FORMING A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

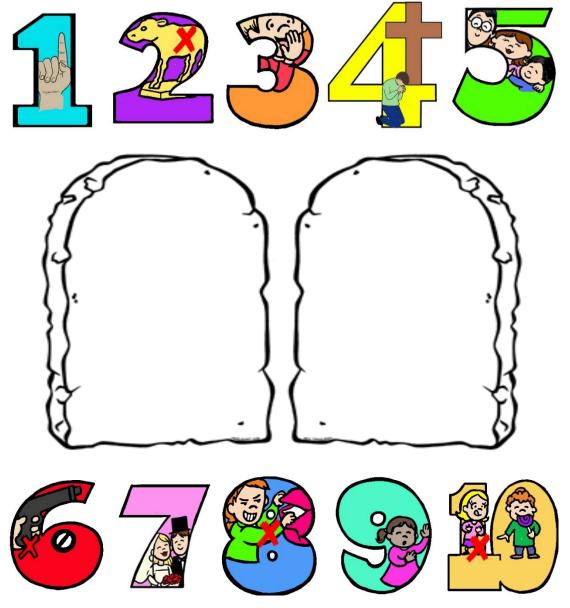
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LOVE THE LORD

Jesus spent a lot of time teaching others about God and how to live a life like God wanted them too.

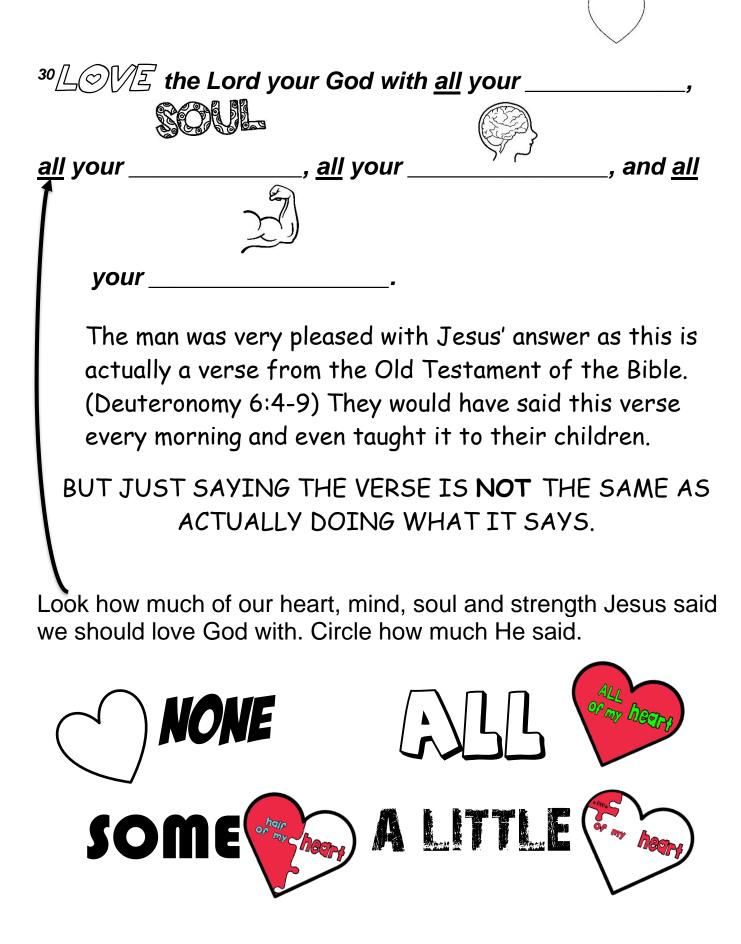
Some of the people in those times thought they knew God's law even better than Jesus did. They were cross that people were listening to Jesus rather than them. One man tried to get Jesus to teach the wrong thing and so asked Him "What is the greatest commandment?"

How many of the Ten Commandments can you remember? (Exodus 20:3-17)

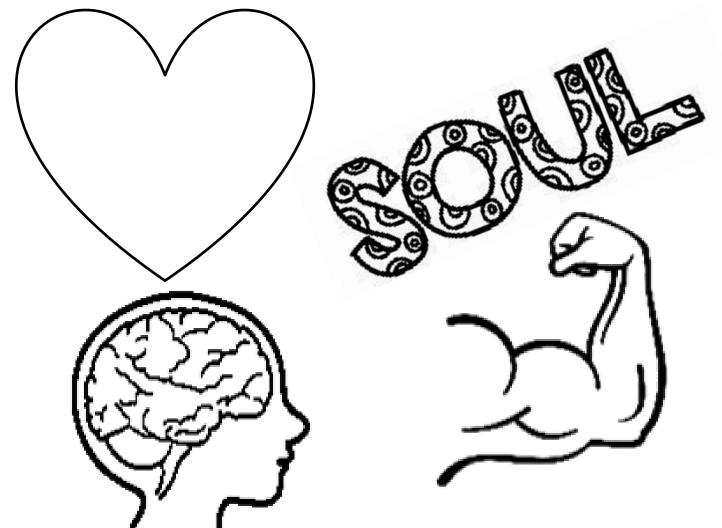


Circle the one you would choose as the greatest.

Look up Mark 12:30 in your Bible and replace the pictures with the correct words to find out what Jesus said.



Colour in each of the pictures as much as you love God with these things.



Put your hand on your heart. Can you feel it beating? God wants us to have a relationship with Him like our real hearts. It needs to be alive and pumping and moving.

We need to actually love Him in every single way, all the time. We can't just say we love Him; we have to **really** love Him. Our love for Him needs to be **real** and **living**. We are to love God with everything we have. Our thoughts, actions, emotions, everything needs to love God and love God more than anything else.

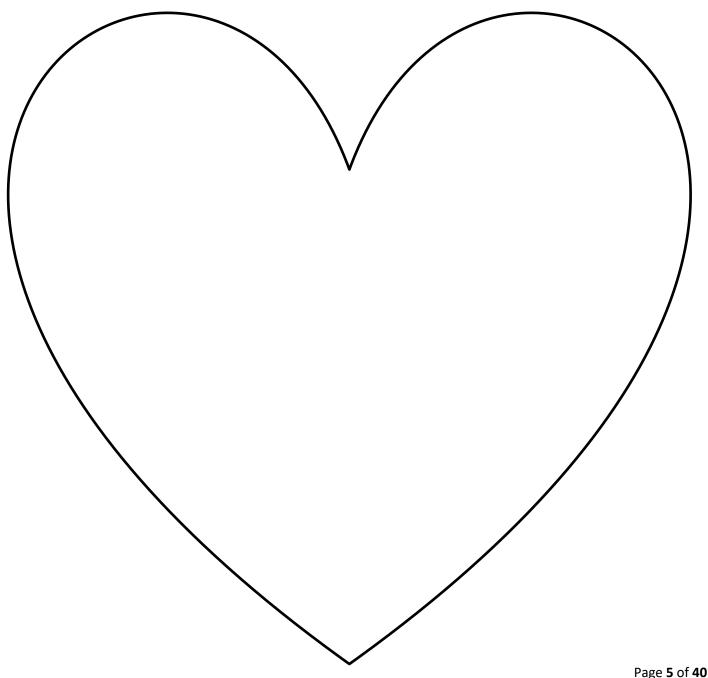
God is so great that He even gave us JESUS and the MOLY SPIRIT to help us keep this commandment.

Jesus is the perfect example of how to live a life that loves God in every way and the Holy Spirit lives inside of us reminding us and teaching us how GREAT God is.

If you choose to "GET REAL" with God write YOUR NAME into the verse and spend some time speaking to Jesus.

I, _____ will love the Lord my God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength.

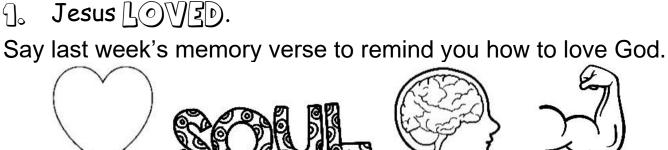
Write or draw pictures of things you love about God.



GETTING REAL DAILY! ARE WE LIVING LIKE JESUS?

The Bible teaches us exactly how to get real every day in 1 John 2:6 "Those who say they live in God should live their lives <u>as Jesus did</u>."

Here are some fun activities to remind us how to daily live like Jesus.



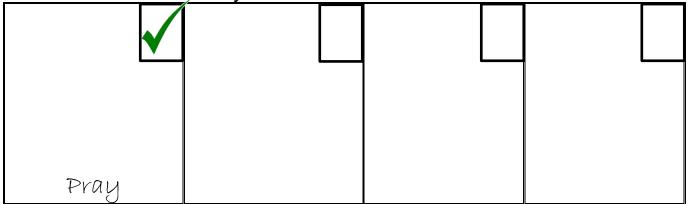
What time should we love God and spend time with Him? Circle the clock that matches the correct answer.







Draw/write some examples of how you can love others. Tick each one as you do them.



2. Jesus SERVED others and was MUMBLE.

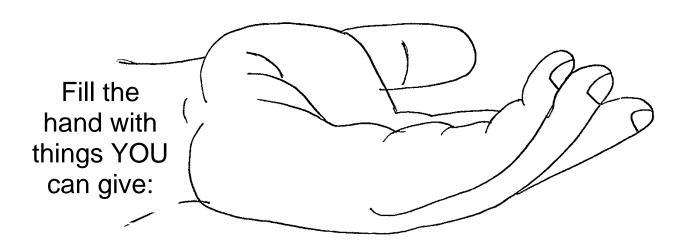
The Bible tells us that Jesus spent time with sinners, sick people and people that others didn't even like! Jesus even washed the disciples' feet. We can live a humble life by serving others like Jesus did!

Colour in ONLY the thought bubbles that show being humble.



3. Jesus was GENEROUS.

The Bible tells us to share generously with those in need. Each one of us has something to give, it can be kindness, time, money, our help, praying, comfort and so on. John 6:1-14 tells us a story of a little boy who shared his 5 small loaves and 2 fish and Jesus used it to feed 5000 people, and there we even leftovers! Jesus is the one who always makes it enough.



ි. Jesus ිාිිරි∨ිදිි Fill in the missing letter "e".

"If you forgiv_ thos_ who sin against you, your h_av_nly Fath_r will forgiv_ you. But if you r_fus_ to forgiv_ oth_rs, your Fath_r will not forgiv_ your sins." Matthew 6: 14-15 NLT

Jesus told us we must forgive our enemies just as He forgives our sins and mistakes.

THANK YOU JESUS FOR FORGIVING ME

5. Jesus was OBEDBENT.

James 1:22 says that we shouldn't just listen to God's word, but actually do what it says! This means being obedient and making every minute count for Jesus.

Jesus spent His whole life obeying God and following His plans, even when it was really hard to do so.

Follow the instructions below to see a tough time that Jesus obeyed God.

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Jesus was even obedient to God when it came time to give up His life to save us from our sins. Because of Jesus' obedience we can live with God in Heaven forever and ever.

Getting real with speaking to God

How do we talk to Jesus?

Fill in the first letter of each word below to work it out.



God wants us to GET REAL when we PRAY!

Jesus told this story (parable) to teach us an important lesson about praying. You can read it in Luke 18: 10-14



¹⁰ "Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax

collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: 'I thank you,

God, that I am not like other people cheaters, sinners, adulterers.



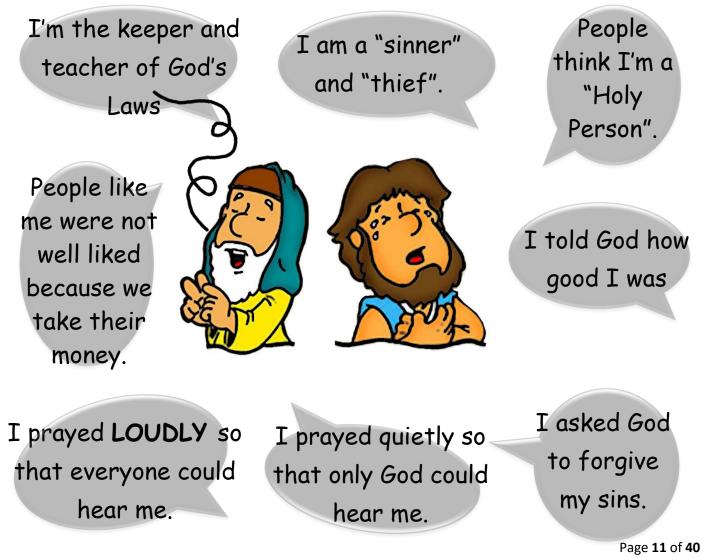
I'm certainly not like that tax collector!¹²I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.'



¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.' ¹⁴I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee,

returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Let's take a closer look at the two men from the story. Draw a telephone wire to join the men to their facts...The first one is already done for you.



After Jesus told the story of these two very different men and how they prayed, He told the people that it is the tax collector who will be forgiven and united with God and not the Pharisee.

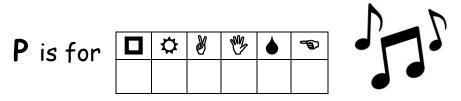
The Tax Collector was GETTING REAL with GOD

Jesus doesn't need us to use fancy prayer words. You may hear people praying so beautifully and think "I can't pray like them..." But God wants us to talk to Him from our HEARTS.

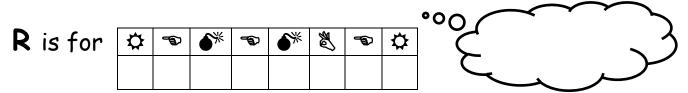
Here is an easy way to GET REAL when you talk to Jesus. The letters P-R-A-Y can help you as you pray. Write your own prayer on the dotted line.

Use the number code to work out what each letter of PRAY stands for.

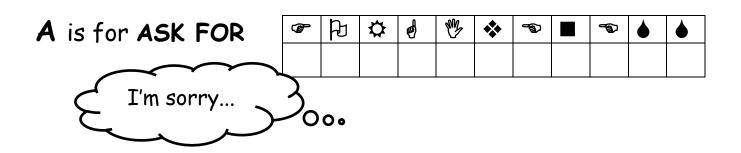
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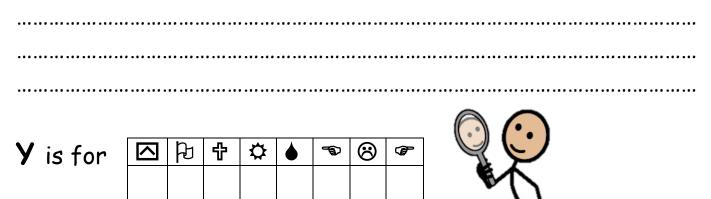
Start by praising God and lifting Him up. Tell Him how wonderful He is for making you and the universe.



Tell God that you remember everything He has already done for you. God has given you every good thing so thank Him for it.



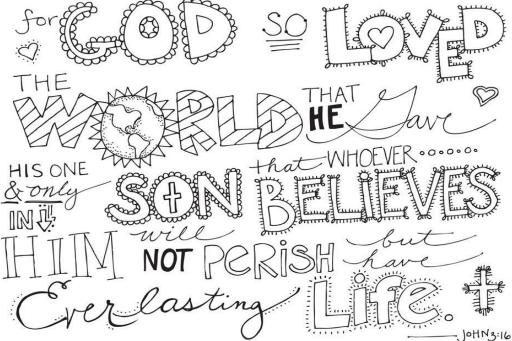
Tell Jesus about any sins you might have committed and say you are sorry. Ask Jesus to forgive you and tell Him you are going to try not to do it again.



Now you can ask God for anything that you need. The amazing thing is that <u>God already knows what we need</u>, He just wants to hear that we are relying on Him for it!

REAL LOVE

God is the perfect example of love. The Bible even says "God is love." It's not just something He chooses to do, it is who He is. That means He can't but love us. His love does not depend on whether we love Him or whether we do something right or wrong. God just loves us! The greatest way God showed us this love was when He let Jesus die on the cross for **our** sins.



Because of what Jesus did we can be with God in Heaven. All we have to do is ABC



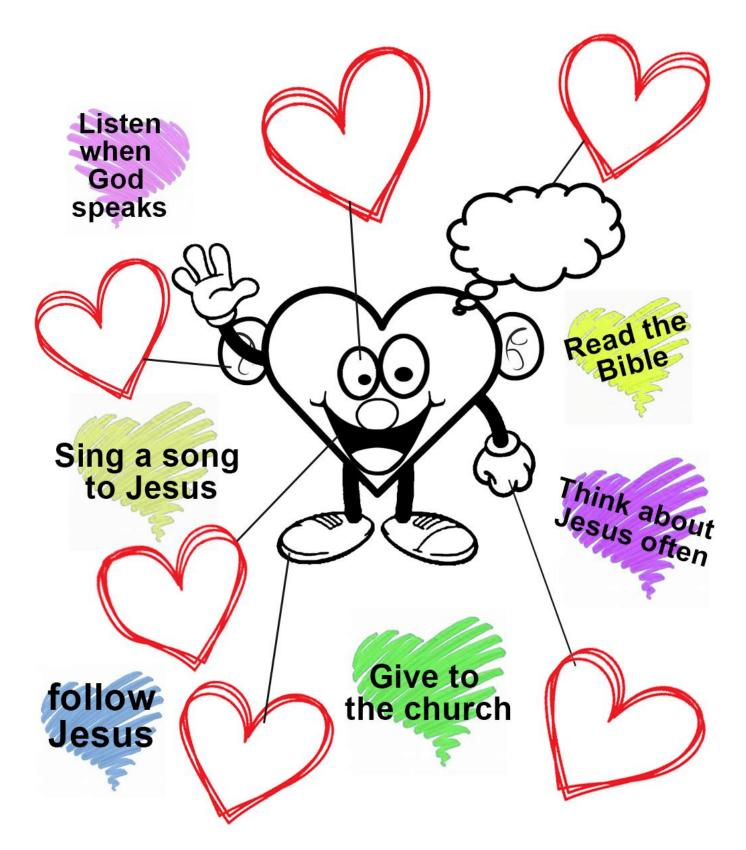
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Dear God,

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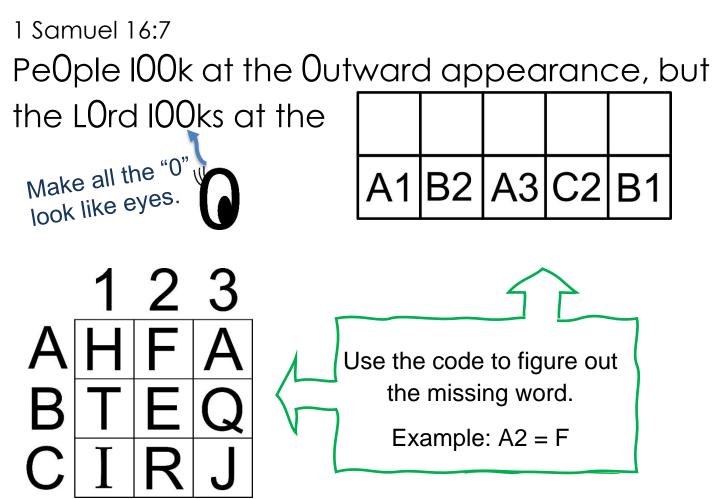


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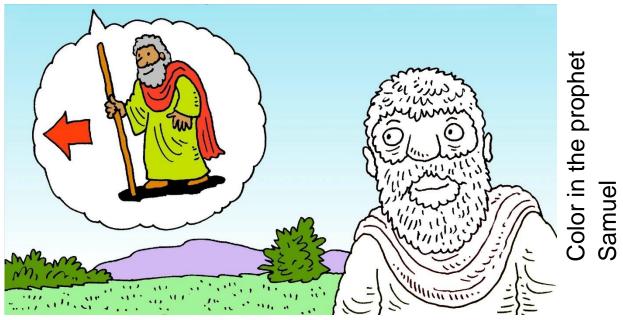


Fill in the red hearts with ways that you can love God or others.

GET REAL ON THE INSIDE



In 1 Samuel 16 God tells the prophet Samuel that the king of Israel, King Saul, has disobeyed God and God has chosen someone else to be king. God tells Samuel that he needs to go and anoint this chosen person with oil.



God sent Samuel to Bethlehem, to the house of Jesse. Jesse had 8 sons. When Samuel saw the first son, he saw that he was strong and tall and Samuel immediately thought, "This must be the man that God has chosen to be the new king".

But the Lord said the Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

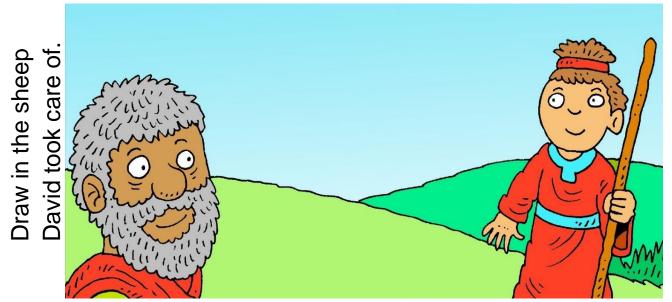
Hey, that's the same scripture we read before!

Jesse brought 7 of his sons before Samuel and God told Samuel each time that no matter how tall, smart or handsome any of them were, God had not chosen them.

Draw a crown on the man you woulc choose to be king.

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Finally, Jesse brought his youngest son before Samuel. He was not the oldest, biggest, nor the strongest. His name was David.



When Samuel saw him God said, "Rise and anoint him with oil, this is the one." God choose David to be the new king! God saw David's heart and God knew that David would be a good king.



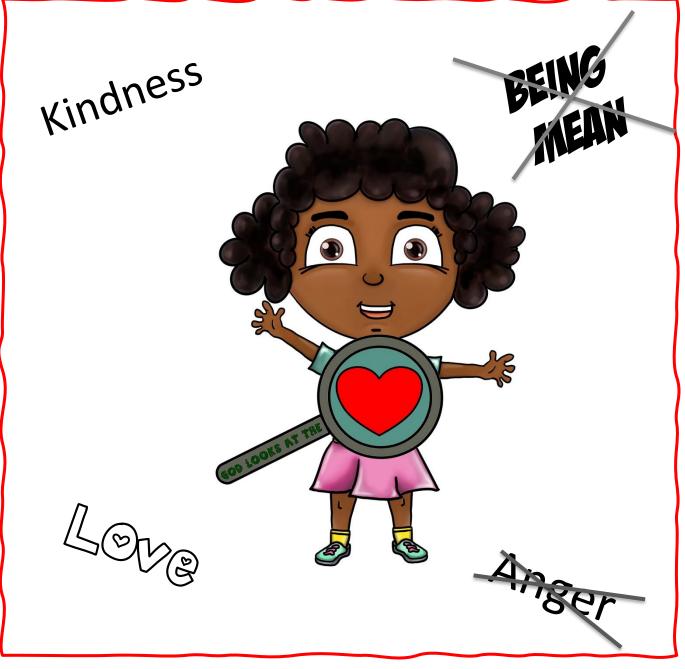
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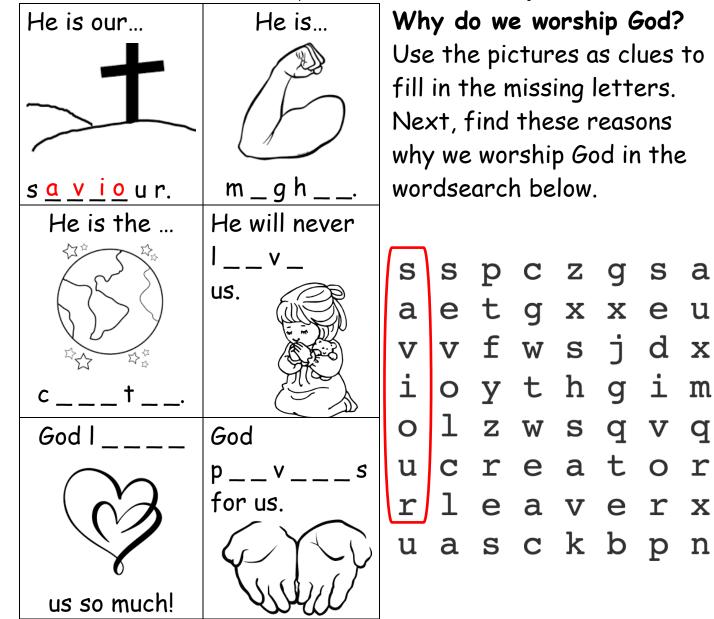
David was a good king not because he was super rich or because he had the biggest army. No, David was a good king because no matter what he did He always spoke to God about it. God said that David was a man that was after God's heart. David wanted his heart to be like God's heart. What about your heart? Is it real on the inside or are you only focusing on the outside? Sometimes we think we need to be the strongest, the smartest, the fastest or the prettiest. But God can see your heart and He wants it to be filled with good things.

Write down/draw all the good things you think God wants our hearts to be filled with.

Write down/draw some of the bad things in our hearts and cross them out.



GET REAL WITH WORSHIP



Why do we worship God? Use the pictures as clues to fill in the missing letters. Next, find these reasons why we worship God in the wordsearch below.

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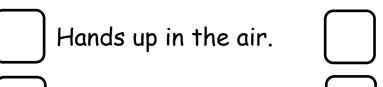
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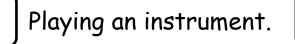
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What is Real Worship? Tick the boxes that are true.



Knowing all the words.



Eyes are closed.

Singing loudly.

Being in the worship band.

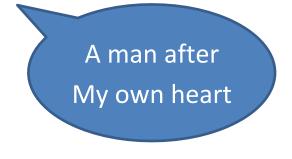
Focusing fully on Jesus

Colossians 3:2 "Set your minds on the things of above and not on the things on earth."

David was a shepherd boy who became a king, not because he was strong or handsome or brave but because God saw his heart! Let's read something that David wrote: Psalm 63:1-5

¹O God, you are my God;

- I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you;
- my whole body longs for you
- in this parched and weary land where there is no water.
- ²I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.
- ³ Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!
- ⁴I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.
- ⁵ You satisfy me more than the richest feast.
 I will praise you with songs of joy.



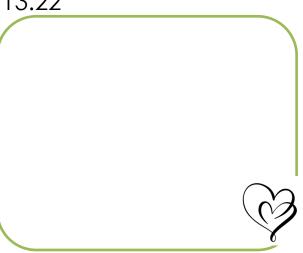


Does this sound like someone who gives God the worship He deserves? That's why God called David

"A man after my own heart." Acts 13:22

Write or draw how you feel about God





God was the focus of David's life and he always "Got Real" with his worship!



YES! It's true! David did something that made people think he was CRAZY! You can read all about it in 2 Samuel chapter 6.

When David was king, he decided to move the Ark of the Covenant (a reminder that God was with them) to a place in Jerusalem that he had chosen. It took huge effort because The Lord





had given so many rules about who

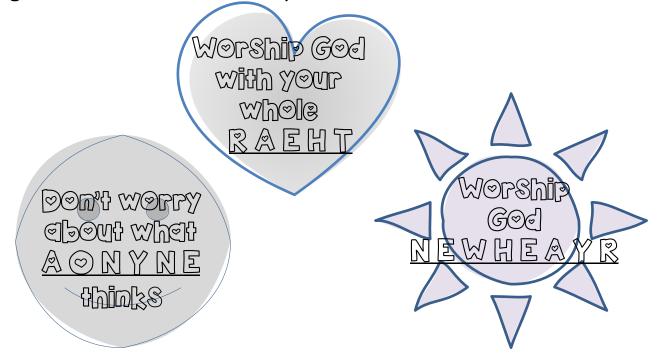
could touch the Ark. King David was very excited along the journey and told the people to sing and play music. When it finally arrived, King David was so excited that He took off his clothes and

began to DANCE around worshipping the Lord in his UNDERWEAR! And everybody saw!

David was not crazy he just didn't care what people were saying. He was completely focused on God and was worshipping with his whole self!

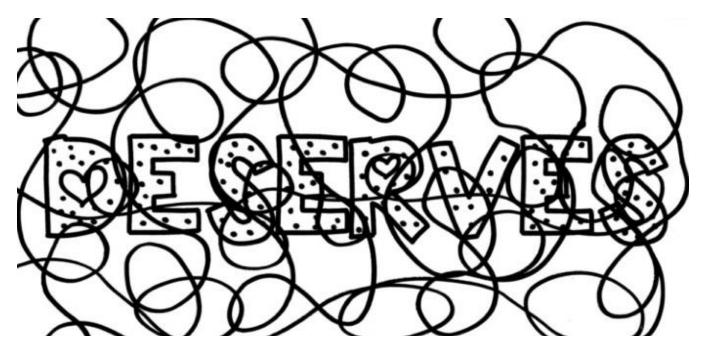
We can learn so much from David!

<u>Unscramble</u> the letters in the clouds to see what David taught us about Real worship!



But what does the Bible say about Real Worship? Colour in only the spaces that have dots in the image below to complete the verse.

> 1 Chronicles 16:29 Give the Lord the glory He



GROWING REAL FRUIT

God wants us to get to know Him more and more. As we get to know Him, we can become more like Him.

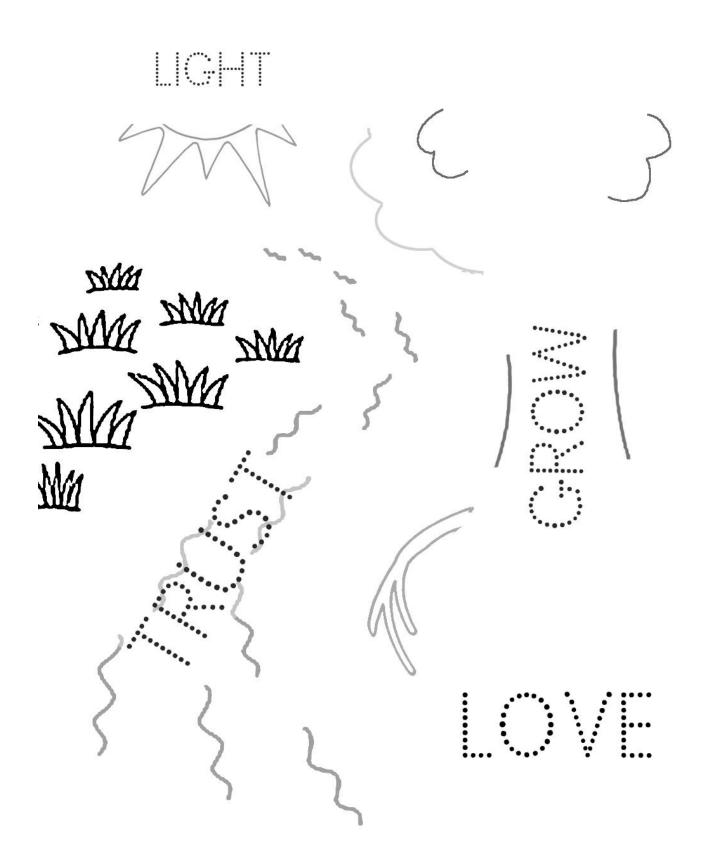
Colossians 1:10

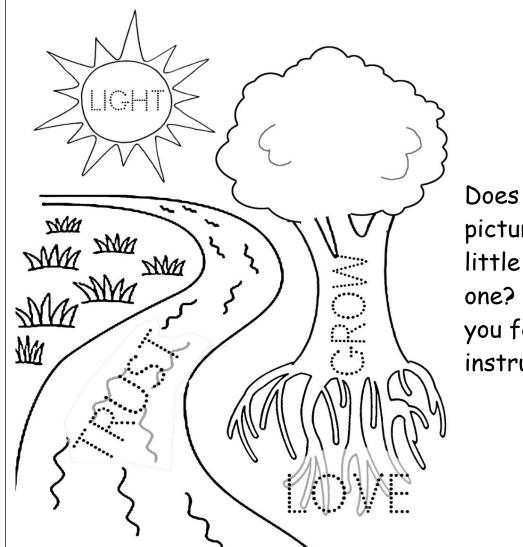
Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. ... you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Follow the instructions below to complete the picture on the next page.



- 1. Trace over the dotted word TRUST and draw a river running through it
- 2. Trace over the dotted word GROW and draw a tree trunk and leafy branches over it.
- 3. Trace over the word LOVE and draw strong roots growing into the word.
- 4. Trace over the word LIGHT and draw a bright sun over it.
- 5. Add some colour to your picture and turn over to see if you followed the instructions correctly.



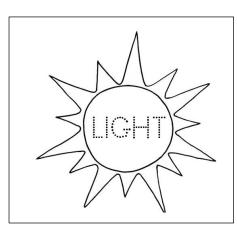


Does your picture look a little like this one? That means you followed the instructions!

God has given us instructions to follow so that we will live lives that are meaningful and show others that we love and trust Him.

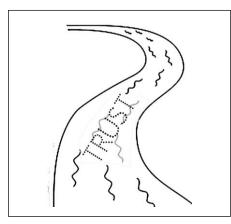
A tree needs sunlight, good soil and clean water to grow. If the tree didn't have one of those things, it wouldn't be able to grow strong and bear fruit! God uses the tree as an example to teach us how to have a growing relationship with Him that shows others how great He is.

FOLLOWING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS HELP OUR LIVES TO BE FRUITFUL. Let's look at some Bible verses now that give us a few of those instructions. (Fill in the word that is missing in each verse)



John 8:12

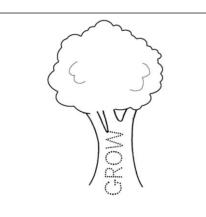
Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the ______ of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the ______ that leads to life."



Jeremiah 17:7 Blessed is the man who _____ in the Lord, whose _____ is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water.



Ephesians 3:17 Then Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust Him. Your roots will grow down into God's _____ and keep you strong.

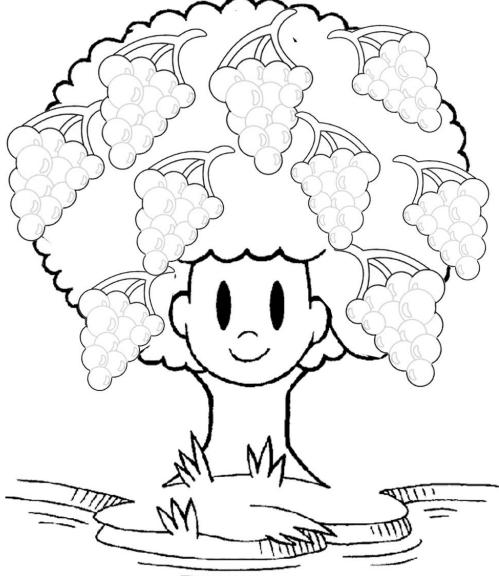


Colossians 1:10

Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce fruit of every kind. You will ______ as you learn to know God better.

SHOWING REAL FRUIT

Following the instructions that God gives us will help us grow in our relationship with Him, but He also gives us the Holy Spirit to live in us. It is the Holy Spirit that helps us produce fruit.



I am planted by rivers of living water.

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and selfcontrol. Some of these words don't belong in the verse. Cross them out and write them in the bin!

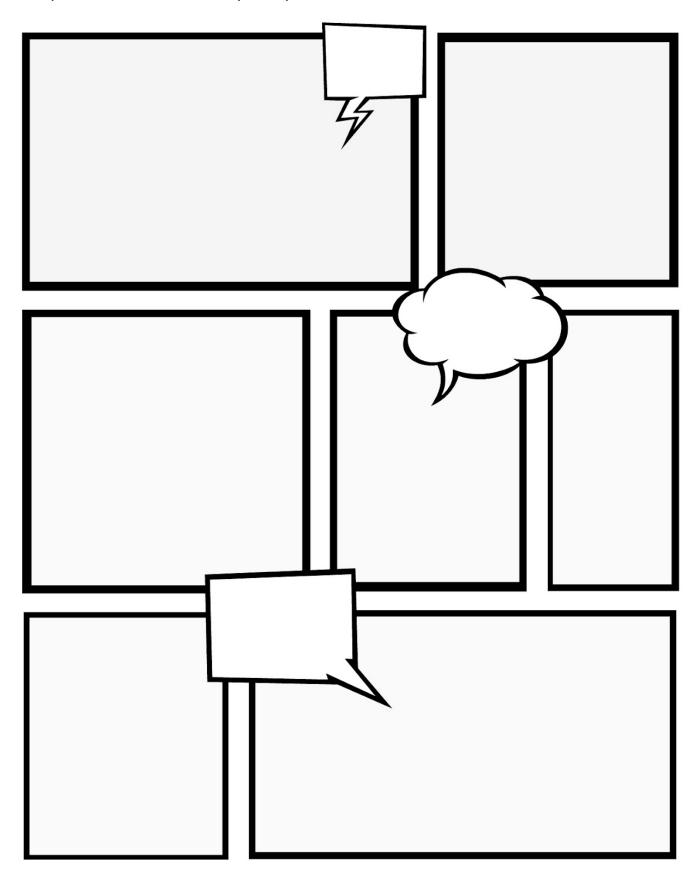
Write the ones that are in the verse on the grape shapes on the tree. Only these should be seen in our lives.



Spend time looking up each of these verses in the Bible that speak about each of the fruit of the Spirit.



The Holy Spirit helps us every day. Use this page to tell the story of when He helped you.



GET REAL WITH GOD'S TRUTH

Did you know that the Bible is God's message to us? It is filled with TRUTH that we can read and know how to live like God wants us to.

Read John 8:31-32 and fill in the blanks. Clues \checkmark



Jesus said to the people who believed in Him, "You are truly My disciples if you remain ______ to My teachings. And you will ______ the truth, and the truth will set you _____."

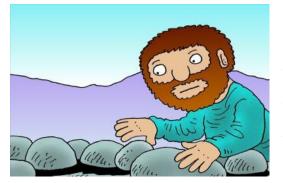
Let's read Matthew 4:1-11 and see if Jesus remained FAITHFUL, KNEW THE TRUTH and was FREE from sin.

After Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness for 20 days and 20 nights so that He could be prepared for the plan God had



for Him. The plan to tell others the good news of salvation.

Can you imagine that? 30 days of talking to God with no distractions. But it also meant 30 days with no food.



Jesus was VERY hungry. Satan knew this and so tempted Jesus by trying to get Him to use God's power to turn stones to bread. But Jesus said, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Deuteronomy 8:3) This means that a person's life is more than just eating food. Being faithful to



God's word is where you get strength from and what you need live a life that pleases God. JESUS REMAINED FAITHFUL!

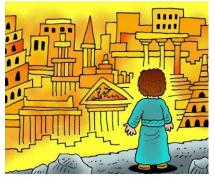


Satan tried to tempt Jesus again. He wanted Jesus to test God by throwing Himself off the mountain so the angels could catch Him.

But JESUS KNEW THE TRUTH. "Do not test the Lord your God." (Deuteronomy 6:16)



Jesus trusted God and so didn't need to test Him. Again Jesus stayed free from sin.



Next Satan promised Jesus the power and wealth of all the kingdoms in the world. All Jesus had to do was bow and worship him.

'Get away from me Satan,' Jesus commanded.

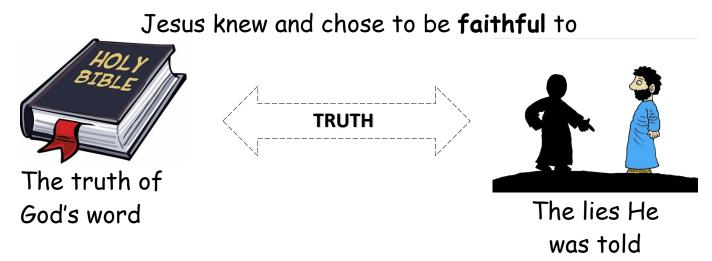
'God is the only one you must worship.'

Jesus remained **faithful** to God's teachings and **knew** the TRUTH and so He was **free** from being tempted by Satan and so kept **free** from sin.



Jesus went on with God's plan, to teach others the good news. Page 33 of 40





And so, He was **free** from sin.

Jesus did not sin against God because He knew God's message, the Bible. Jesus wasn't just saying random things. Jesus answered everything using words from the Old Testament. The Bible gave Him the wisdom to make the right choice.

The Bible helps us see the truth about what God says about us, our friends, His promises, His plans and even Himself. If we keep God's Word in our minds and hearts we will always be ready to stay **faithful**, **know the truth** and be **free** from sin.

Choose a verse, or use the one we learnt about today, and try and learn it off by heart. Here are some fun ways to do it.

- Write the verse out and every time you say it cover another word until all the words are covered.
- Play a game of stuck in the mud and you can only go **free** once you have said the verse.
- Add your own actions for some of the words and see if someone else can guess the words that you are leaving out.

Draw the arrows so they point to the truth of what the Bible really said.

Jesus was tempted for

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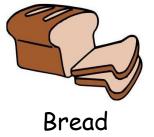
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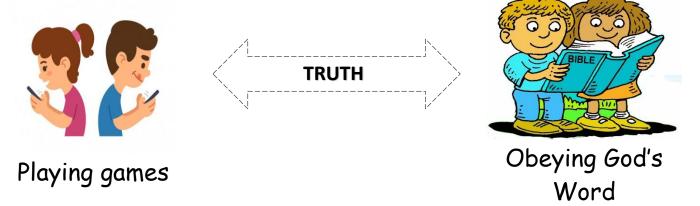
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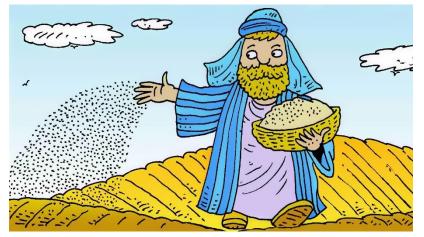
Jesus said we get real strength and satisfaction from...



Jesus didn't listen to Satan because He... Zzzz ... TRUTH Knew God's He was asleep Word

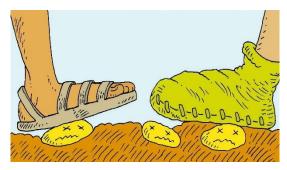
LET GOD'S WORD CHANGE YOUR HEART

This is a story Jesus told to teach us an important lesson. It can be found in Luke 8:4-15

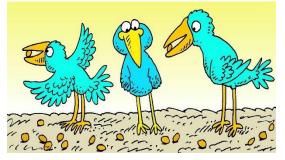


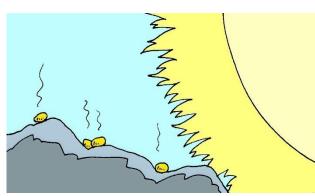
A farmer scattered some seeds in his field. He wanted lots of plants to grow.

Some of the seeds fell on the path.



People stepped on them and the birds ate them, so these seeds did not grow.



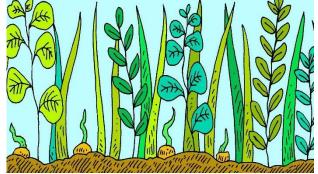


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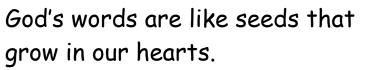
seeds fell on the rocks and started to grow. But the seeds died because it was too hot and

dry.

The seeds that fell by the weeds didn't have room to grow and soon died as well.



Only the seeds that fell on the good fertile soil grew into big strong plants. These plants made 100 times more seeds than what the farmer had planted.

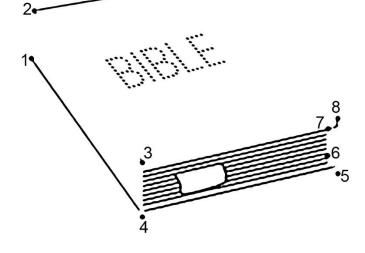






Our hearts need to be like the good soil. We need to hear God's Word, understand it and let it change our lives.

God's Words to you can be found in the ...





Now fill the pot with this "good soil" by writing all the things that God wants our hearts to be like. Make the seeds planted this term grow. Draw a plant for each seed. Write what you can now teach someone else.

