

*Keach's Baptist
Catechism
&
Coloring Book
for
Children*

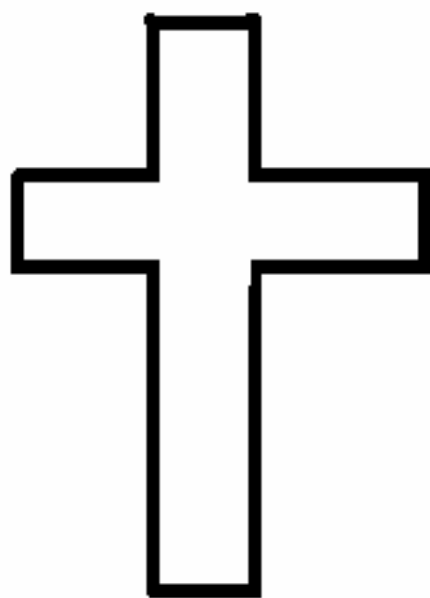
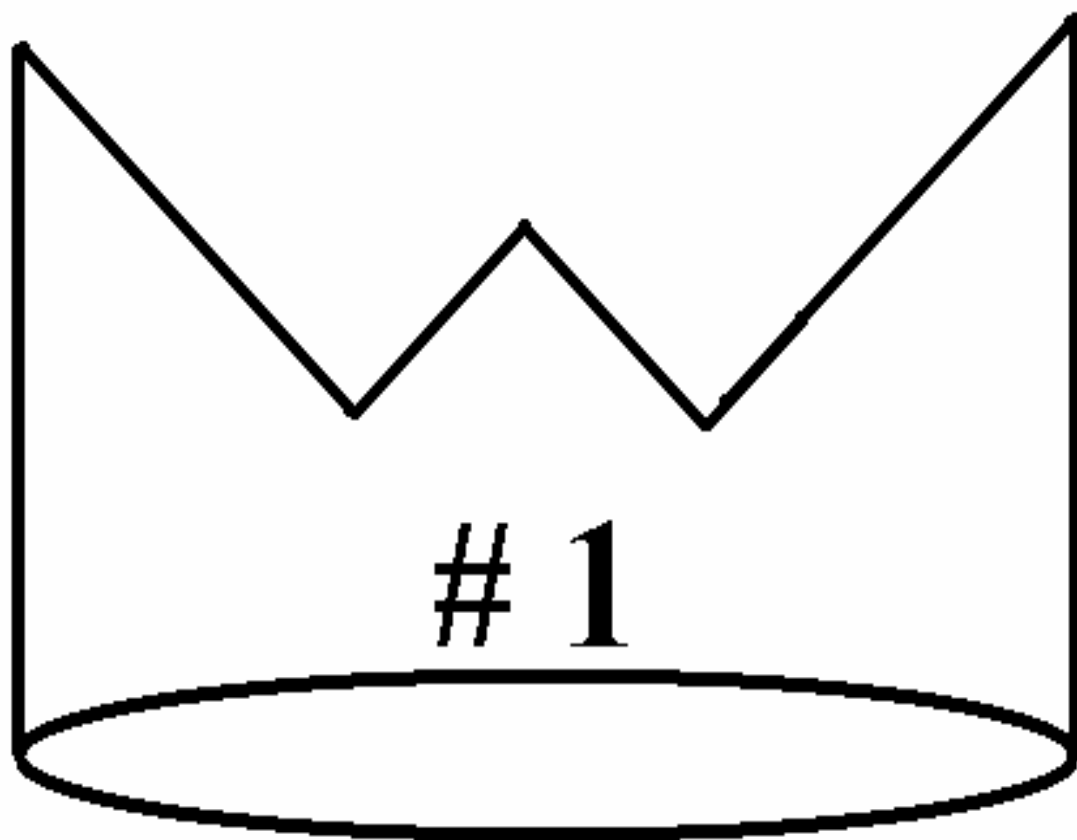
(Volume 1 – Questions 1 through 23)

#1 Who is the First and Best of Beings?

God is the First and Best of Beings!

Isaiah 44:6

Thus saith the LORD the king of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.



**How will you show
that God is First
and Best in your
life today?**

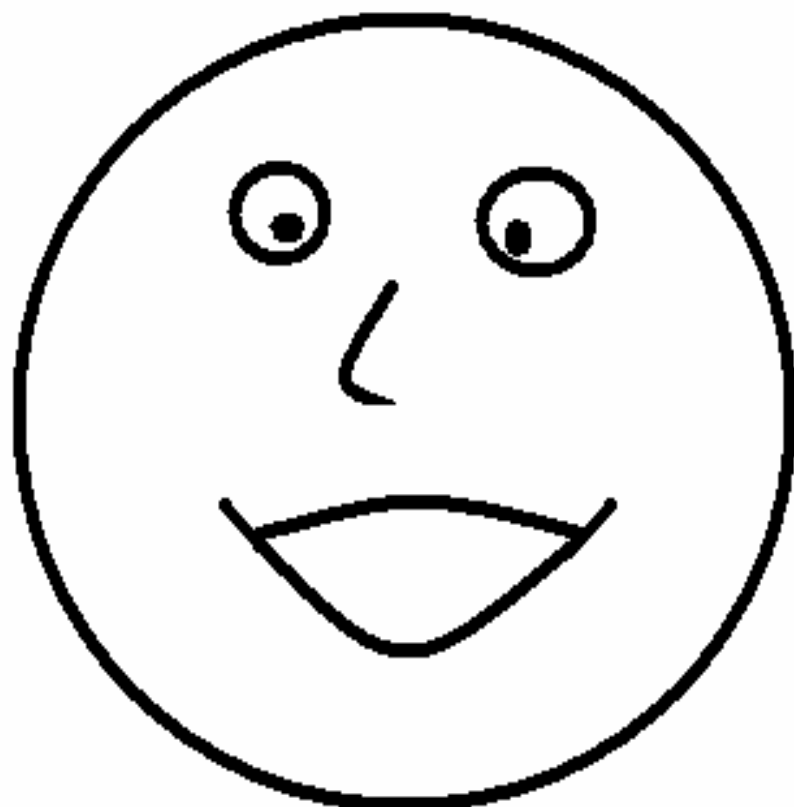
- Obey cheerfully**
- Read His Word**
- Be kind**
- Put God First
before play**

2 What is the chief end of man?

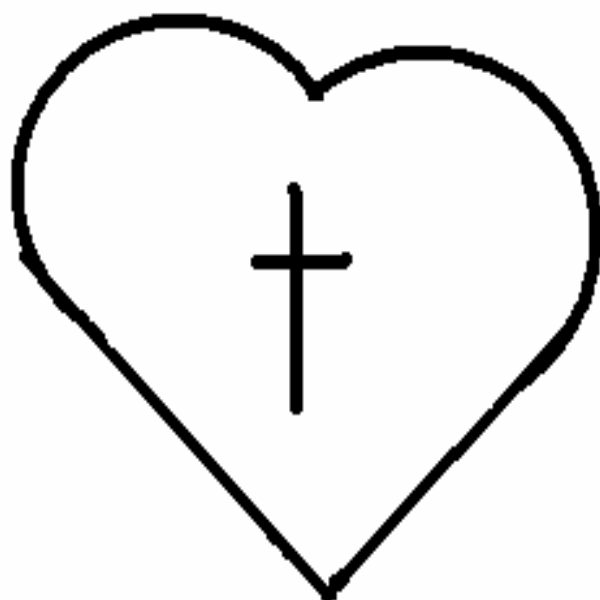
**Man's chief end is to glorify God
and to enjoy Him forever.**

Psalm 73:25

**Whom have I in heaven but
thee? and there is none
upon earth that I desire
beside thee.**



**Is there anything in
your life that you love
more than obeying
God?**



**Your toys?
Your friends?
Your playtime?
Your money?**

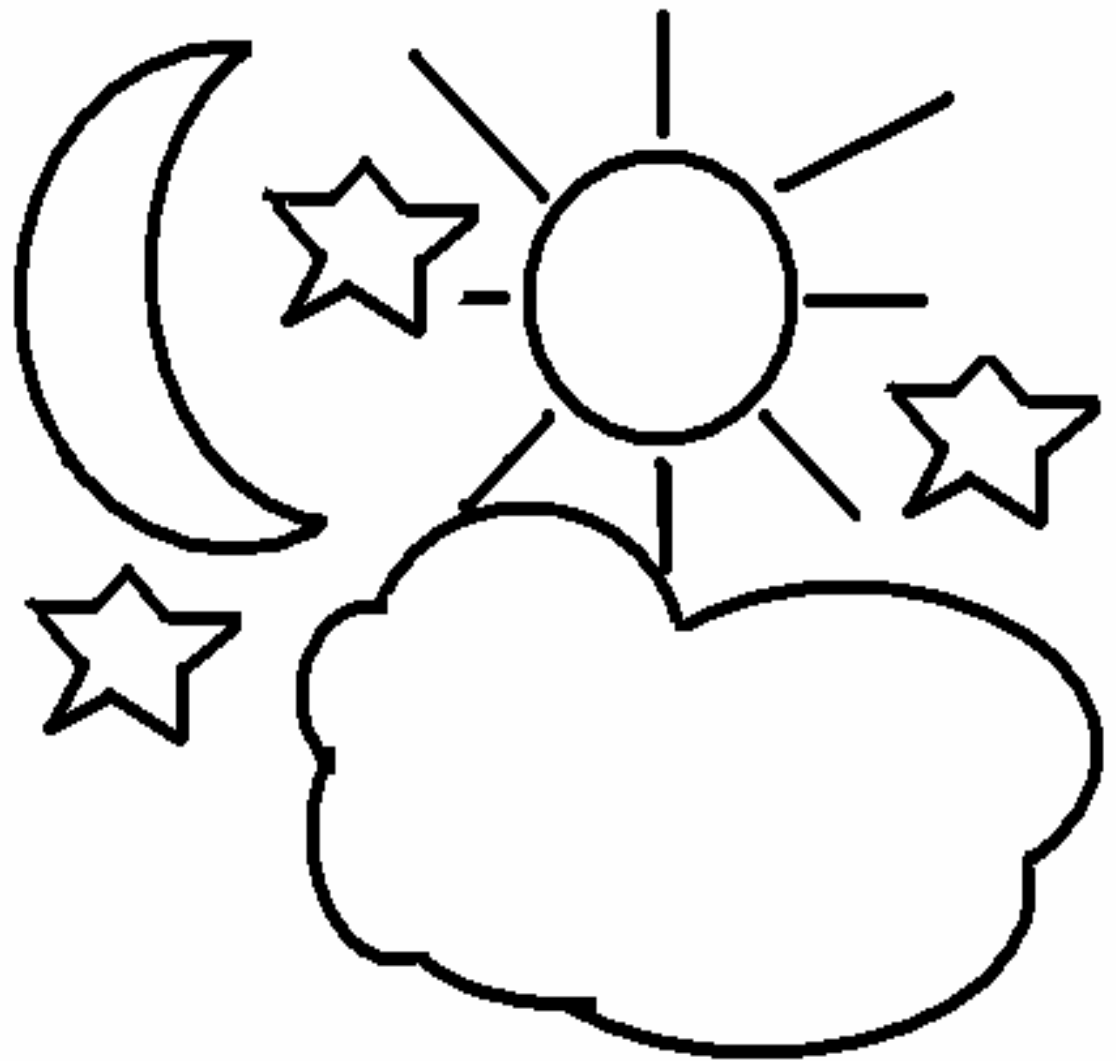
**Do you cheerfully
worship Him at home
and church?**

3 How do we know there is a God?

The light of nature in man and the works of God plainly declare that there is a God, But His word and Spirit only do effectually reveal Him unto us for our salvation.

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork.



The light of nature in man is your conscience. It tells you whether what you are doing is right or wrong.

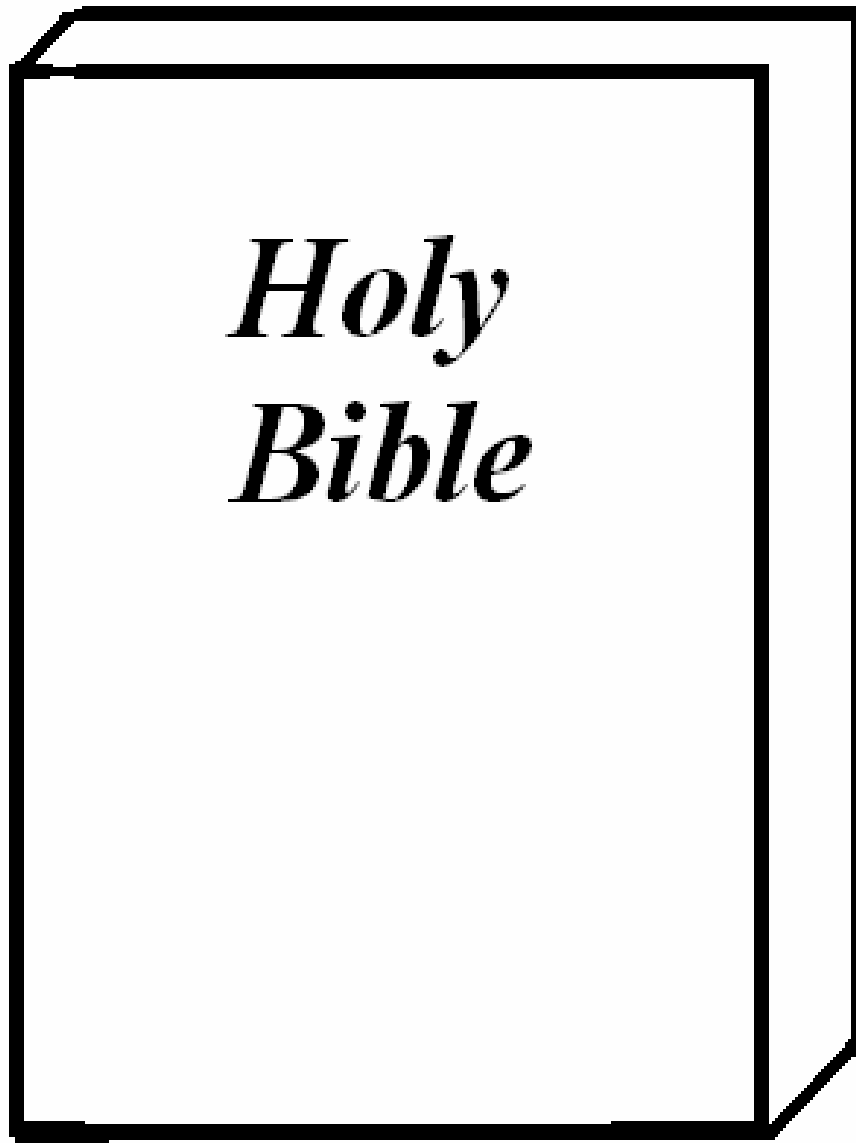
What do you do when you know something is wrong? Do you ignore God and do it anyway? or do you listen to God's Word and your conscience and obey?

4 What is the Word of God?

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being given by divine inspiration are the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works




Do you listen closely when the Bible is read at home and in Sunday School?

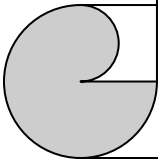
How can you be a better listener when the Bible is read?

5 How do we know that the Bible is the Word of God?

The Bible evidences itself to be God's Word by the heavenliness of its doctrine, the unity of its parts, its power to convert sinners and to edify saints; but the Spirit of God only, bearing witness by and with the Scriptures in our hearts, is able fully to persuade us that the Bible is the Word of God.



Ps 19:7-9 - The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.



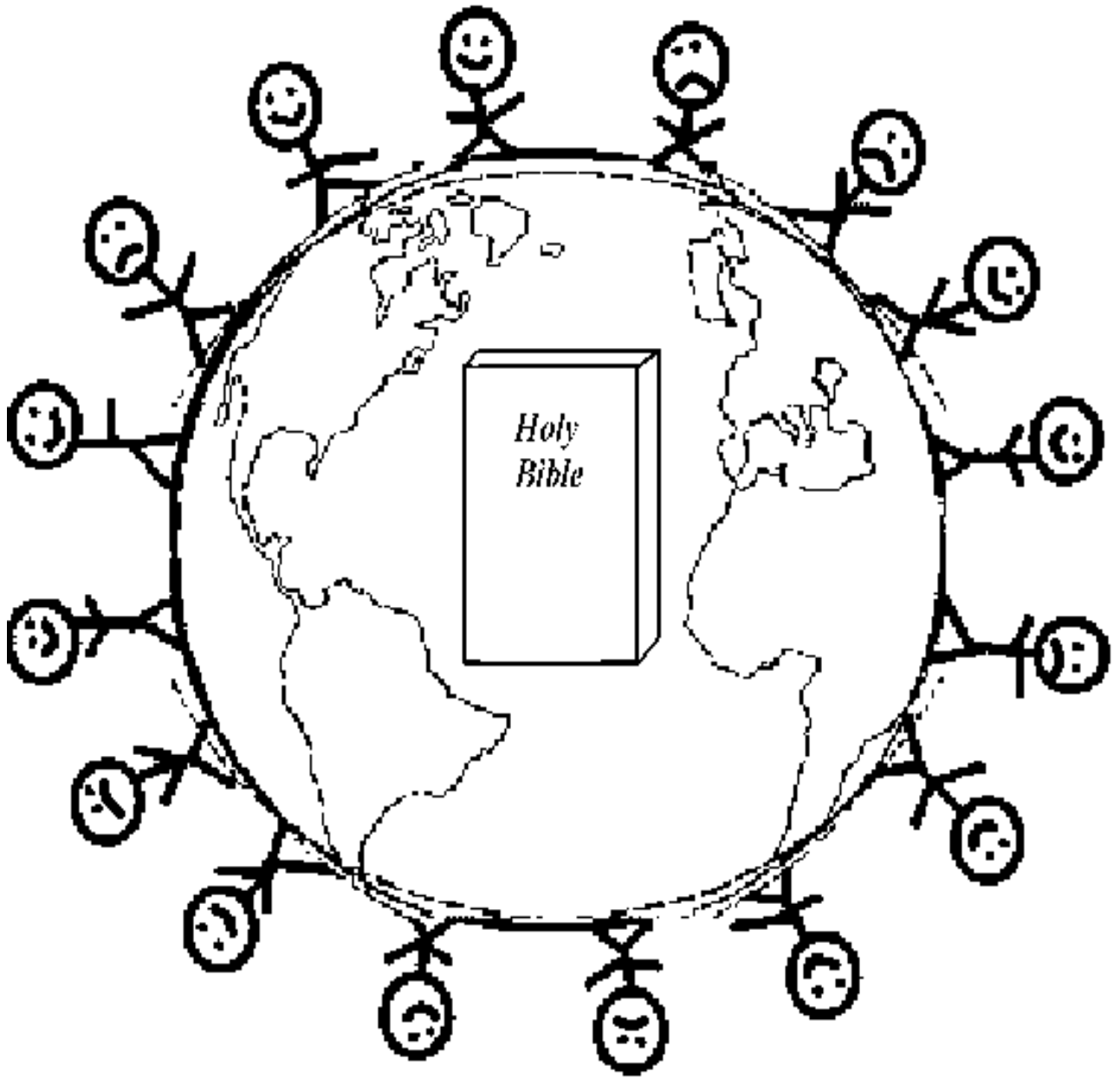
When you read the Bible, do you let it change your heart? Do your attitudes, words, and actions change when you read the Bible?

6 May all men make use of the Scriptures?

All men are not only permitted, but commanded and exhorted, to read, hear, and understand the Scriptures.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



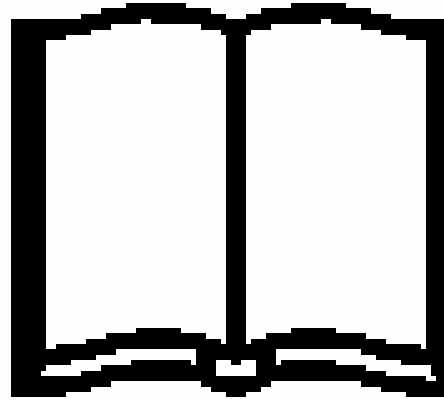
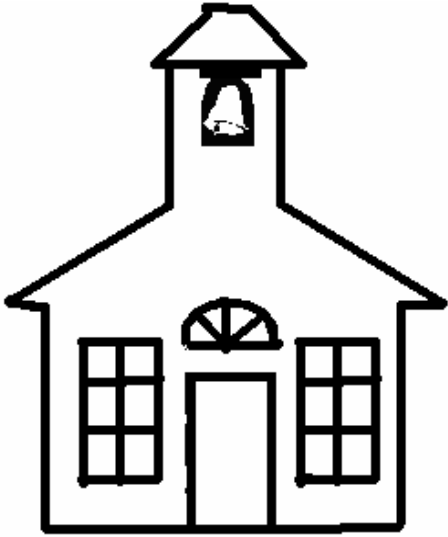
Why are some of the people not smiling? Some people know the Word of God but don't want to obey. Others have never heard the Word of God. Missionaries teach others the Bible. How can you be a missionary? How can you help missionaries around the world?

7 What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God and what duty God requires of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.



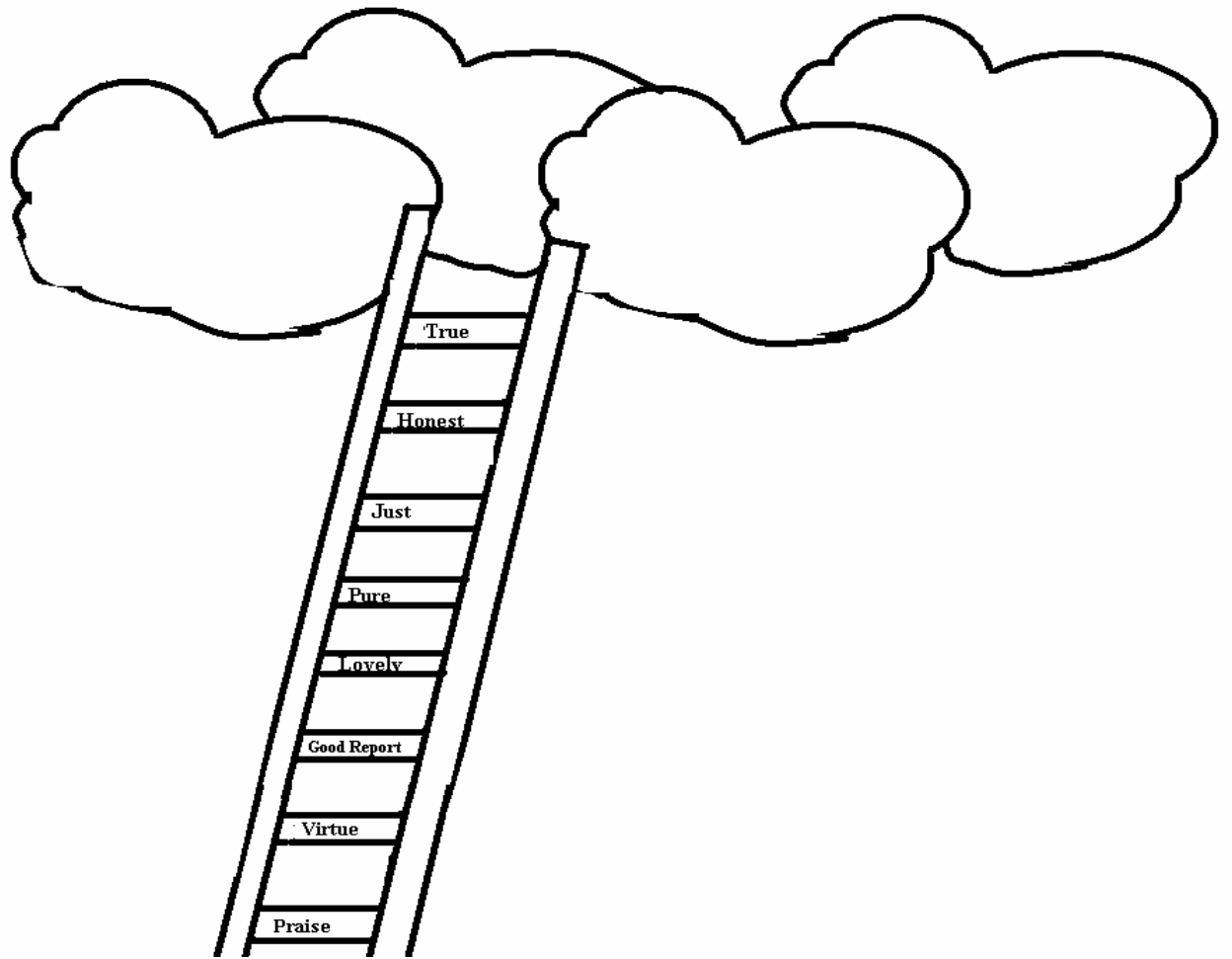
What duties does God require of you?
Learning? Reading your Bible?
Obeying your parents? Helping
around the house?

8 What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.



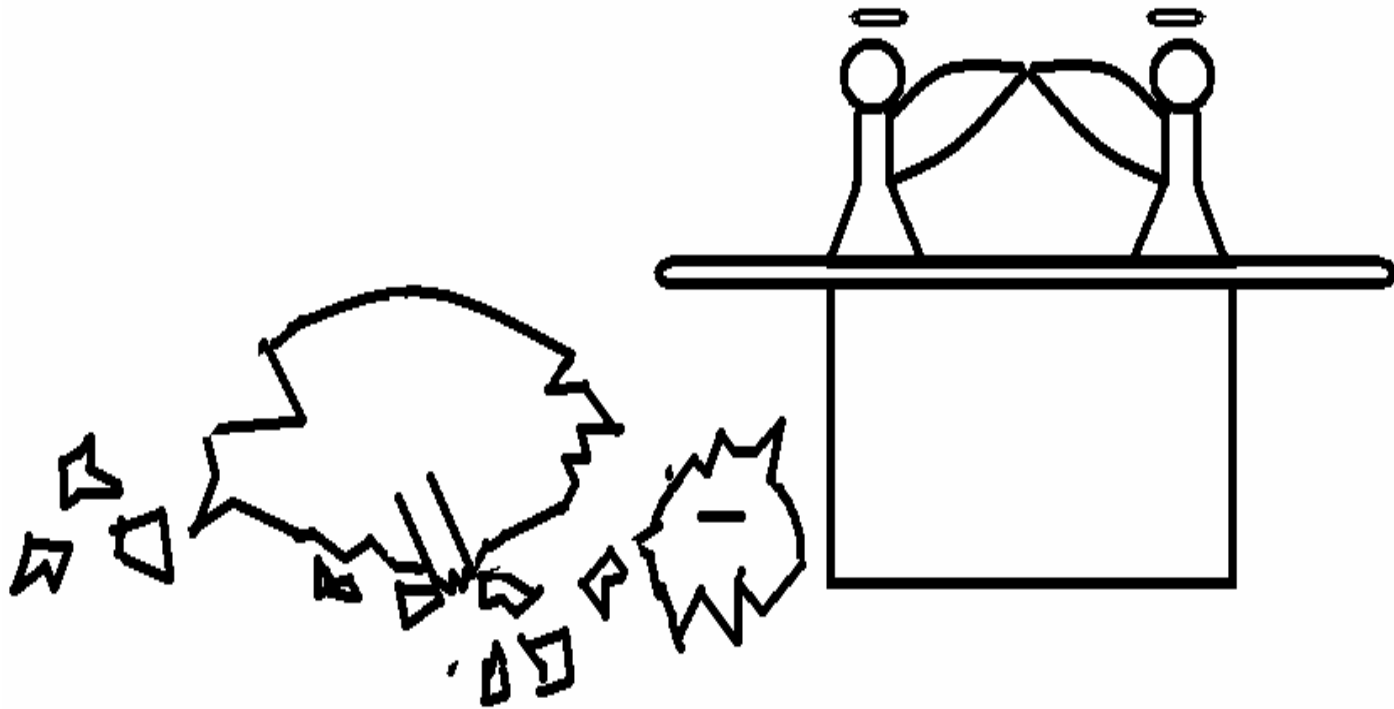
How is God True?
How is He Honest?
How is He Just?
How is He Pure?
How is He Lovely?
How is He of Good Report?
How does He have Virtue?
Why is He worthy of Praise?

9 Are there more gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

John 17:3

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.



The Philistines captured the Ark of God, a gold box that symbolized God's presence. They put the Ark in the temple of their false god, Dagon. God threw down the idol before His Ark because He wanted the Philistines to know that He is the only true God, and it broke into pieces.

Are there idols in your heart that are taking the place of God?

10 How many persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.



When John baptized Jesus (God the Son), God the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, and God the Father's voice said, "This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

How can you worship God the Father?

What did God the Son do for you?

Does God the Holy Spirit live inside of you?

11 What are the decrees of God?

The decrees of God are His eternal purpose, according to the counsel of His will, whereby for His own glory, He has fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass

Ephesians 1:11

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:



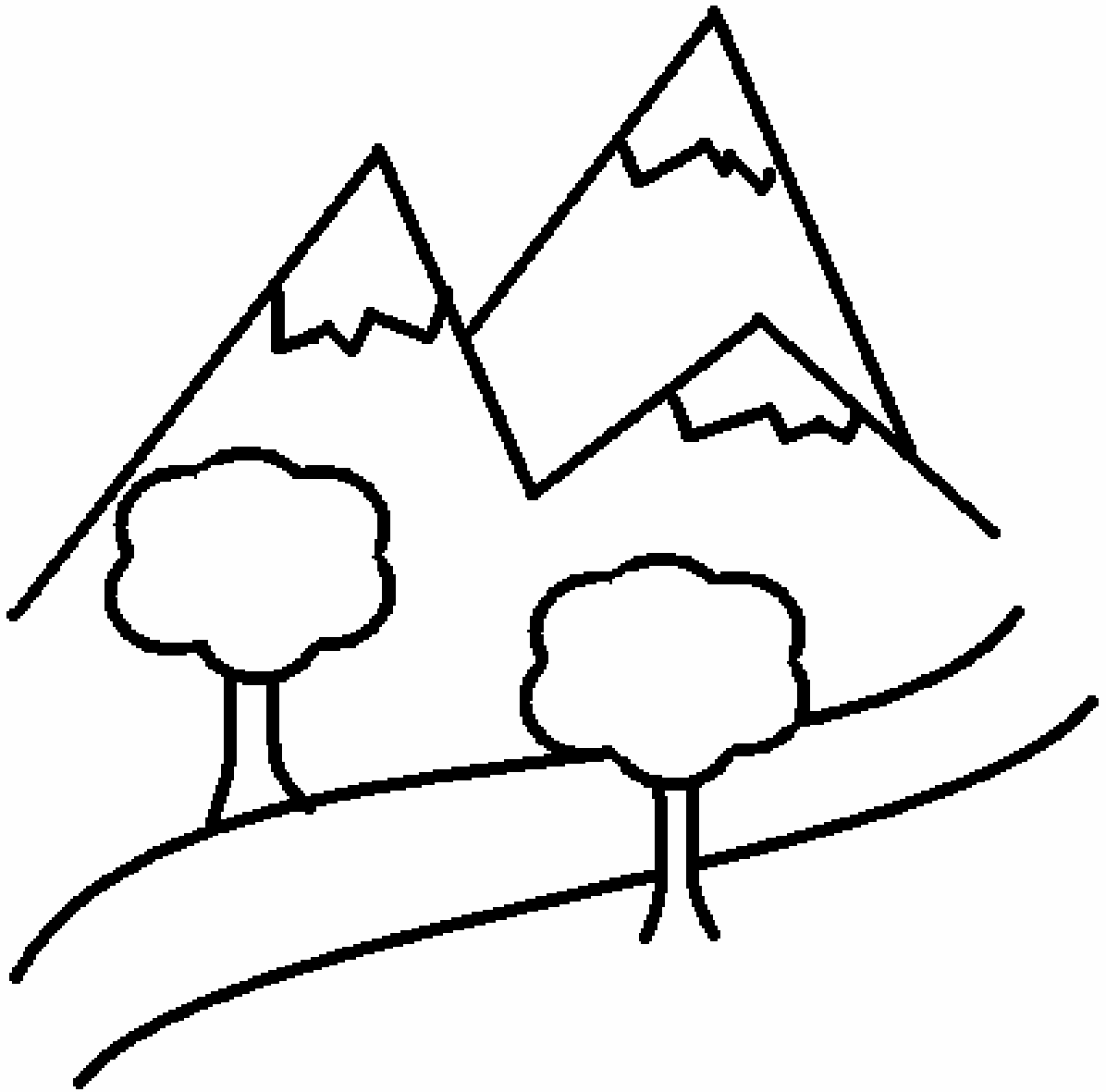
These pictures show some things that God has decreed. Sometimes God decrees happy things like when babies are born or we celebrate birthdays. Sometimes God allows things in our lives that are not happy, like car accidents, but we must be thankful that God has a purpose for everything that happens. Thank God for what He has allowed in your life.

12 How does God execute His decrees?

God executes His decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Revelation 4: 11

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.



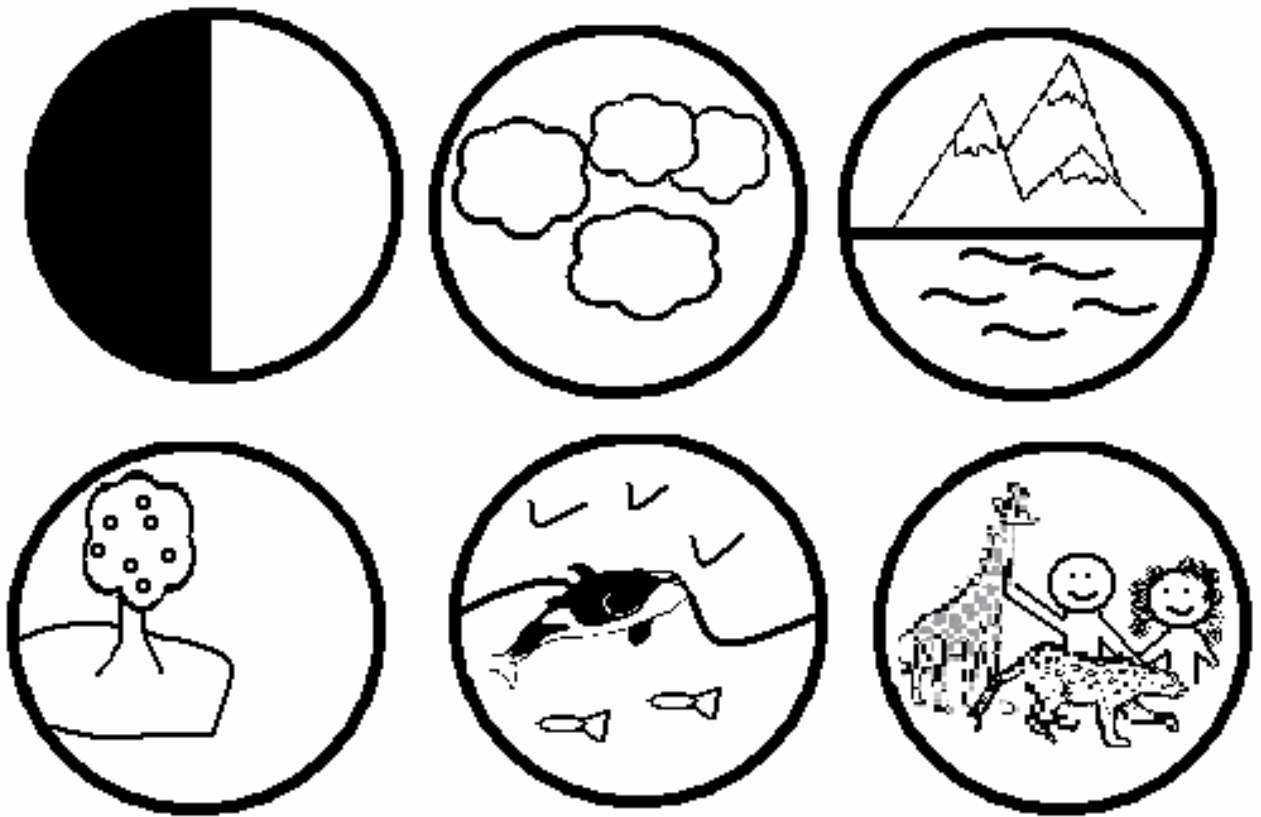
When you draw a picture you create something. Why do you create it? You create it for your pleasure- to do what you want with it. You can add to it, give it to someone, or even throw it away. God created everything for His pleasure- to do what He wants with it. Do you live to please God or to please yourself? How can you please God today?

13 What is the work of creation?

The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the Word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.



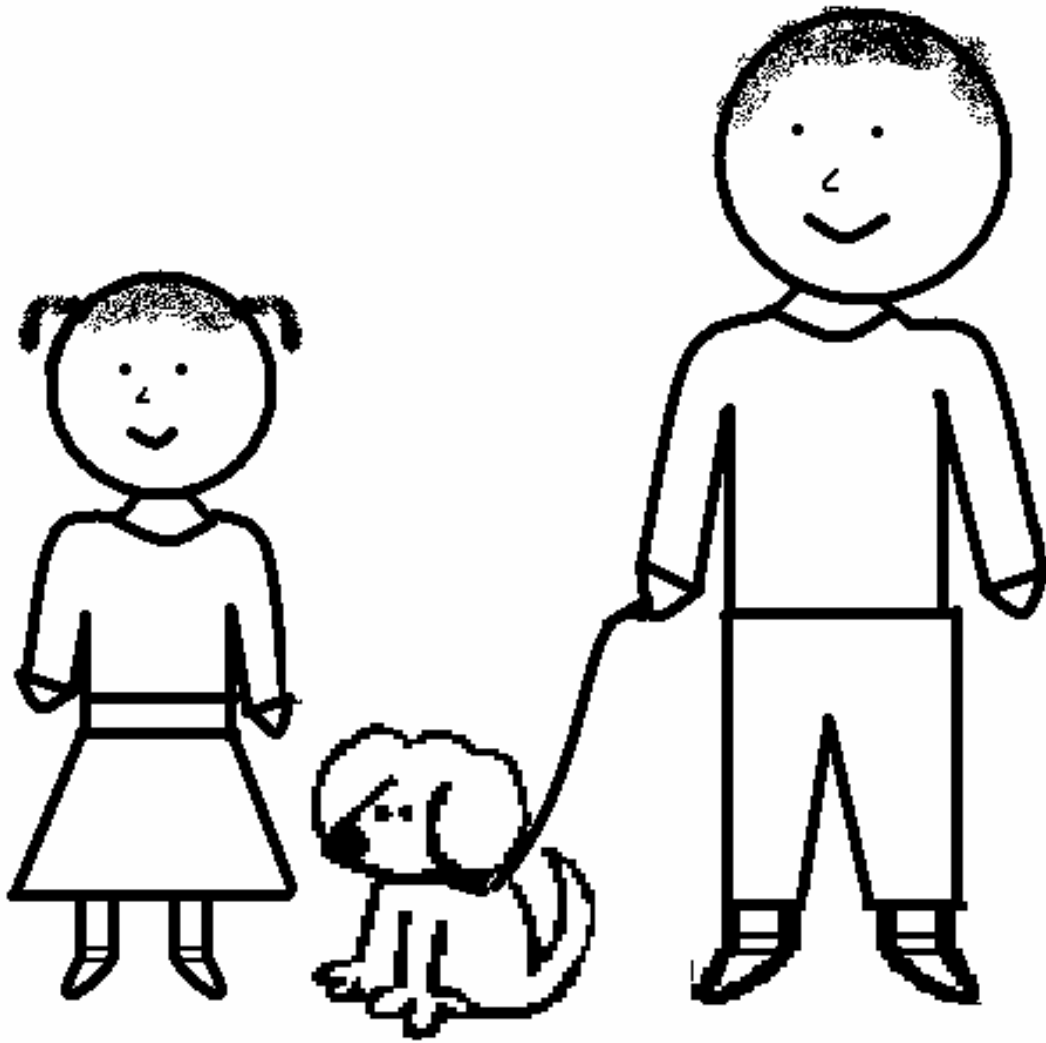
Close your eyes and think of something you would like to have that you don't have (like a new ball or doll). Then say "Let there be ____" Did it appear? Can you create something out of nothing by saying something? No, none of us are as great as God. He made everything out of nothing and just by saying the words!

14. How did God create man?

God created man male and female, after His own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.



God created Adam and Eve to have dominion, or care, of His world. We still have that responsibility.

Do you take good care of your pets? What about your toys? Do you take good care of other people's things?

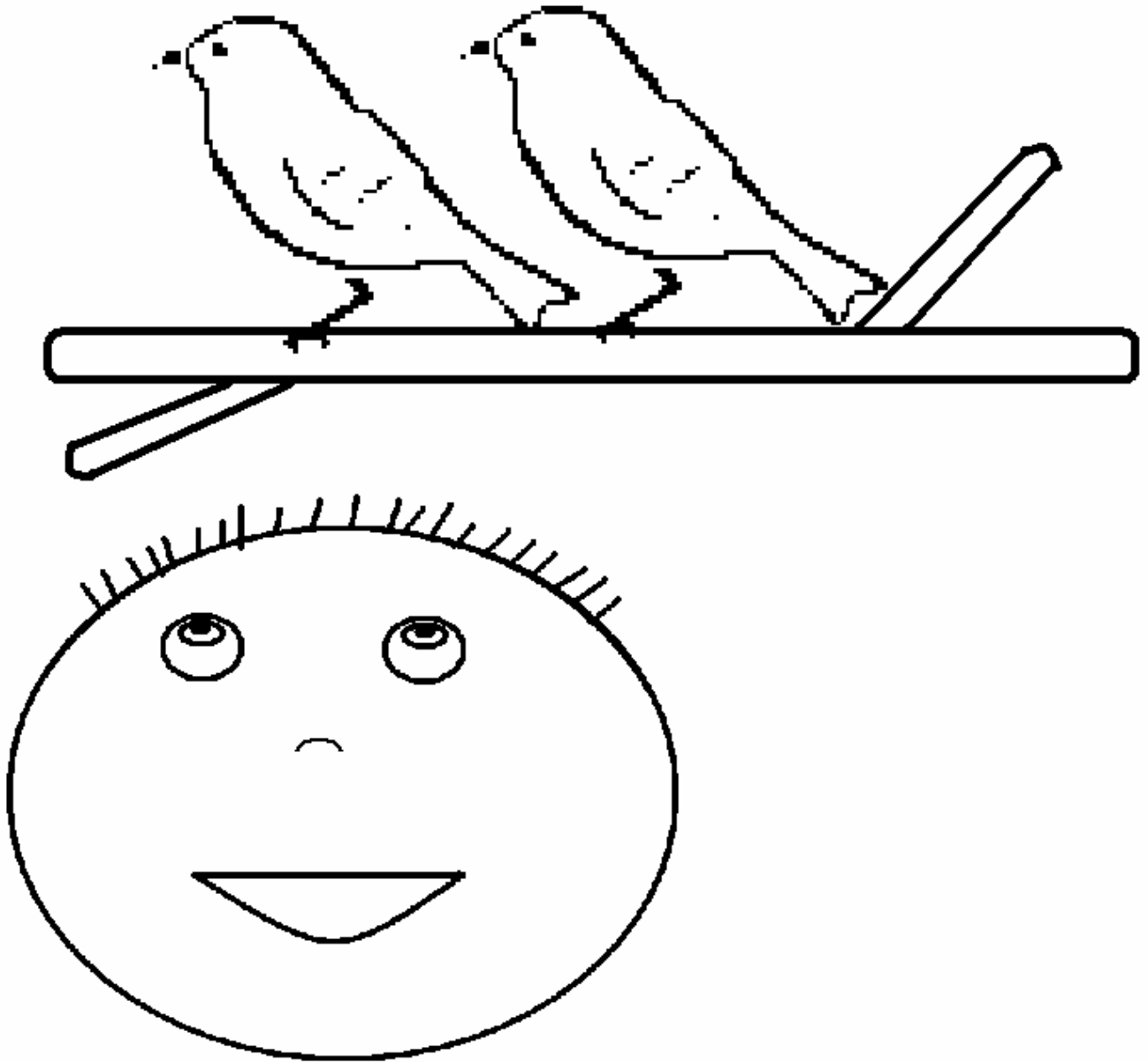
How can you take better care of what God has given you?

15 What are God's works of providence?

God's works of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures, and all their actions.

Matthew 10:29-30

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.



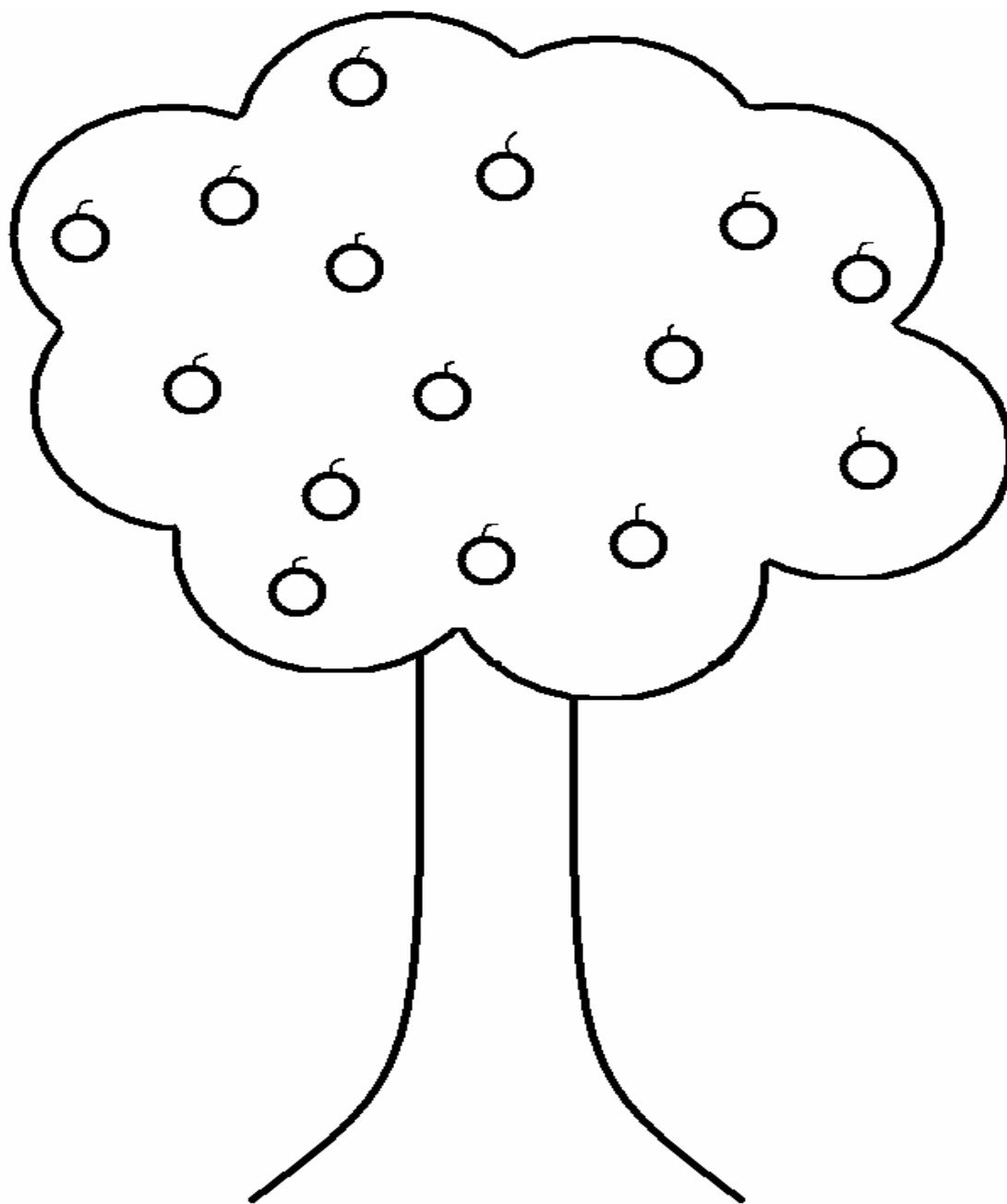
God is constantly watching over all of His creation. How have you seen God protect His creatures? Can you think of anyone in the Bible that God protected? What about Noah in the Ark, Daniel in the Lions' Den, or Jonah? How has God protected you and your family? Thank God for His care!

16 What special act of providence did God exercise towards man, in the estate wherein he was created?

When God had created man, He entered into a covenant of works with him, upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Genesis 2:16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.



God put the forbidden tree in the garden to test Adam and Eve. He wanted them to obey out of love for Him.

What has God put in your life to test your obedience to Him? Is there something you are tempted to do that you know is wrong?

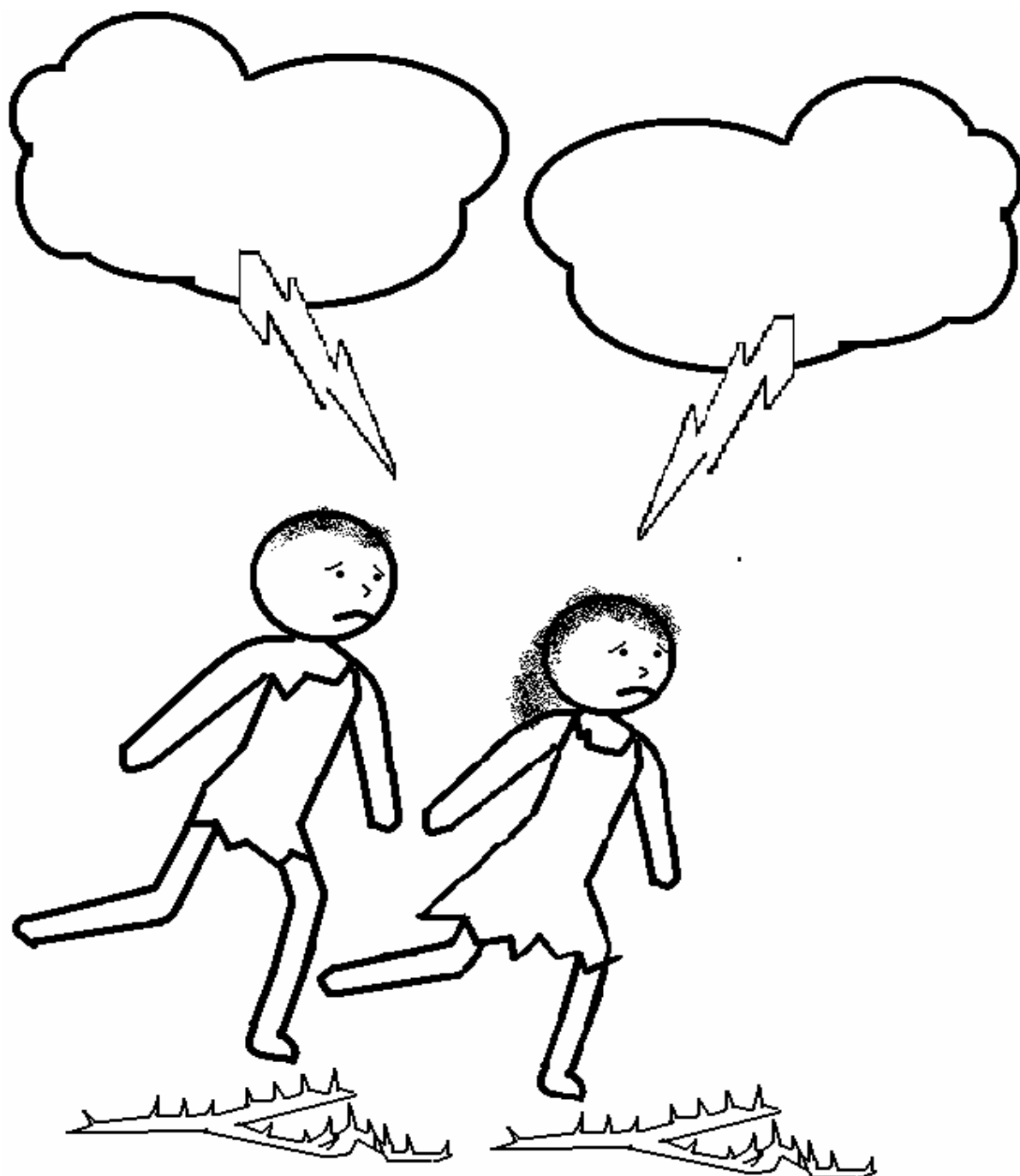
Ask God to help you to obey Him and resist sin.

17 Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

1 Corinthians 15:22

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.



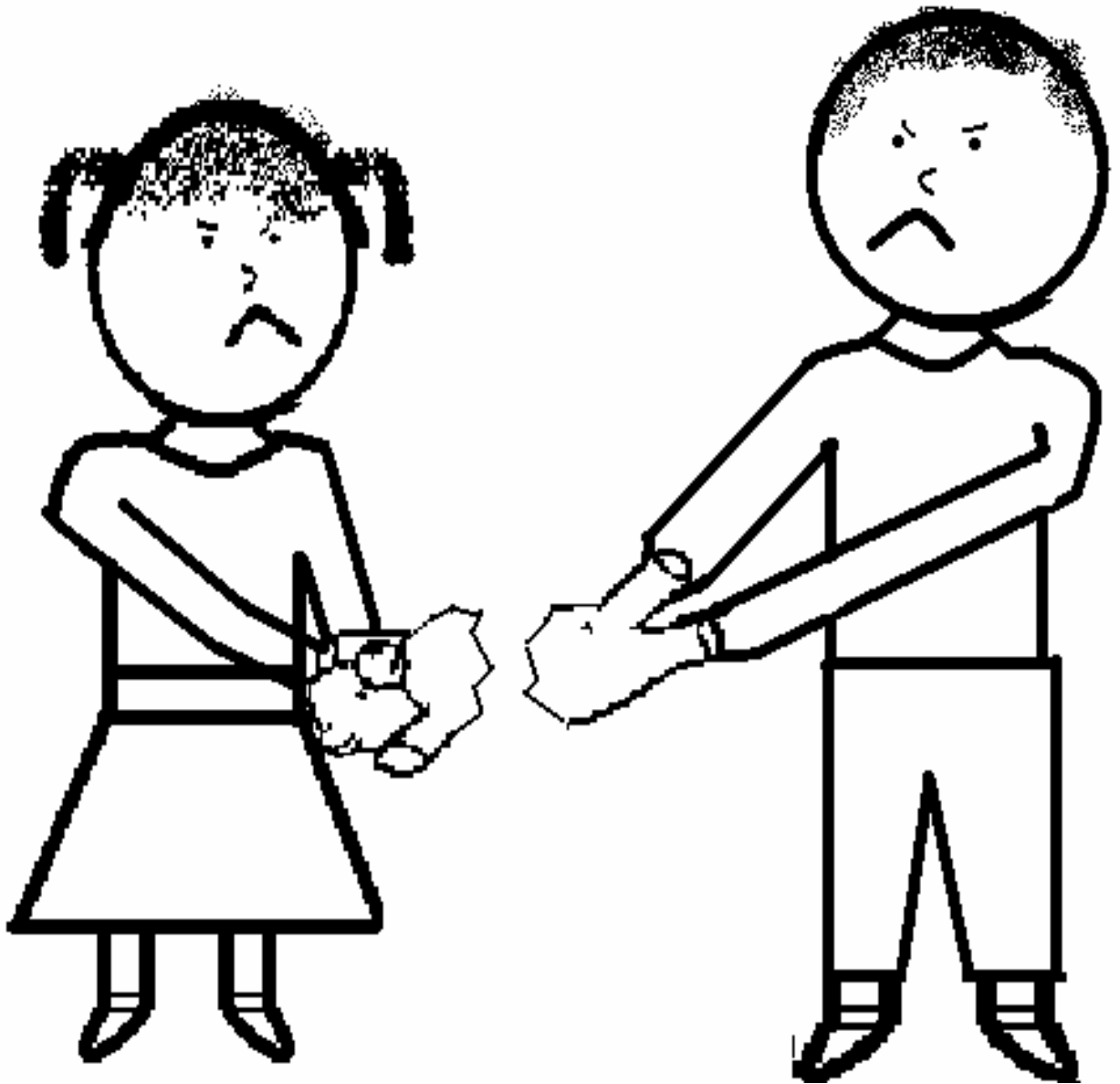
Adam and Eve sinned against God, so God cast them out of the Garden of Eden. God hates your sin just like He hated Adam and Eve's sin. Do you understand that your sin separates you from God?

18. What is sin?

Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

1 John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

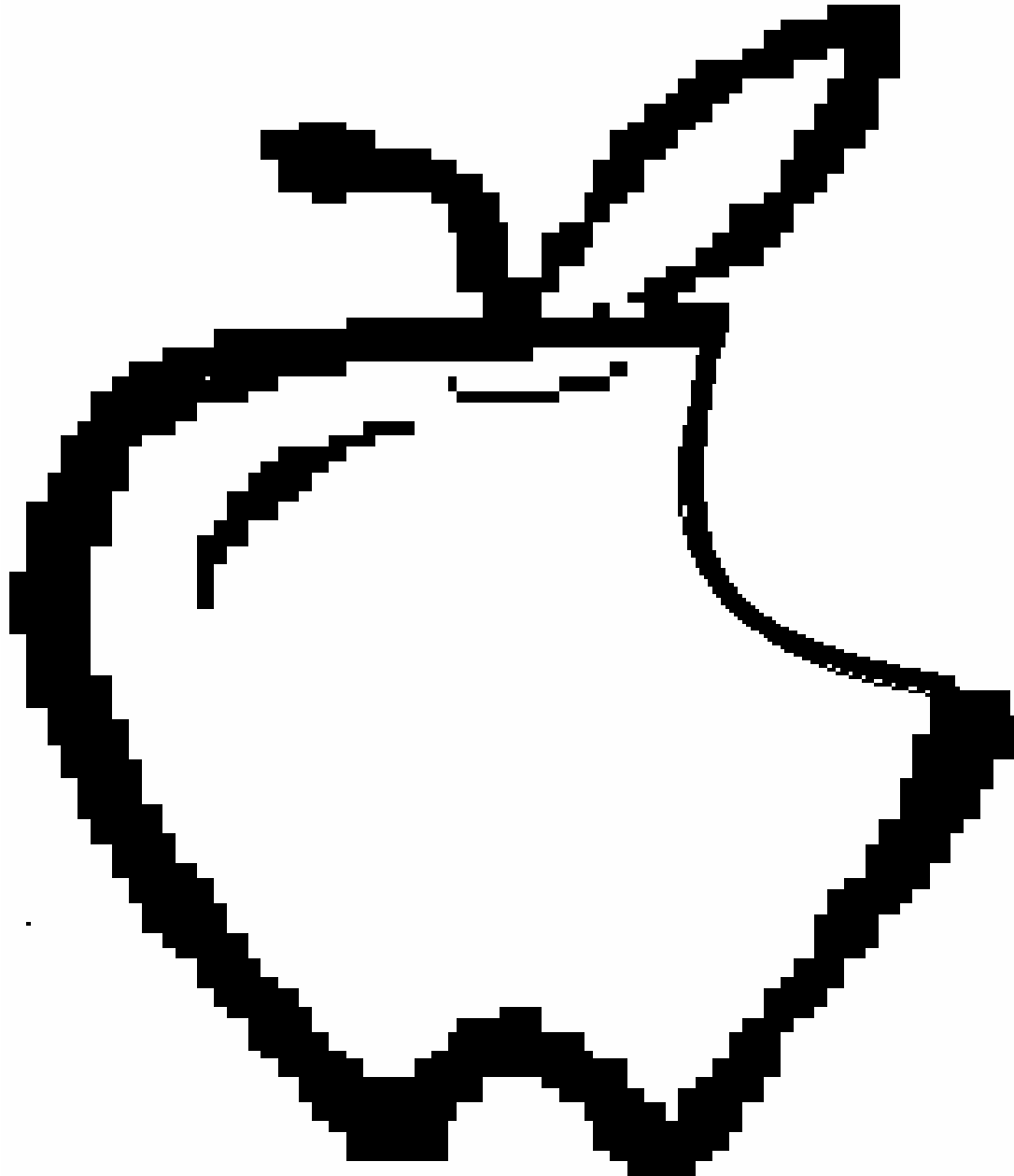


What is happening in this picture? We sin whenever we do not obey what God tells us to do and when we do what God has told us not to do. What has God told you to do that you do not obey? What has God told you not to do that you do anyway?

19 What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.



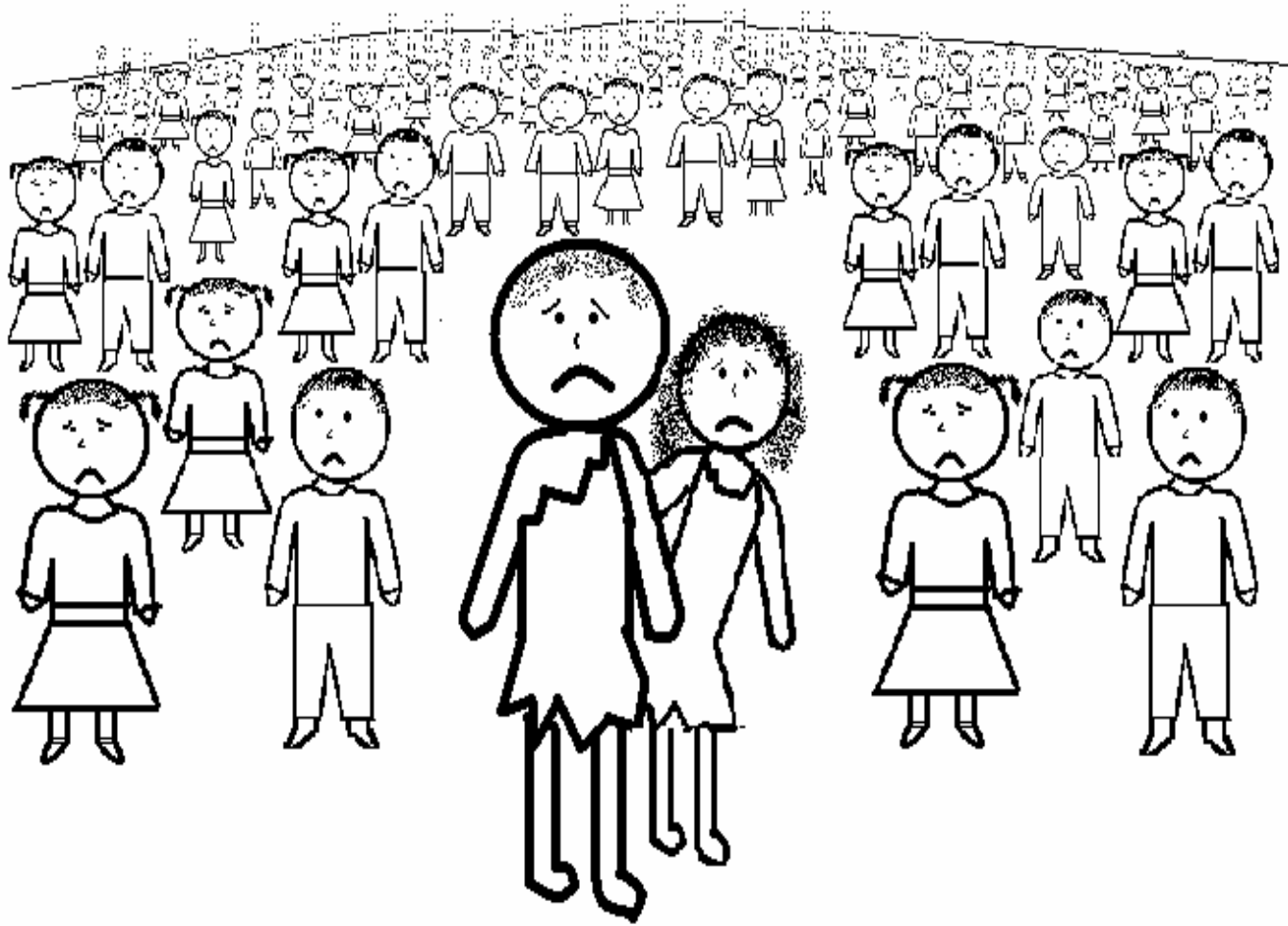
Adam and Eve only ate a little bit of the forbidden fruit, but God had told them *not* to eat it. Do you ever think that the things you do are just “little sins”? No matter what it is, all sin is wicked in God’s sight. Don’t let any sin into your heart!

20 Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself but for his posterity, all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:



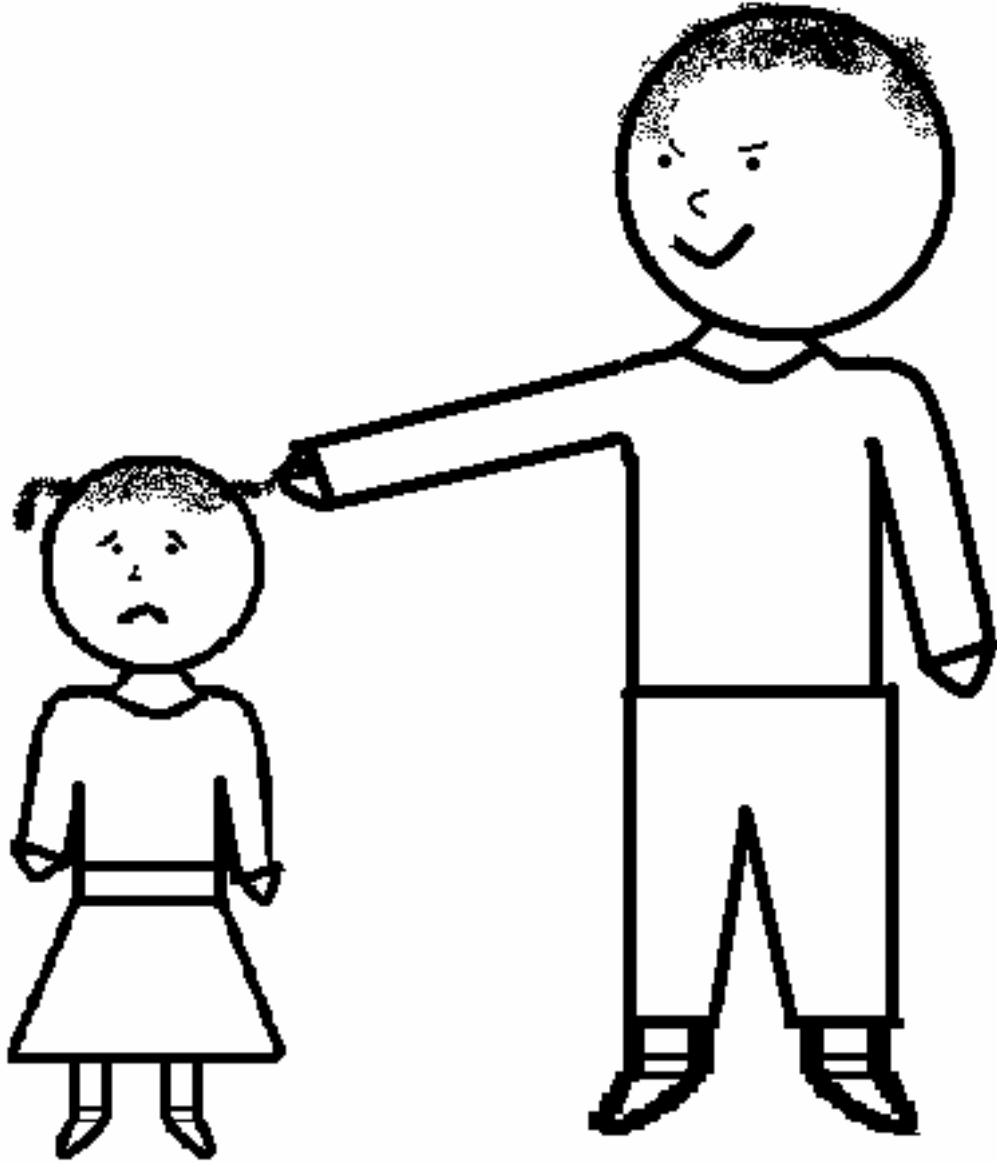
Adam's sin affected everyone, himself, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, all the way to you and me. Your sin affects everyone around you, too. How do sins like lying, stealing, cheating, being unkind, and disobeying your parents affect others?

**# 21 Into what estate did the fall
bring mankind?**

**The fall brought mankind into an
estate of sin and misery.**

Psalm 51: 5

**Behold, I was shapen in
iniquity; and in sin did my
mother conceive me.**



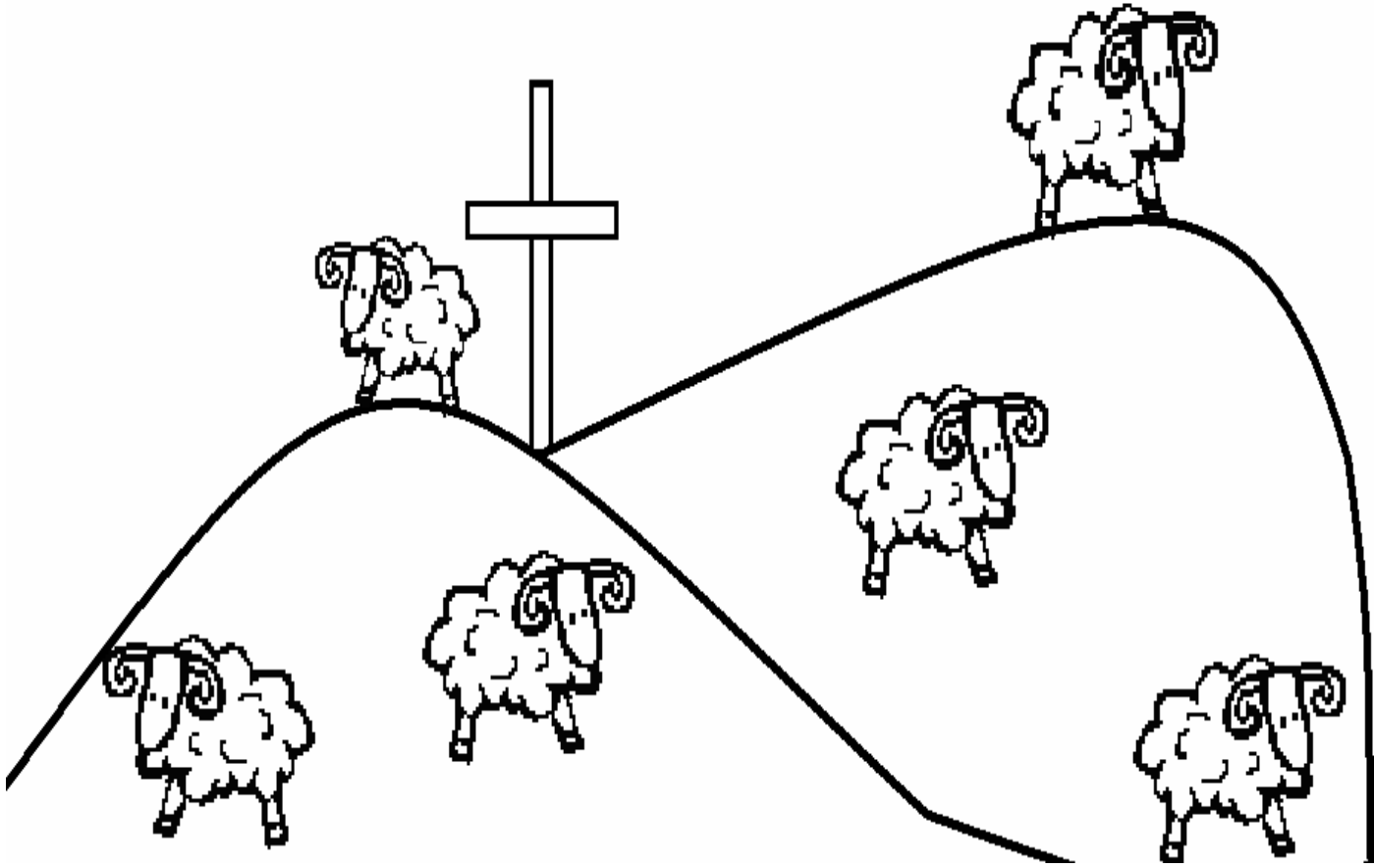
What is happening in this picture? Is the big brother being kind? Why does the little girl look sad and miserable? Think about when you are unkind to others or when they are unkind to you. We are born sinners and do things that do not please God.

22 Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereunto man fell?

The sinfulness of that estate whereunto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin, together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.



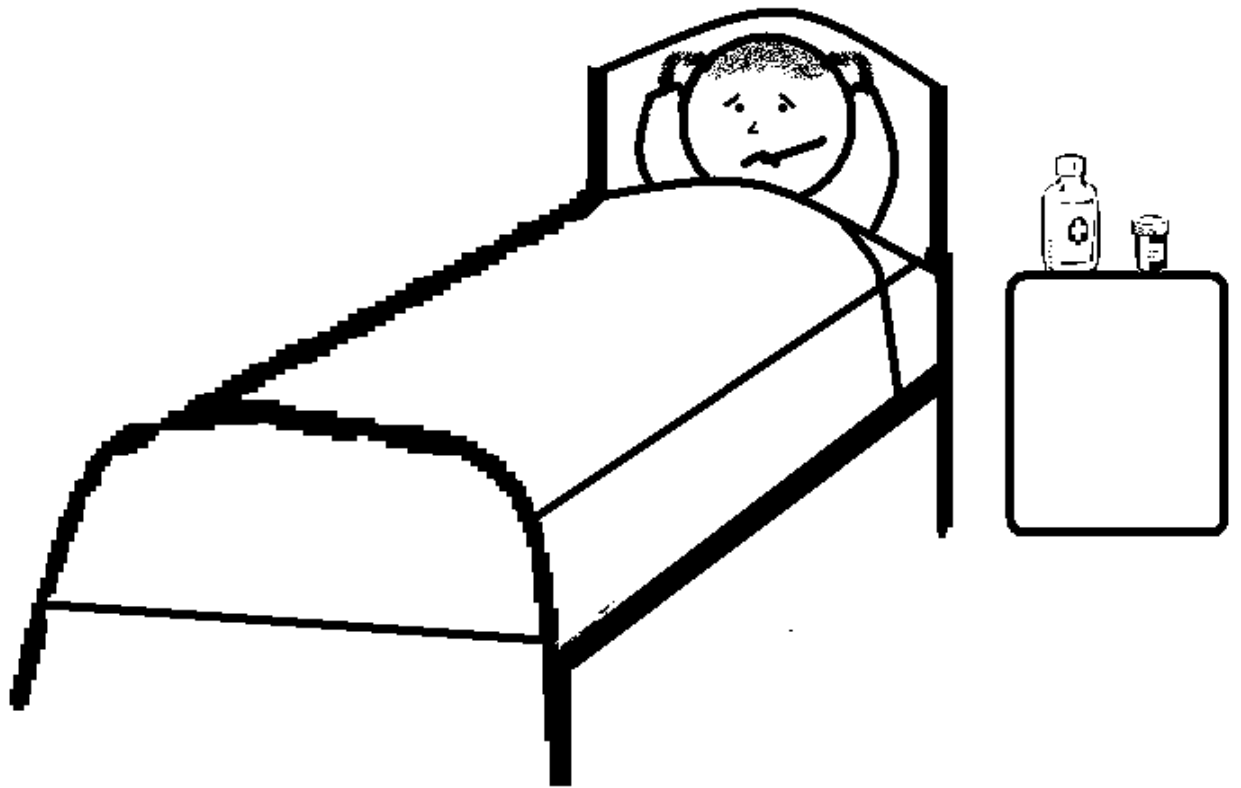
What kind of animals are sheep? Sheep are dumb animals that must be watched constantly so that they won't get into trouble. They can't protect themselves if they meet a hungry bear or wolf. How are we like sheep? Why do we need God to care for us?

23 What is the misery of that estate whereunto man fell?

All mankind, by their fall lost communion with God, are under His wrath and curse, and made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



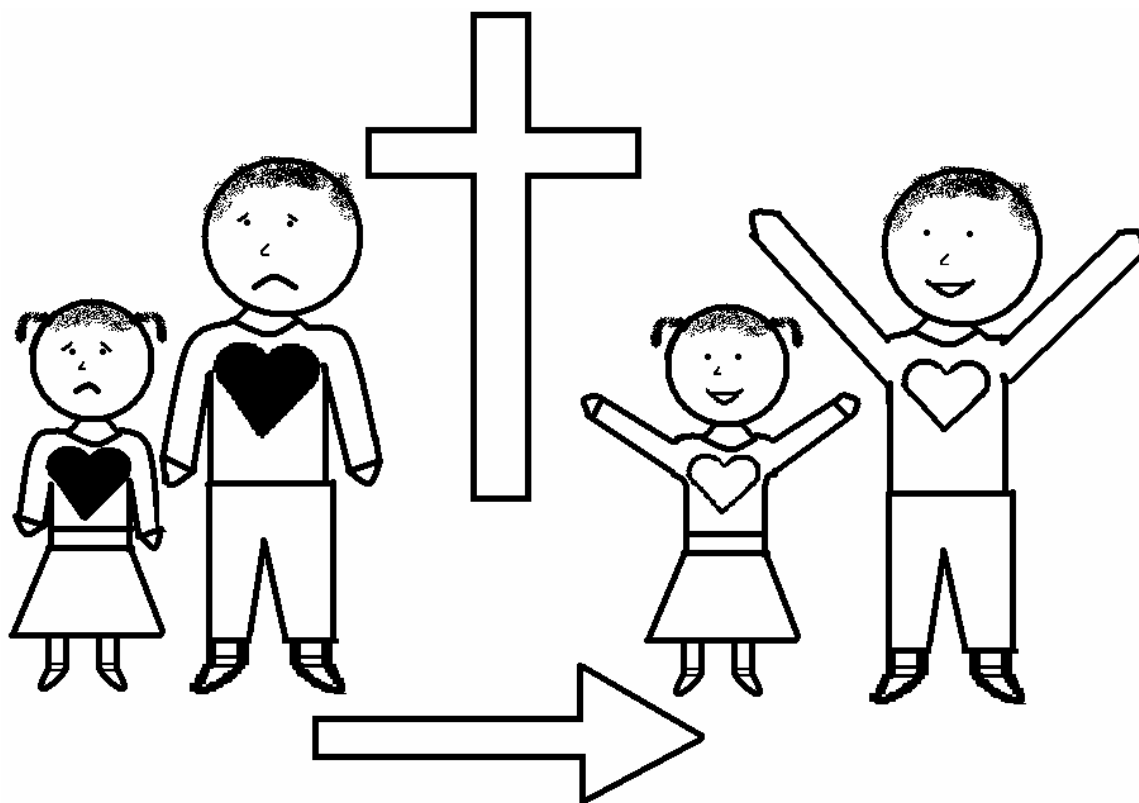
**Have you ever gotten sick? Is being sick fun?
Sickness is one of the miseries of this life
as a result of Adam and Eve's sin.**

24 Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

God, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, having chosen a people to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation, by a Redeemer.

Ephesians 1: 4

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:



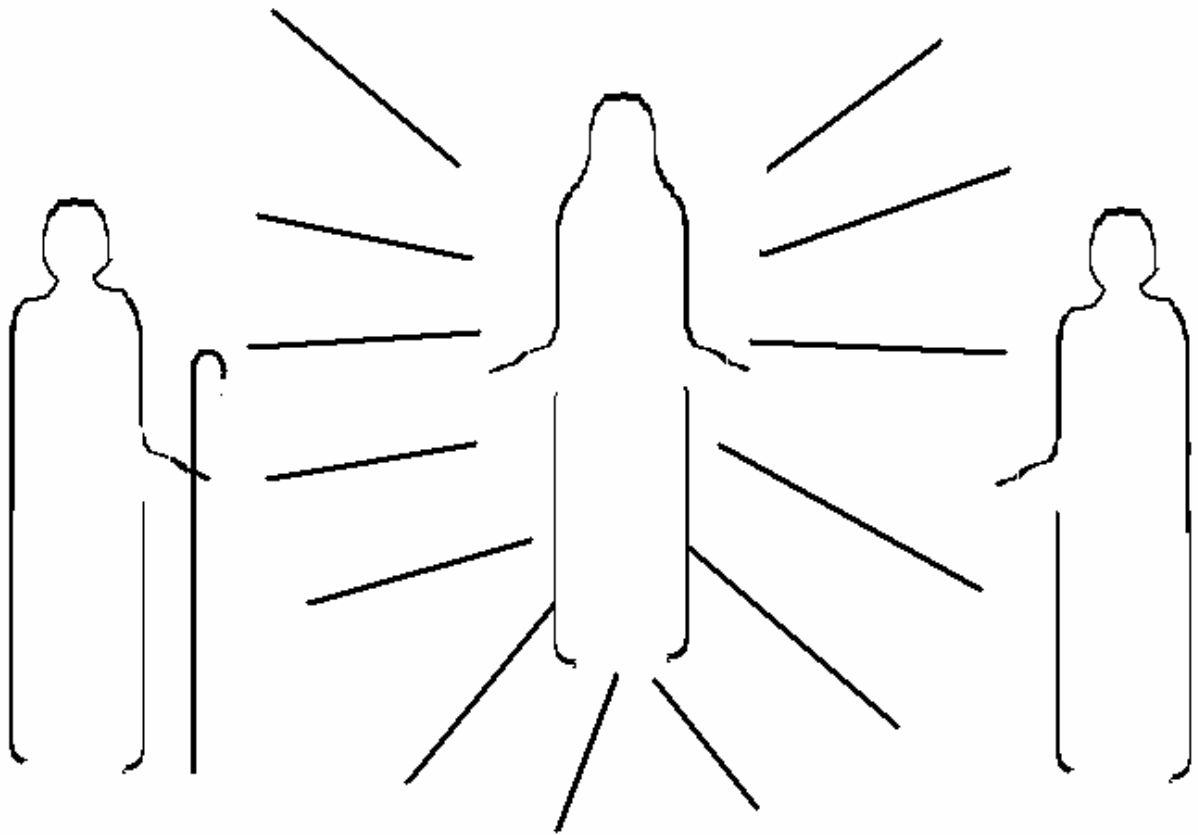
We all are separated from God as a result of being born in sin. God knew that unless He provided a way for us to be forgiven and no longer separated from God, we would have no hope. So He sent a Redeemer. We will learn more about this redeemer in future questions.

25 Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person, forever.

John 1:14

And the Word was made 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.



Jesus laid aside His visible glory that He had in heaven when He came to earth. Jesus took three of His disciples, His special followers to a mountain. There He was transfigured, or changed in front of them. He showed them some of His glory- His face was bright white and He shone. He talked with Moses and Elijah about His redeeming work He was to do on this earth. We must understand that Jesus is fully God and fully man. Why would Jesus have to be God to be our redeemer? Why would He have to be a man?

26 How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Christ, the Son of God became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul; being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary and born of her, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.



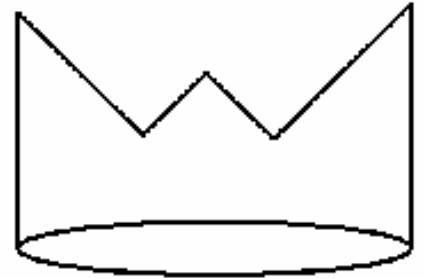
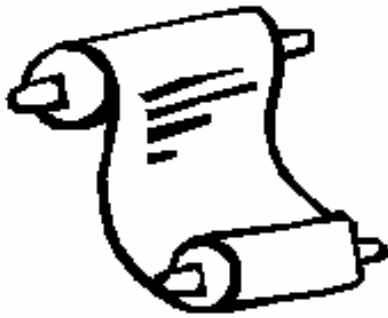
Even though Jesus is God, He came to earth in a human body. Though sinless, He had the same temptations and needs we have. What kind of things happened to Him that happen to you? He was hungry, had to obey His earthly parents, got hurt, and was tempted to disobey. Since Jesus was tempted to sin but never did wrong, we have no excuse to disobey.

#27 What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Psalm 24:10

**Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts, he is
the King of glory.**



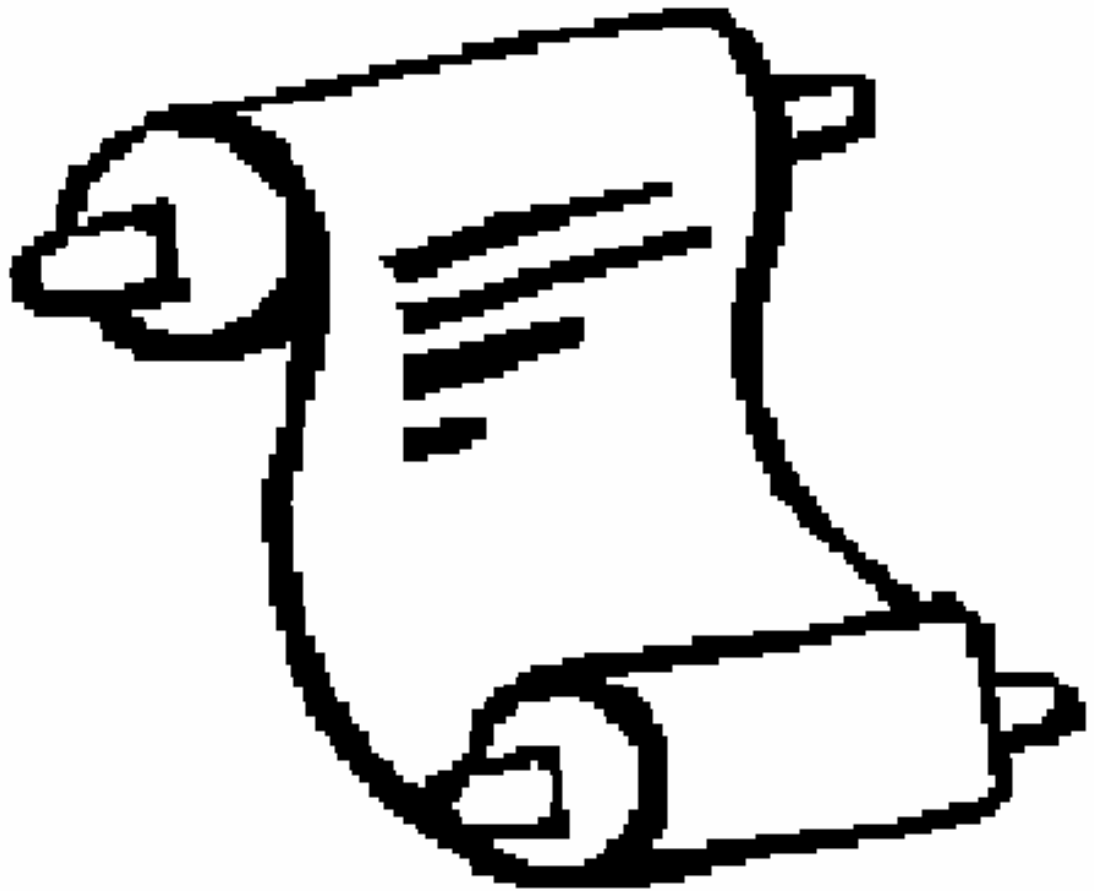
Offices are like places and jobs. Your parents are in the offices of Mom and Dad. Your church has offices of pastor and deacons. Executing an office is doing the responsibilities in a job. Christ has many responsibilities from God the Father in taking care of us. In what ways does He take care of you?

28. How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?

Christ executes the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.



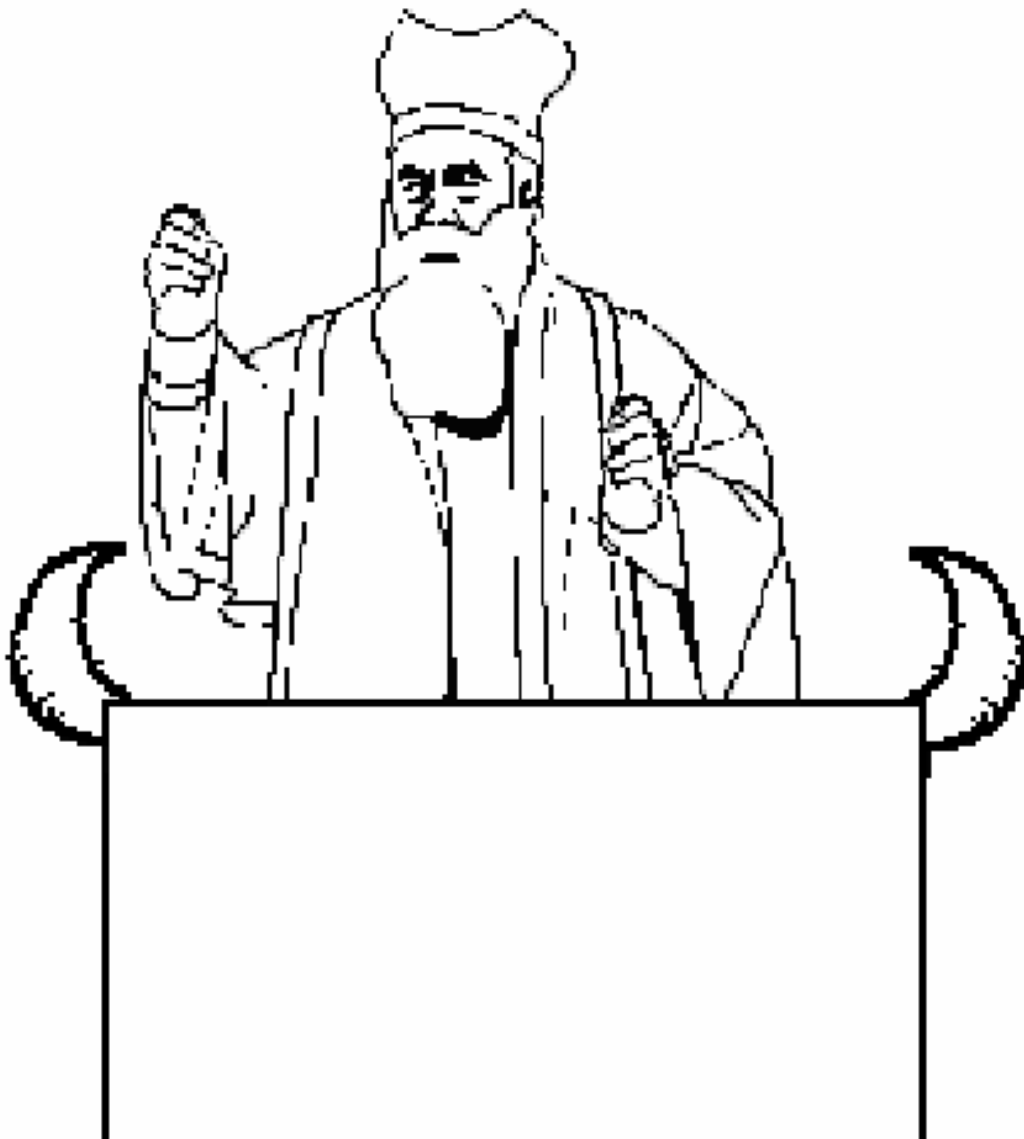
“No man hath seen God at any time” means that no one can look directly at God in all His glory without falling down dead. Because of His holiness, Christ has to reveal Him to us a little at a time through the Bible and the Holy Spirit. Has God revealed Himself to you? Have you seen how bad your sin is against a holy God and that the only way to be forgiven is to trust Christ for salvation?

29 How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself, a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.



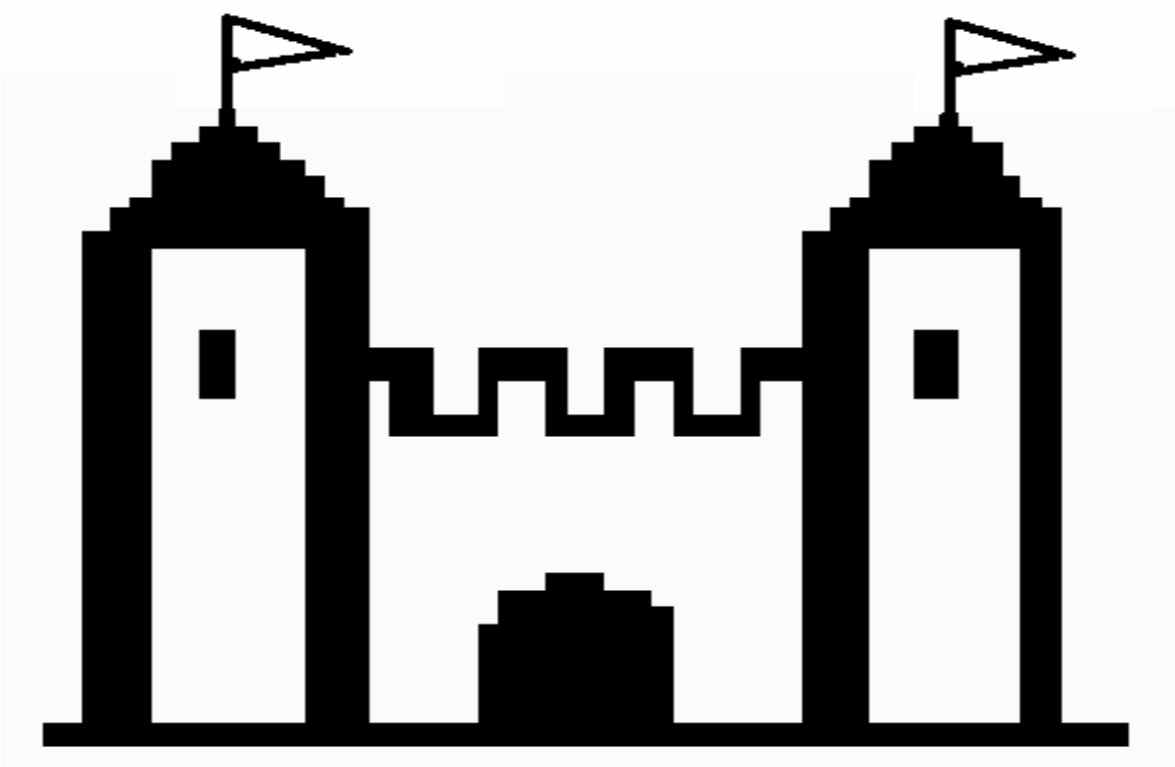
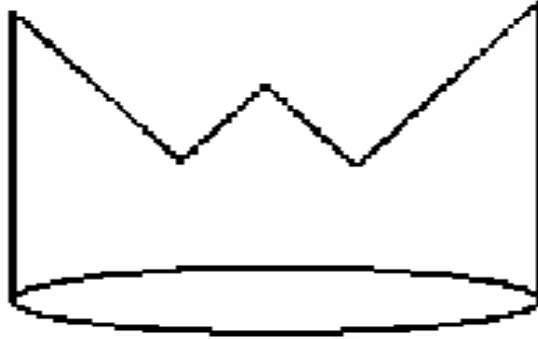
In the Old Testament, God's people had to take animals to the priest. The priest would kill and sacrifice the animals on an altar. This was a picture of Jesus dying on the cross to pay for our sin. Have you trusted Jesus to pay for your sin?

30 How does Christ execute the office of a king?

Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.



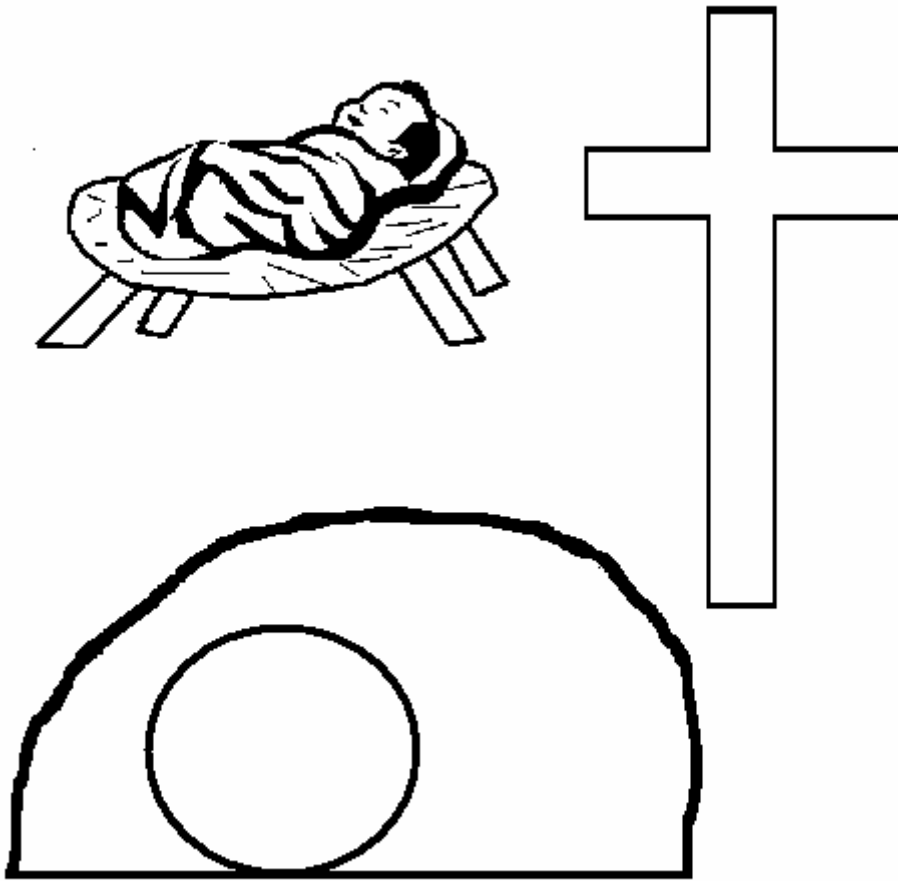
God gives us word pictures in the Bible of a kingdom where He is the king and we are His subjects. Think about what you know about kings, castles, battles and subjects. How is this like God's design for our lives?

31 Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross, in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Philippians 2:8

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.



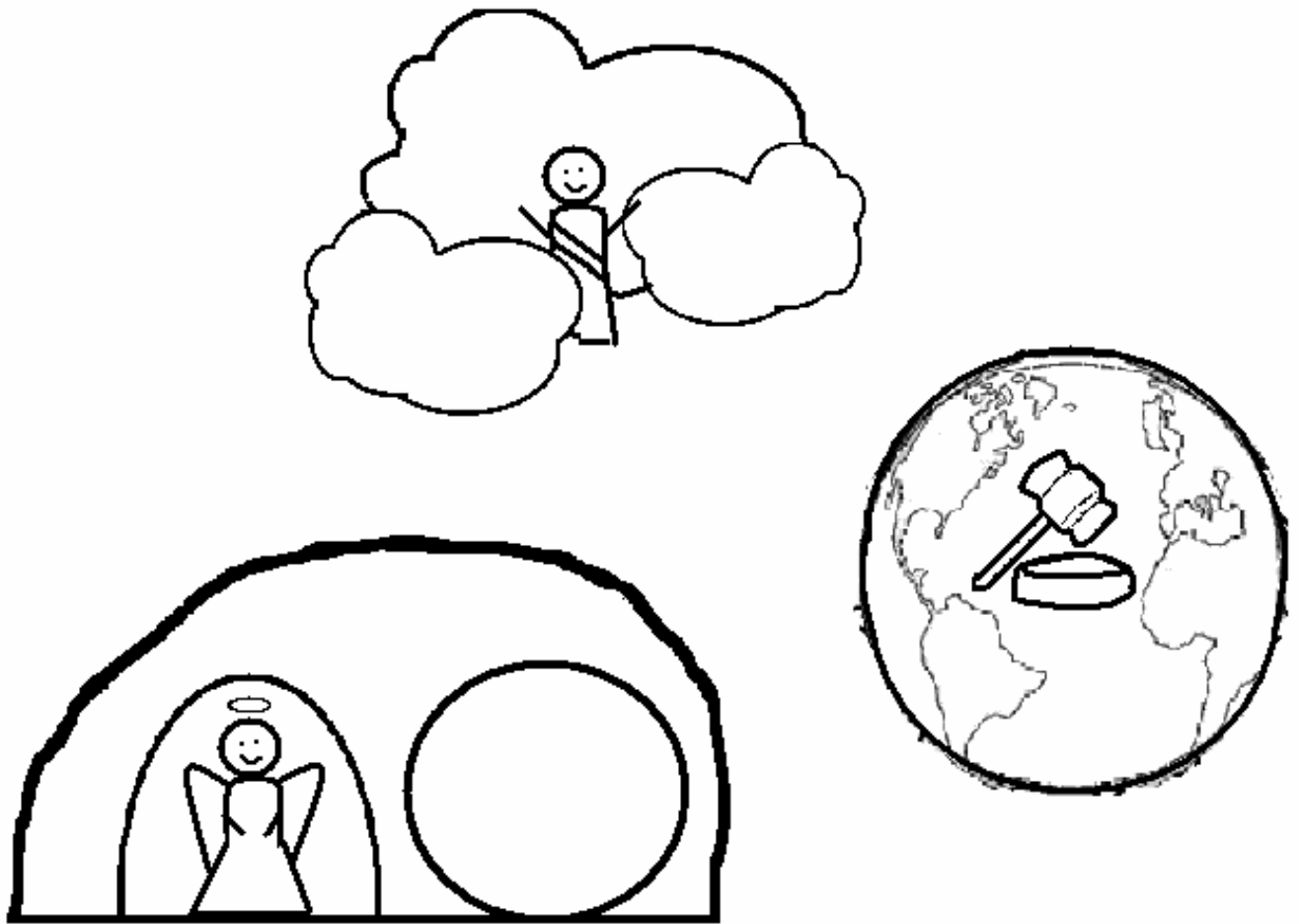
Jesus Christ had to suffer and die to pay our penalty for our sin. He was humble and obedient to God the Father. Why would Jesus allow Himself to die for us? He loved us so much!

32. Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

Christ's exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Philippians 2:9-11

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



Christ did not stay dead. He rose from the dead and is coming back some day to judge us all. Are you ready for Him to come back? Have you already accepted Him as your Savior and Lord?

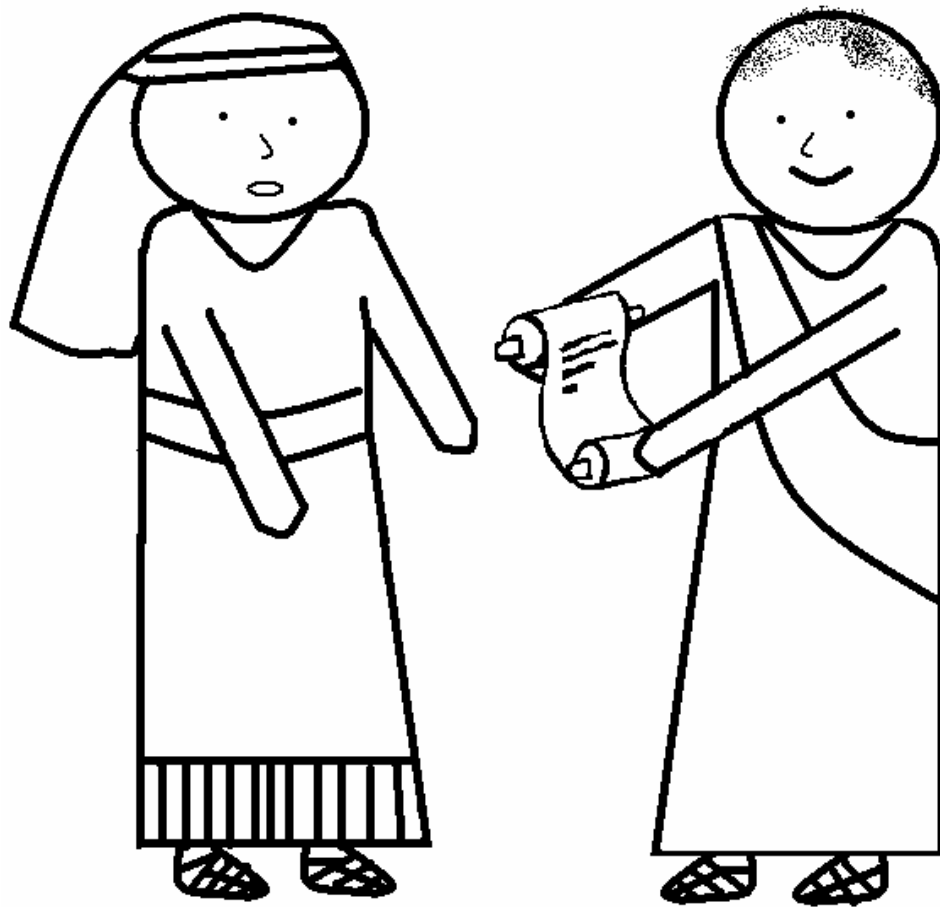
33 How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us, by His Holy Spirit.

John 3:5,6

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.



Nicodemus and Jesus

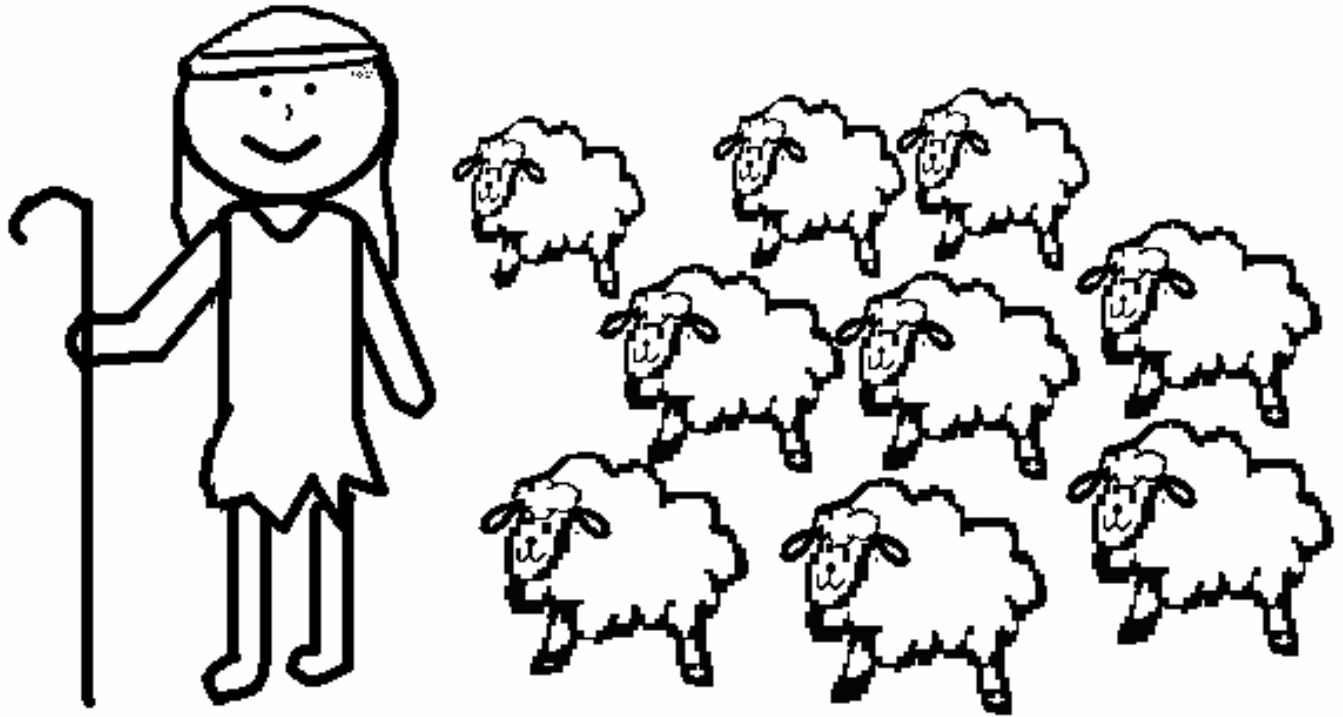
Nicodemus was a Pharisee (a very religious person who knew the Bible very well). He came to Jesus at night and asked Him about His teachings. Jesus told Nicodemus that in order to go to heaven, we must be born twice. Once as a little baby in Mommy's tummy and once by repenting of your sin and trusting Christ to save you. Have you been born again?

35 What is effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, He does persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

John 6:44

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.



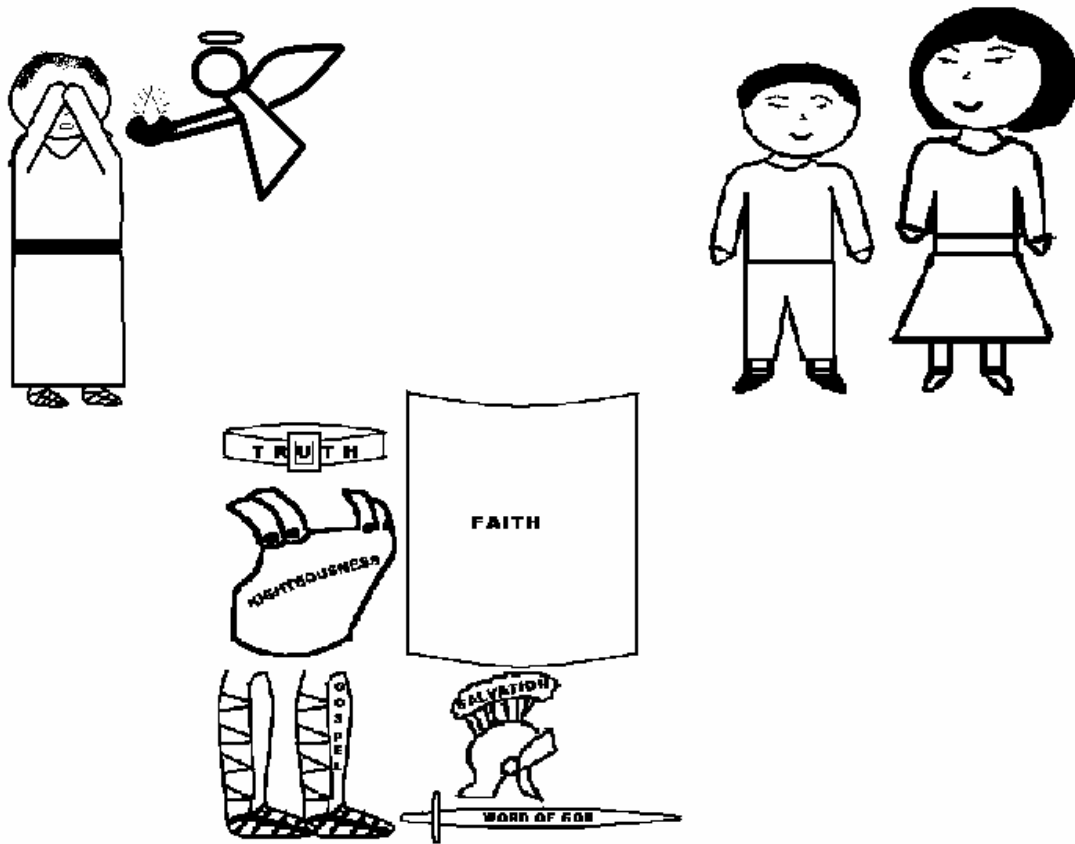
Effectual calling is like a shepherd calling his sheep. When the sheep hear the shepherd's voice, they know who it is and follow him. If a stranger calls the sheep, they won't listen. If the sheep are mixed up with other sheep that belong to a stranger, the stranger's sheep will not listen to the shepherd because they know they do not belong to him. Jesus is the Good Shepherd to those who are saved. Have you heard Christ's call to you? Are you one of His sheep?

36 What benefits do they that are effectually called, partake of in this life?

They that are effectually called, do in this life partake of justification, adoption, sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Romans 8:30-32

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?



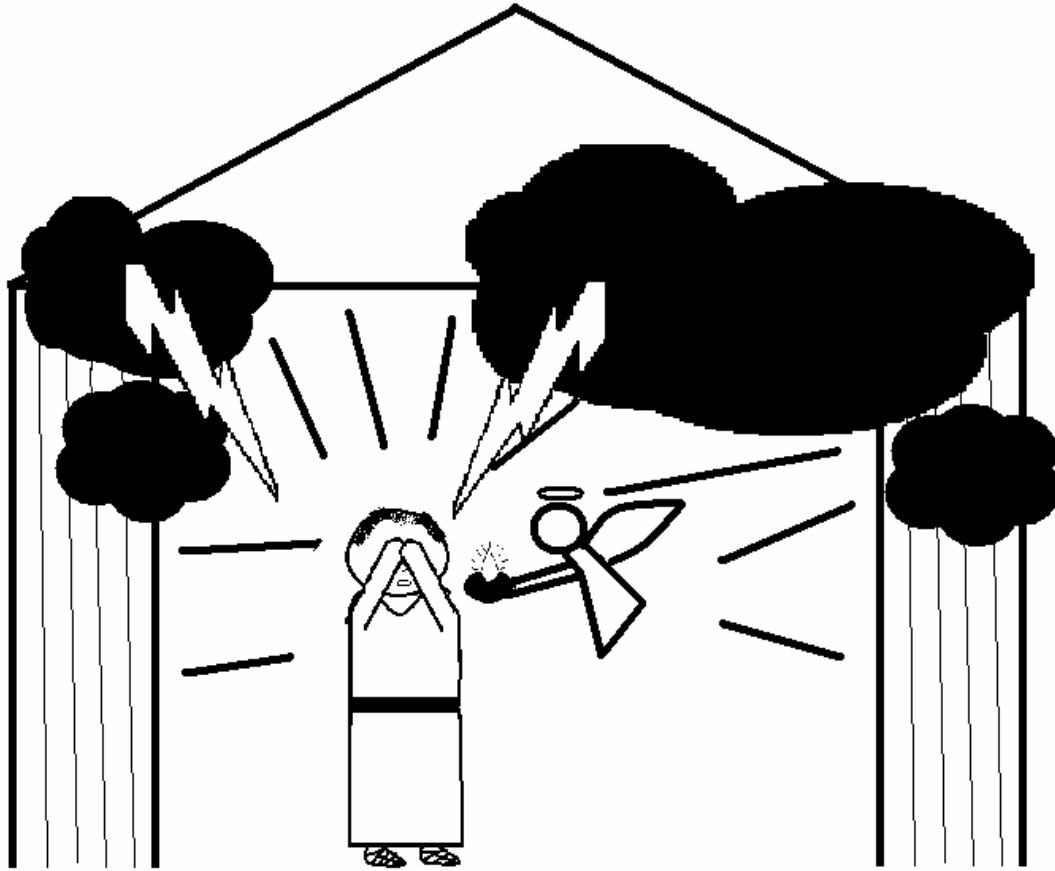
Benefits are gifts God gives us when He calls us to salvation. We will learn more about each of these gifts in the next few questions. God does not owe us anything. He does not owe us salvation or any extra gifts. We need to be thankful for all the gifts God has given to us and realize we do not deserve them.

37 What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.



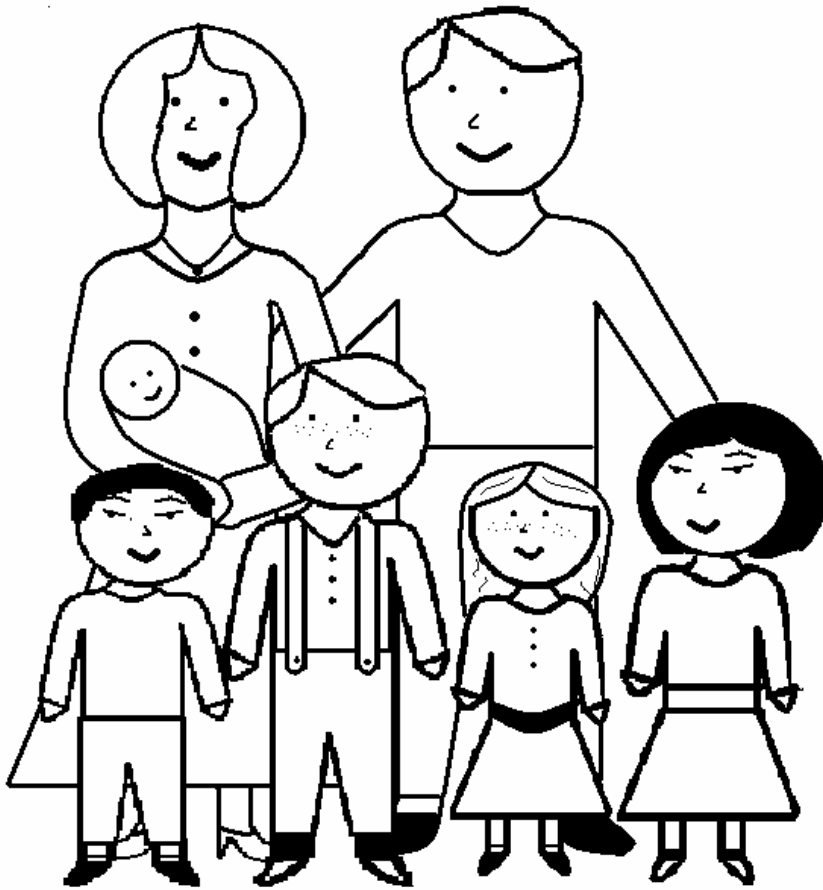
Isaiah was a prophet to God’s people. One day, he saw a vision of God in His temple. He saw God sitting on a kingly throne and the temple was filled with God’s glory. He saw how holy God is and how sinful he was. The temple was filled with the smoke of God’s anger at Isaiah’s sin. Isaiah cried out “Woe is me! (I am in trouble with God)!” God sent one of the angels to Isaiah holding a burning piece of coal in its hand. The angel put it on Isaiah’s mouth to show that God had taken away Isaiah’s sin. The coal was a picture of Jesus Christ taking away our sin.

38 What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

Romans 8:16,17

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.



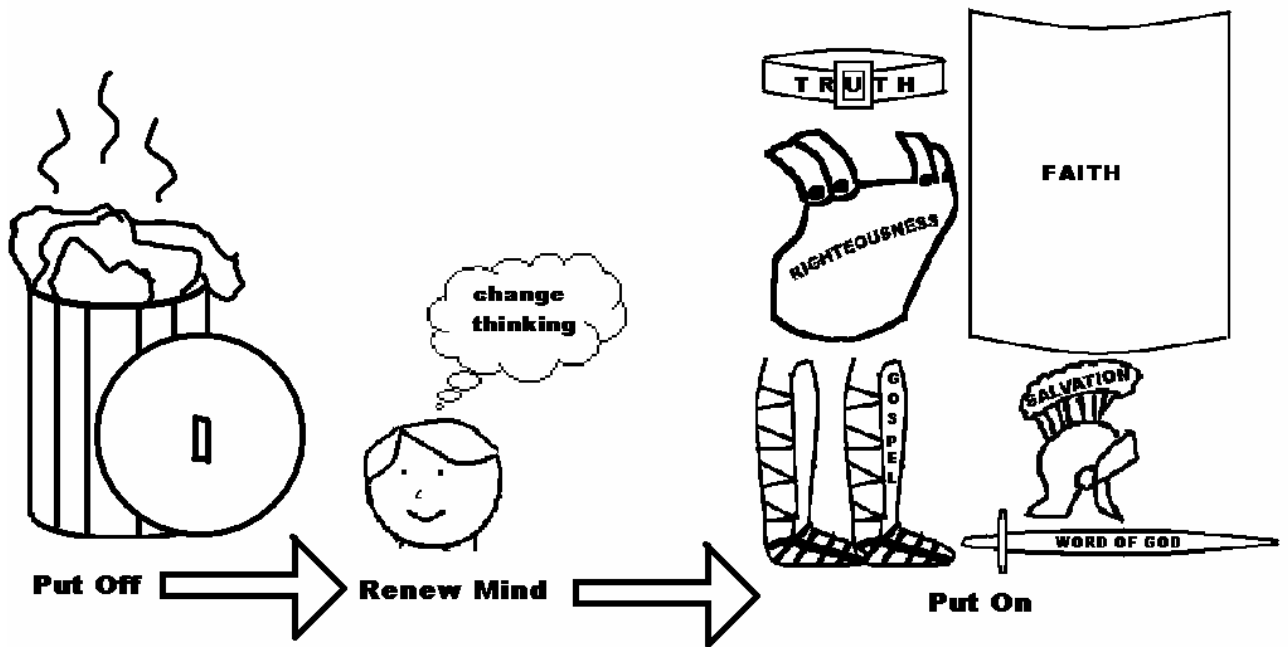
This is a family. Which children look different from the parents and other children? How are they different? They have been adopted, which means they were born into one family and accepted into a new family. Even though they look different and may even do things differently, the parents still love them and expect the same things from them as they do from the other children. How is earthly adoption a picture of God's love for us? God has one Son Who is perfect as He is, but He has chosen certain people to also be in His family and have the privileges His Son has.

39. What is sanctification?

Sanctification is a work of God's free grace whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.



Every day we must put off the bad thoughts and actions (like throwing old dirty clothes in the garbage). We must change our thinking to hate the bad and then put on the good armor of God so we can fight sin (like putting on nice clean clothes). What bad things can you put off today? How can you change your mind? What good thoughts and actions will you put on to replace the bad?

40 What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is



love, joy, peace, longsuffering,



gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:

against such there is no law.

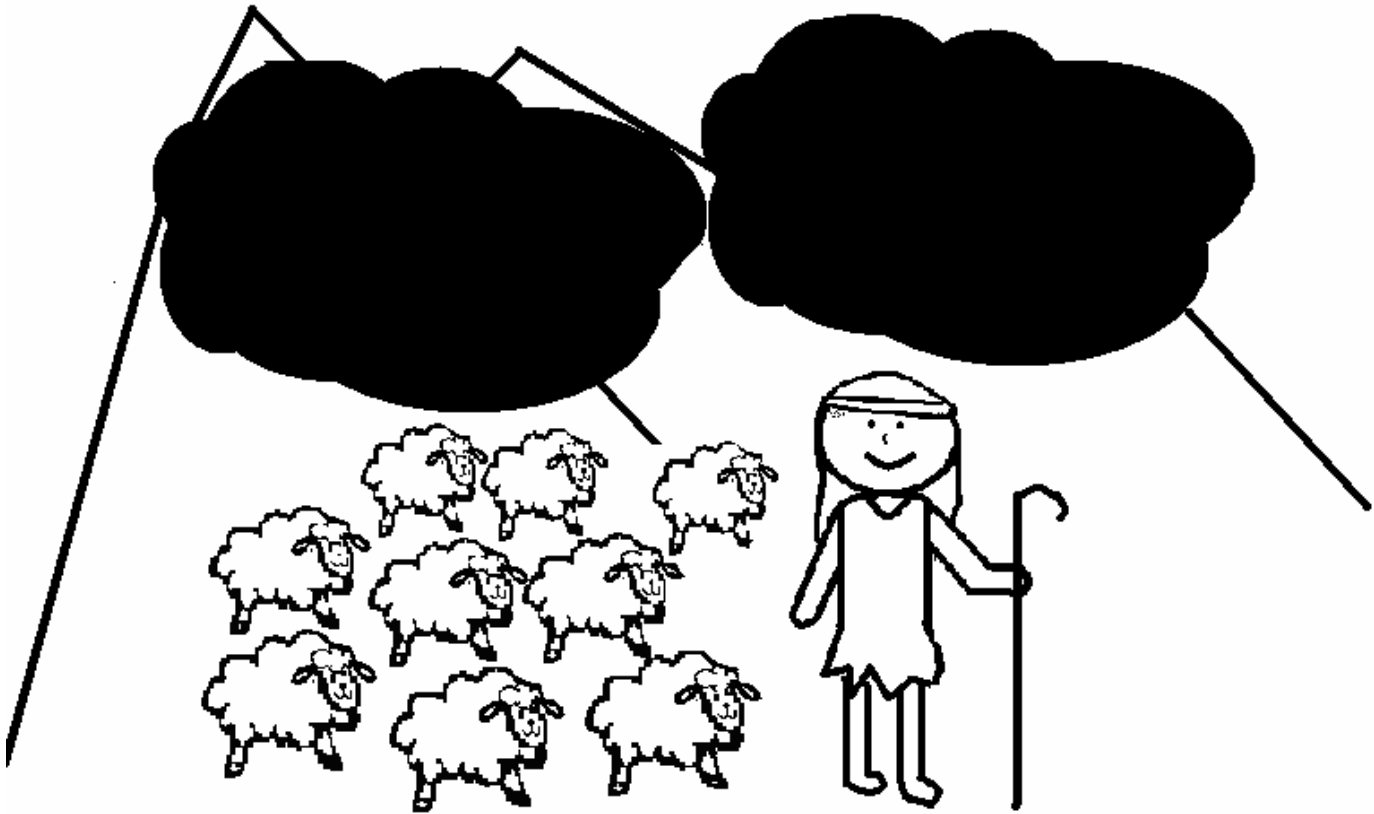
Fruit doesn't eat itself. It grows on a tree so that it can be eaten and enjoyed by others. God sometimes calls the things we do "fruits." The Bible says we will be known to be saved or unsaved because of the fruits in our life. What kind of fruit are you showing to others? Is it good fruit like love, joy, and peace, or is it bad fruit like selfishness, bad attitudes, and worry?

41 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

The souls of believers are at death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory, and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.



These sheep are following their shepherd through a very dangerous dark valley. Why are they happy? Are they afraid? They know their shepherd will take care of them. Believers don't have to fear death because God is with them and death is just the passageway into heaven. Their soul (the real them) goes to heaven and their body is buried in the ground waiting for Christ to come back.

42 What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

At the resurrection, believers become raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.



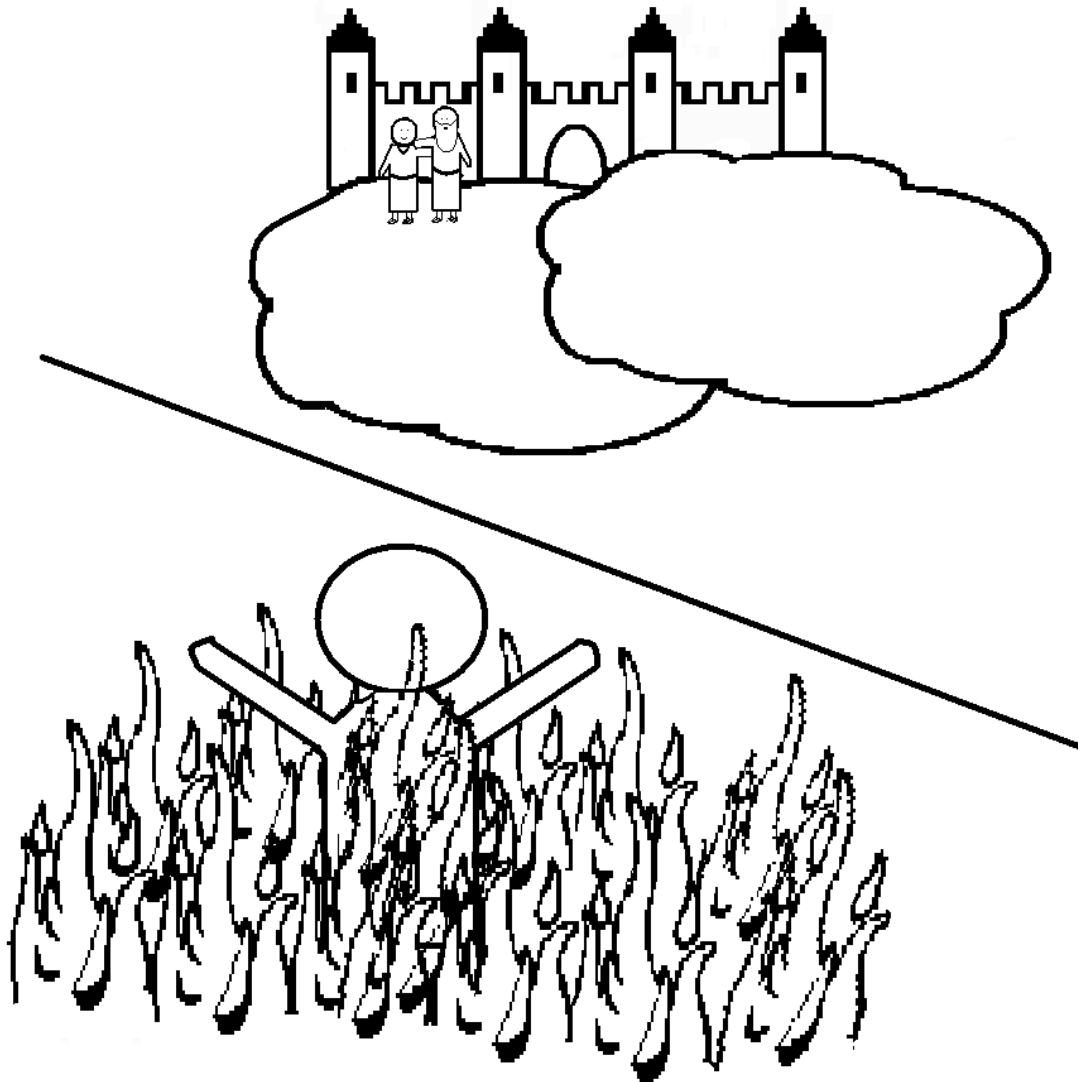
When Jesus comes back to take the believers to heaven, He will raise the dead believers first. Then the believers who are still alive will rise into the clouds to meet Him. God will acknowledge that they are His children and will let them into heaven. Forever and ever they will enjoy being with God and praising Him. Are you ready for Jesus to come back? Will you be one of the ones that meet Him in the air and will be let in to heaven?

43 What shall be done to the wicked at death?

The souls of the wicked shall at death, be cast into the torments of hell, and their bodies lie in their graves till the resurrection and judgment of the great day.

Luke 16:23

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.



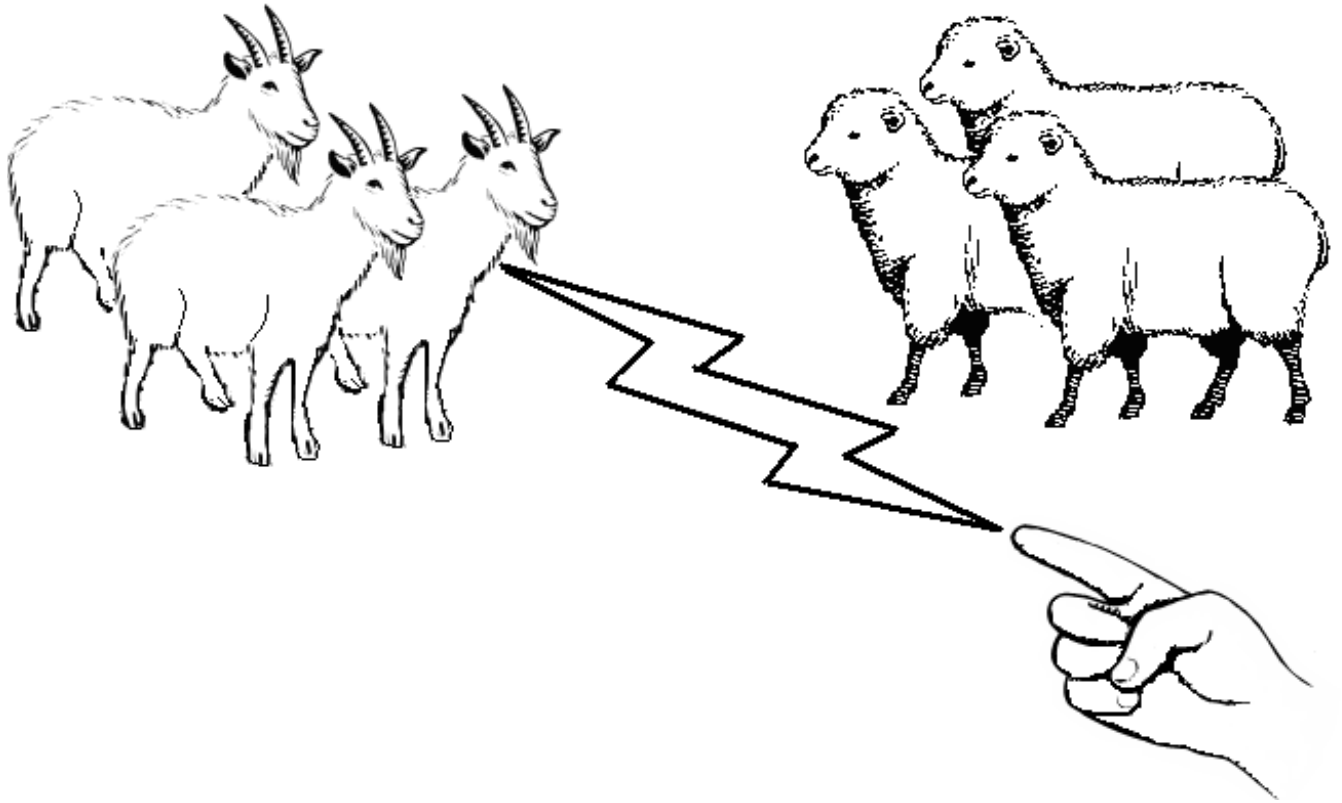
Abraham and Lazarus in heaven could not help the rich man in hell because there was a great gulf or deep hole between them (Read Luke 16: 19-31). Hell is a very real place. God only gives us the opportunity to turn from our sin and trust Christ while we are living on this earth. Once we die, it will be too late and we will have to suffer in hell forever as a punishment for our sins.]

44 What shall be done to the wicked at the day of judgement?

At the day of judgement, the bodies of the wicked, being raised out of their graves, shall be sentenced, together with their souls, to unspeakable torments with the devil and his angels forever.

Matthew 25:41

**Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand,
Depart from me, ye cursed,
into everlasting fire,
prepared for the devil and his angels:**



The sheep are a picture of believers and the goats are a picture of the wicked (unbelievers). When God returns to judge the earth, He will set the believers (His sheep) on his right and the wicked (the goats) on His left. He will let His sheep into heaven because they are righteous through Jesus Christ, but he will send the goats to hell because they never repented of their sin. Everyone is either a sheep or a goat, a believer or an unbeliever. Which one are you? Where will you go forever when God judges you?