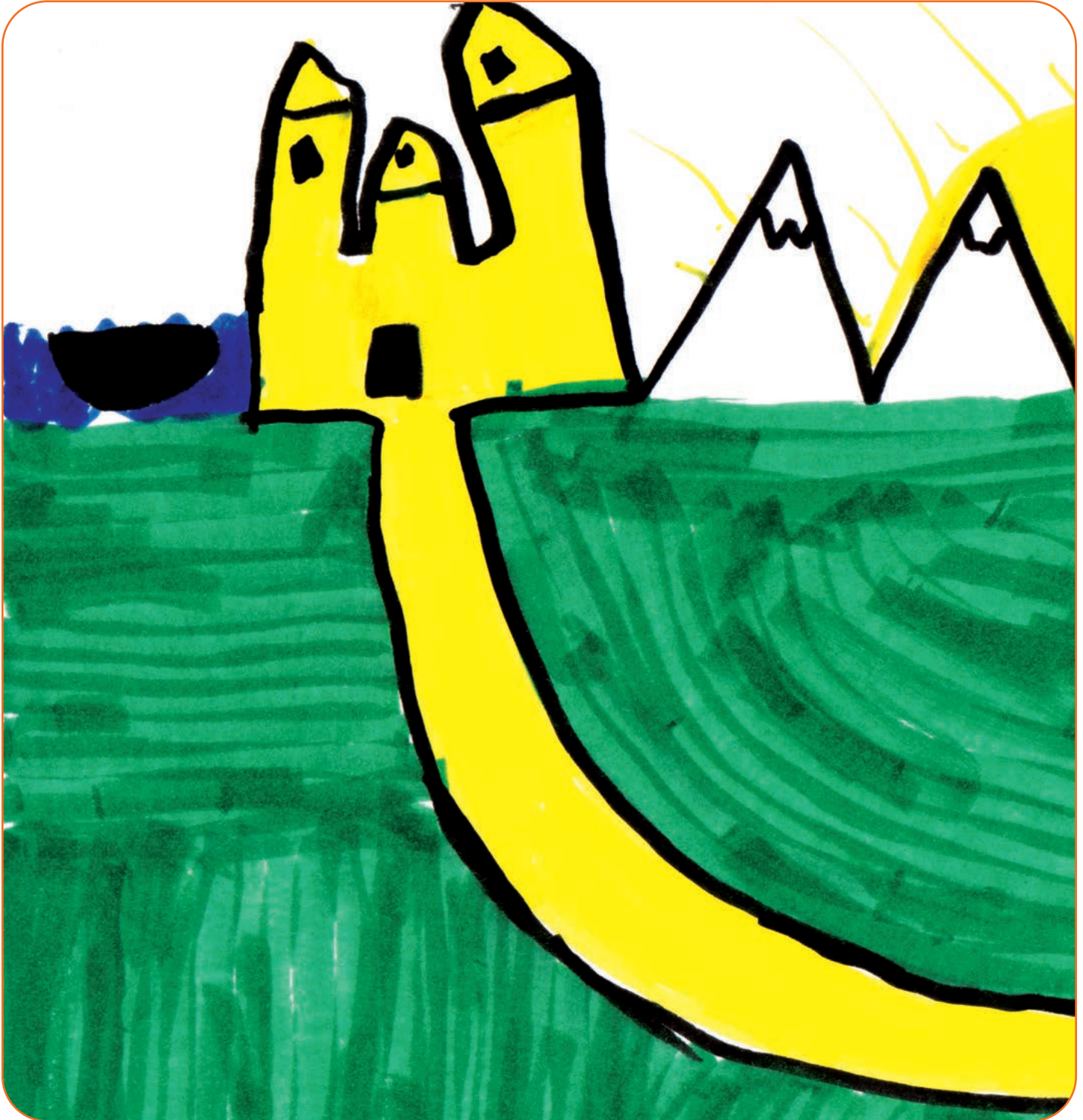
No one knows when Jesus will come back. That will be the best day ever! For the first time you will see God. Be sure you are ready to meet Him!



You Can Pray:

Dear God, thank You that I am ready for Heaven. I have believed in Jesus. Help me read Your Word and talk to You each day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This Bible story can be found in
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 21:1-5; 22:11-12.



Allison Fieger, Age 9, Pennsylvania

Let's Talk:

1. What will happen to believers when Jesus comes back?
2. What does a person need to do to be ready for Heaven?
3. What can believers do to become more like Jesus?

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