



Dear Jesus



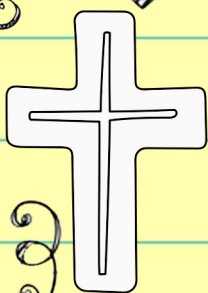
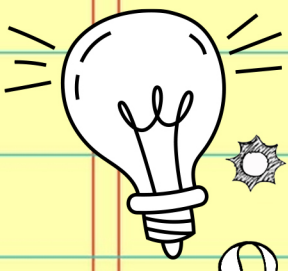
I love you 'cos...

LOVE

FAITH

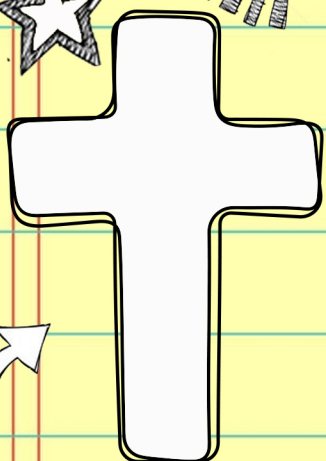
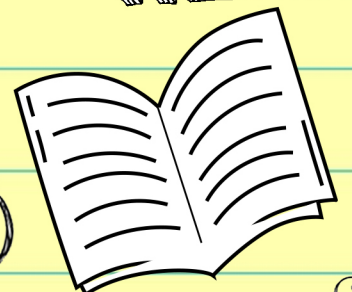
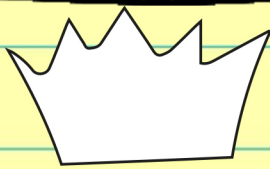
**DRAW
CLOSE TO
JESUS**

READ



HEAR

Thank you for...

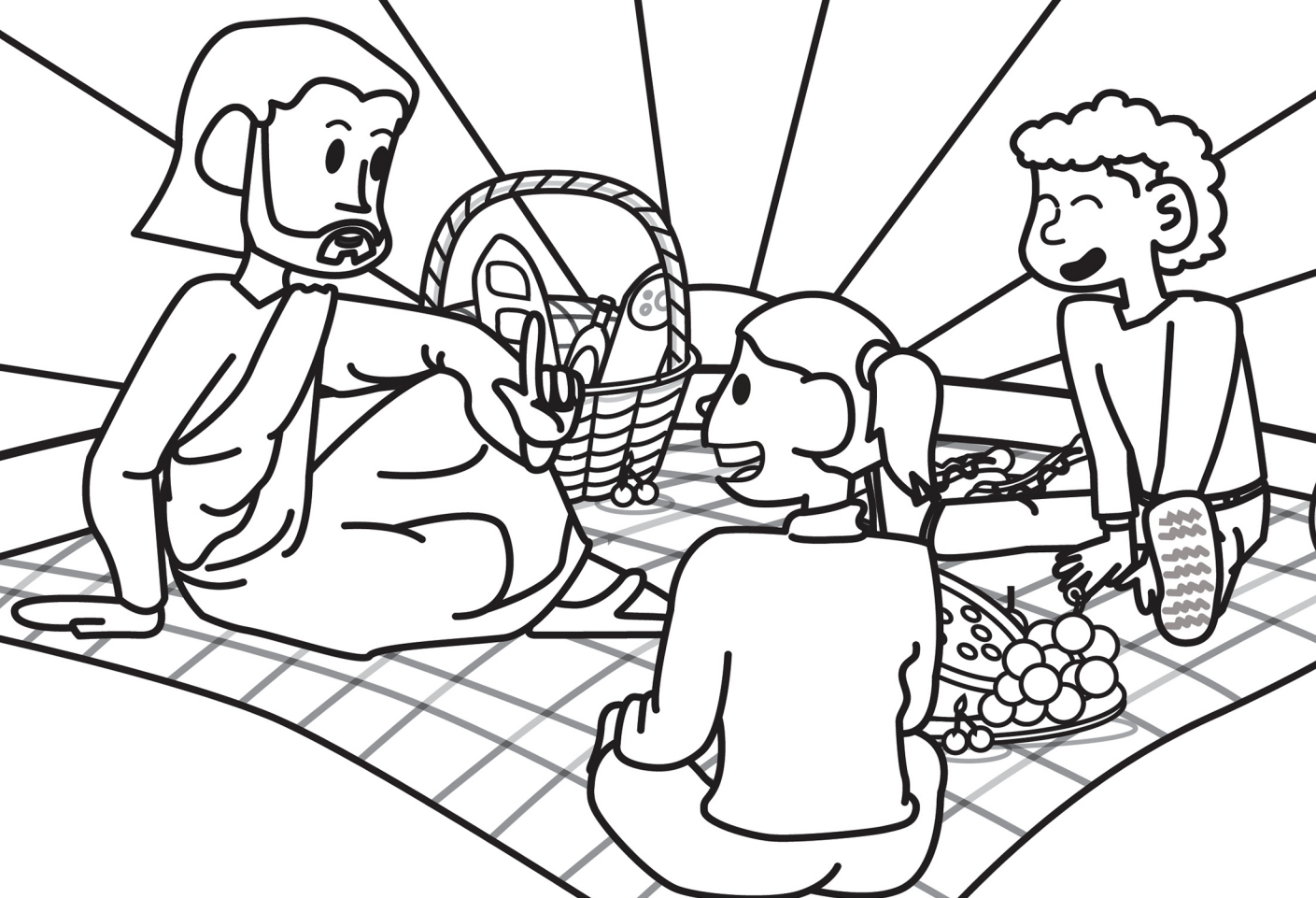


PRAY

name:



DRAW CLOSE TO
JESUS



GOD

Fold so A meets B

ME

Make the person look like you



God is perfect
Matthew 5:48

God shows
grace
Ephesians 1:6



GOD IS FORGIVING
Ephesians 1:7

God is
everywhere
Psalm 139:7-12

God does
NOT change
Malachi 3:6a

Nothing is too
difficult for God
Jeremiah 32:17



God is kind
Ephesians 1:8

God thinks
about me
Psalm 139:17



God is Holy
Revelation 15:4



God lives
forever
1 Timothy 1:17

GOD DOES NOT LIE
Hebrews 6:18



GOD IS THE
ONLY GOD
1 Timothy 1:17



God is just
Deuteronomy 32:4



God created
everything
Genesis 1:1

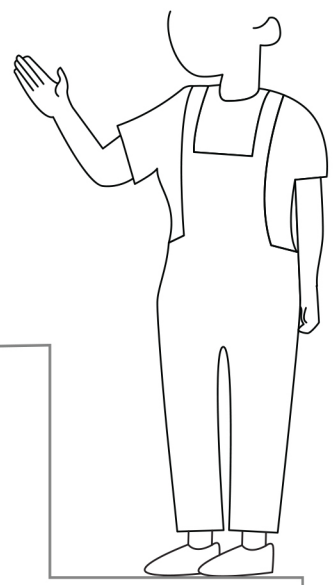


God knows
everything
about me
Psalm 139:1-6

God's faithfulness
lasts forever
Psalm 117:2



Read the verses.
Exodus 20:2-17
Proverbs 6:16-19
Galatians 5:19-21



Sin separates us from God

For everyone
has sinned; we
all fall short of
God's glorious
standard.

Romans 3:23

How do we
get to be with
God?
Read John 3:16
John 14:6

FOLD

Our sin separates us from God and until we find the only way back to Him, which is Jesus, we are lost. Jesus told us stories so that we would know that He looks for us. He wants us to be part of His family. He wants us to be forgiven so we can live in His Kingdom forever. And like in these stories, Jesus won't stop looking until we are found. Jesus also told us how we can find Him.

Read each story to fill in the missing words.

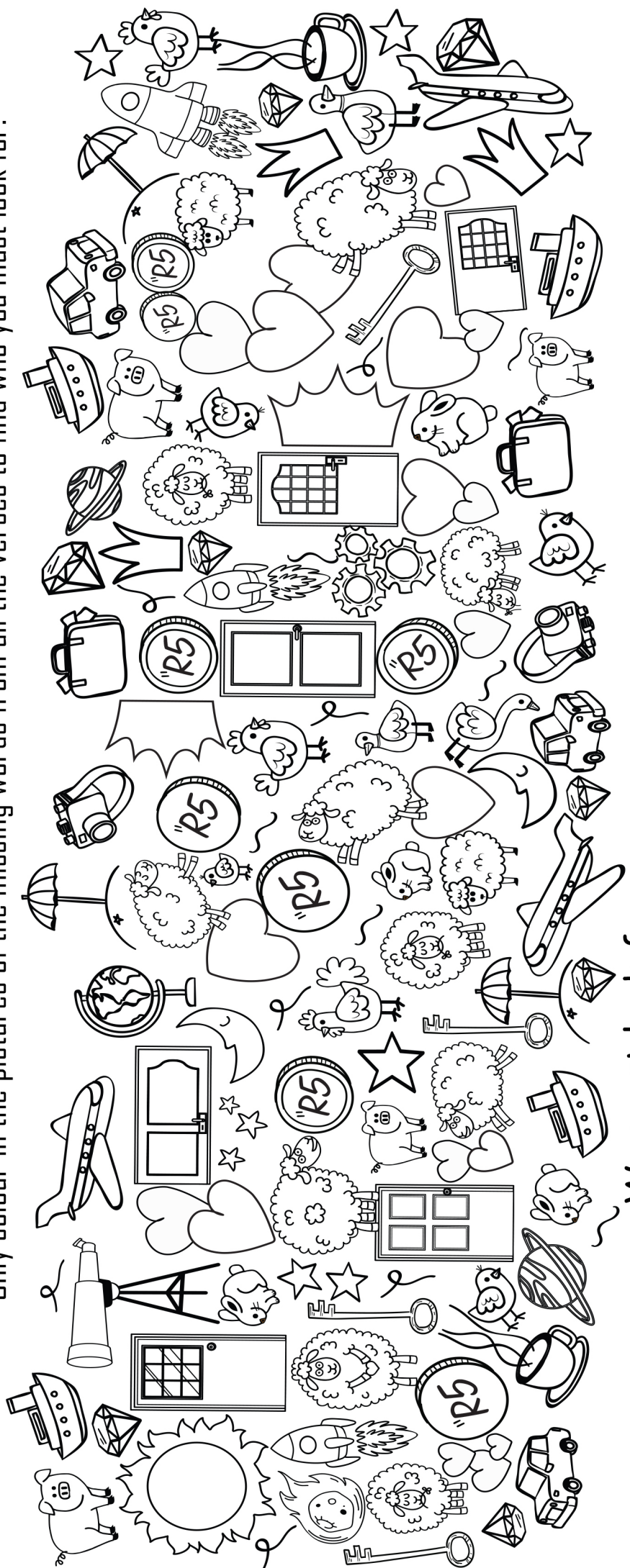
Luke 15: 3-7 "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost _____."

Luke 15: 8-10 "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost _____."

Matthew 7: 7-8 "Keep on knocking, and the _____ will be opened to you.

Jeremiah 29:11-14 "If you look for Me whole_____edly, you will find Me."

Only colour in the pictures of the missing words from all the verses to find who you must look for.



We must look for _____

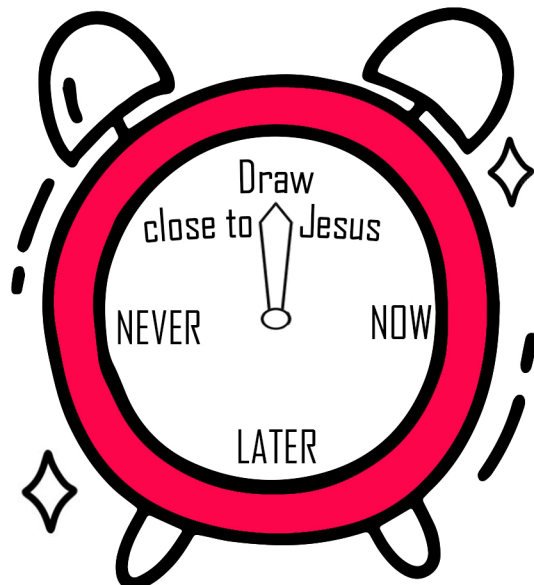
Read Luke 8:43-48. Cross out the words that do not belong to make the story true.

Jesus was surrounded by the crowds. ⁴³A woman in the crowd had suffered for **five days / twelve years** with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. ⁴⁴Coming up behind Jesus, she **touches/sewed** the fringe of His robe. **A week later/Immediately**, the bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵“Who touched Me?” Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, “Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against You.”

⁴⁶But Jesus said, “Someone

deliberately/accidentally touched Me, for I felt healing power go out from Me.” ⁴⁷When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of Him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched Him and that she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸“Daughter,” He said to her, “**Your faith/money** has made you well. Go in peace.”



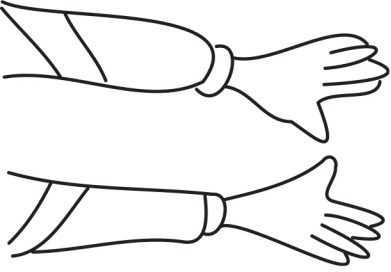
For twelve ~~years~~ the lady had suffered with no one being able to make her better. Who did she need to be healed? _____

When we wait to come to Jesus we can miss out on many things. We can miss out on knowing Him more, being part of His plans and helping others know and love Him too.

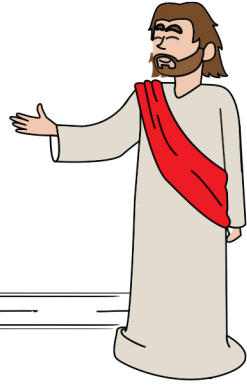
Draw in the clock hand to show when we should come to Jesus.

Don't wait, draw close to Jesus

NOW



The lady got close enough to **touch** Jesus' hem. Even though Jesus is perfect and the King of all kings, He wants us to draw close to Him. He does not want a distant relationship.

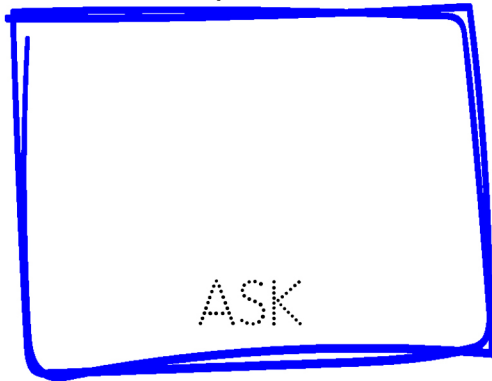


Draw how close you want to be to Jesus.



Only Jesus can make something change **immediately**. Jesus wants us to rely on Him. Read Matthew 7:7-8 to see what He tells us to do.

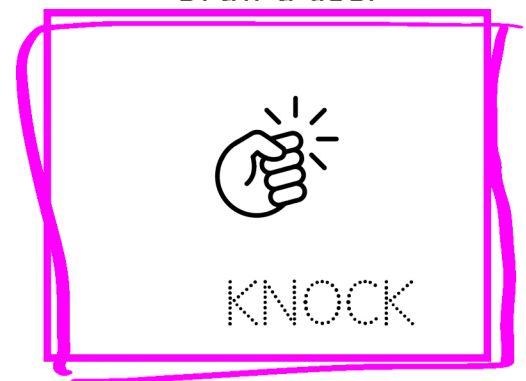
Draw a speech bubble



Draw eyes

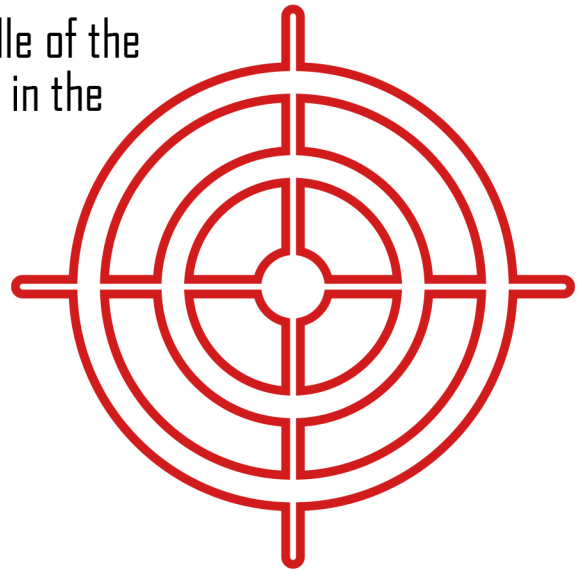


Draw a door



Close your eyes and try and draw an "X" in the middle of the target. Now open your eyes and deliberately draw it in the right place.

The woman pushed through the crowd and **deliberately** reached out to Jesus. In the same way we need to make the choice to draw close to Jesus. We need to be deliberate.



What will you deliberately do to draw close to Jesus?

Just like a hungry mosquito doesn't give up no matter what you try, we need to be persistent in getting to know Jesus.

Follow the mosquito's trail to work out the verse and write it below.

Psalm 34:8



Taste

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and



Lord

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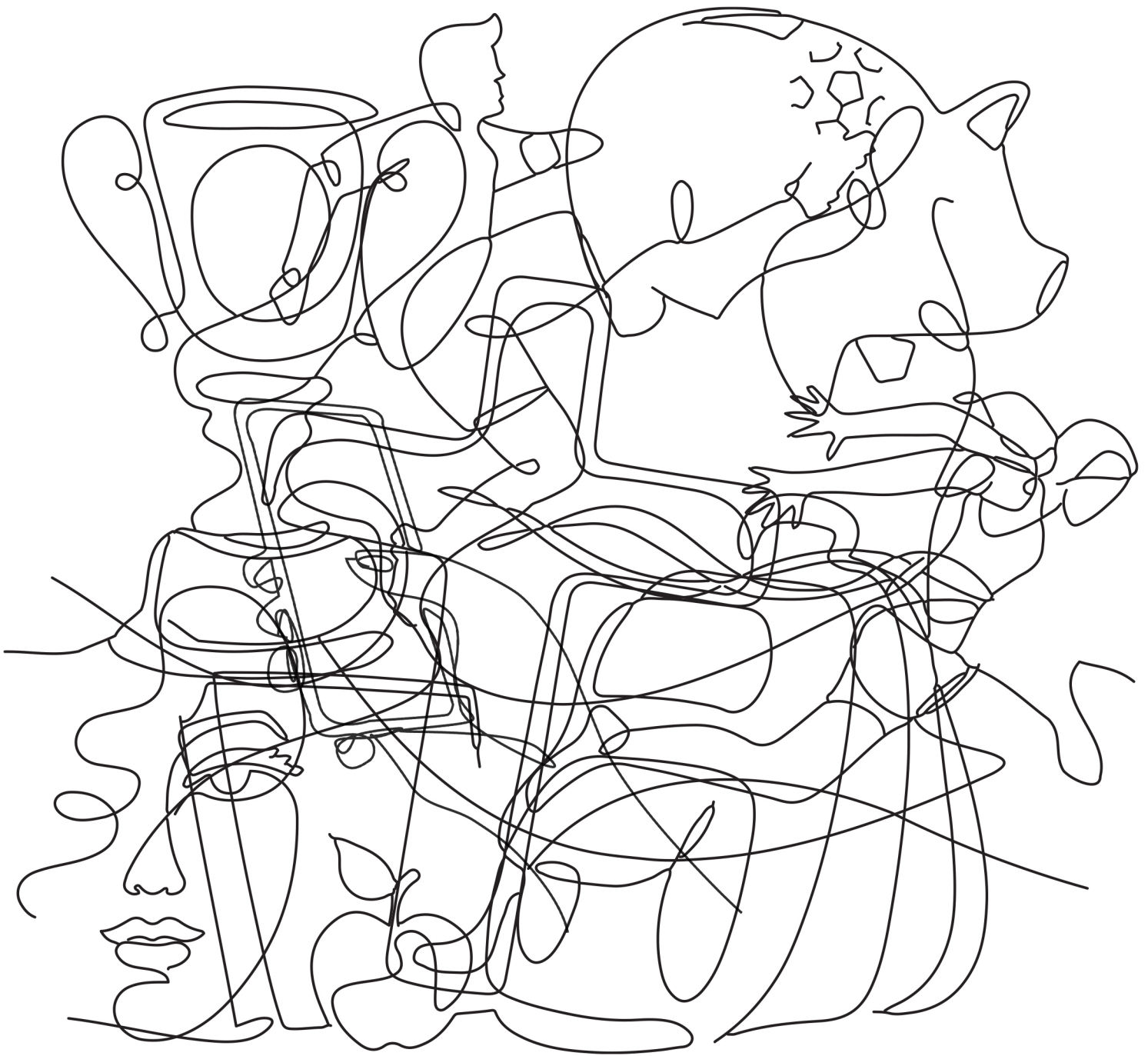
see

that



good





What can you see? _____

Why is it so hard to see the pictures? _____

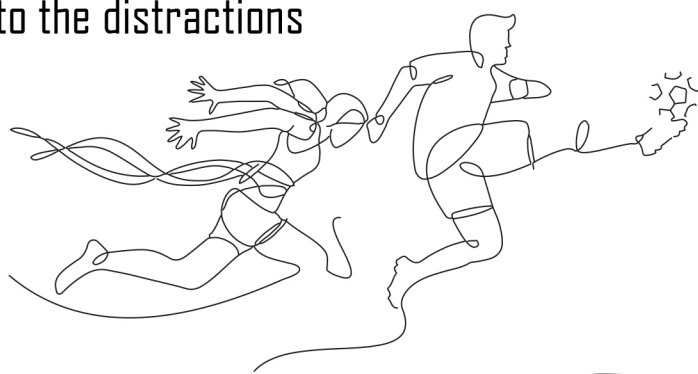
God wants us to look for who He is, how He wants us to live, who we are to Him and what His plans are for us. If we are looking for so many other things instead, they can easily distract us.

If you had to remove all the distractions, colour in what you would see.

While it's not bad wanting or spending time doing these things they should not distract us from knowing and loving Jesus.

Match the line drawings to the distractions

I NEED TO BE THE BEST AT EVERYTHING IN MY CLASS



I SPEND ALL OF MY TIME DOING SPORT AND EXTRA-MURALS

I SPEND LOTS OF TIME ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND GAMING



I WANT TO WIN EVERYTHING AND I WORK HARD AT BEING THE BEST



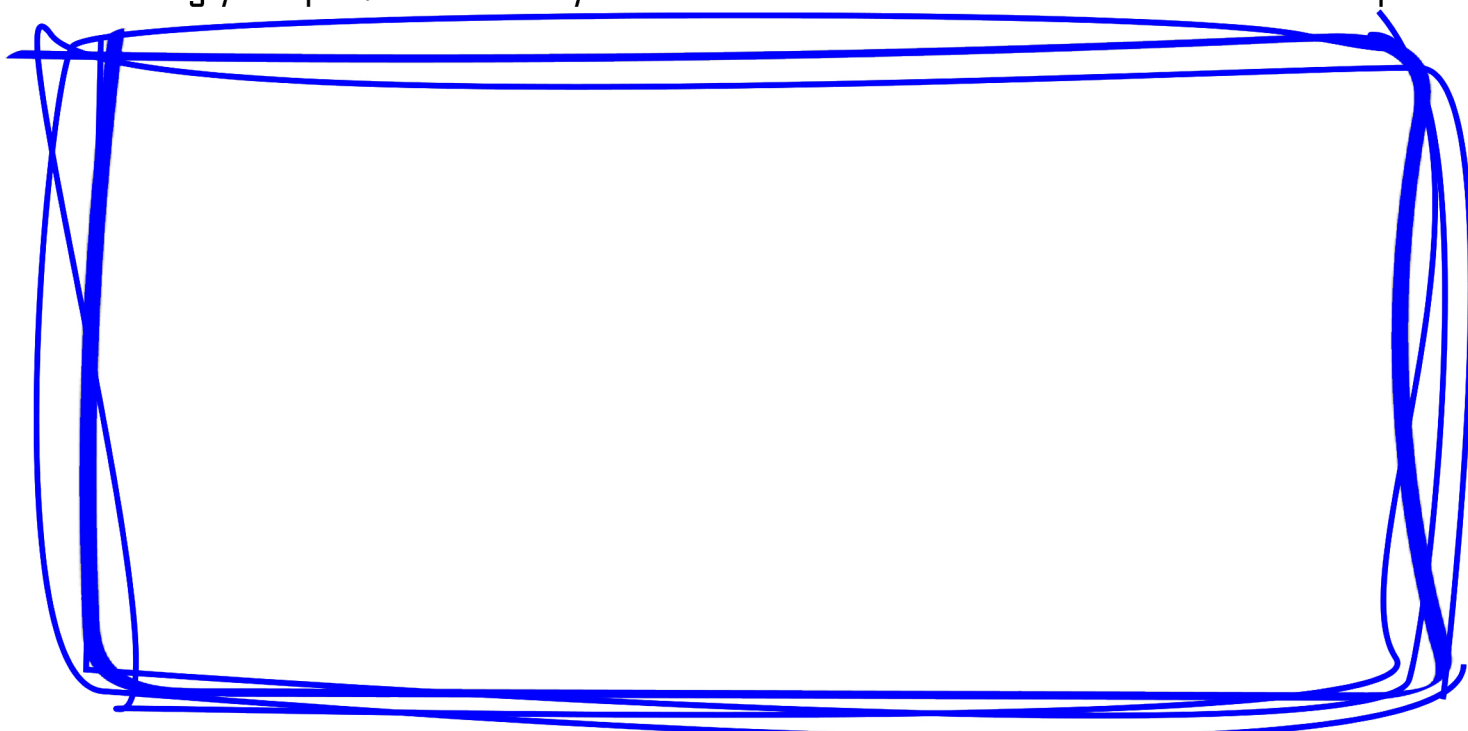
BEING POPULAR. MY APPEARANCE AND LOOKING GOOD IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME



I WANT TO HAVE A LOT OF MONEY. I WILL SPEND TIME MAKING LOTS OF MONEY



Without lifting your pen, draw what you will do to show Jesus that He is the most important.



DRAW CLOSE TO JESUS TO FIND YOUR IDENTITY

Write what God says about you inside the outline of the person

I say...

I am afraid.

I feel overwhelmed.

I can't figure it out.

I can't be used by God.

I can't forgive myself.

It will never get better.

It's too tough.

I can only see problems.

I am not loved.

I am not able.

I am fearful.

I don't have what it takes.

I feel lost.

The temptations are too great.

God says...

Don't fear, I'm with you. (Isaiah 41:10)

I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Trust me. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

I will give you strength.
(Philippians 4:13)

I forgive you. (Romans 8:1)

I will use this for good.

Romans
8:28)

My grace is sufficient.
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

Focus on my eternal plan.
(2 Corinthians 4:18)

I love you.
(Romans 8:38-39)

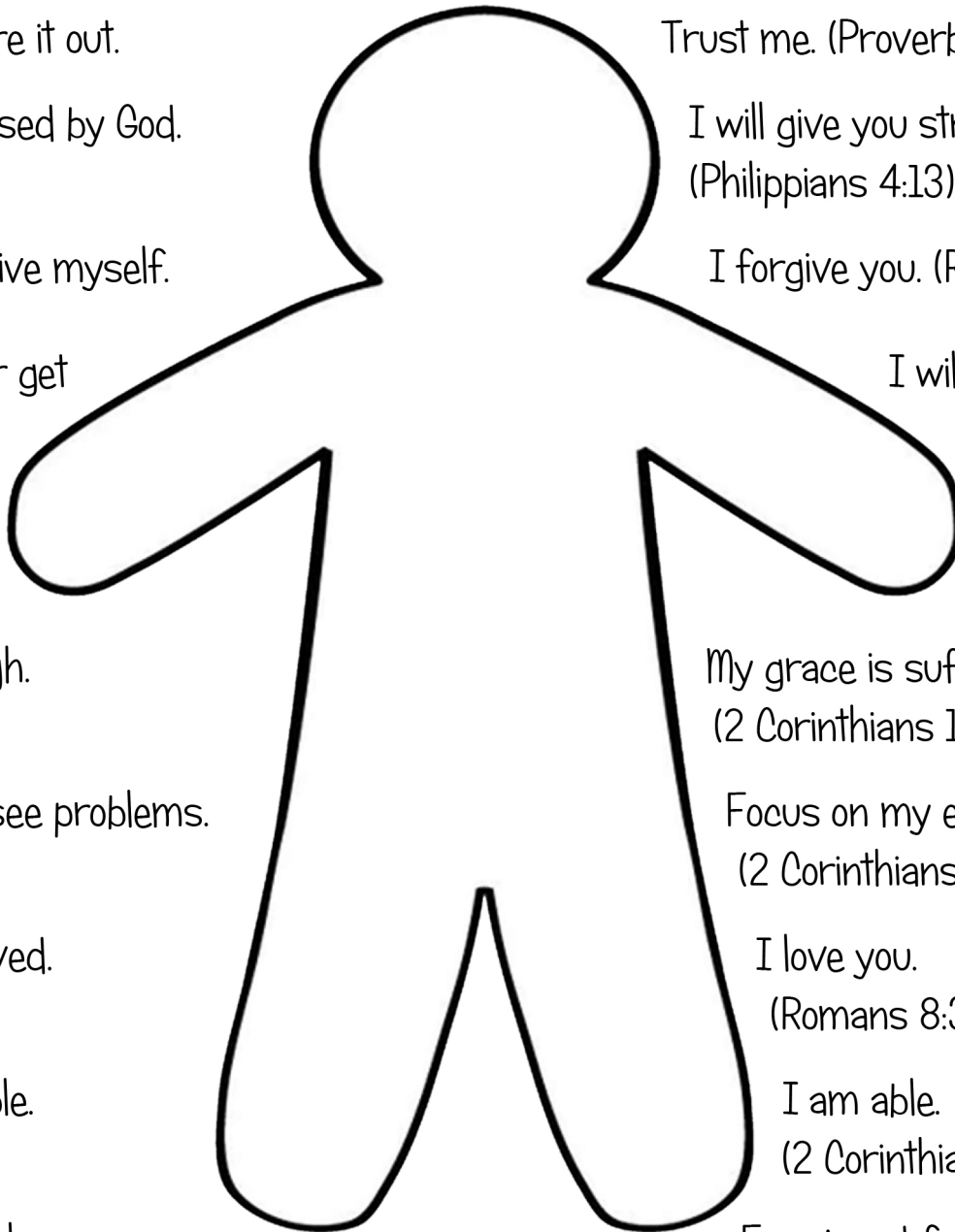
I am able.
(2 Corinthians 9:8)

Fear is not from Me.
(2 Timothy 1:7)

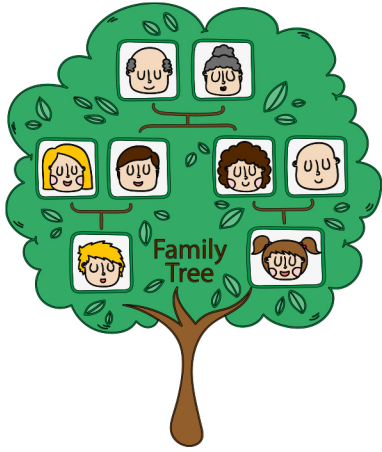
I have unlimited resources. (Ephesians 3:16)

I will guide you. (Psalm 32:8)

I will show you a way out. (1 Corinthians 10:13)



Paul once thought that the following things were really valuable.



He came from an important and rich family. He was a Hebrew and King Saul, Queen Esther, Joseph and other well known people were his relatives.

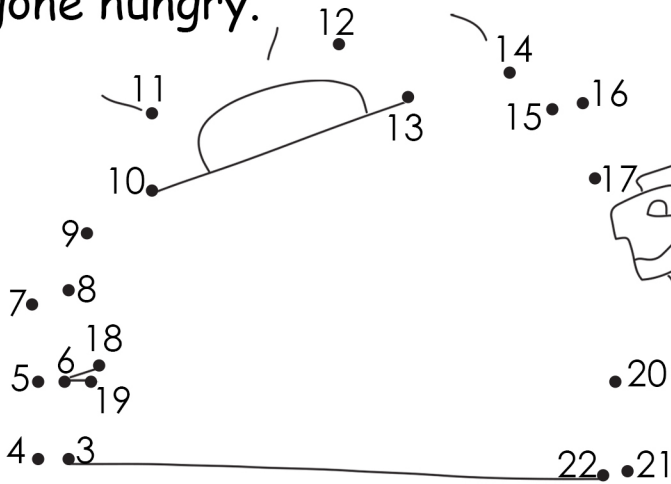


He followed every rule that there was in the Jewish law and he even made sure that others followed the law too.



He was well educated. He was trained really well. He knew Hebrew and knew all the laws and the messages God had sent in the Old Testament.

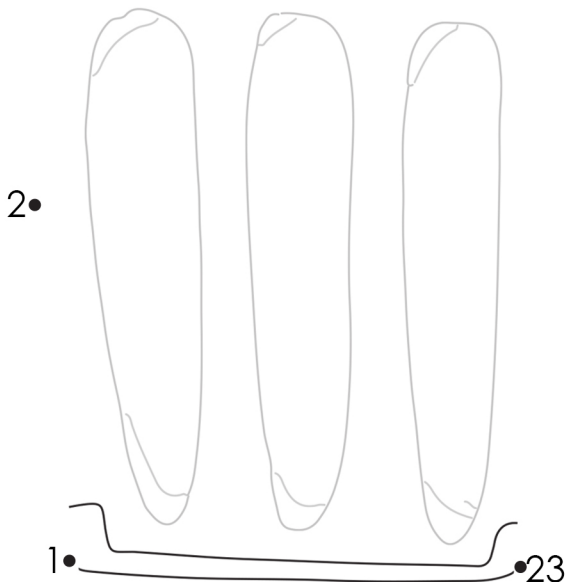
He worked very hard. He had even been shipwrecked, whipped, stoned, jailed, robbed and gone hungry.



But then Paul's story changed. He now considered these things worthless and even like

_____.

Read Philippians 3:7-9
What made Paul think of these things as worthless garbage?



Scratch out what can be considered as garbage to tell others.
Draw a speech bubble around what is important to tell others.

God died for us while we were sinners

I am a good person

We are children of God because of Jesus.

Pray about everything

I have lots of friends

I wear the latest clothes

I am clever

~~I have nice hair~~

Nothing can separate us from God's love

The Gospel has power

Rely on what Jesus has done for us

Rejoice in the Lord

I have an important family

Believe in Jesus and you will be saved

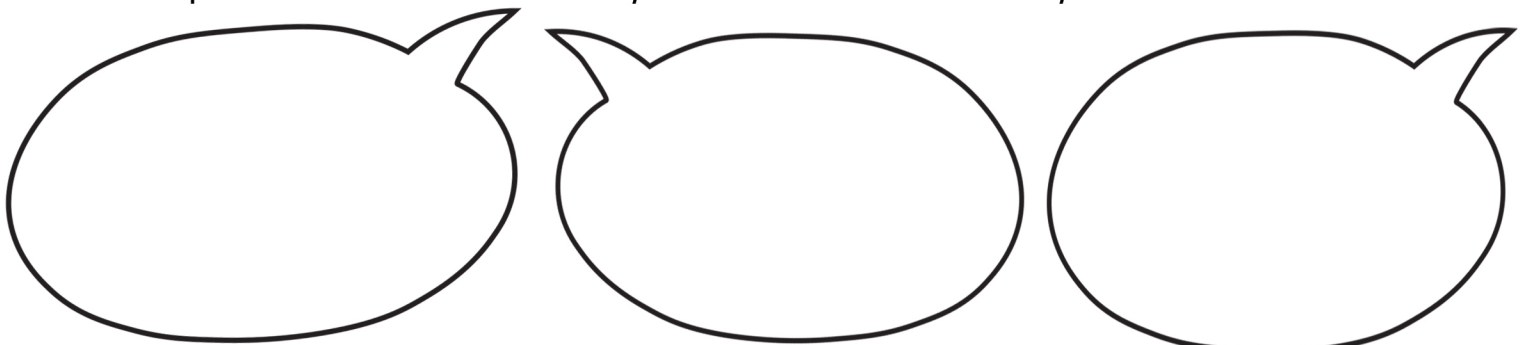
I am rich

Jesus makes us righteous

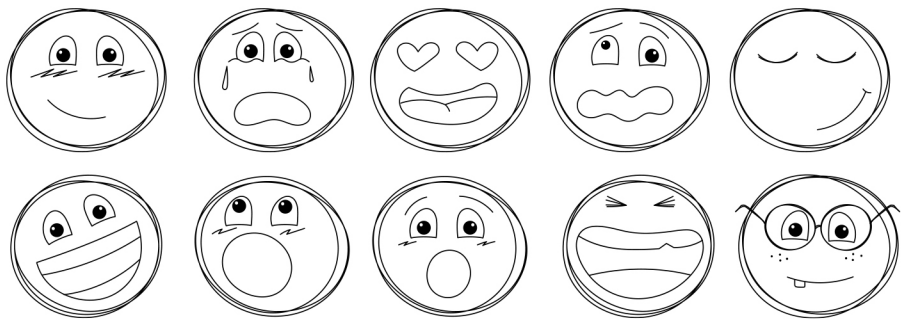
My muscles are big

God chose me to tell others about what Jesus has done

In the speech bubbles write what you can tell others so they can know Jesus too.



No matter
how you feel,
what you have done
or where you are,
you can **ALWAYS**
come to Jesus



These are some of the reasons why it is important for us to know Jesus and to draw close to Him.

S

Jesus is our **SAVIOUR** and we come to Him for **SALVATION** from our sins. Jesus is the **ONLY** one who can take away our sins. Jesus is the **ONLY** way to eternal life with God in Heaven. (John 3:16-17, John 14:6)

SALVATION

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Jesus is our **CREATOR** and so we come to Him to for our **IDENTITY**. People, social media, our own opinions and even the whole world will try and tell us what we must be like. Draw close to Jesus so He can tell you who He has made you to be. Follow Jesus as He is the perfect role model. (Psalm 139:13, Ephesians 5:2)

IDENTITY

N

Jesus is our **PROVIDER** and we come to Him for all our **NEEDS**. Whether we need physical things like food or healing, spiritual help like understanding or wisdom or emotional needs like comfort and joy, we can always come to Jesus. He is generous to give us everything we need. (2 Corinthians 9:8, Philippians 4:19)

NEEDS

G

Jesus is our **GUIDE** and we come to Him for **GUIDANCE** He guides us away from sin and towards loving and serving God. He leads us into the good plans and deeds He has prepared for us. He leads us to make good choices. He has filled us with the Holy Spirit to live in us and guide us every day. (Psalm 32:8, Romans 8:14)

GUIDANCE

KNOWING JESUS MAKES US WANT TO SING

Our testimony is our story of what we personally know and experience about Jesus and what He has done for us. My story is different to your story. But in all of our stories there is one thing that is the same. Jesus is the hero of every story!

Write your personal story so you can share it with someone else so they can know and love Jesus too.



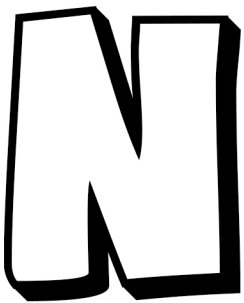
Jesus is my Saviour.

SALVATION



Jesus is my creator.

IDENTITY



Jesus is my provider.

NEEDS



Jesus is my guide.

GUIDANCE

Jesus
has said
to me...

