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A Bible study designed to help us understand where we stand in God's sight.

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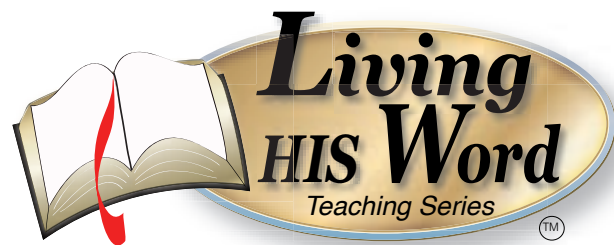
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Most of the questions have two pictures. One of them is the right answer, the other is not the right answer. Think about the question and choose your answer carefully.


If you like to color - color the right answer.
If you do not like to color - or just do not want to - just cross out the wrong answer.
It is your choice how you do it. Do not rush through just to get done.

The Bible gives answers to a lot of questions we have about God, Jesus, and ourselves.

We hope you enjoy this study.

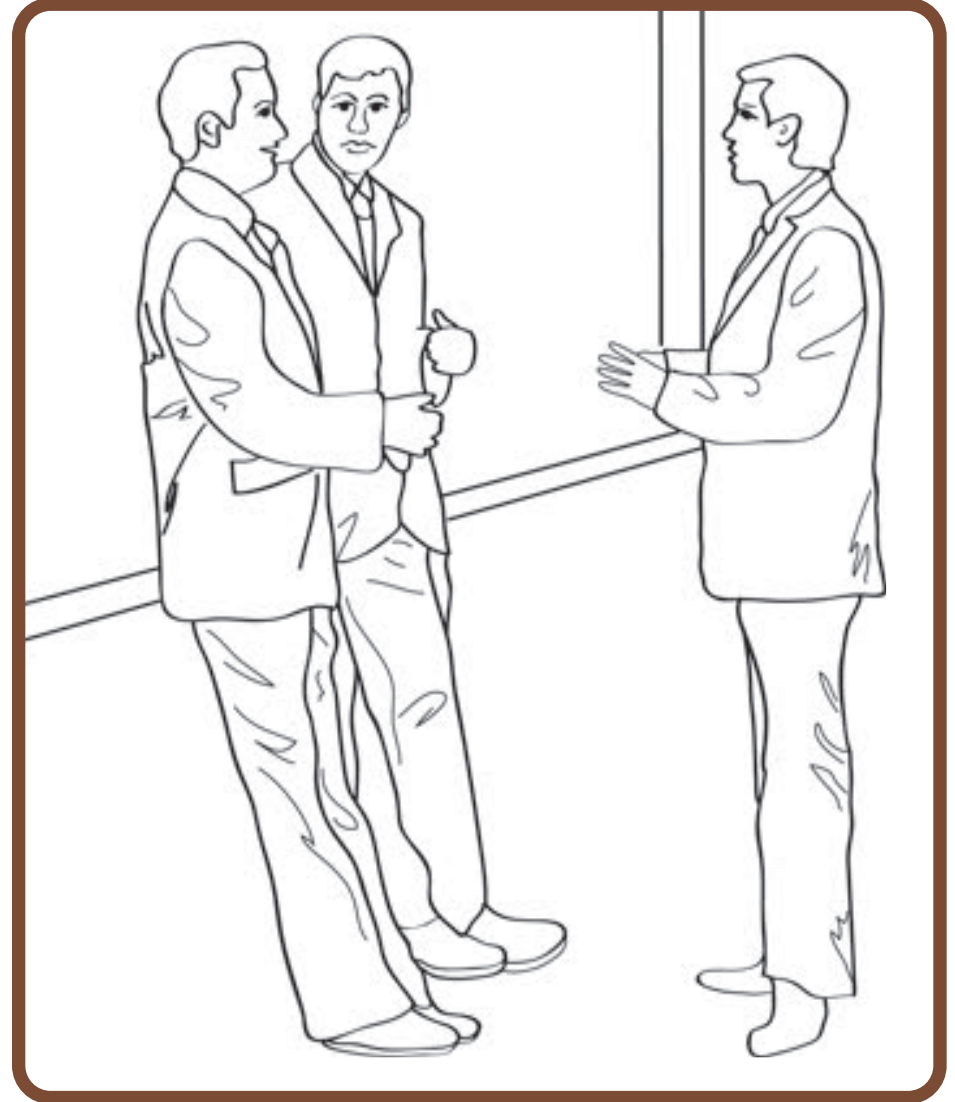
Lesson 1

Who is
Jesus?

An open Bible with a red bookmark, resting on grass with daisies under a blue sky. The Bible is open to a page with text, and a red bookmark is visible in the center. The background is a bright blue sky with a few clouds. The grass is green and has several white daisies with yellow centers.

And a voice spoke from Heaven. The voice said “**This (Jesus) is my Son and I love Him. I am very pleased with Him.**”

Matthew 3:17 (EVFD)



1. Is Jesus **God's Son** or just another person?

2. Most people say that Jesus was a good person.



Do you think
Jesus was a
good person?

Choose your answer.

____YES ____NO

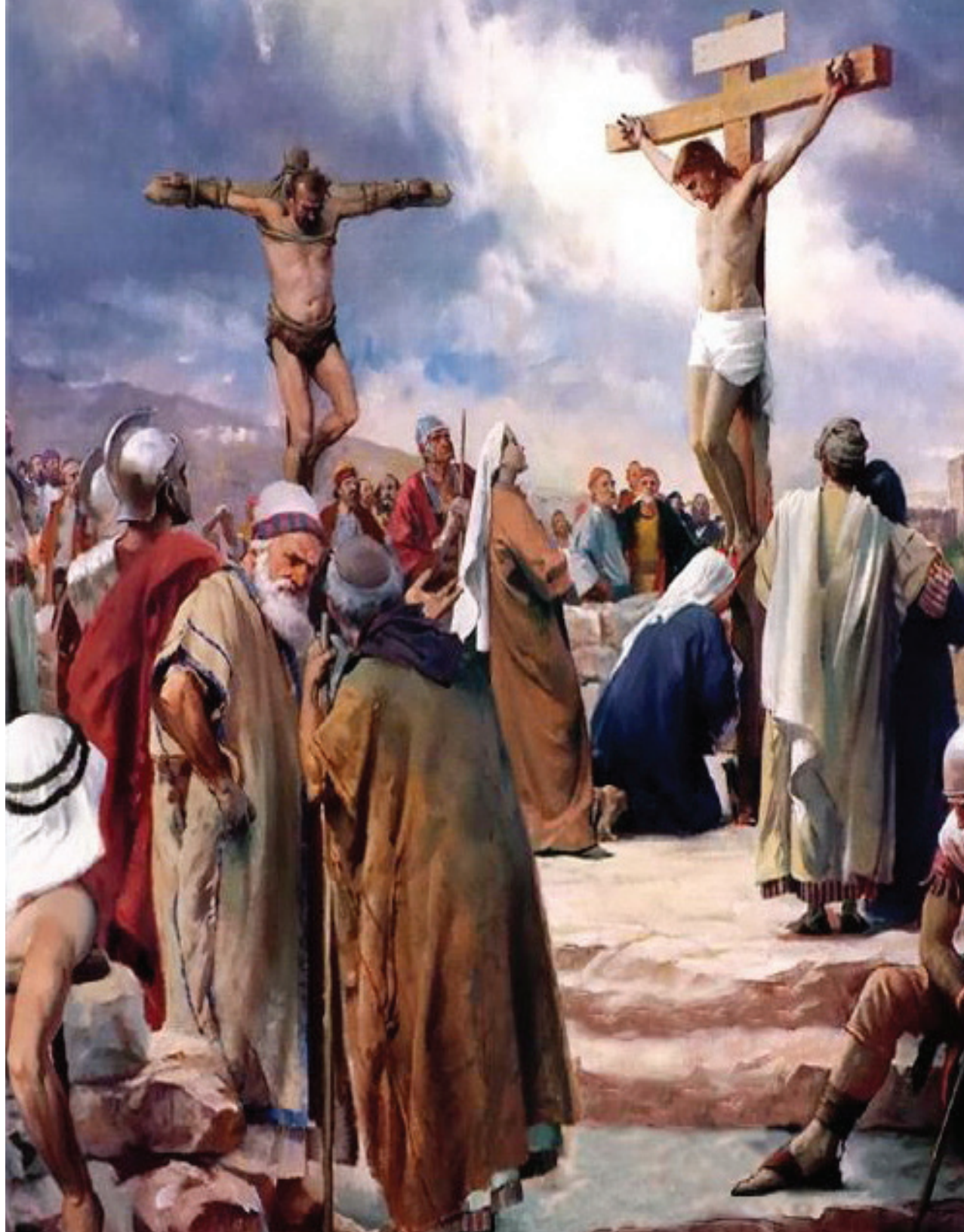


H I S T O R Y



3. History books tell us that Jesus lived. It is also a fact that Jesus died.

Everyone knows that Jesus died on a cross. That happened about 2000 years ago.



BUT . . .

Let's see what
happened next!

4. Three days after Jesus died He came back to life -- for real!

It was not make believe.

It was not pretend.

It was not fake.

He really did come back to life.

Many people saw Him.

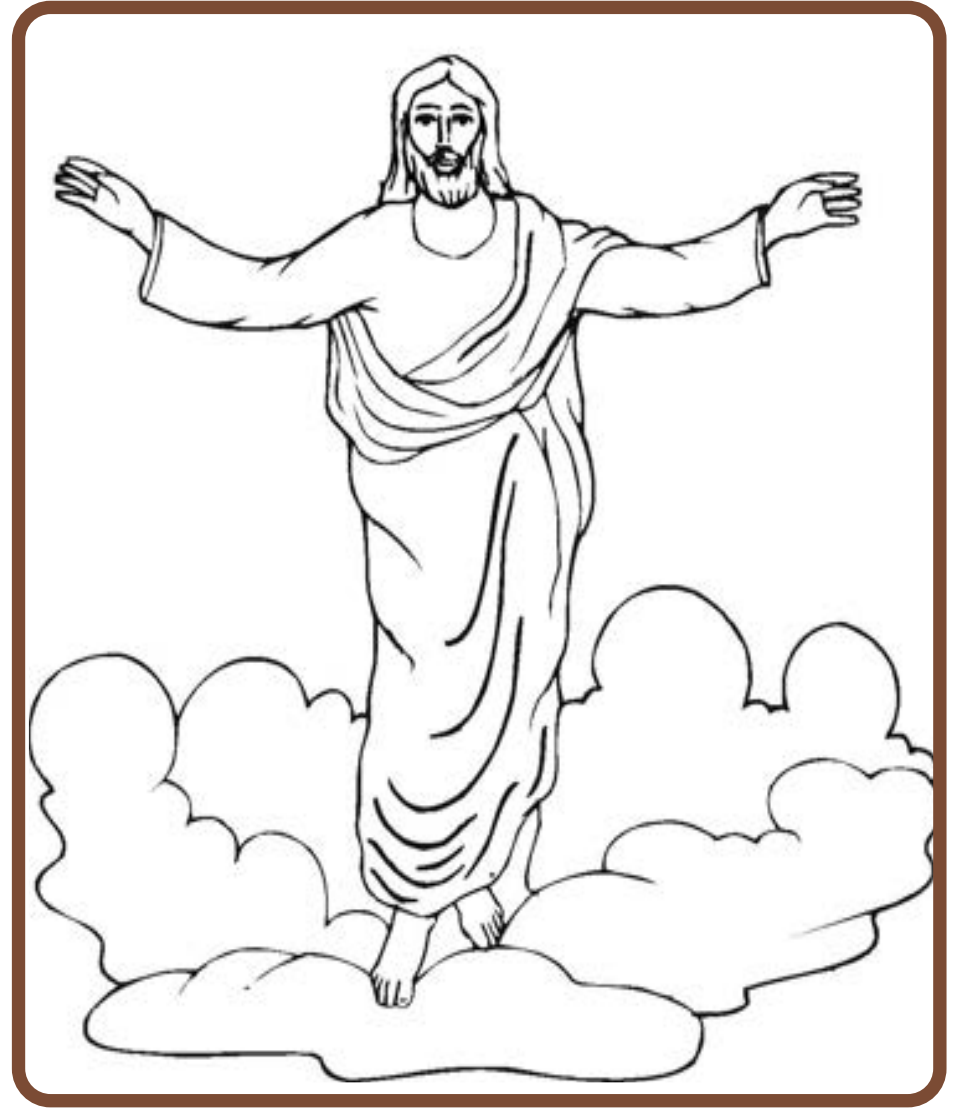
He was honestly alive!




An open Bible with a red bookmark, resting on grass with flowers under a bright sky. The Bible is open to Revelation 1:18A (EVFD). The text is centered on the pages. The background is a bright, clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The grass is green and has two small purple flowers in the foreground. The Bible is the central focus, with its pages slightly curved and the red bookmark visible in the gutter.

**I am the one who lives. I was dead,
but look! I am alive forever and ever.**

Revelation 1:18A (EVFD)



5. Is Jesus **alive** right now?

An open Bible with a red bookmark is the central focus, resting on a bed of green grass with two small purple flowers in the foreground. The background is a bright, clear blue sky with a soft white cloud in the upper right corner. The Bible's pages are filled with text, and the red bookmark is positioned in the center, pointing towards the text.

**All people are the
same.**

Romans 3:22B

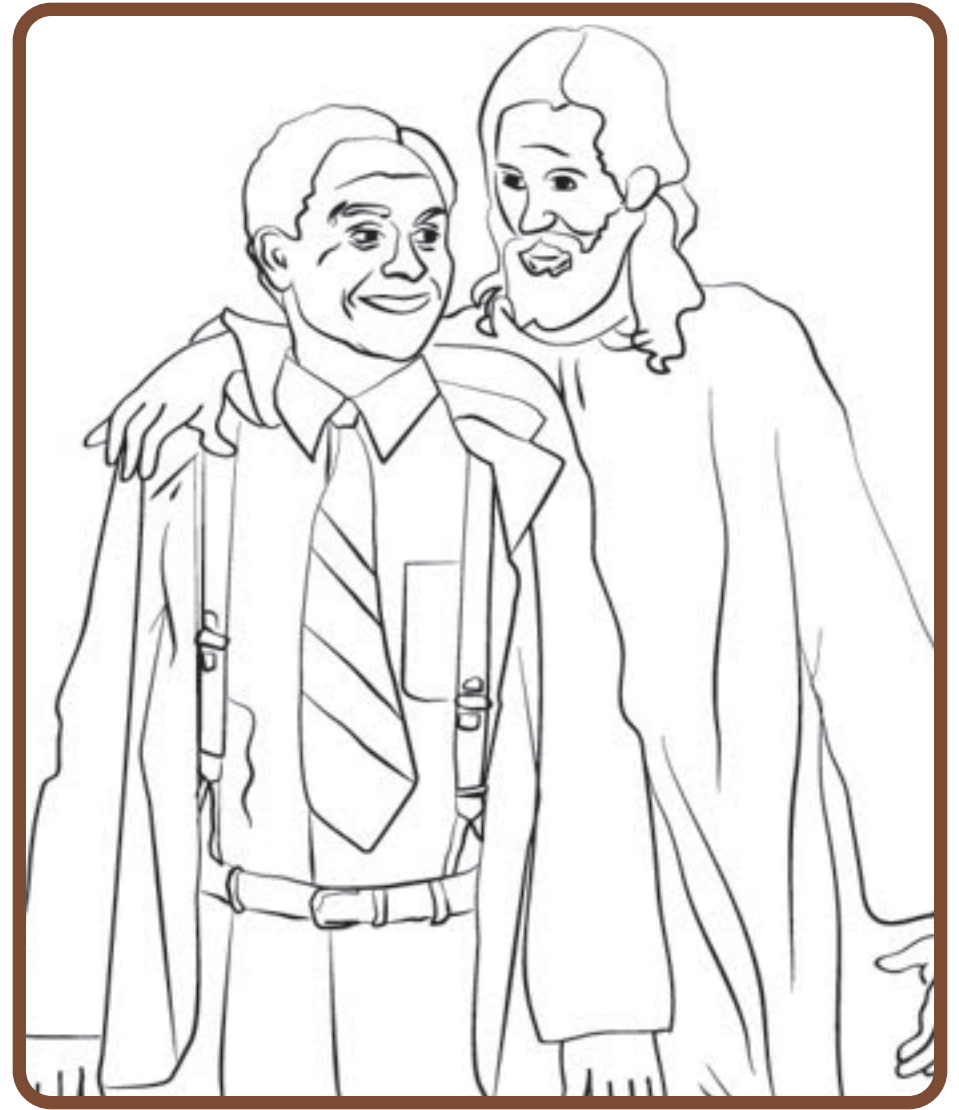
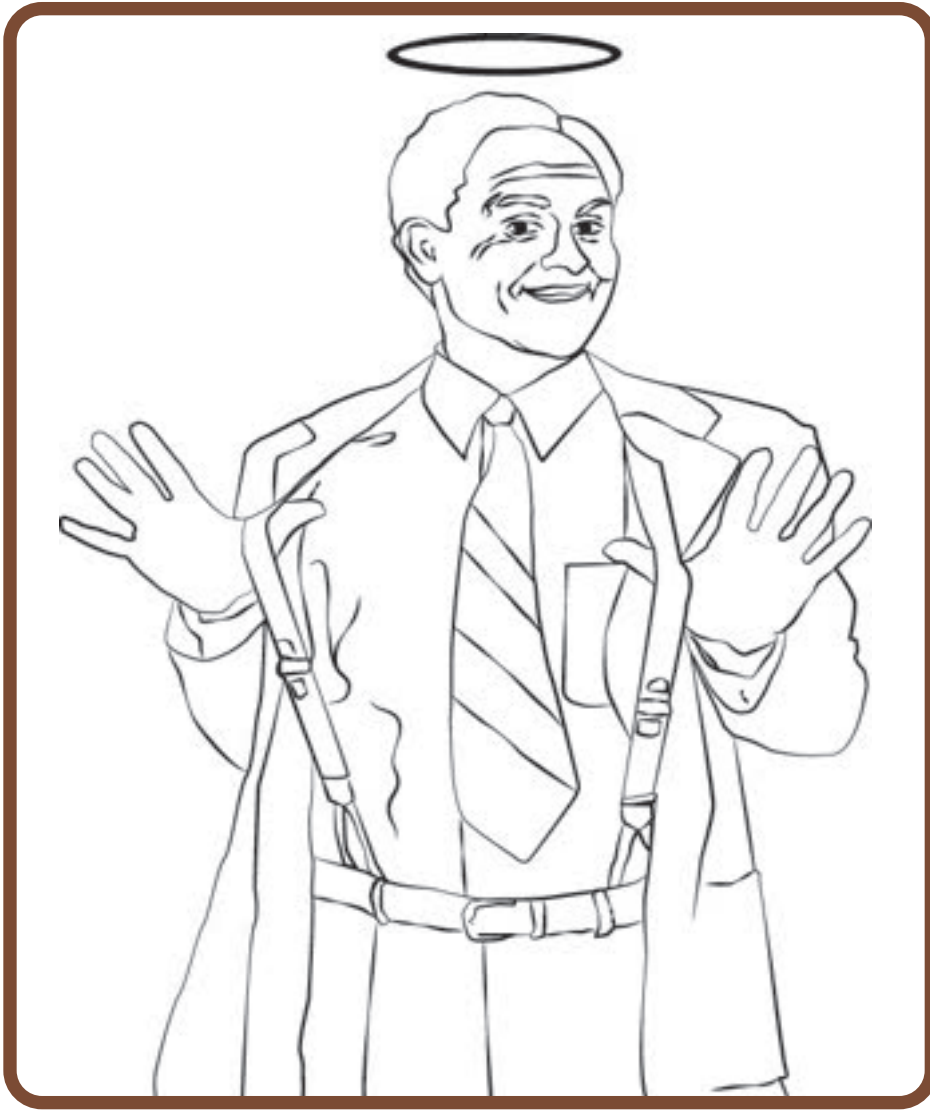


6. Can you be so worthless (without value) that Jesus does not want you?

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All people have sinned
and are not good enough for God's glory.

Romans 3:23 (EVFD)



7. Can you be so good that you do not need Jesus?

An open Bible with a red bookmark is the central focus, resting on a bed of green grass with two white daisies in the foreground. The Bible's pages are filled with text, and a bright light emanates from behind it, creating a glowing effect against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

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Romans 3:22B



8. As Jesus looks at you (and me), are we just as important to Him as anyone else?

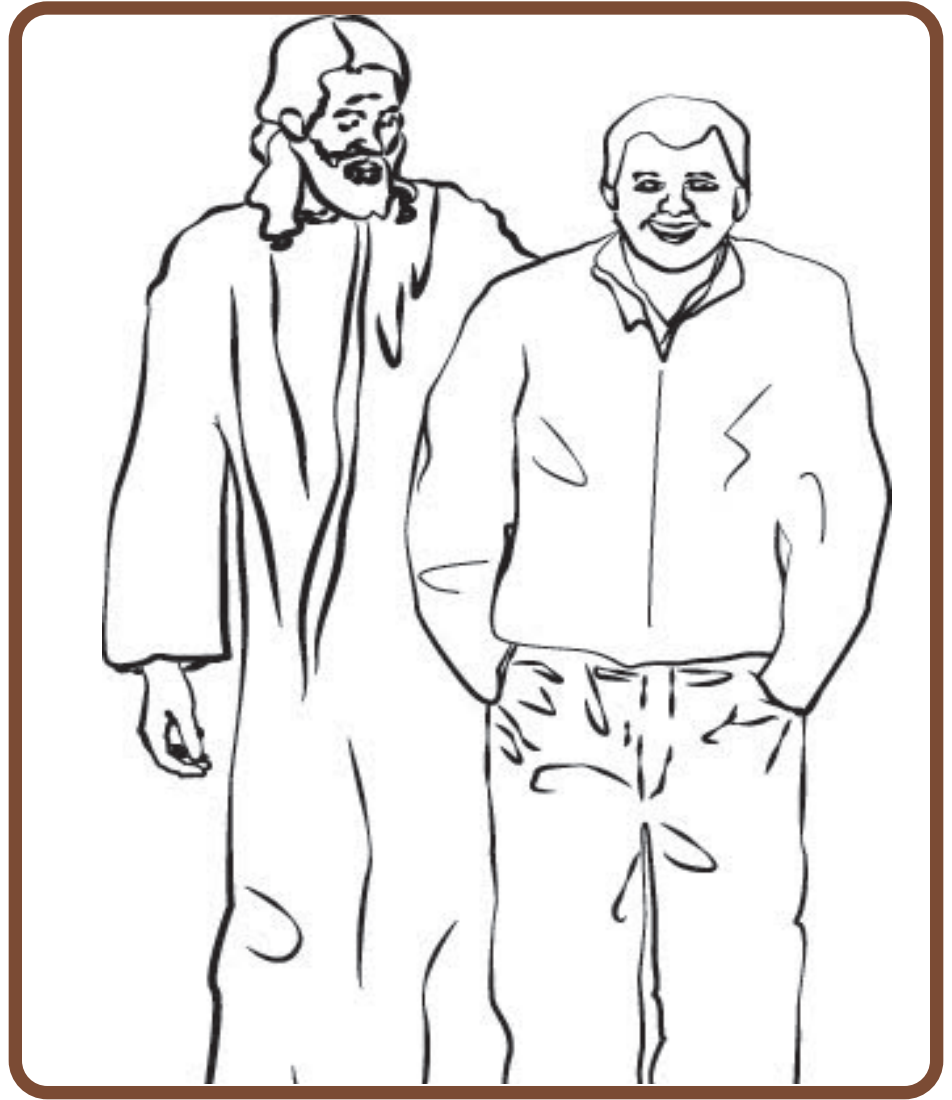


Because of His kindness you have been
saved through trusting Christ.

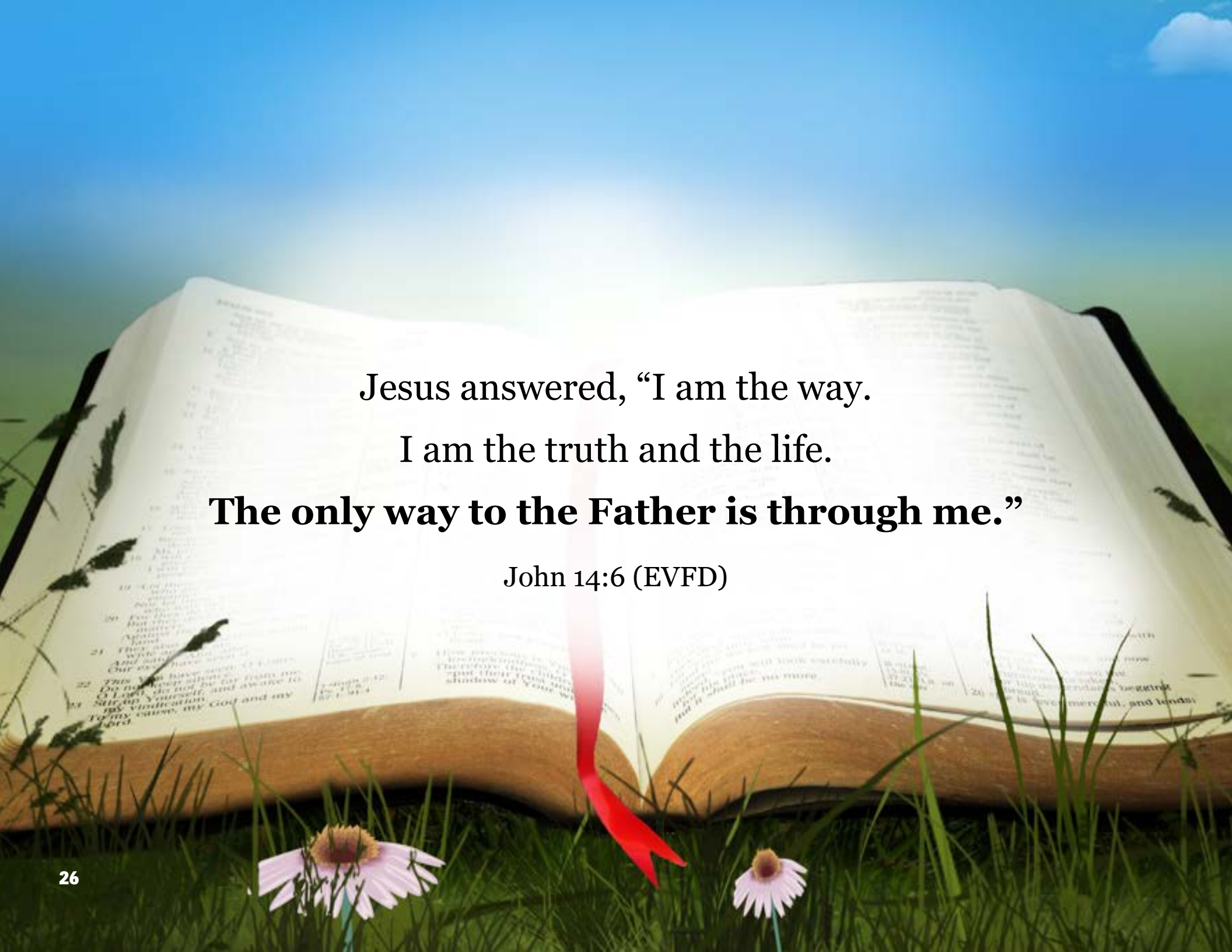
And even trusting is not of yourselves;
it too is a gift from God.

Salvation is not a reward for the good we have
done, so **none of us can take any credit for it.**

Ephesians 2:8-9 (TLB)

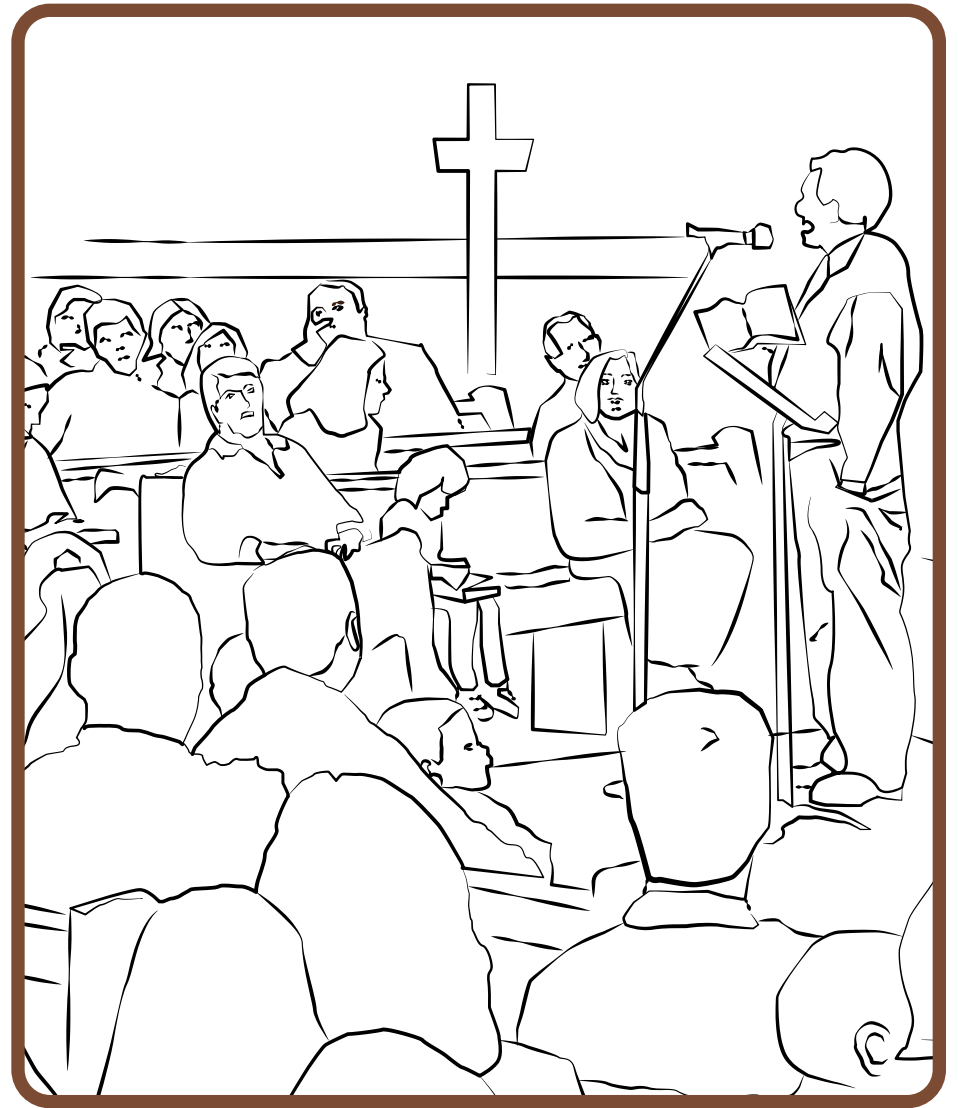
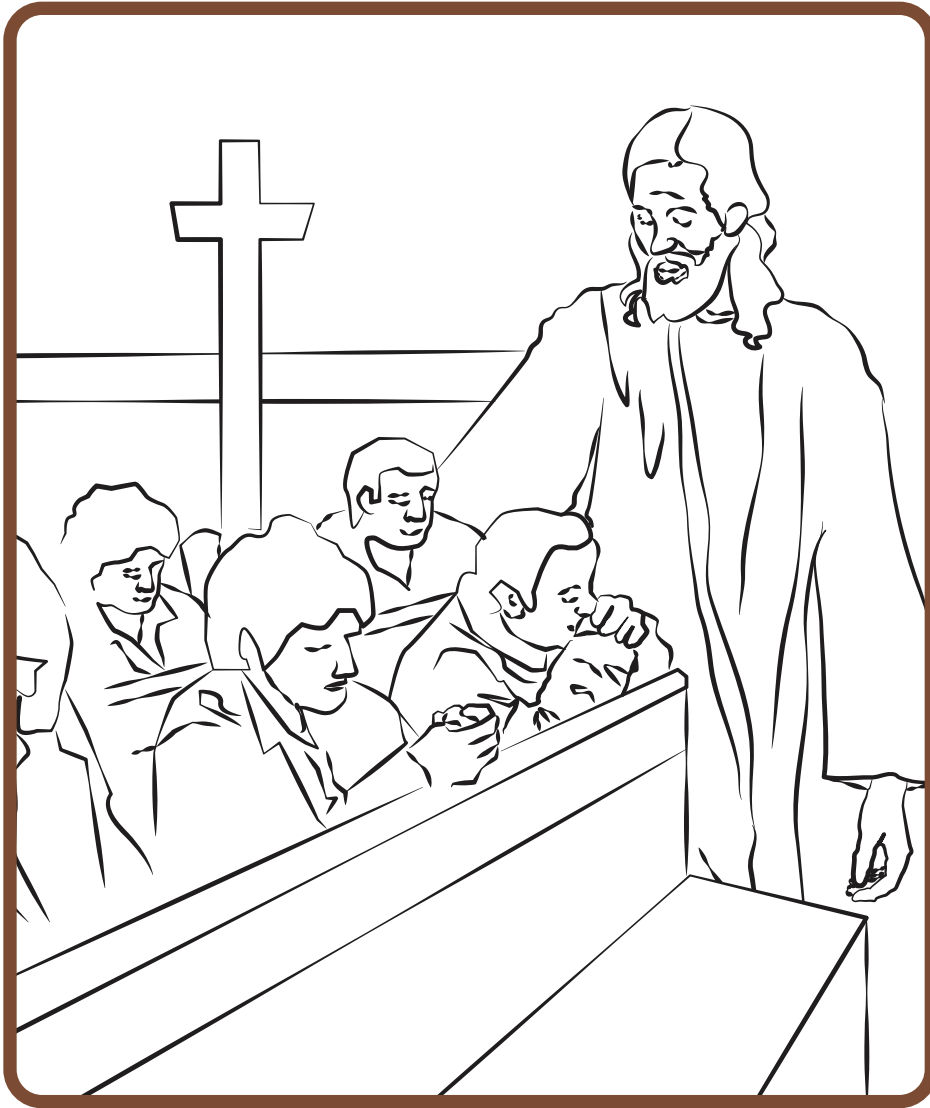


9. Can you earn life in Jesus?



Jesus answered, “I am the way.
I am the truth and the life.
The only way to the Father is through me.”

John 14:6 (EVFD)

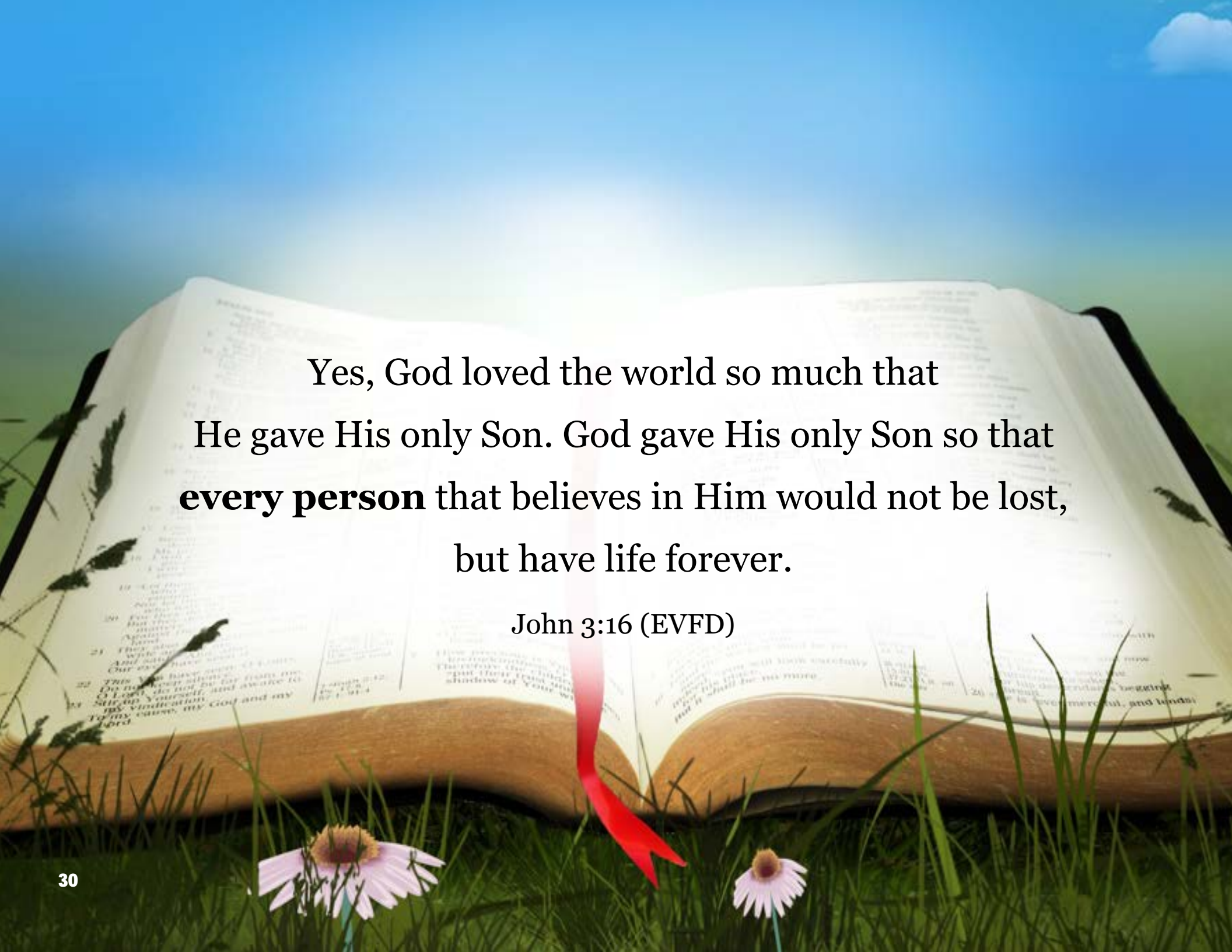


10. Can anyone else give you life in Jesus?

Lesson 2

Jesus
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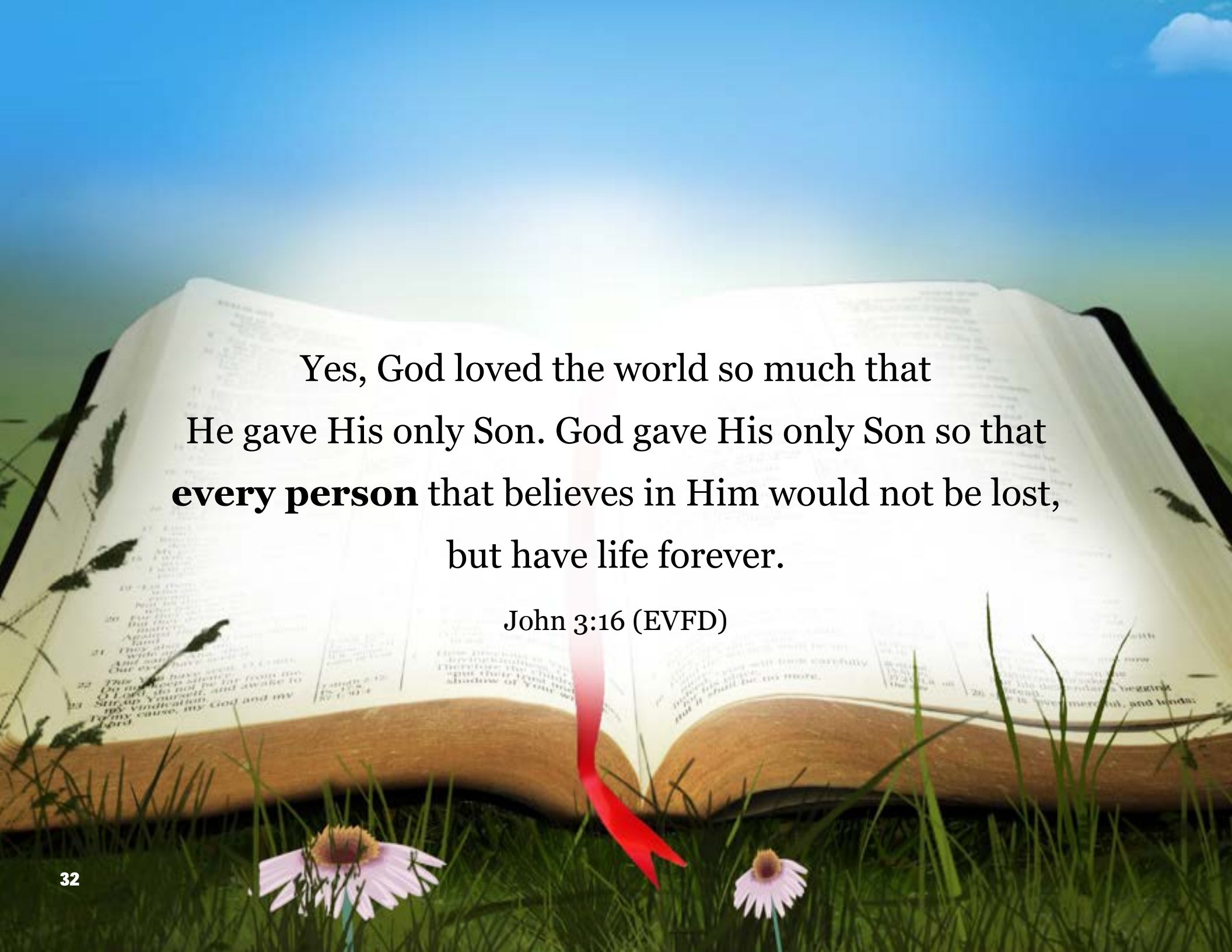
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Yes, God loved the world so much that
He gave His only Son. God gave His only Son so that
every person that believes in Him would not be lost,
but have life forever.

John 3:16 (EVFD)



1. Read John 3:16. Did Jesus love and die for the world (like grass and trees) or did he love and die for the **people** on it?

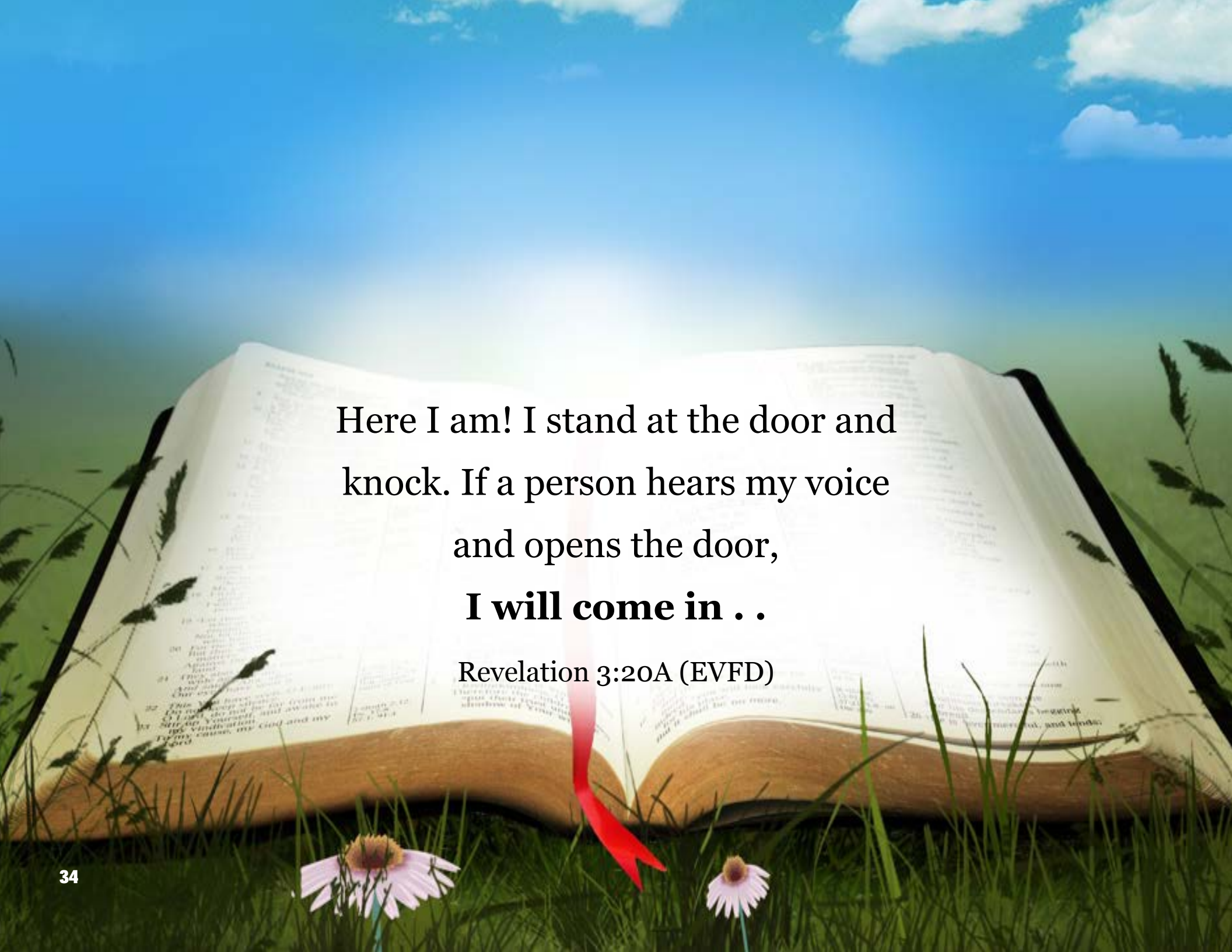
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John 3:16 (EVFD)



2. Are you one of the people Jesus loved in John 3:16?

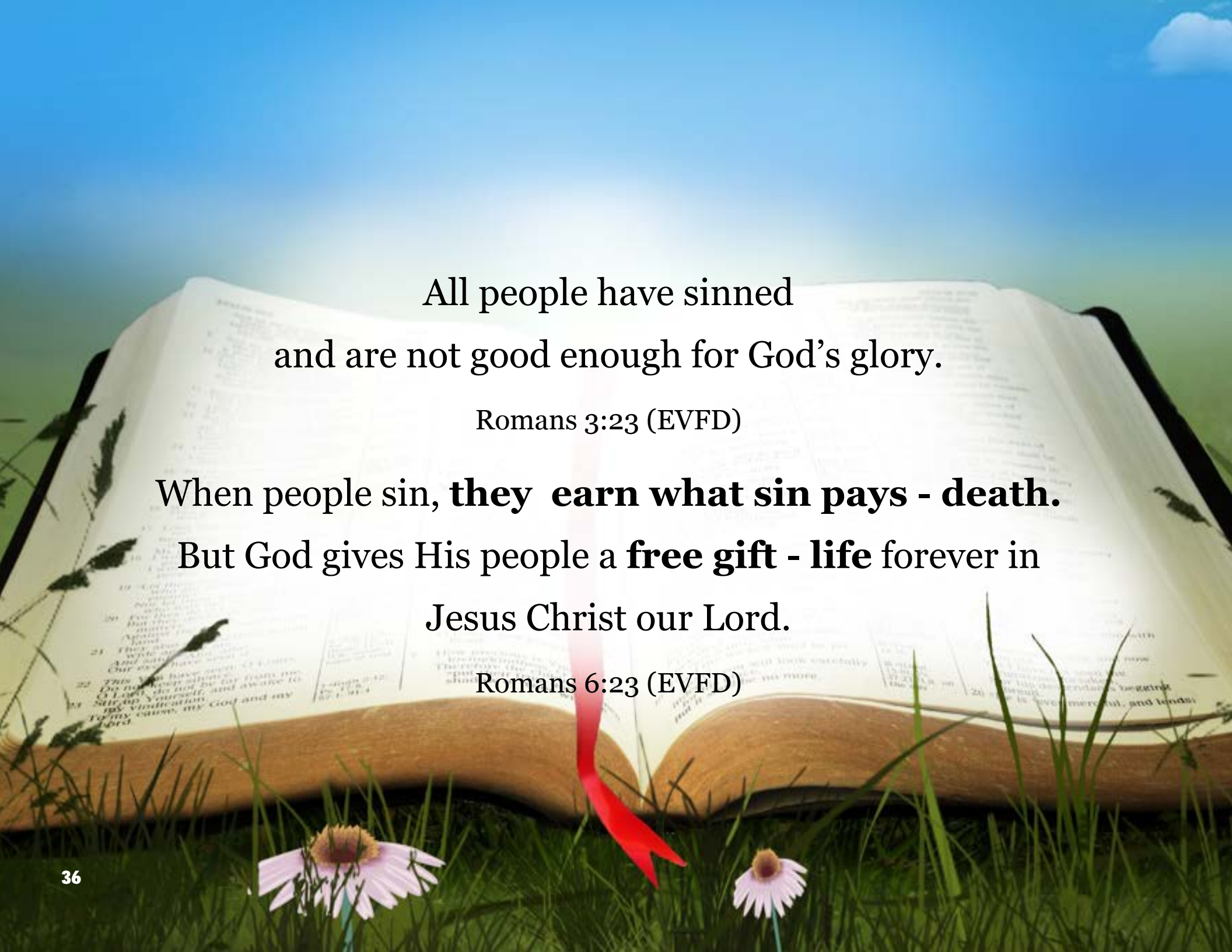


Here I am! I stand at the door and
knock. If a person hears my voice
and opens the door,
I will come in . .

Revelation 3:20A (EVFD)



3. Jesus loves you and wants you to be in His family. But there is one problem.



All people have sinned
and are not good enough for God's glory.

Romans 3:23 (EVFD)

When people sin, **they earn what sin pays - death.**

But God gives His people a **free gift - life** forever in

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23 (EVFD)



4. All of us have bad in us. Do you want to ask Jesus to take away the bad (SIN) in your heart?

To: _____

From: God

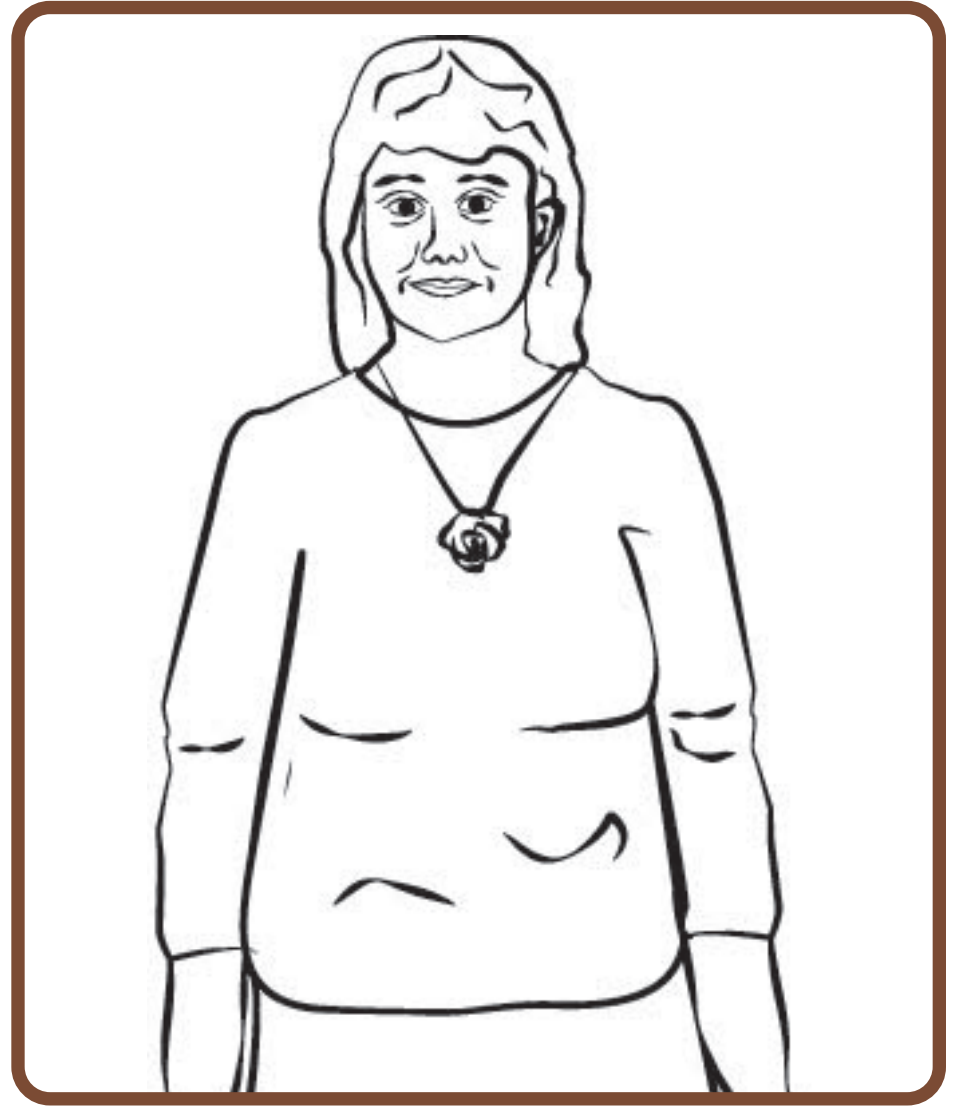


5. Jesus wants to give you the most wonderful present anyone has ever given you. **But you must take it.** He will not force it on you.

6. Jesus has offered you a free gift. That gift is eternal life. If you have invited Jesus to come into your heart and to live in your life, you have that gift and Jesus is living in your heart and life right now. You only have to do this once, because when Jesus comes in He stays forever.

“If you have never asked Jesus into your heart, would you like to do it right now? Ask your friend to help you.”

When someone gives you a gift it is polite to say “**Thank you.**”



6. Would you like to say thank you right now to Jesus for coming into your heart and living in your life? Even if you have already done this, you can say thank you again.

Write or draw a letter to Jesus if you want to thank Him for giving you life forever.



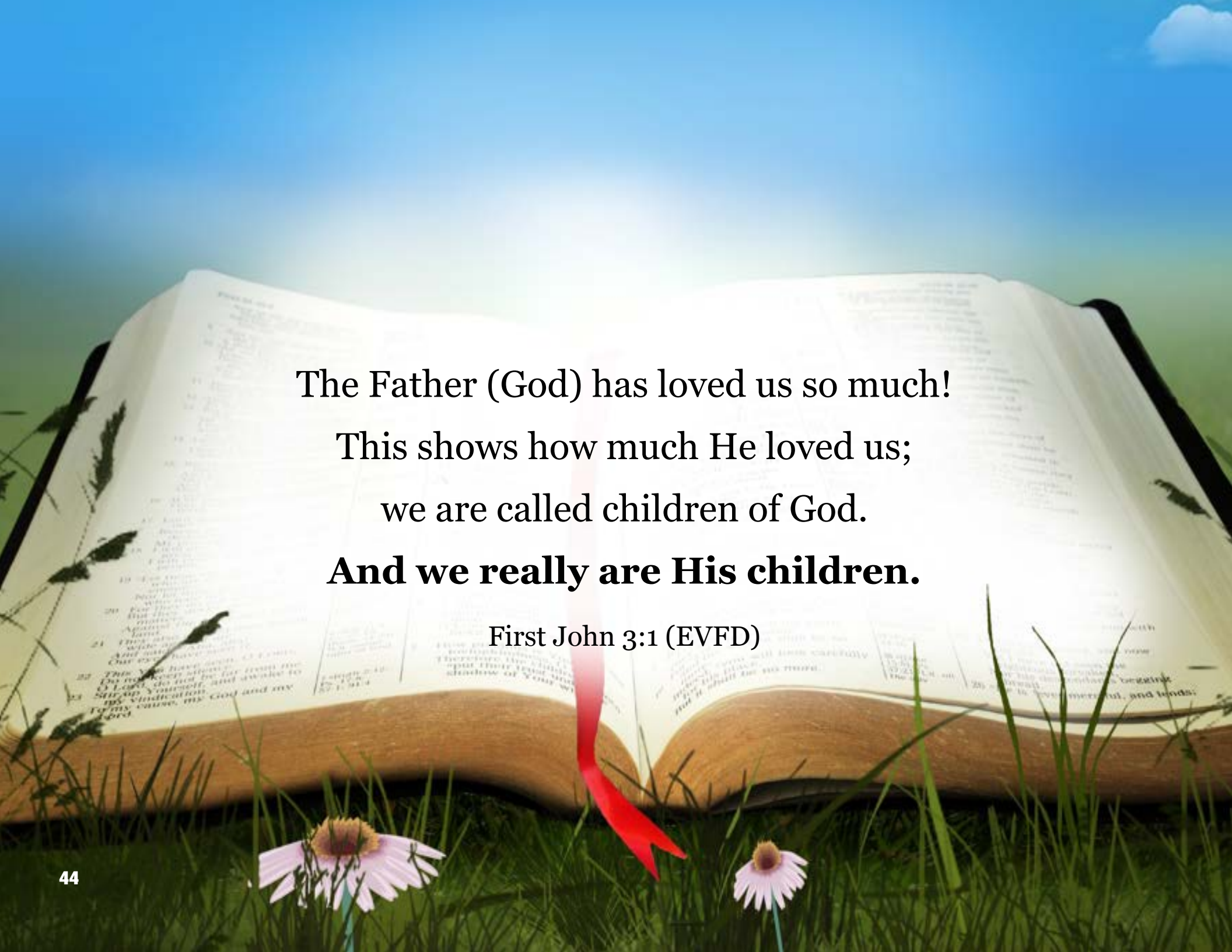
MY THANK YOU LETTER TO JESUS

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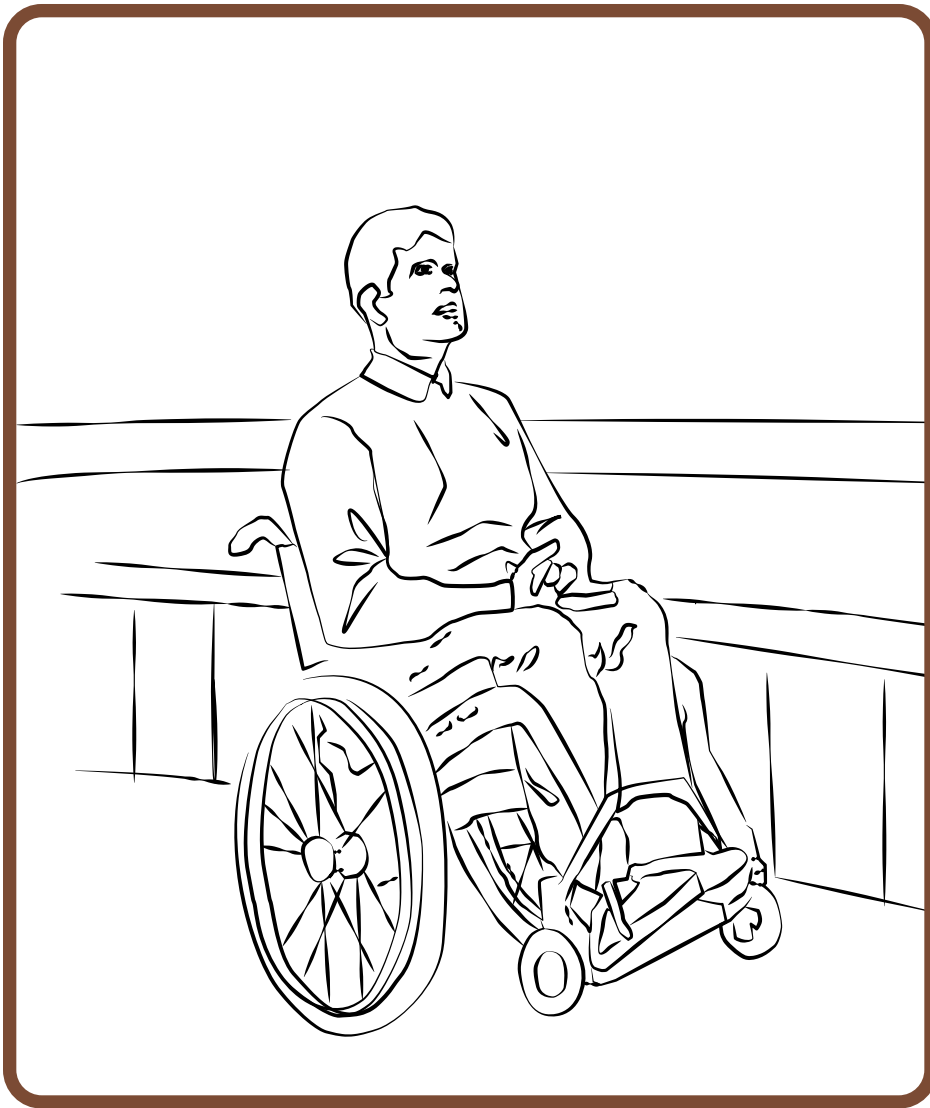
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You Are
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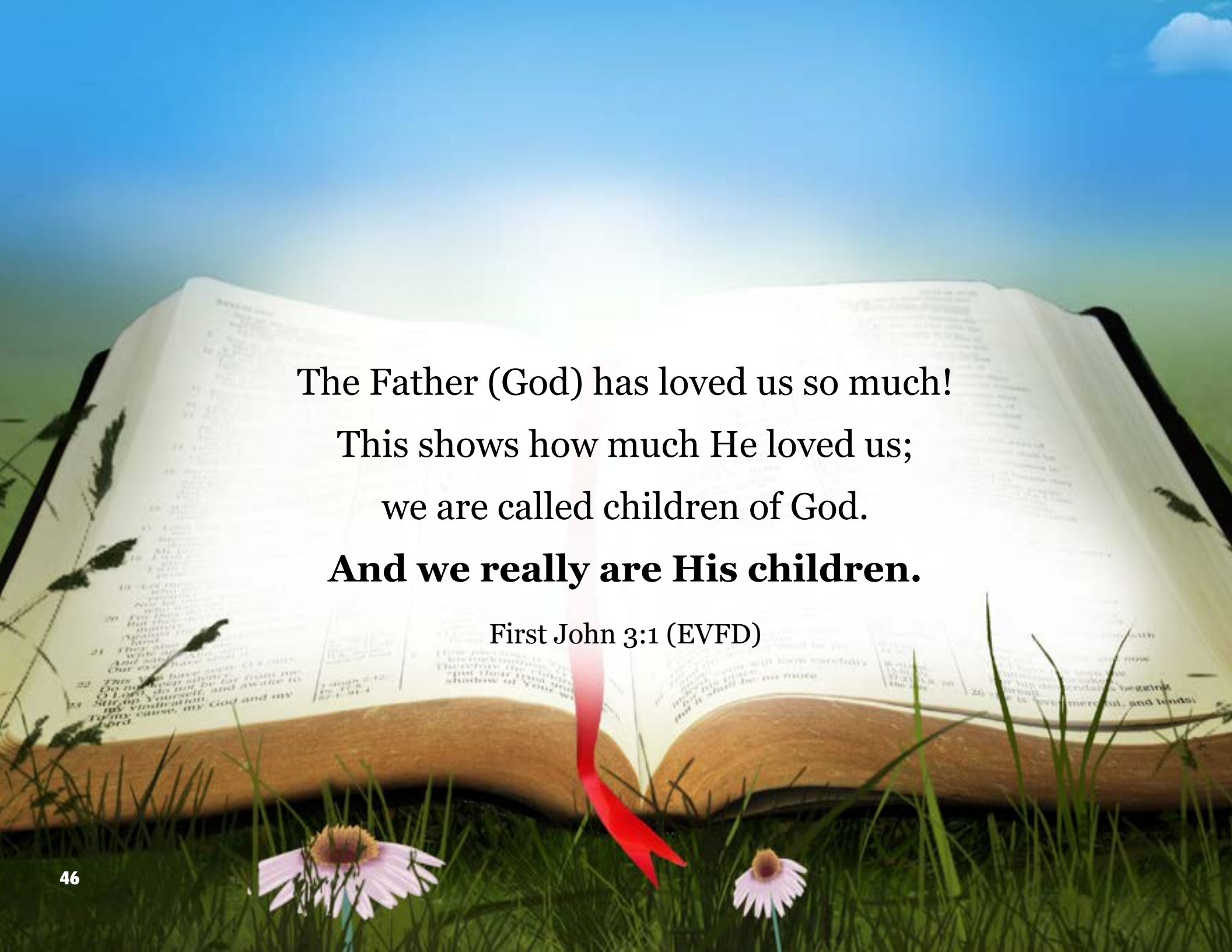


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This shows how much He loved us;
we are called children of God.
And we really are His children.

First John 3:1 (EVFD)

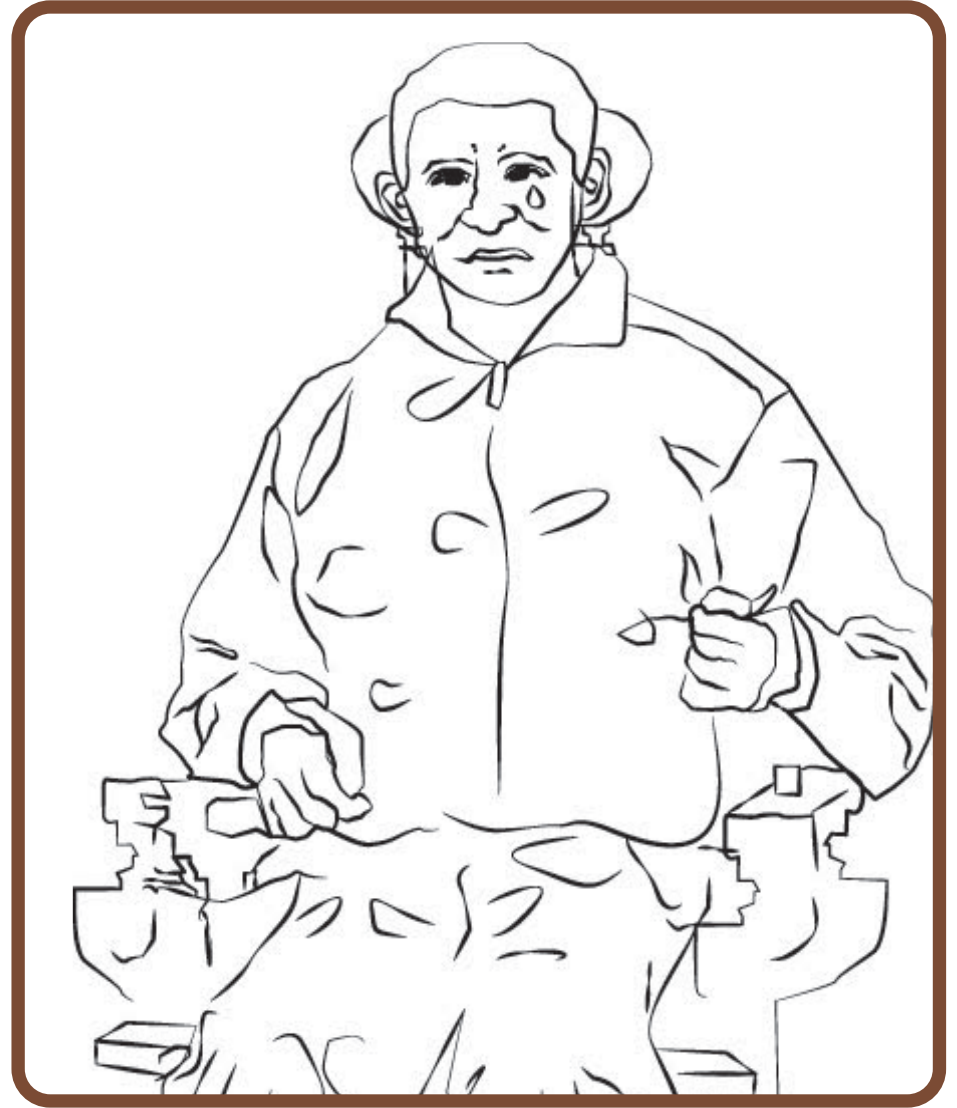
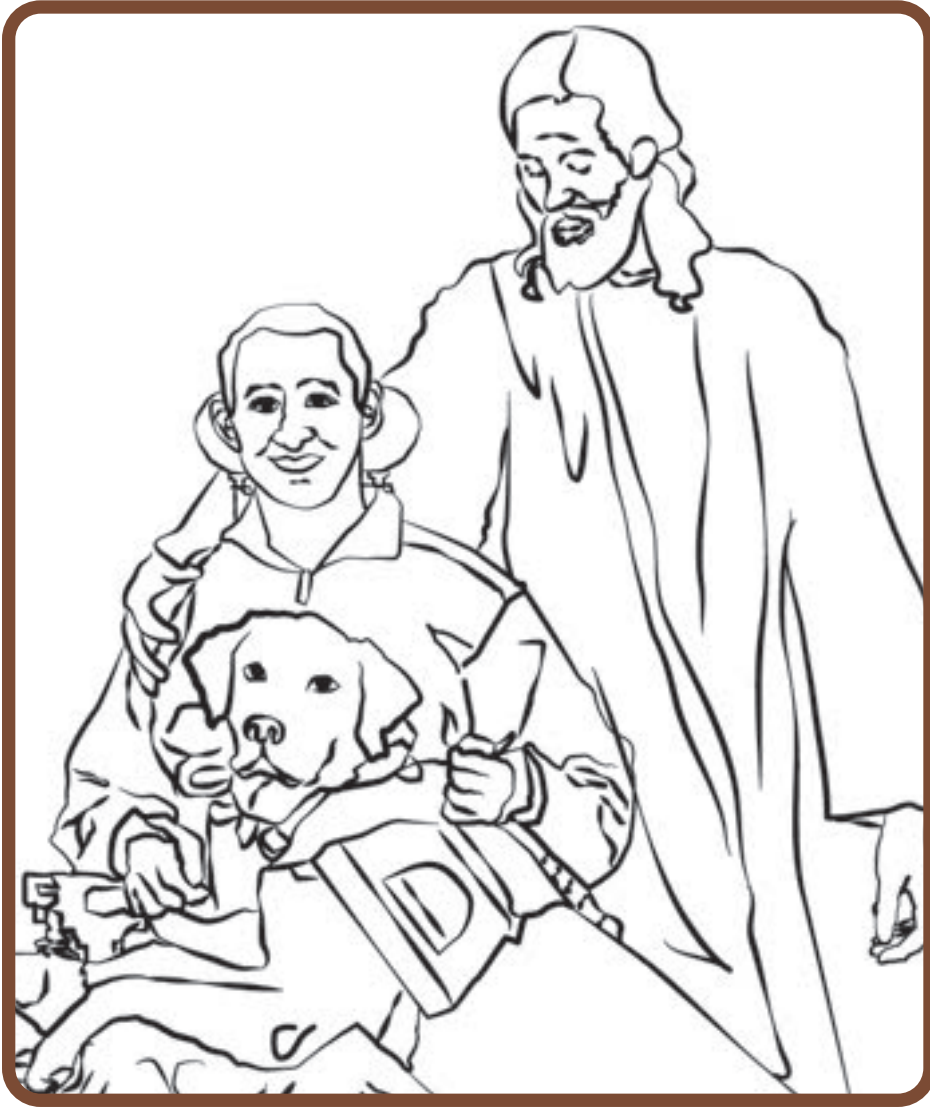


1. Are you **part of Jesus' family**?

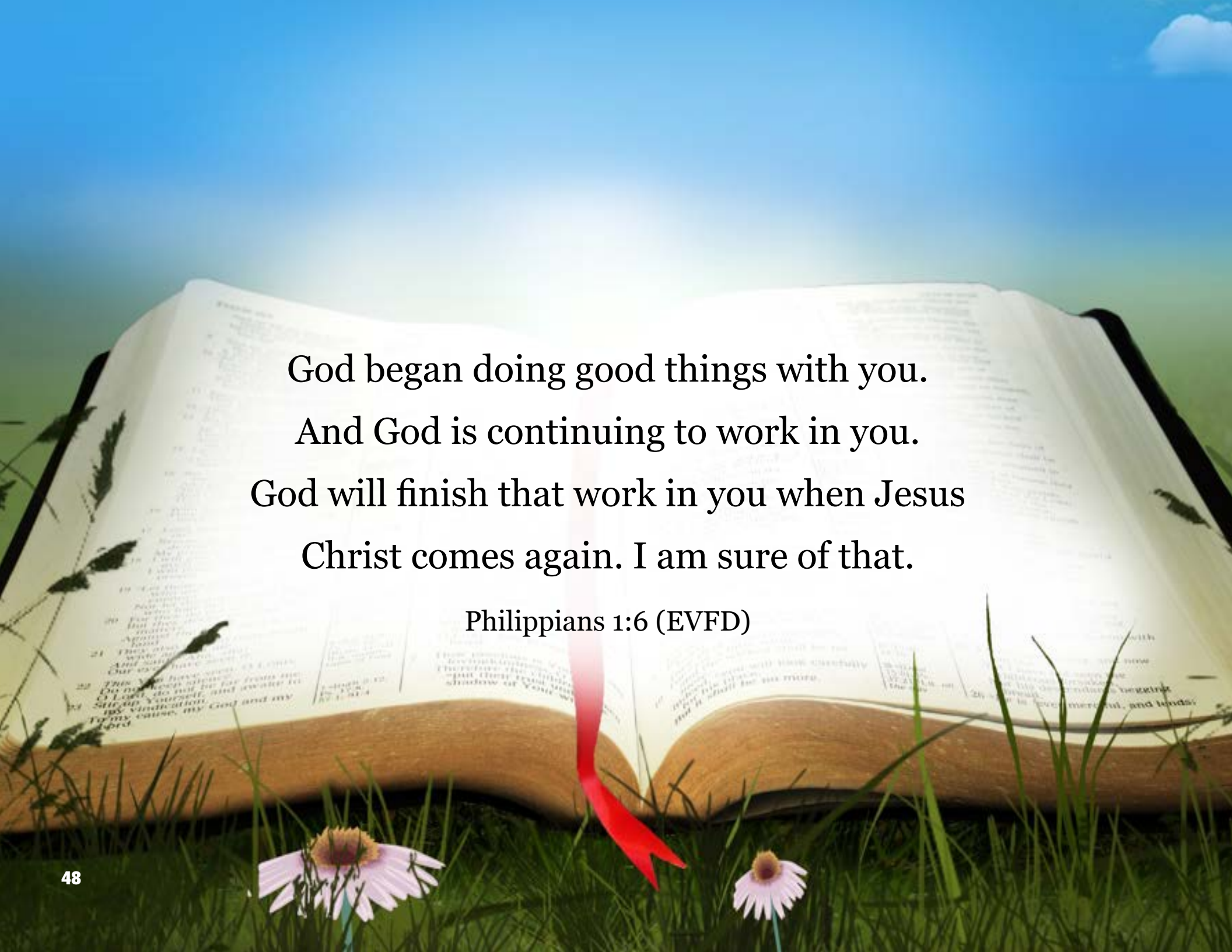


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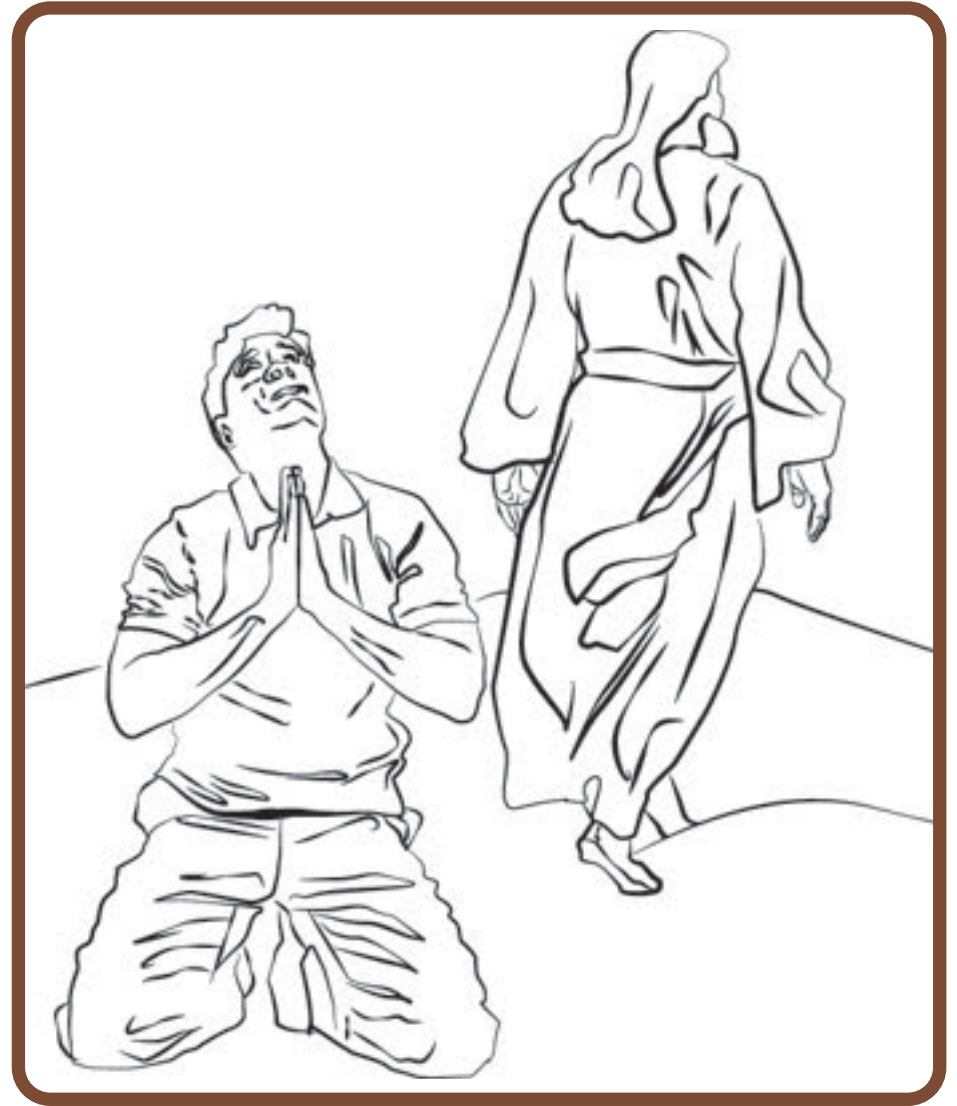
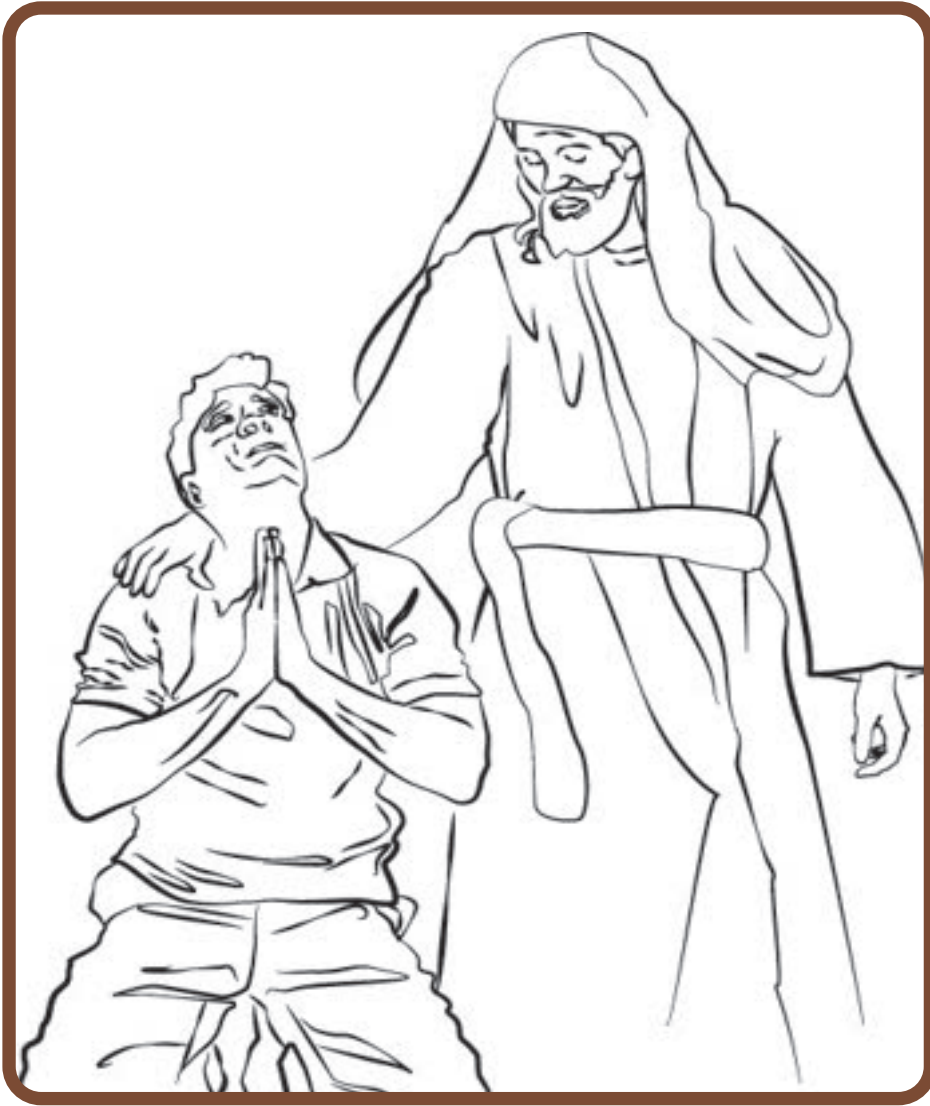


2. Do you think **Jesus accepts you** just like you are **right now**?


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God began doing good things with you.
And God is continuing to work in you.
God will finish that work in you when Jesus
Christ comes again. I am sure of that.

Philippians 1:6 (EVFD)



3. Does **Jesus want to help you**, or does He say, “I’m too busy. Do it yourself?”



When someone becomes a Christian,
he becomes a brand new person inside.
He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

Second Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)




4. The Bible says you have become a new person inside. Should the way you treat other people **prove that Jesus has changed you inside?**

Lesson 4

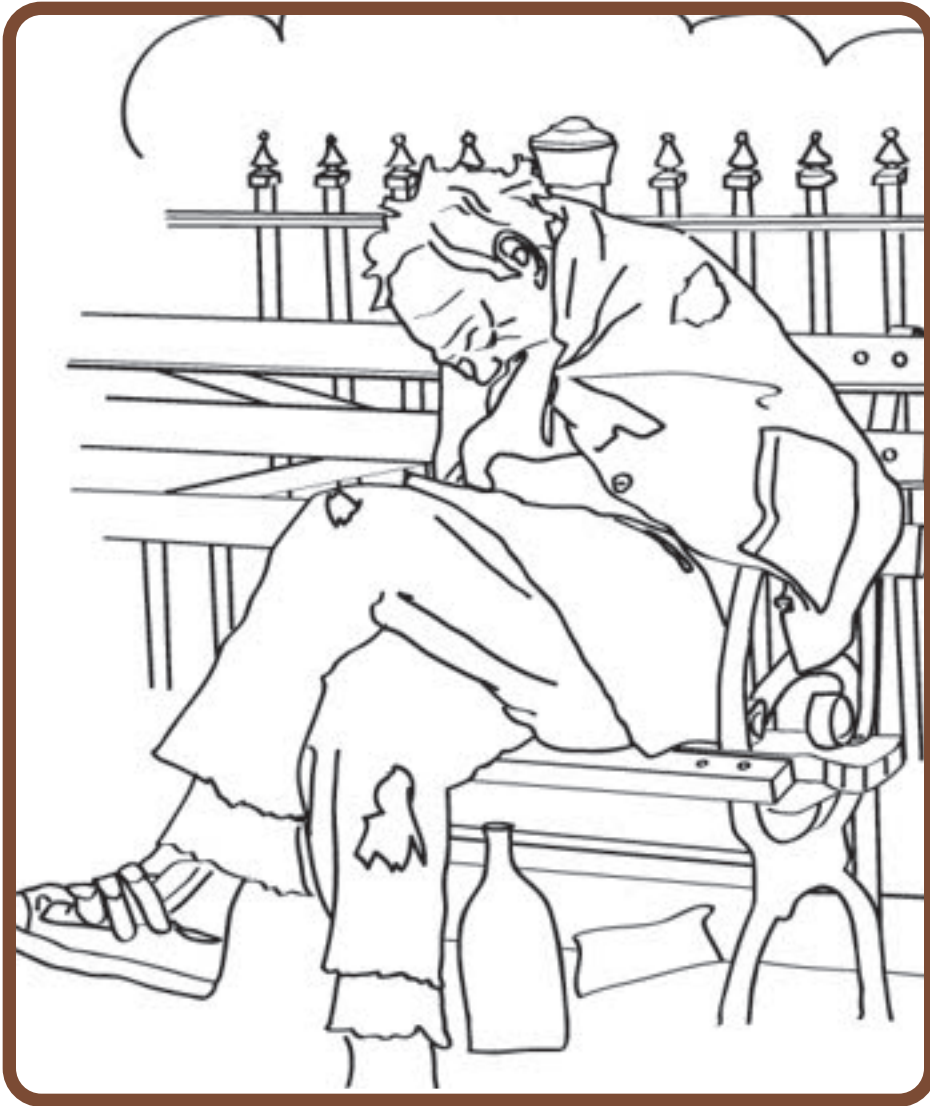
You Can
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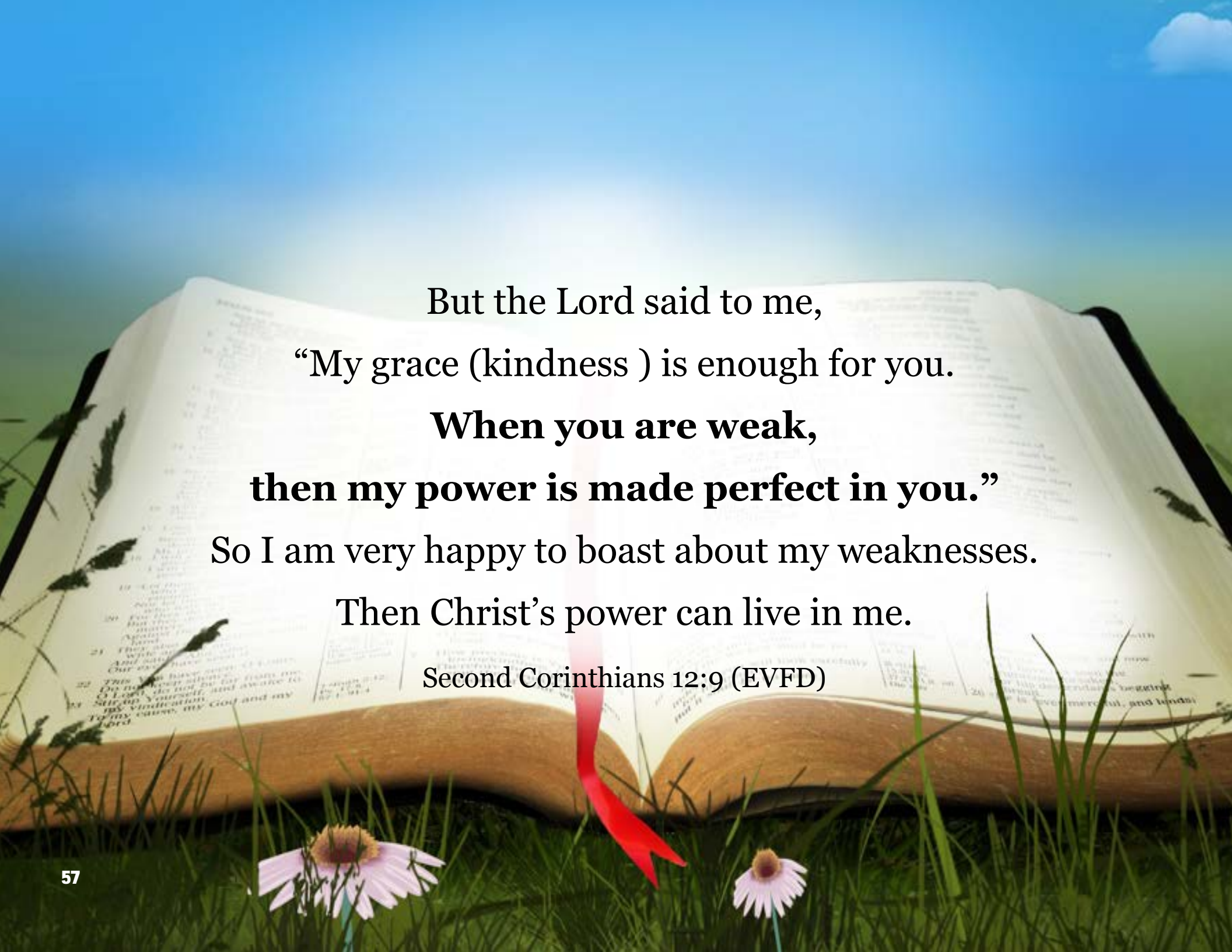


Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father
who is full of mercy. He is the God of all comfort.
He comforts us every time we have trouble.

Second Corinthians 1:3-4A (EVFD)

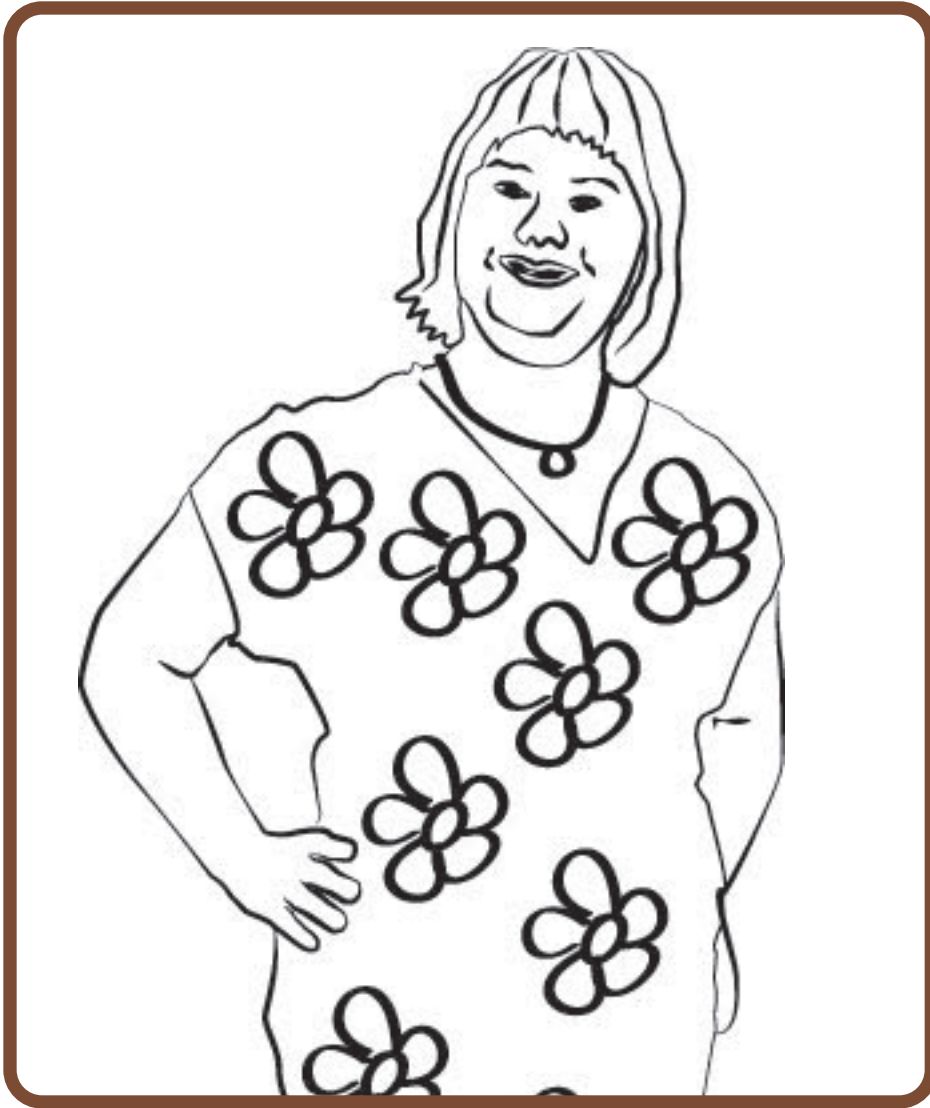


1. Does Jesus want to comfort you when you are hurt or feel bad?

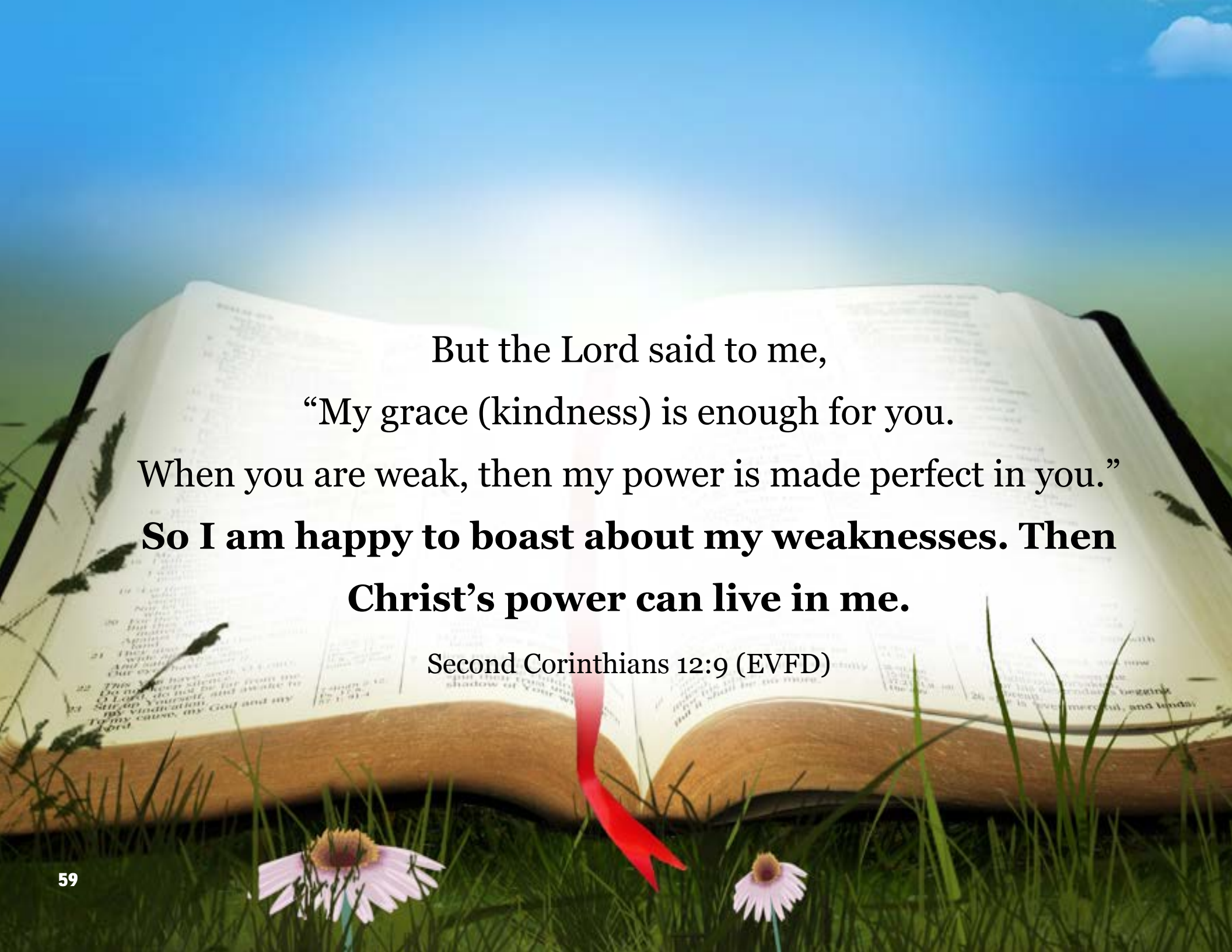


But the Lord said to me,
“My grace (kindness) is enough for you.
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So I am very happy to boast about my weaknesses.
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Second Corinthians 12:9 (EVFD)

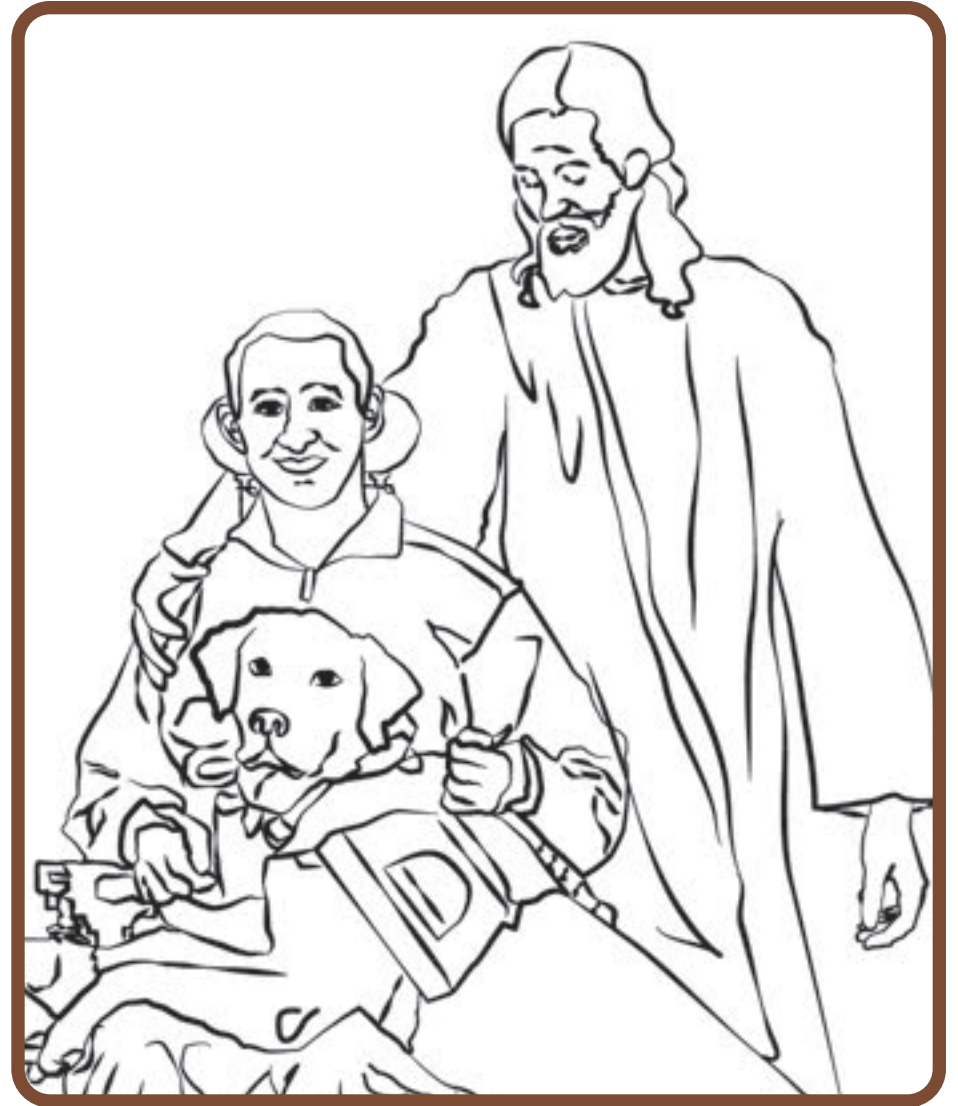
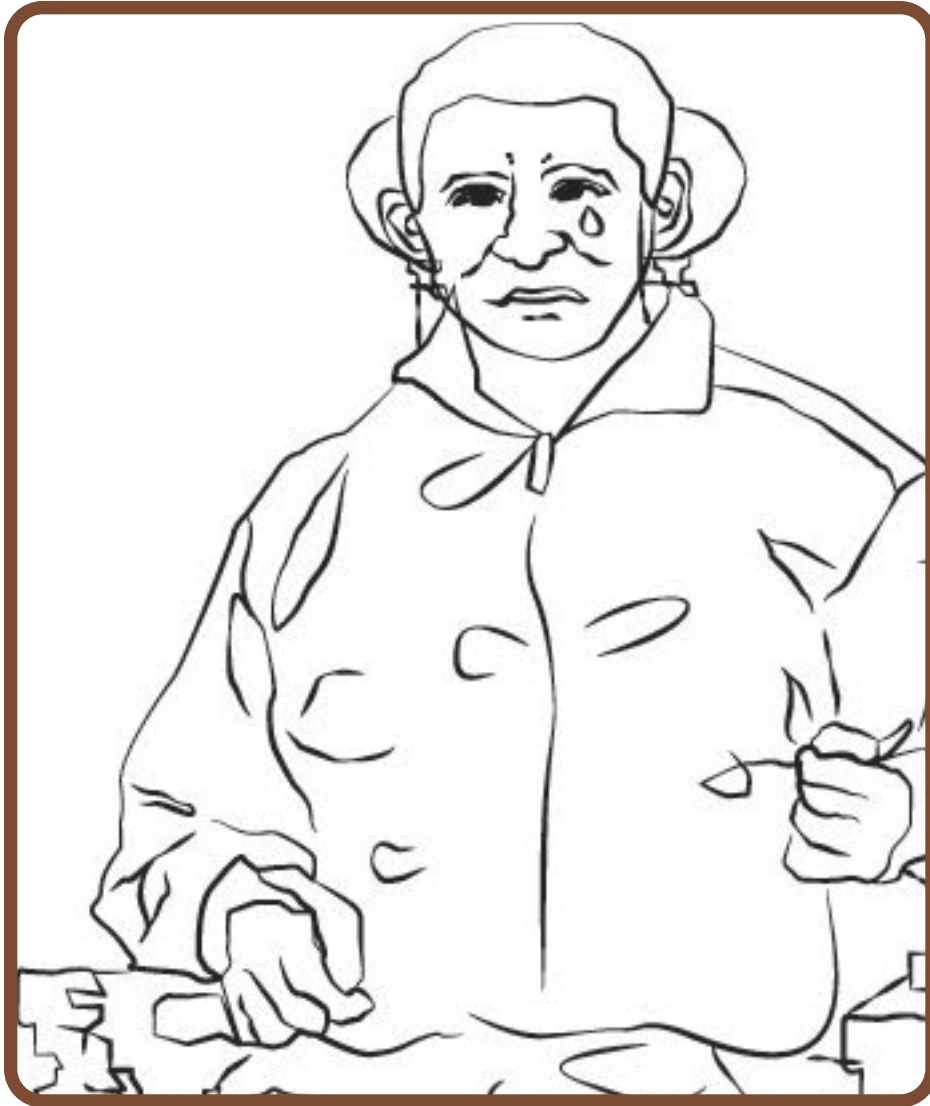


2. Why does Jesus not have to feel sorry for you?




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3. Does Jesus want you to feel sorry for yourself? “O, poor, poor me!”



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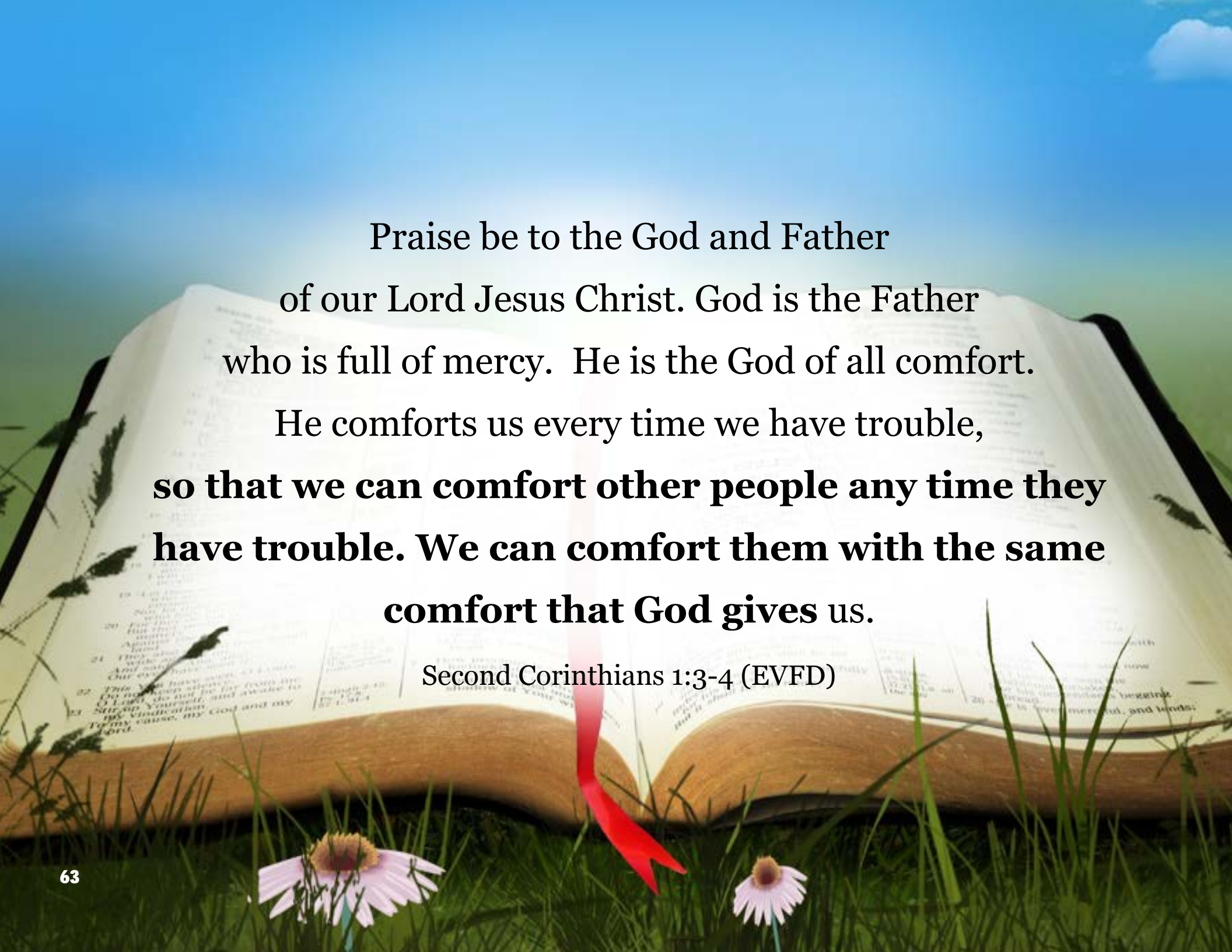
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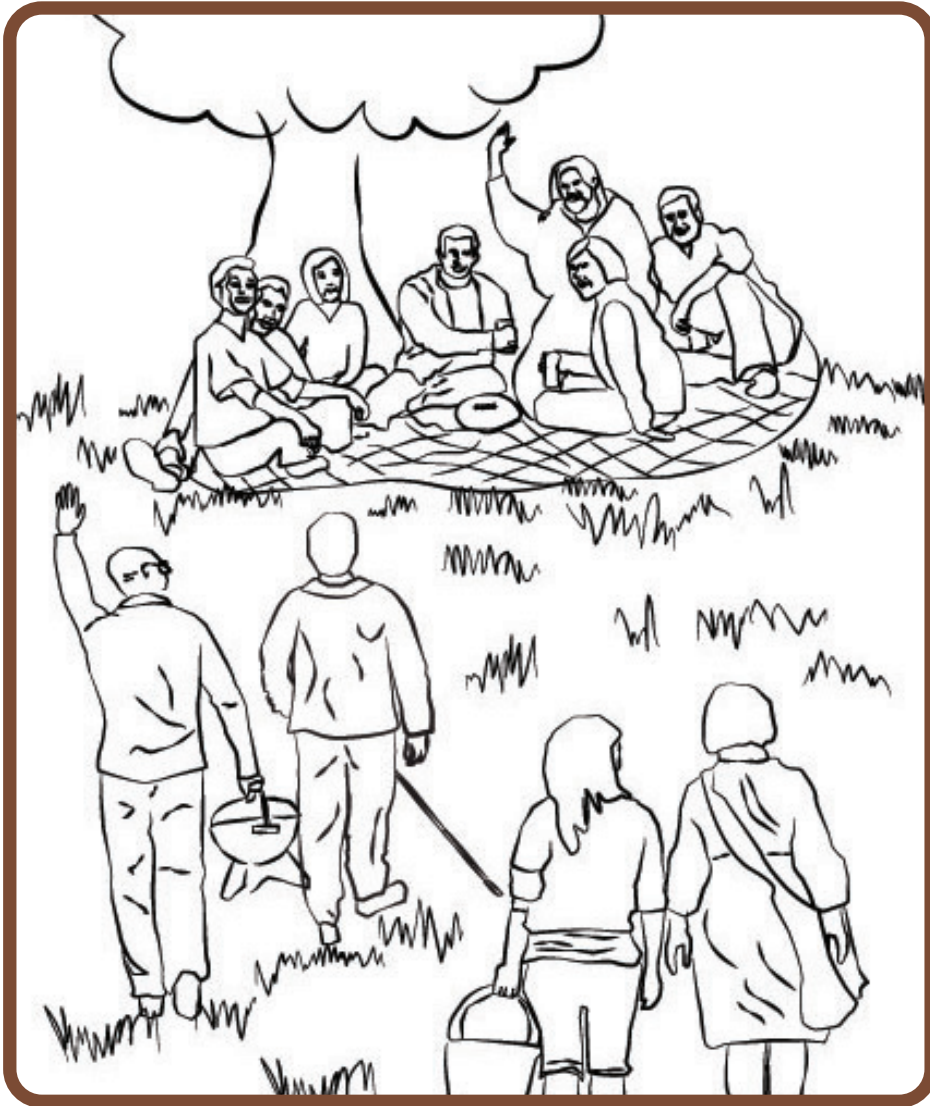


4. Do you want your friends to see how Jesus has **changed you inside?** (Like attitudes, actions, and temper.)

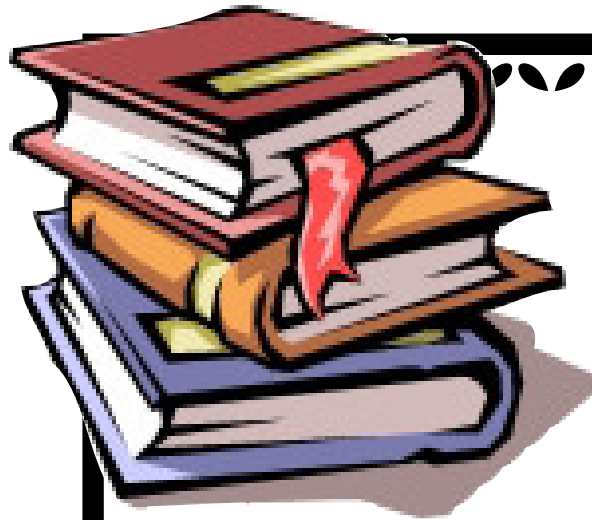


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**so that we can comfort other people any time they
have trouble. We can comfort them with the same
comfort that God gives us.**

Second Corinthians 1:3-4 (EVFD)



5. If your friends invite Jesus into their lives, then will Jesus help your friends the same way He helps you?



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