

God Loves You!



GOD MADE US, OUR WORLD, AND EVERYTHING IN IT

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

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. —Genesis 2:7

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. —Colossians 1:16

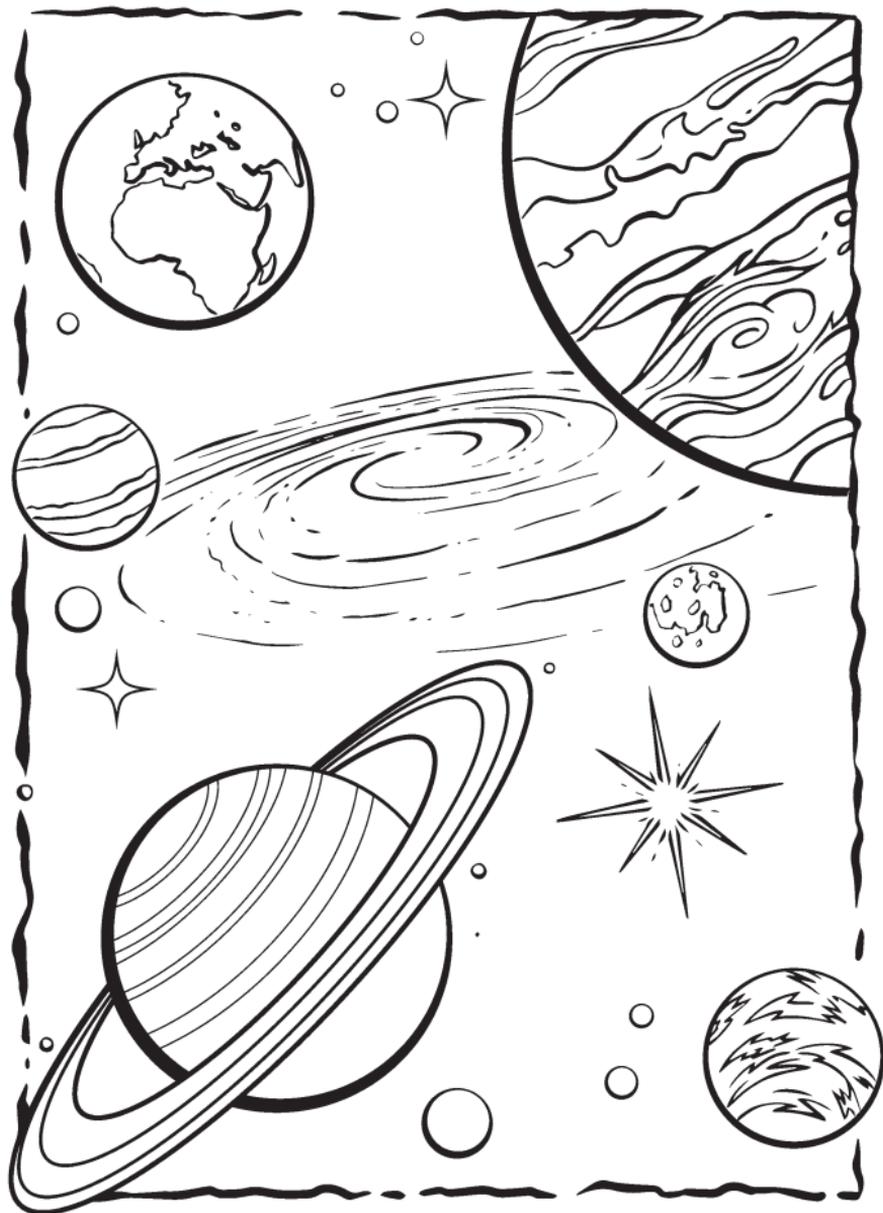
Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. —Psalm 100:3a

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. —Genesis 1:26-27

God made man to live with Him forever.

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GOD PLACED ADAM AND EVE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” —Genesis 2:15-17

The serpent, also called the devil or Satan, questions God’s authority, and tells a lie

Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.”

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

—Genesis 3:4, 6

Our enemy, Satan, is a liar— we should never listen to him

“He [the devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

—John 8:44b



ADAM AND EVE DISOBEYED GOD AND BROUGHT SIN AND DEATH INTO THE WORLD

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
—Genesis 3:9-13

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.
—Romans 5:12

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

From that day to this, every person is born with the sin nature in their heart, and will someday die because death came by sin.



GOD SENT HIS SON TO RESCUE US

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” —John 3:16

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. —Luke 2:1-7

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. —1 John 4:9

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. —Isaiah 9:6

***To enter the human race, the Son of God
had to come as a human baby.***



SHEPHERDS AND WISE MEN WELCOMED JESUS' BIRTH

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. —Luke 2:8-16

When they [the wise men] saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. —Matthew 2:10-11

Jesus is also called Emmanuel, meaning "God with us."



JESUS CHRIST IS TRULY THE SON OF GOD

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." —Matthew 3:16-17

Another name for Jesus is the WORD

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. —John 1:1-4

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. —John 1:14

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds. —Hebrews 1:1-2

Jesus is God—He came in human form.



JESUS DID NOT YIELD TO THE TEMPTATION OF THE DEVIL

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”

But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ”

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ” Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him. —Matthew 4:1-11

***Jesus used the Word of God to
overcome each temptation.***



GOD GAVE US HIS LAW TO TEACH US HOW TO LIVE

“You shall have no other gods before Me.

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”
—Exodus 20:3-4, 7-8, 12-17

Jesus gave us two Great Commandments

Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

—Matthew 22:37-39

***When we obey God’s law we show love for God
and love for all people.***



JESUS CHOSE HELPERS— “COME, FOLLOW ME”

And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

—Mark 1:16-20

And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.

—Mark 3:13-14

But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.”

—Luke 18:16

***Today, Jesus calls to us,
“Come, follow Me.”***



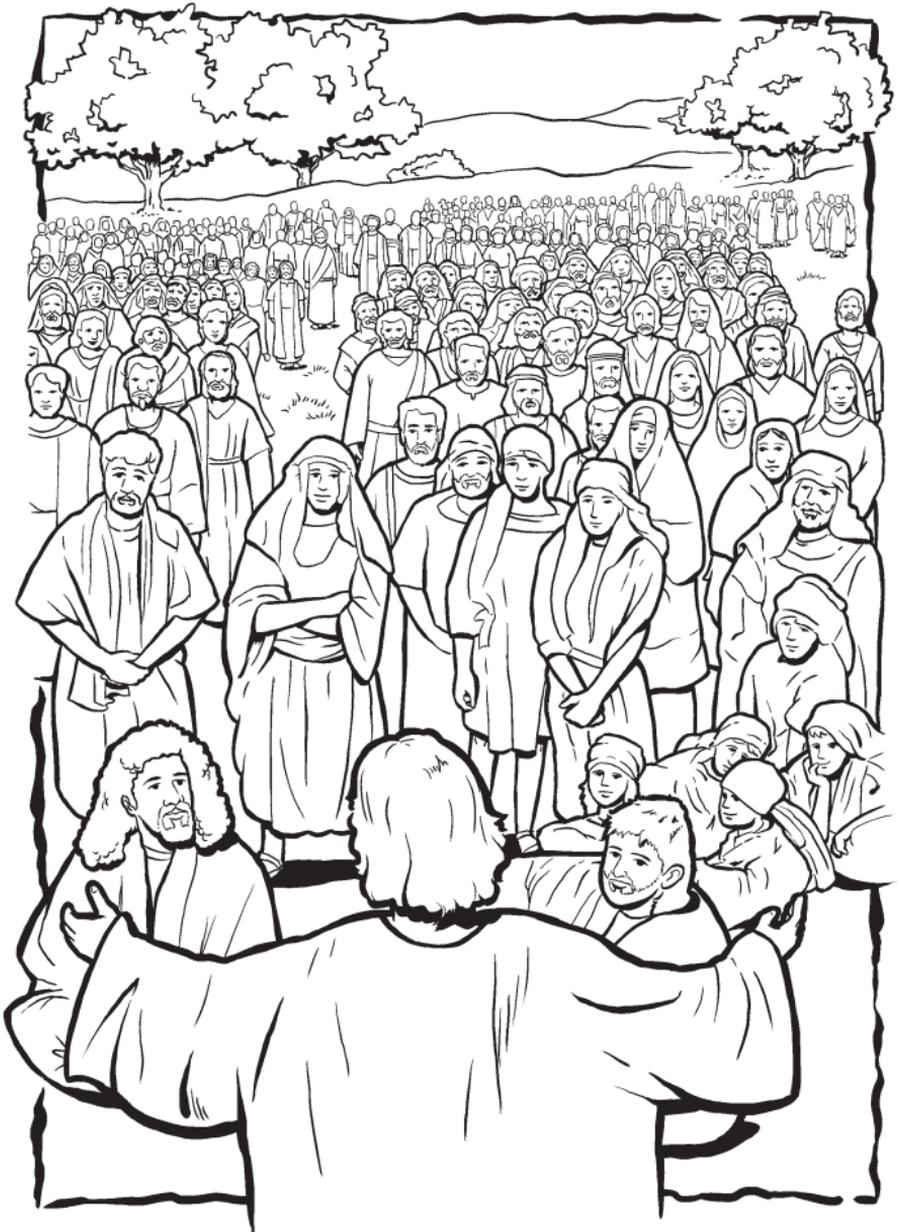
ONE OF JESUS' GREATEST SERMONS

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

—Matthew 5:3-12

Jesus also taught us how to pray

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” —Matthew 6:9-15



SOME MIRACLES JESUS DID WHILE ON EARTH

Jesus cleansed a leper

And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

—Matthew 8:2-3

Jesus stilled the storm

And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

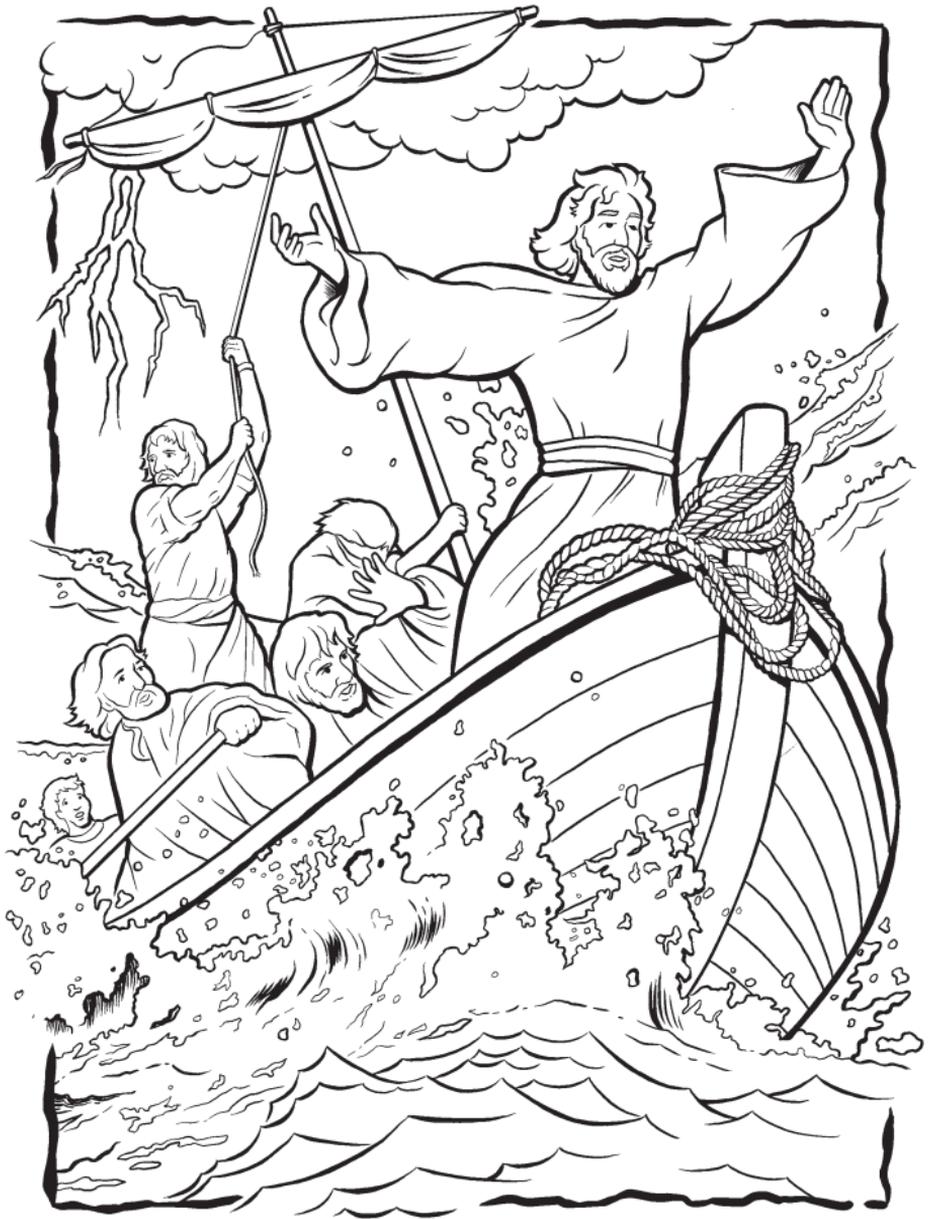
—Matthew 8:24-26

Jesus fed the multitude

"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."

—John 6:9-12

***When His disciples saw the miracles that Jesus did
they believed that He was the Son of God.***



JESUS CHRIST HAS POWER OVER SIN

Jesus forgives the sins of a paralytic then heals him

Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

—Mark 2:3-12



JESUS CHRIST HAS POWER OVER DEATH

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

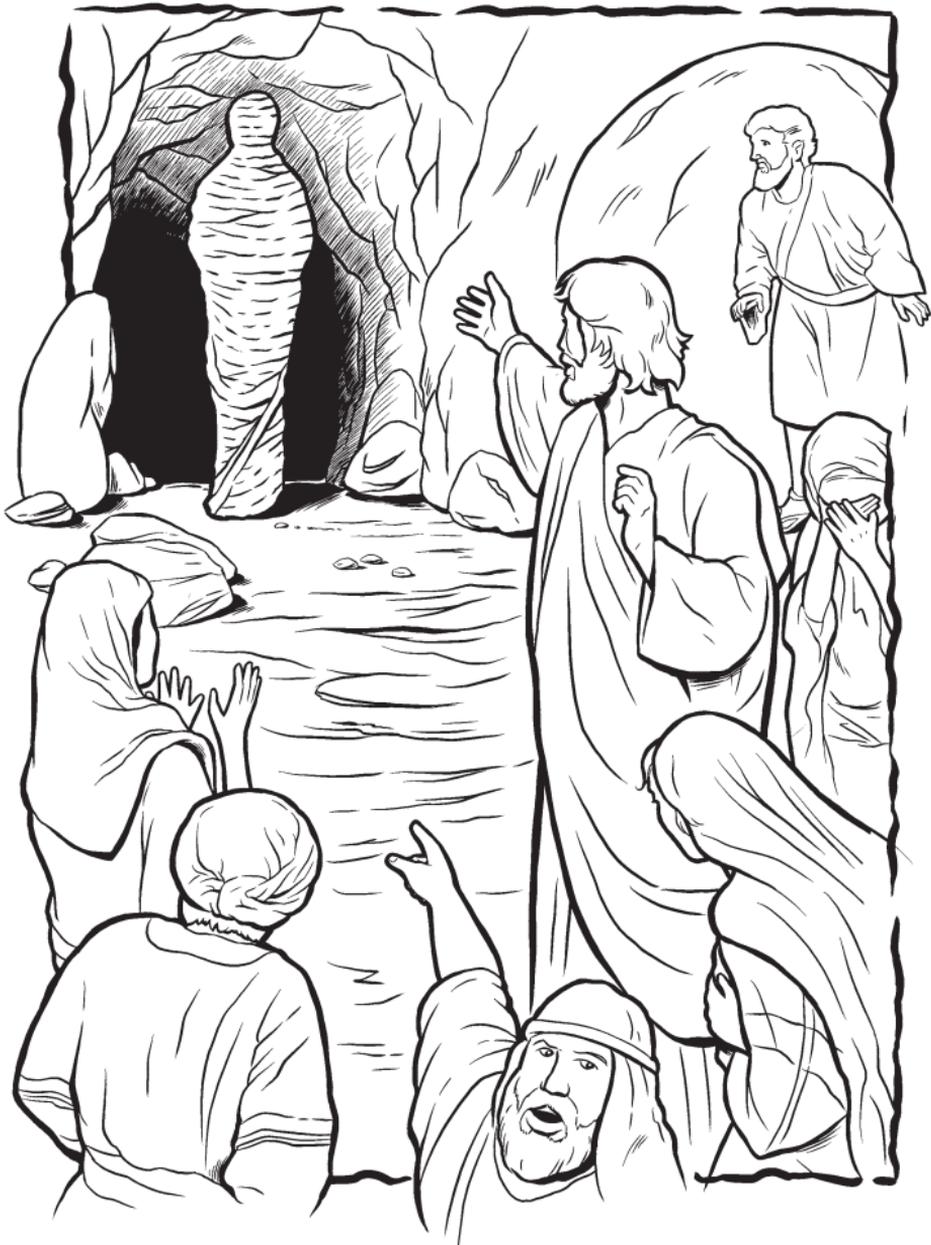
Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go." —John 11:39-44

Jesus raises a widow's son from the dead

And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. —Luke 7:12, 14-15

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

—John 11:25a



JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE US FROM OUR SINS

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

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. —1 John 5:11

“Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth”; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree.

—1 Peter 2:22-24a

“...My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”

—John 10:17-18

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

—John 3:36

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

—John 14:6

Jesus' death on the cross was part of God's plan to give us eternal life with Him.

JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. —Matthew 28:1-2

But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

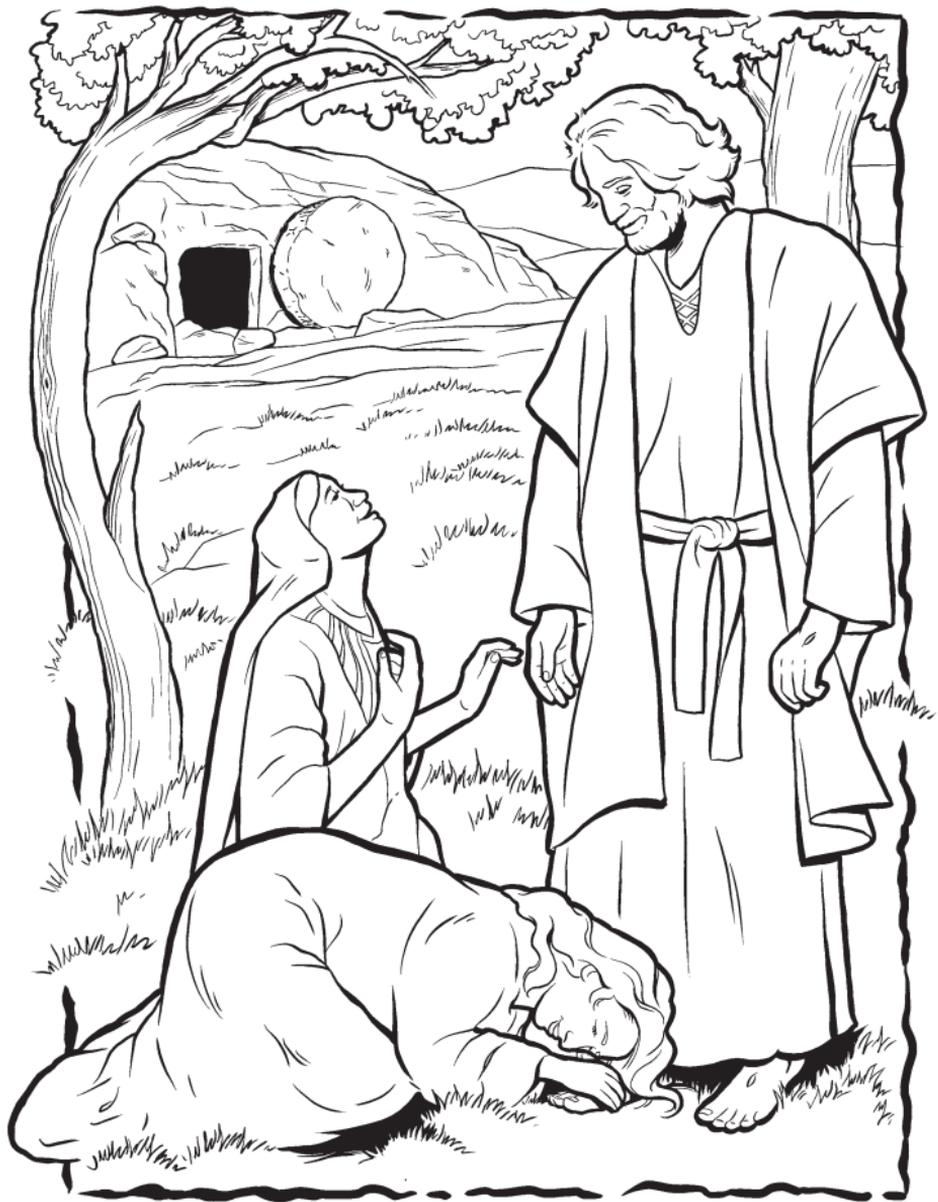
So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.” —Matthew 28:5-10

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. —Mark 16:14

Jesus said, “Because I live, you will live also.”

—John 14:19b



HOW TO RECEIVE JESUS AS YOUR OWN PERSONAL SAVIOR

Be truly sorry for your sins (repent)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

—Romans 3:23

Confess your sins to Jesus

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9

Give up (forsake) your sins

He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. —Proverbs 28:13

Believe on Jesus Christ as your Savior

...“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.”

—Acts 16:31a

Receive Jesus into your heart

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

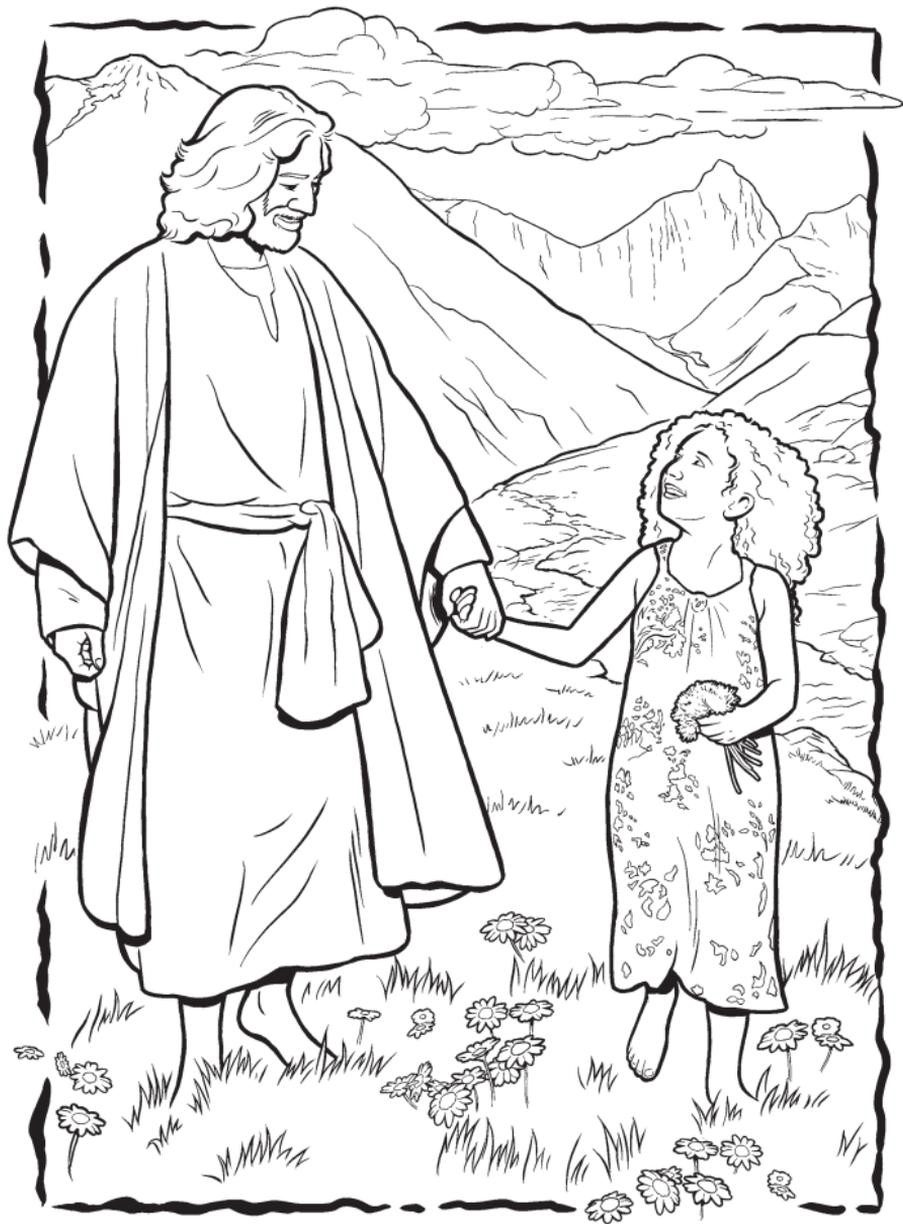
—John 1:12

A Prayer Guide

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank You for dying on the cross to take away my sins. I am sorry for all the wrong things I have done. I ask You to please forgive my sins, come into my heart and live in my heart forever. I am trusting You right now to make my heart clean. I take You to be my very own Lord and Savior. Thank You for making me Your child.

In Your name I pray, Amen.



THINGS TO HELP YOU FAITHFULLY FOLLOW JESUS

Read God's Word, the Bible, every day

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
—Psalm 119:105

The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
—Psalm 119:130

Talk to God in prayer any time, day or night

Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.
—Psalm 55:17

Trust in the Lord every day

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.
—Proverbs 3:5-6

Show love to all people

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
—Ephesians 4:32

Keep walking in the light God gives you

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
—1 John 1:7

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
—John 8:12



TALKING TO GOD IN PRAYER

God made a promise to those who pray

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

—1 John 5:14-15

We must pray with faith and believe

“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

—Mark 11:24

When we pray, we must also forgive

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

—Mark 11:25-26

It is good to pray with other believers

“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

—Matthew 18:19-20

Obedience to God brings answers to our prayers

And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

—1 John 3:22

Prayer is having a heart-to-heart talk with God and letting God also talk to our hearts.



THE SPIRIT OF GOD GIVES US GIFTS TO USE IN SERVING HIM

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

—1 Corinthians 12:4-5

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying [building up] of the body of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:11-12

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

—Romans 12:4-8

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

—Colossians 3:23-24

***Not all believers have the same gift,
but God gives every believer a gift.***



LOVE IS THE GREATEST GIFT

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. —1 John 4:16

The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. —Romans 5:5b

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” —John 15:12

Our gifts don't count for anything, unless we have love

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. —1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. —1 Corinthians 13:13



SOME MAY SUFFER FOR THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST

“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested. ...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” —Revelation 2:10

Christ suffered for us

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;” who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

—1 Peter 2:21-24

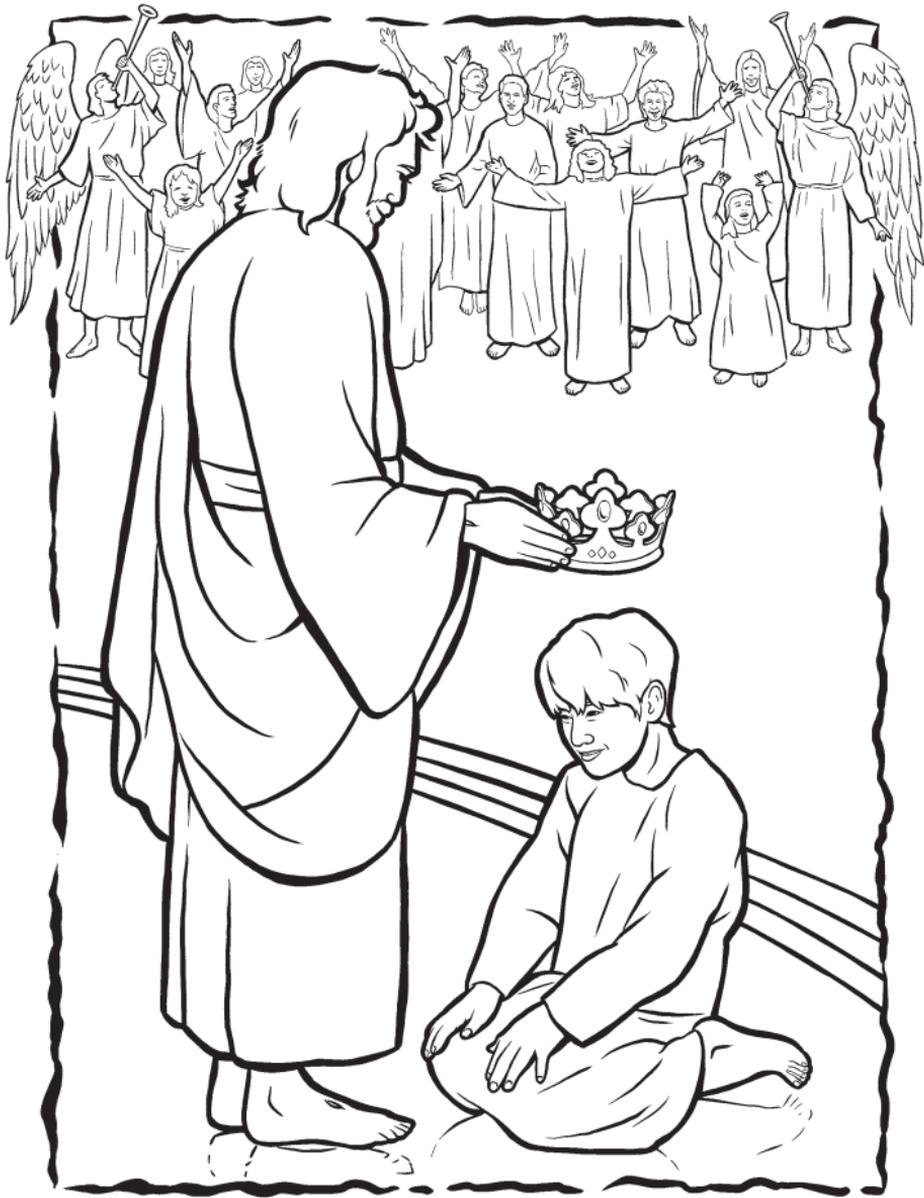
Memorizing Scripture verses will give you strength

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

—Psalm 46:1-2

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” —John 16:33

***This is the victory that has overcome the world—
our faith. —1 John 5:4b***



JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD, IS WITH US ALL THE WAY

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

—Psalm 23

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.”

—John 10:27-29

“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

—Hebrews 13:5b

“And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

—Matthew 28:20b

***Those who follow Jesus Christ
will be with Him forever.***



THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD TEACHES US AND CHANGES US WHEN WE READ AND OBEY GOD'S WORD

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. —2 Timothy 3:16

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. —2 Timothy 2:15

Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways. —Psalm 119:2-3

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. —Psalm 119:11

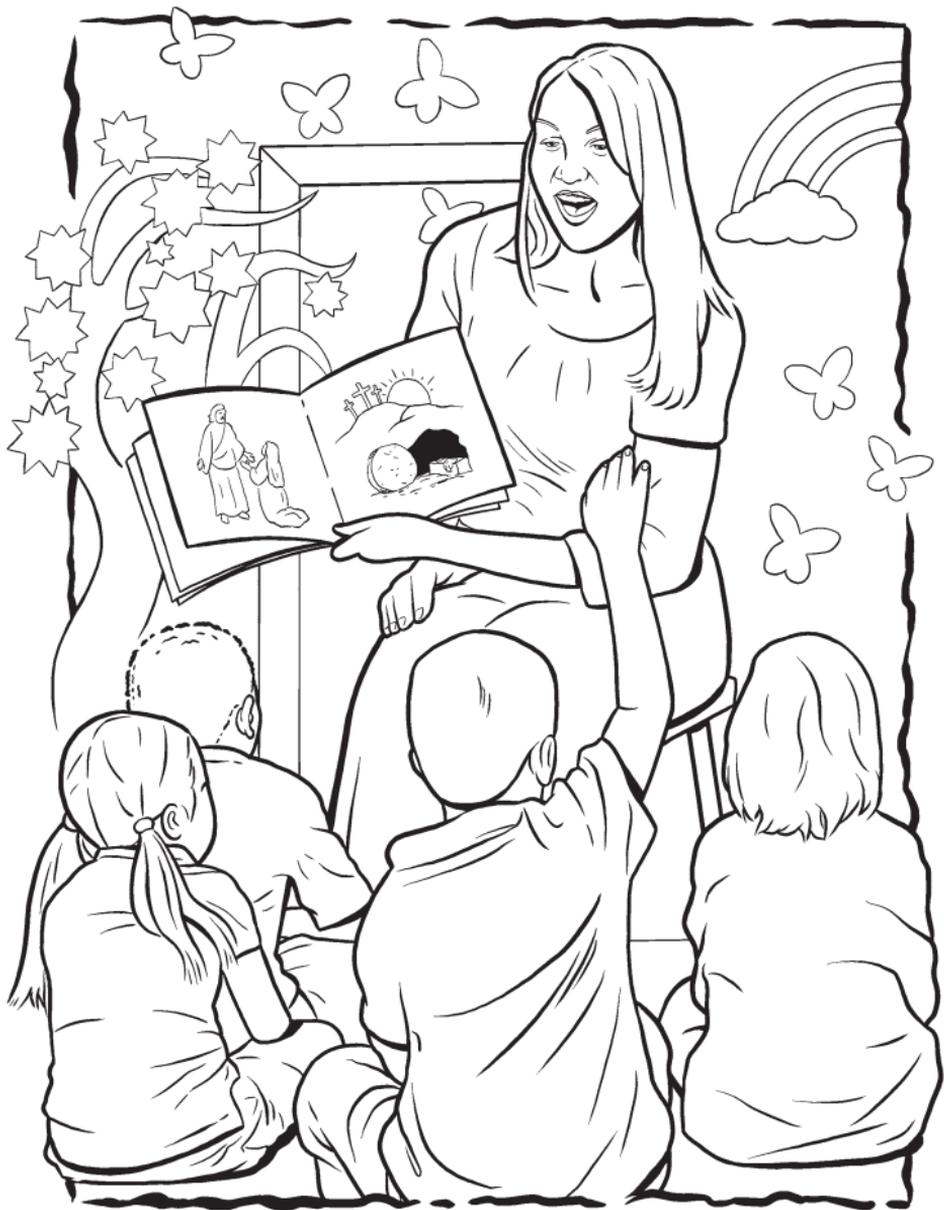
I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. —Psalm 119:15-16

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. —Romans 12:2

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. —Philippians 2:13

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. —Philippians 1:6

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. —Romans 10:17b



JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. BE READY!

Jesus promised that He would come again

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” —John 14:1-3

No one but God knows when Jesus will come again

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” —Matthew 24:36

Jesus will come suddenly so we need to be prepared

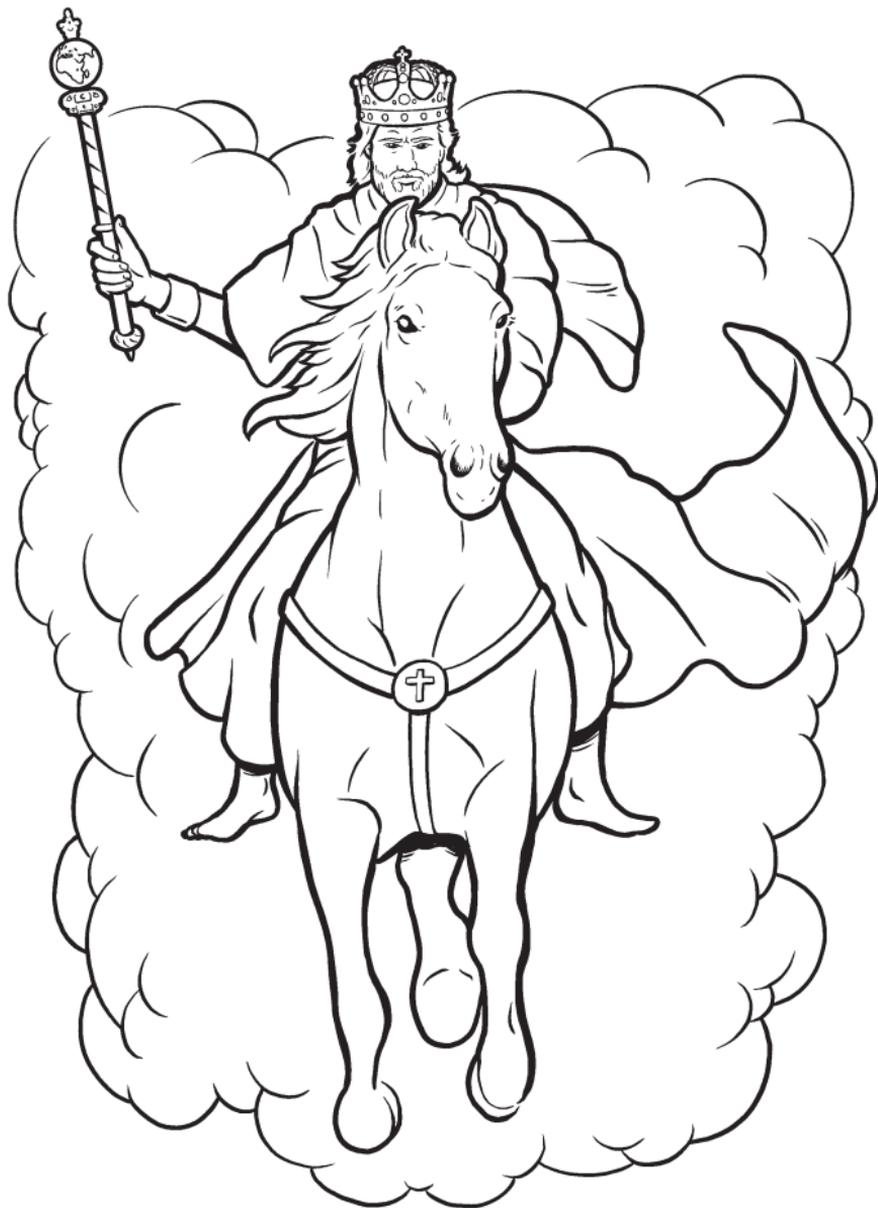
For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

—1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

“Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” —Luke 12:40

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.” —Mark 13:33

Be ready—Jesus is coming soon!





HEAVEN IS THE HOME OF THOSE WHO TRUST IN JESUS

Heaven is a real place, prepared by God for those who love Him

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” —1 Corinthians 2:9b

There is no more sorrow, pain, or death in heaven

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” —Revelation 21:4

Jesus does not want anyone to be condemned— He wants us to help prepare others for heaven

“Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.” —John 5:28-29

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” —Matthew 28:18-20

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