

Putting God First

Study
and
Pray

Trust
and
Obey



In
everything
you do put

God First

Matthew 19:14

A Verse
a Day

There's
no
other
Way

Put God FIRST

Choose a page a day for one week.

Be the spiritual leader your children need.

Putting God first at TOGETHER time: Coloring WITH your child is a memory that will last him or her for a lifetime. We especially like the "Son Catchers" (crosses). When placed in a window they make the point that *God's light enters the home through his word*. For hundreds of free Bible coloring projects visit www.bibleparent.com. For craft projects like the mini-magnets, scripture flippers, flying Bible discs, marble games and more visit www.thevbshalloffame.com. Be the spiritual leader your children need. Color WITH them.

Putting God First at Holidays (Pages 26-30)

Use the wonder-full tree ornaments to help your family put Christ back in Christmas. Coloring a set of ornaments as a gift to others helps children view themselves as GIVERS not just receivers. For more ornaments and our very special "Letter to Jesus" go to www.bibleparent.com and click on Holidays.

At Easter those who look for chocolate bunnies will find chocolate bunnies. Those who look for eggs will find eggs. Those who look for Jesus and will find Jesus. Color a full set of our eggs and your children will KNOW what Easter is really about, You might even consider sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt to bring new faces to your church or Sunday School.

Putting God First in Prayer: We pray you visit www.teachustoprayer.com and try our prayer jar. Each child puts a prayer in the jar and prays it once a day until he or she KNOWS they have gotten an answer. The second part of prayer...the part where God talks to us is the important part..the part most children miss. This website offers enough prayer helps to last a child an entire year. We especially like the mirror coloring pages. These pages demonstrate the relationship of scripture and prayer . You can't understand scripture without praying and you can't pray rightly without scripture,. See MORE mirror coloring pages at www.bibleparent.com

Putting God First when you are BUSY. It takes just 30 seconds a day to snip off a pocket scripture from one of the strips in the back of our book. It's THE LEAST a parent can do. Having a Bible verse in his or her pocket helps them feel that God himself is with them.

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LOVE

**God is
Love**

1 John 4:16

Quote from the King James

Then came SIN.

Anger

Doubt

Selfishness

Fear

Greed

**Cleanse your
hands, you sinners,
and make your
hearts pure,**

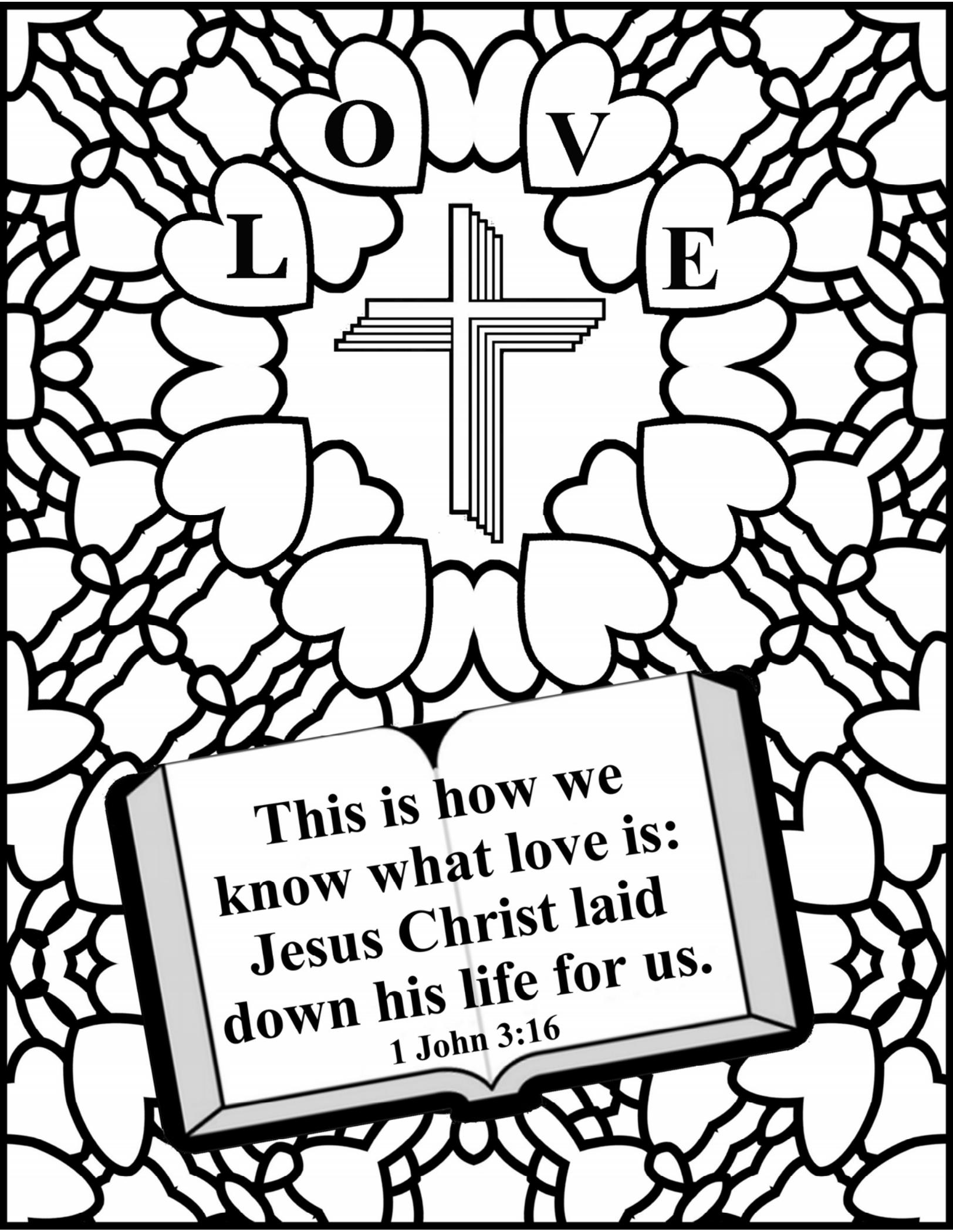
James 4:8

Verse from the NET Bible

Pride

**We
needed
to
learn**

**Right
from
Wrong**

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**This is how we
know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid
down his life for us.**
1 John 3:16

**So
God
sent**

**The
Truth**

JESUS

The Way

JESUS

The Life

***I am the way,
the truth, and
the life:***

John 14:6

Quote from the King James

**To Teach
To Lead**

**&
to give
us
New
Life**

Put this Son
Catcher

In your favorite
window.

Born

of
the

Spirit

Born
of God

**You must
be born
again**

John 3:7

Quote from the NET Bible

**How does
Jesus
Change you?**

**He puts his
Holy Spirit
in YOUR
heart.**

**It is no longer
I who live,
but Christ who
lives in me.**

Galatians 2:20

Quoted from the King James

**He helps
you
understand
Bible
verses.**

**He hears
and
answers
every
prayer.**

For more free Bible coloring visit www.bibleparent.com



Cut out the heart and put it in a window.

You

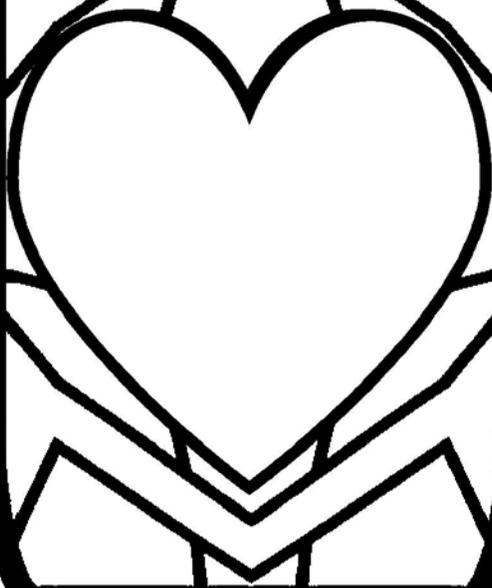


Me

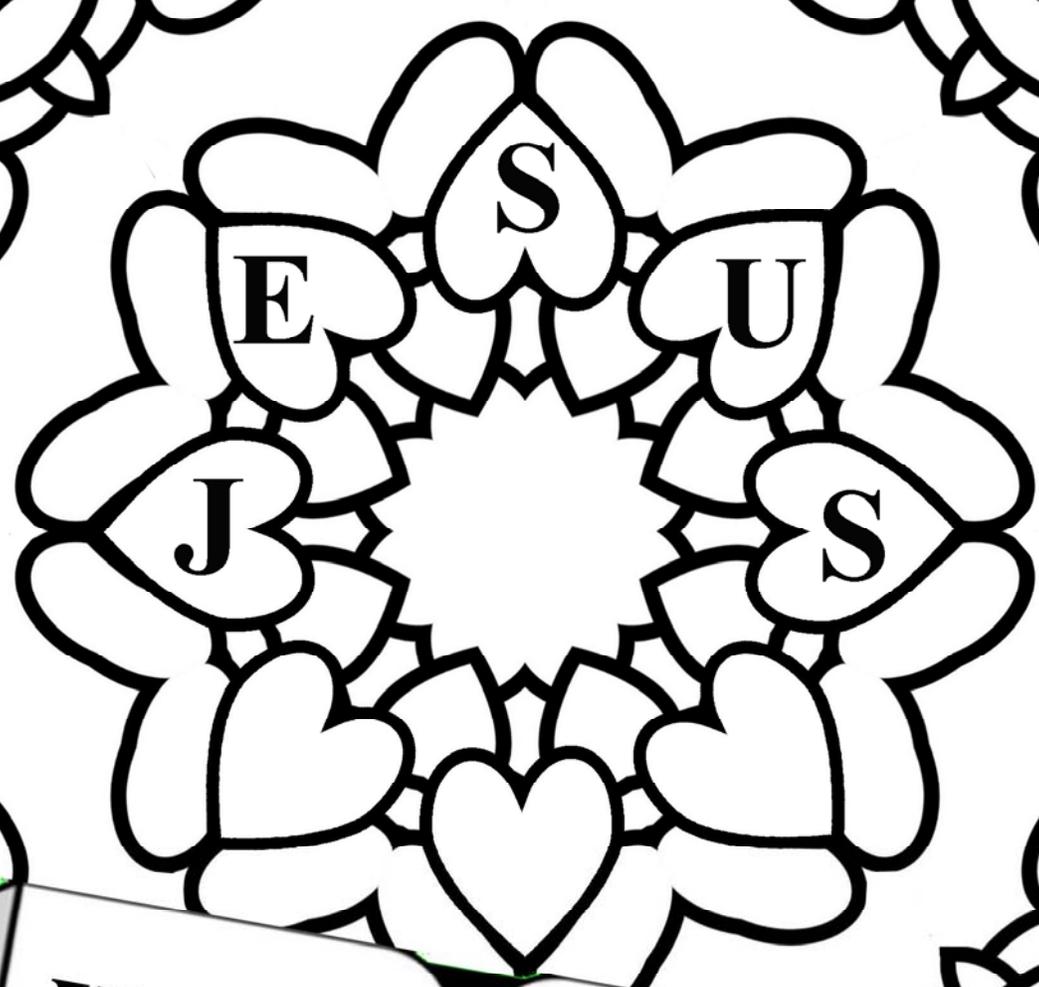


**believe in the
name of his Son
Jesus Christ and
love one another,
1 John 3:23**

Church

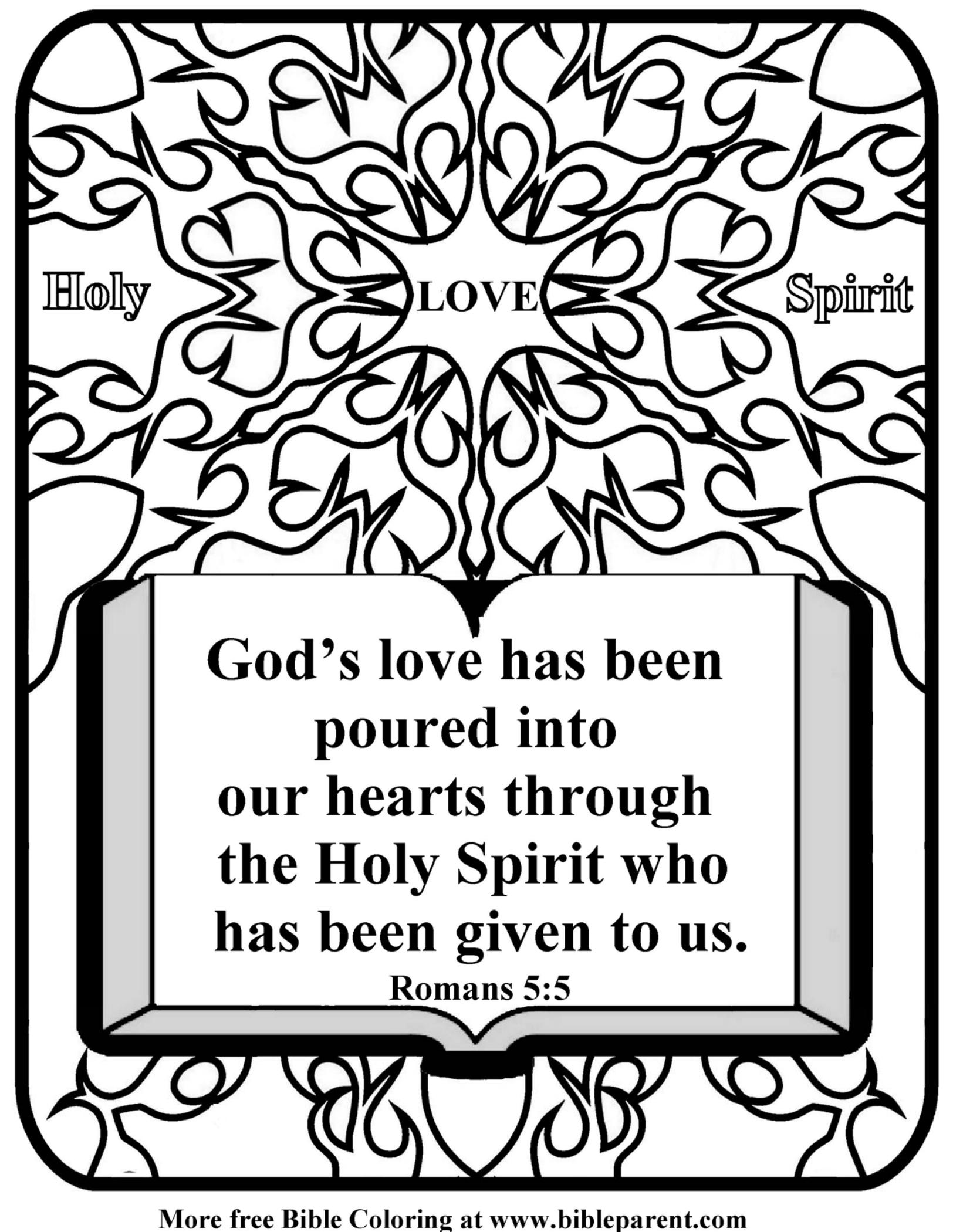


Sunday?



**We love others
because he first
loved us.**

1 John 4:19



Holy

LOVE

Spirit

**God's love has been
poured into
our hearts through
the Holy Spirit who
has been given to us.**

Romans 5:5

**in
love.**

Let

all

done

**Let all
that you do
be done
in love.**

1 Corinthians 16:14

that

be

you

do

stand

firm

**God
With
Us**

**love the Lord
your God with
all your heart**

Luke 10:27

**God's
Word**

**+ His
Spirit**

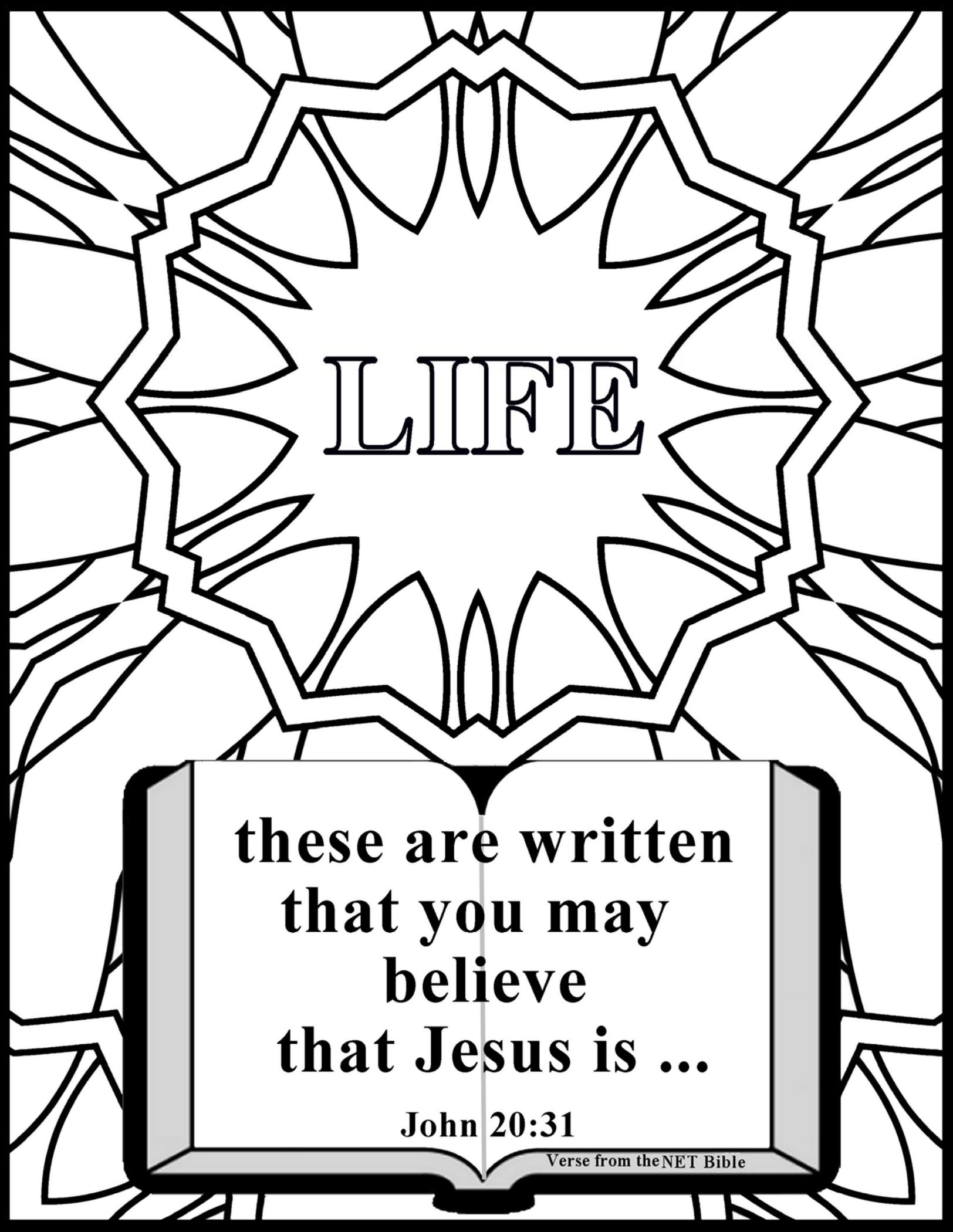


**Our gospel came to
you not only in word,
but also in power
and in
the Holy Spirit.**

1 Thessalonians 1:5

**= His
Power**

**We
must
read
AND
pray.**

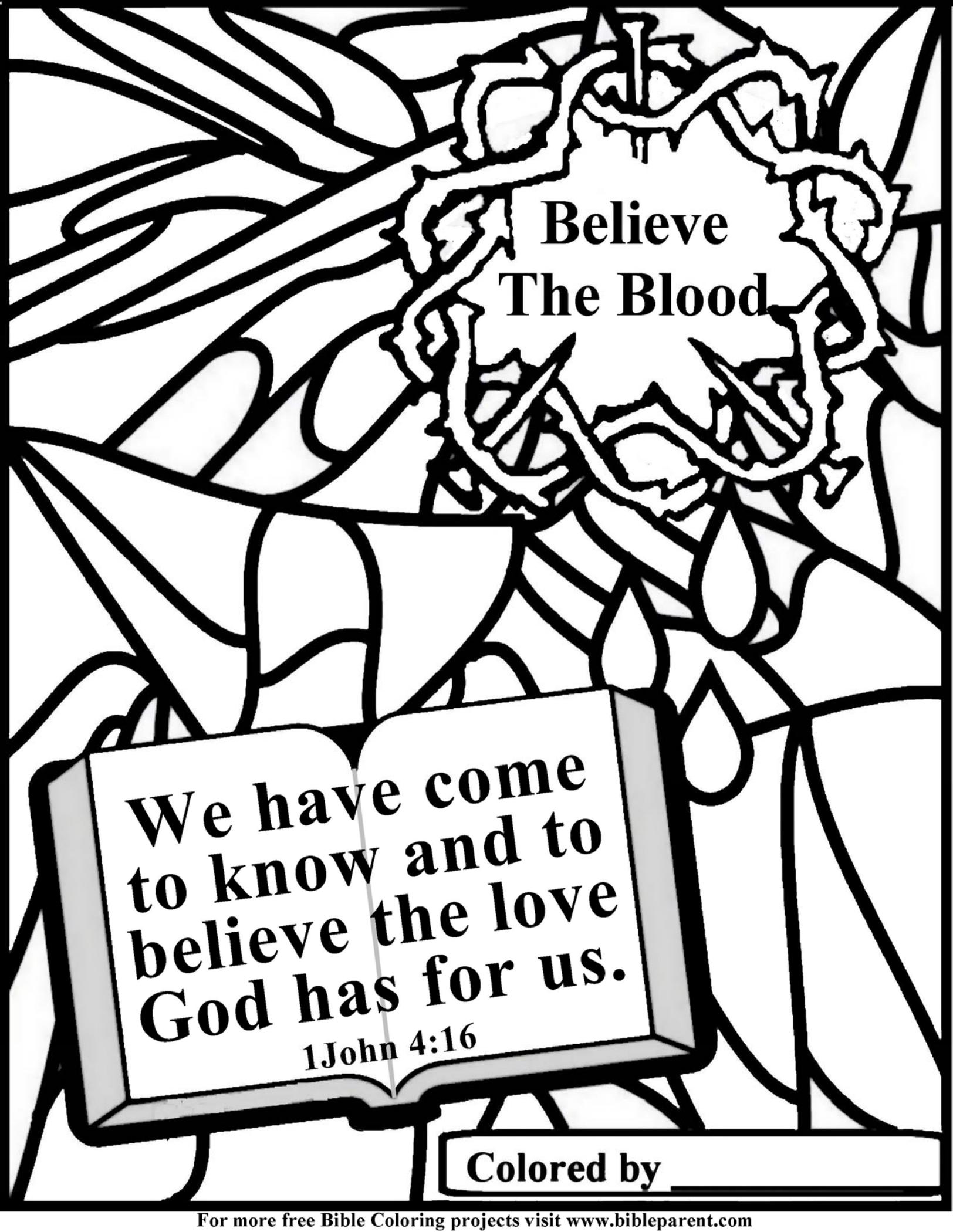


LIFE

**these are written
that you may
believe
that Jesus is ...**

John 20:31

Verse from the NET Bible



**Believe
The Blood**

**We have come
to know and to
believe the love
God has for us.**

1John 4:16

Colored by _____



Paste
your
picture
here.

Let us then with
confidence draw
near to the
throne of grace
Hebrews 4:16

Did You
P
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A
Y

**Putting
God
first
means:**

**asking him
for the Gift of
the Holy Spirit.**

God

Put

First

**seek first
the kingdom
of God**

Matthew 6:33

Quote from the King James

**Studying
at least
one Bible
verse a day.**

**...and starting
and ending
every day
with prayer.**

**Cut out and
place in a window.**

**P
O
W**

Faith

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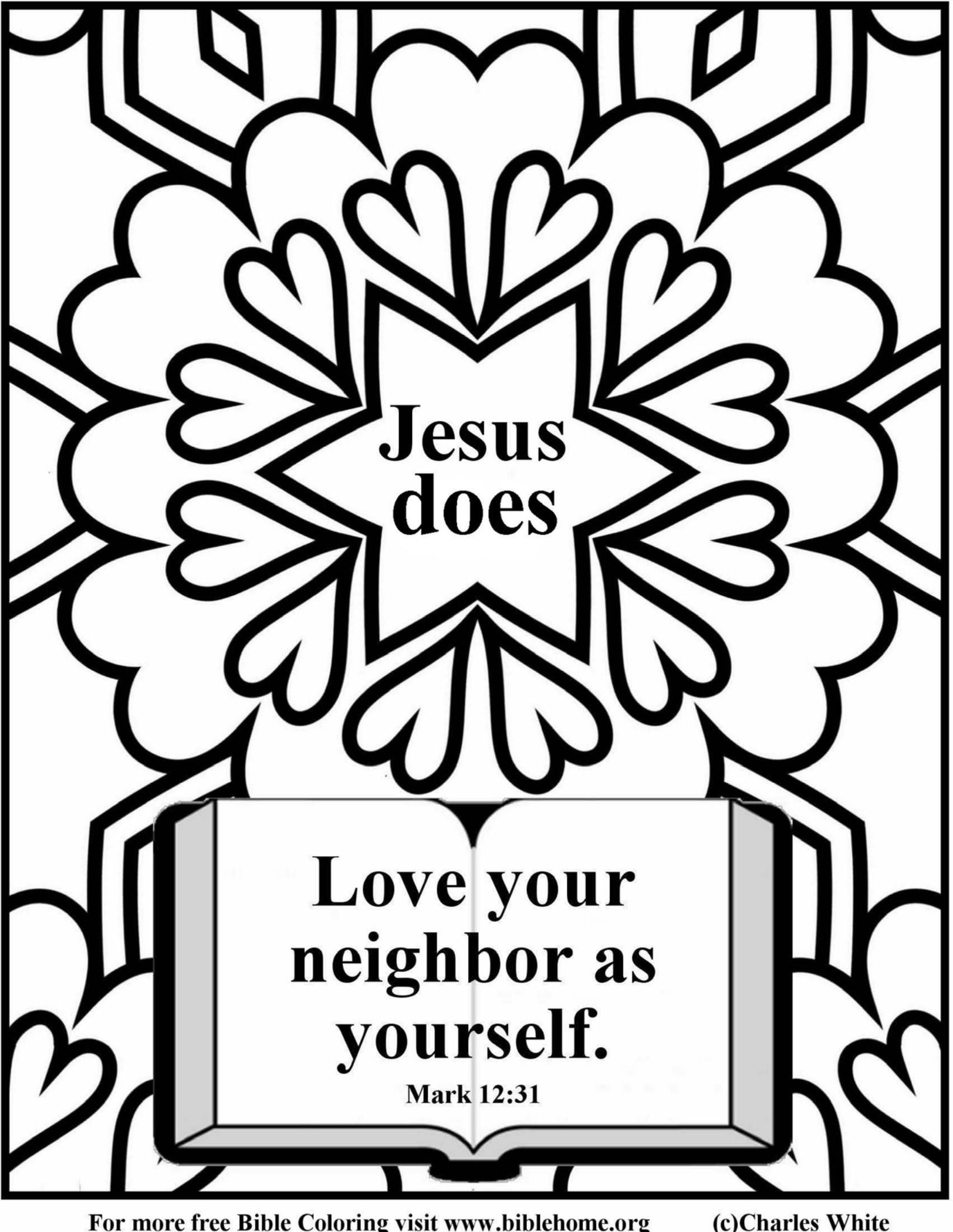
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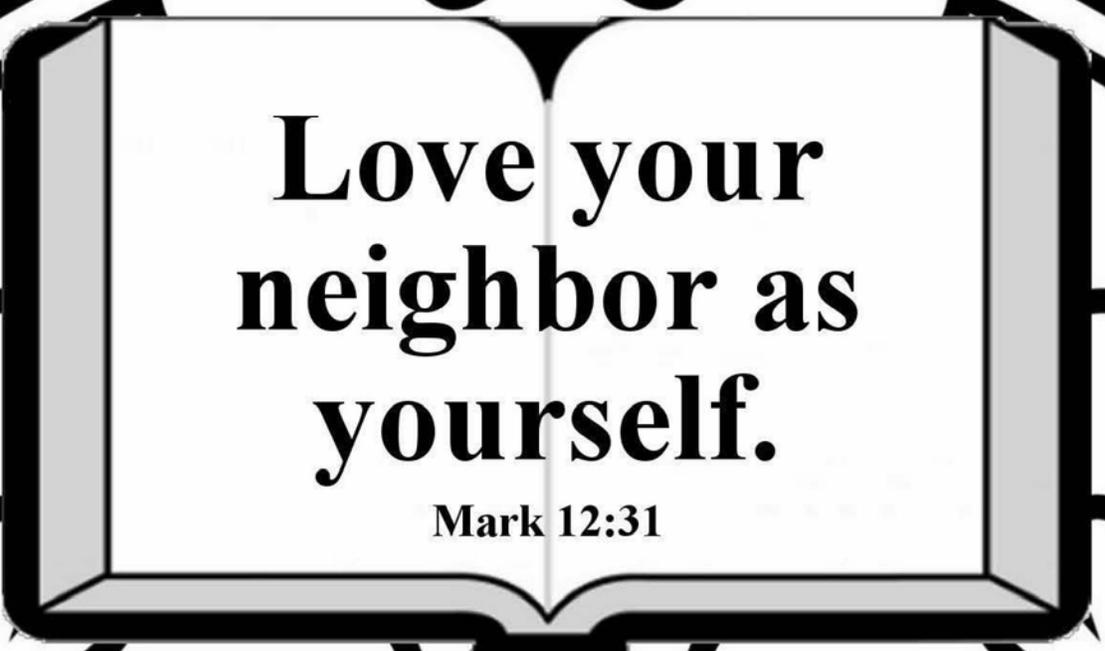
Faith

**so that your faith
might not be based
on men's wisdom
but on God's power**

1 Corinthians 2:5



**Jesus
does**



**Love your
neighbor as
yourself.**

Mark 12:31

Lying

Jesus

Today

Saves

Greed

Forever

You

Selfishness

call his name
Jesus, for he will
save his people
from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

Unforgiveness

Love

Joy

Truth

Life

Seek

Hope

Mercy

Faith

Seek the
Kingdom of God
above all else,

Matthew 6:33



Stick

with

God

**he who began a
good work in you
will carry it on
to completion**

Philippians 1:6

*These last pages feature six SIMPLE activities
from www.thevbshalloffame.com*

Lay on the love and **HAVE FUN** as you discover together
the joy of...

'Putting God First'

**The following four steps help a child get Scripture (and God)
from his or her head to their heart**

The first step is **exposure**, putting God's word ON DISPLAY in your home, maybe not on your gates and doorposts (Deut. 11:20), but our mini posters and Son catchers will liven up your walls and windows. The added bonus is that coloring with your child is a great start for creating and sharing "teachable moments" (Deut 6:7).

The second step is **personalize** scripture, maybe not tying verses to your children's wrists (Deut. 6:8), but surely, with love, tucking a verse in his or her pocket each morning. Start with the scripture strips in the back of this book and for more verses visit www.bibleparent.com. Having a verse in his pocket can give a child a sense that God is *with* him.

The third step is helping a child **internalize**. Talk with your child (Deut.11:19). A good starting place is questions. A well asked question can occupy a child's mind for days...even weeks. A few sample questions might be: "Do YOU believe that verse is true? Have you tried it for yourself? Do you understand the big words, the words like faith, love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, etc.? Have you asked the Holy Spirit to help you understand... to get the verse from your mind to your heart?". Suggest to your child that God wants to hear about his or her doubts. Talking and praying about doubts is a great devotional. Avoid nagging and lecturing. According to research done by the Barna Institute the best devotional is often the shortest.

The fourth step is encouraging the child to **experience** God personally (Deut. 6:5). A HABIT of daily prayer helps move a child from depending on parents and friends to depending on God, a journey needed by all children but especially the child of divorce. We invite you to visit www.teachustoprayer.com, a site loaded with helps for any child who is not personally acquainted with *his Father in Heaven*

Authors Note: Every child should have a life verse...something he chooses for himself... something he keeps on his or her wall.

Playing Bible Frisbee is good practice for sharing'

God's word.

Aim at the heart not the head.

Wait till you have your friends attention.

Don't throw too hard.

Glue each mini Frisbee face inside a cottage cheese or margarine tub lid. (Hobby lobby has some great craft foam glues but be sure to check the label before using any glue indoors with children. Regardless of what glue you use it is best to rough up the inside of the plastic lid with a small piece of sandpaper.

**obey
all that is
written**

Joshua 1:8

**precious and
most magnificent
promises**

2 Peter 1:4

**the Word
of life**

1 John 1:1

Scriptures taken from
The Holy Bible
The New English Translation
(NET Bible)
www.bible.org

Putting God First at Christmas.

The Lord is full
of compassion
and mercy.
James 5:11



The gifts Christ brought
to earth...the gifts
we should give.

Christ who gives
me strength.
Phillipians 4:33



Christ in you,
the hope of Glory.
Colossians 1:27



MORE tree ornaments
complete with backs at
www.bibleparent.com
click on "Holidays".

Never will I
leave you.
Hebrews 13:8

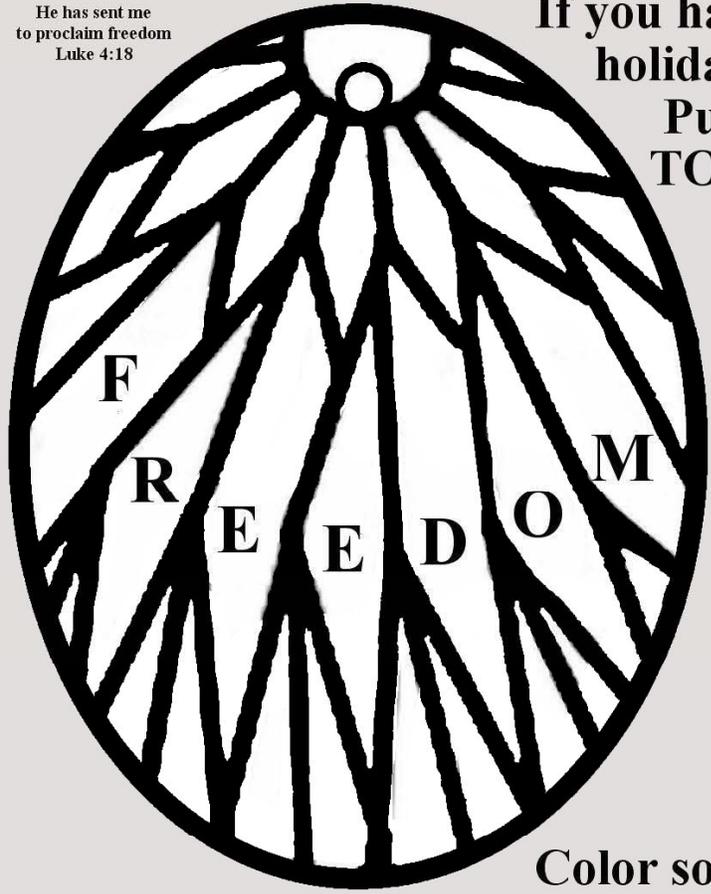


Color some for
your tree. Color
some to give as
GIFTS.

Some gifts are precious, some are VERY precious

If you have Jesus gifts your holiday will be happy.
Put them at the TOP of your list.

He has sent me
to proclaim freedom
Luke 4:18



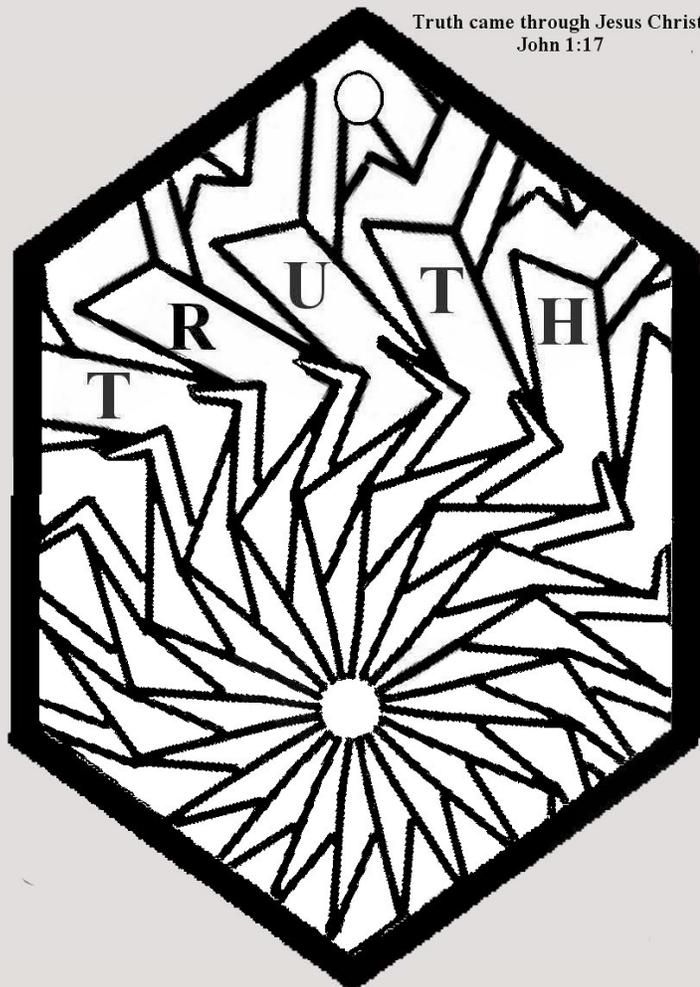
Color some for
your tree. Color
some to give as
GIFTS.

he went around doing good
and healing all
Acts 10:38

Jesus, the author and perfecter
of our faith
Hebrews 12:2

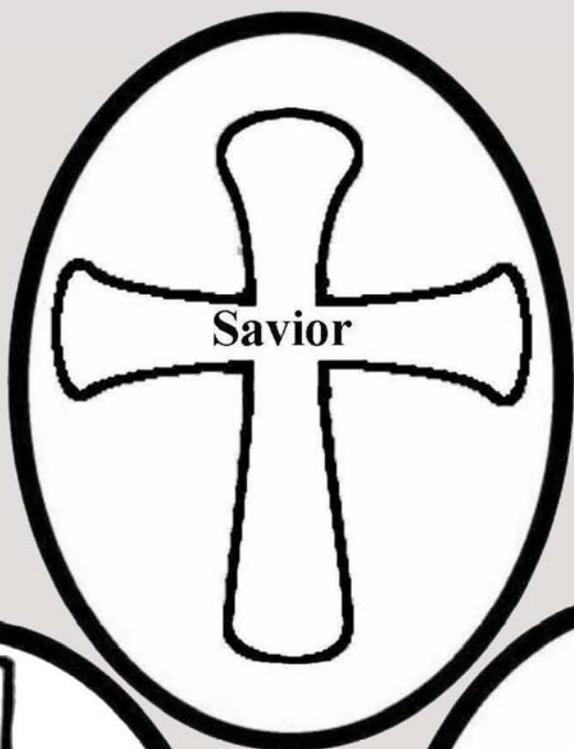


Truth came through Jesus Christ.
John 1:17

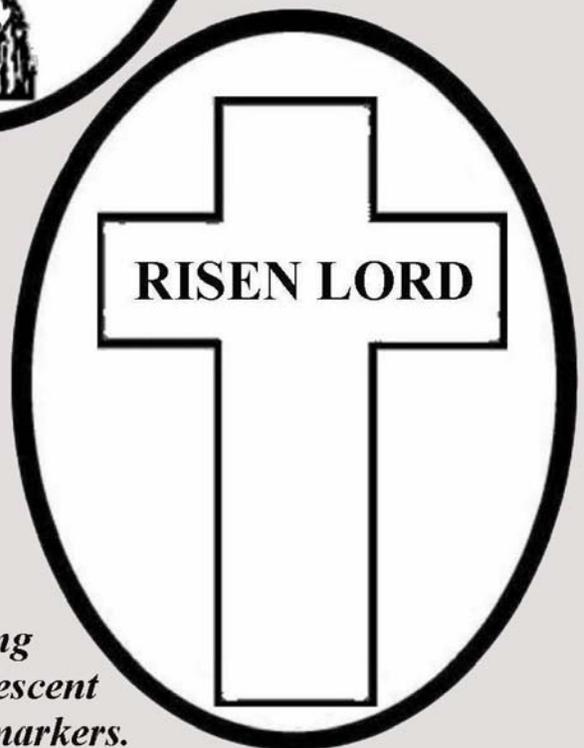
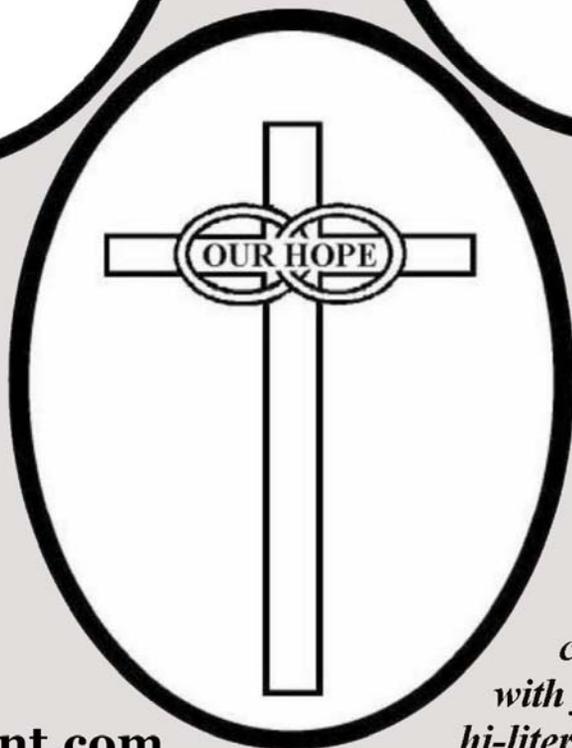


Putting God First at Easter.

If you look for eggs you will find eggs.



If you look for Jesus you will find Jesus.



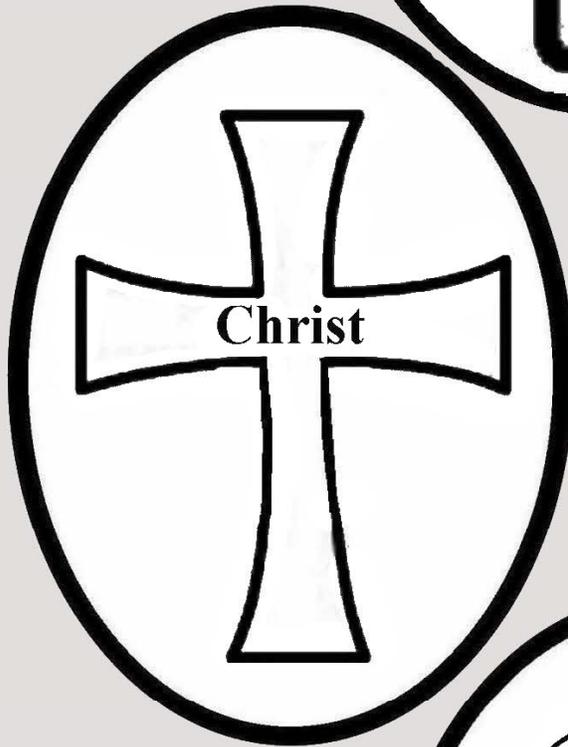
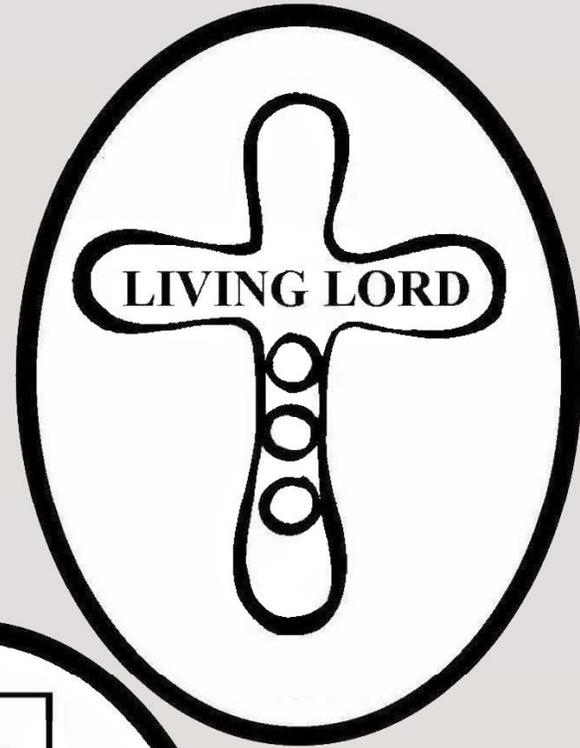
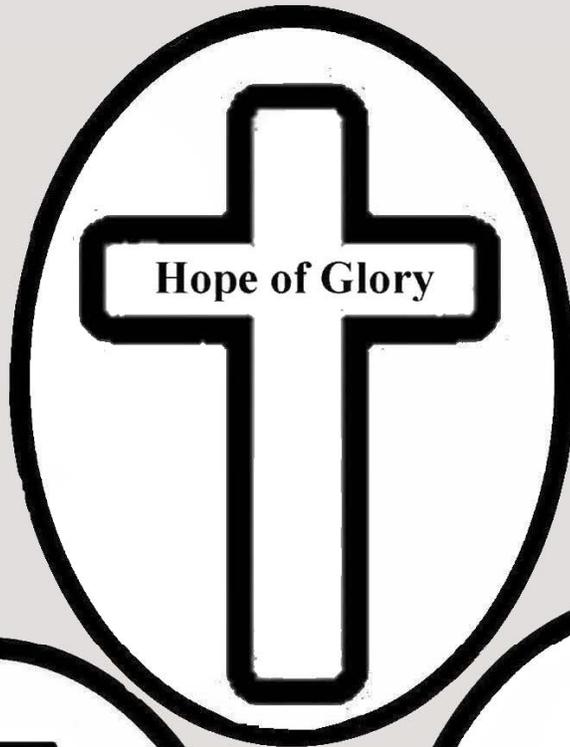
For more free Double sided eggs visit

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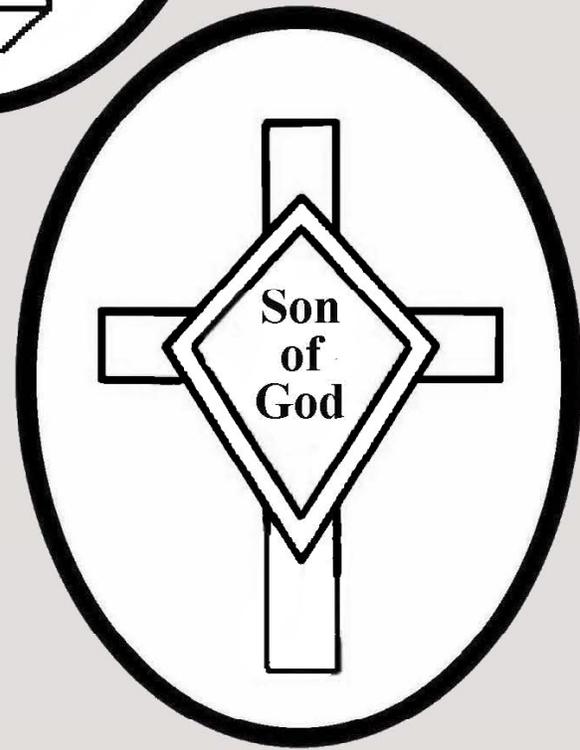
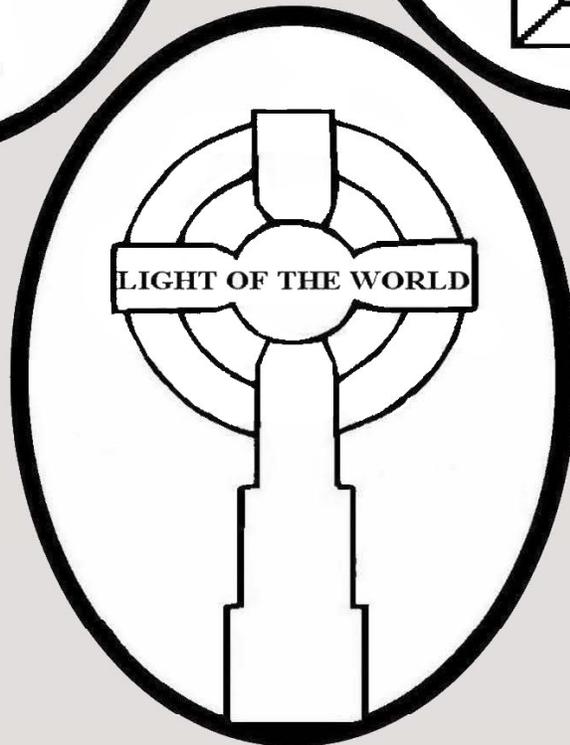
If you look for eggs you will find eggs.

**If you
look for
Jesus
you will
find
Jesus.**



**Color one
egg
a day
until
Easter.**

**Jesus is
not dead.
He is
risen.**



**If we look
we see him
everywhere.**

God goes where his word goes. Start each day with a verse in your pocket and he will go with you. This week's verses are about "Temptation".

God goes where his word goes. Start each day with a verse in your pocket and he will go with you. This week's verses are about "Our Father".

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SATURDAY
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10
KJV

SATURDAY
Father to the fatherless, defender of widows-- this is God,
Psalm 68:5
NLT

SATURDAY
The name of the LORD is a strong fortress; the godly run to him and are safe.
Proverbs 18:10
NLT

FRIDAY
Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.
2 Corinthians 6:14
ESV

FRIDAY
Listen, my son, to your father's instruction
Proverbs 1:8
NIV

FRIDAY
I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:20
NLT

THURSDAY
he is able to help those who are being tempted.
Hebrews 2:18
ISV

THURSDAY
I will not abandon you as orphans-- I will come to you.
John 14:18
NET

THURSDAY
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5
NKJV

WEDNESDAY
pray, so that you will not give in to temptation.
Mark 14:38
NLT

WEDNESDAY
he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers,
Malachi 4:6
NKJV

WEDNESDAY
I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13
NLT

TUESDAY
Your word I have hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11
NKJV

TUESDAY
The father of godly children has cause for joy
Proverbs 23:24
NLT

TUESDAY
we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God
2 Corinthians 1:9
NLT

MONDAY
The wages of sin is death,
Romans 6:23
KJV

MONDAY
Our Father in heaven.
Matthew 6:9
NLT

MONDAY
trust in the LORD and rely on your God.
Isaiah 50:10
NLT

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God goes where his word goes. Start each day with a verse in your pocket and he will go with you. This week's verses are about "God's Promises".

SATURDAY
**seek first
the kingdom
of God,**
Matthew 6:33
ESV

SATURDAY
**man shall not live
by bread alone,
but by every
word of God.**
Luke 4:4
KJV

SATURDAY
**Call to me,
and I will
answer you,**
Jeremiah 33.3
ESV

FRIDAY
**Pray
without
ceasing**
1 Thessalonians 5:17
KJV

FRIDAY
**write them on
the doorposts
of your house**
Deuteronomy 11:20
ESV

FRIDAY
**is there
any thing too
hard for me?**
Jeremiah 32:27
KJV

THURSDAY
Believe
John 6:29
KJV

THURSDAY
**Tie them
to your hands**
Deuteronomy 11:18
NLT

THURSDAY
**God shall
supply all
your need**
Philippians 4:19
KJV

WEDNESDAY
**forgive and
you will be
forgiven.**
Luke 6:37
ESV

WEDNESDAY
**Teach them
to your
children**
Deuteronomy 11:19
KJV

WEDNESDAY
**I am
with you
always**
Matthew 28:20
KJV

TUESDAY
**"You must
be born
again"**
John 3:7
KJV

TUESDAY
**lay up these words
of mine in your
heart and in
your soul,**
Deuteronomy 11:18
NKJV

TUESDAY
**Fear not;
I will
help you.**
2 Peter 1:4
KJV

MONDAY
**Forgetting the past
and looking
forward to
what lies ahead,**
Phillippians 3:13
NLT

MONDAY
**"Aren't you mistaken
because you don't
know the Scriptures
or God's power?"**
Mark 12:24
God's Word

MONDAY
**great promises, so
that through them
you may become
partakers of
the divine nature**
2 Peter 1:4
ESV

FOLD this first strip
At this line and at the top of the
second and third cards.

CUT the other two vertical strips
into single cards. Punch out the
holes and tie loosely with yarn.
For complete instructions for
Flip cards and other activities
with these cards visit the home
page at
www.thevbshalloffame.com

○ ○
BELIEVE

And because of his words
many more became
BELIEVERS

John 4:41

○ ○
BELIEVE

"I tell you the truth,
whoever
hears my word and
BELIEVES
him who sent me has eternal
life

John 5:24

This little picture
May help you fold your
Mini card flip over set.



○ ○
BELIEVE

Jesus answered, "The work
of
God is this: to
BELIEVE
in the one he has sent."

John 6:29

○ ○
BELIEVE

Then Jesus declared, "I am
the bread of life. He who
comes to me will never go
hungry, and he who
BELIEVES
in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35

○ ○
BELIEVE

I tell you the truth, he who
BELIEVES
has everlasting life.

John 6:47

○ ○
BELIEVE

We
BELIEVE
and know that you are the
Holy
One of God."

John 6:69

○ ○
BELIEVE

Jesus told the
synagogue ruler, "Don't be
afraid, just
BELIEVE."

Mark 5:36