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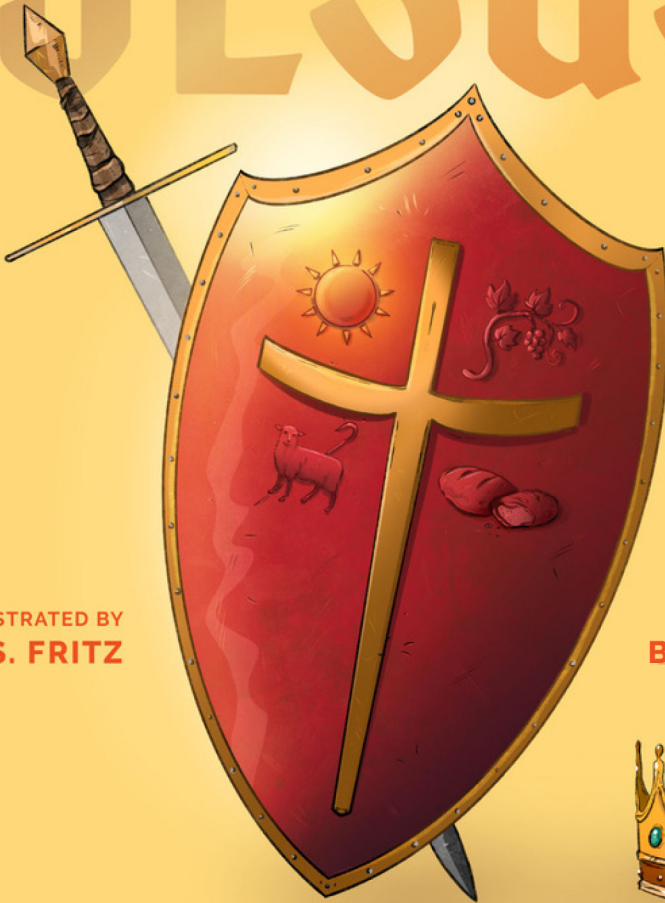
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"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

The inspiration behind these acrostic books comes from John Calvin, the Genevan Reformer. In 1542, Calvin simplified his Catechism for the Genevan Church (1537) so that children could better understand and memorize the essential truths of the Christian Faith. It was entitled *The French ABCs*.

These acrostic books are not strictly catechetical (questions and answers), but they are written in that same tradition of instruction. As such, they are a means of planting the good seed of God's Word into the hearts of children, so that they might grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus. We hope the new element of an acrostic poem set to rhyme may help the truths about God (theology), Jesus (Christology), salvation (soteriology), and Scripture (Biblical theology) to stick a little bit better. The books may be read in one sitting (either by parent/teacher or child) or they may be used for family devotions, taking one letter per day for families to meditate on, with some accompanying Bible verses.

We are praying that this series will be used by the Spirit to allow children and parents to grow in the knowledge of God and thus to love and trust him more. Enjoy!

Jonny Gibson and Timothy Brindle

See back of book for more information about how to use this book with children. Use the QR code to hear Timothy Brindle read aloud *The Acrostic of Jesus* in rap style. To purchase *The Acrostic of Jesus* music album, visit www.timothybrindleministries.com.

Dedication

For our nephews and nieces:

Archie, Ella, Samuel, and Lily; Kye, Izak, and Cruz; and Ella

Maarley, Leghaand, Taalib, Maaliq, Journie, Destiny,
Achava, Yehoyakim; Daniel and John Cooper

Though you have not seen Jesus,
may you love him all your days

1 Peter 1:8a

PROLOGUE

Let's read the *Acrostic of Jesus together*
To help you to love him, so *he is your treasure*.
We'll read it, rap it, or sing it—*it's fun!*
Till Jesus comes back and his kingdom *has come*.

An acrostic poem uses the *alphabet*
To teach you about Christ, so you will *not forget*.
God does this in Scripture, like Psalm *One Nineteen*;
In Lamentations, he has a *fun rhyme scheme*.
So, from now on, we'll use the *first letter*
To help you remember and to *learn better*.
He's the Alpha and Omega, from *A to Z*;
We pray you see from this book, "*Jesus came for me!*"

Each page will have a name, *attribute*, or a *title*
Of Jesus Christ *that is rooted in the Bible*.
He says, "In all your ways, *acknowledge me*"—
Kids, you're not too young to learn *Christology!*
What is Christology? It's the *study of Jesus*,
Of his person and work, and how he *does what he pleases*.
Not just to know about him *more in our brains*,
But to know him as the Lord of *glory who reigns*.

So . . .

Let's read the *Acrostic of Jesus together*
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We'll read it, rap it, or *sing it—it's fun!*
Till Jesus comes back and his kingdom *has come*.

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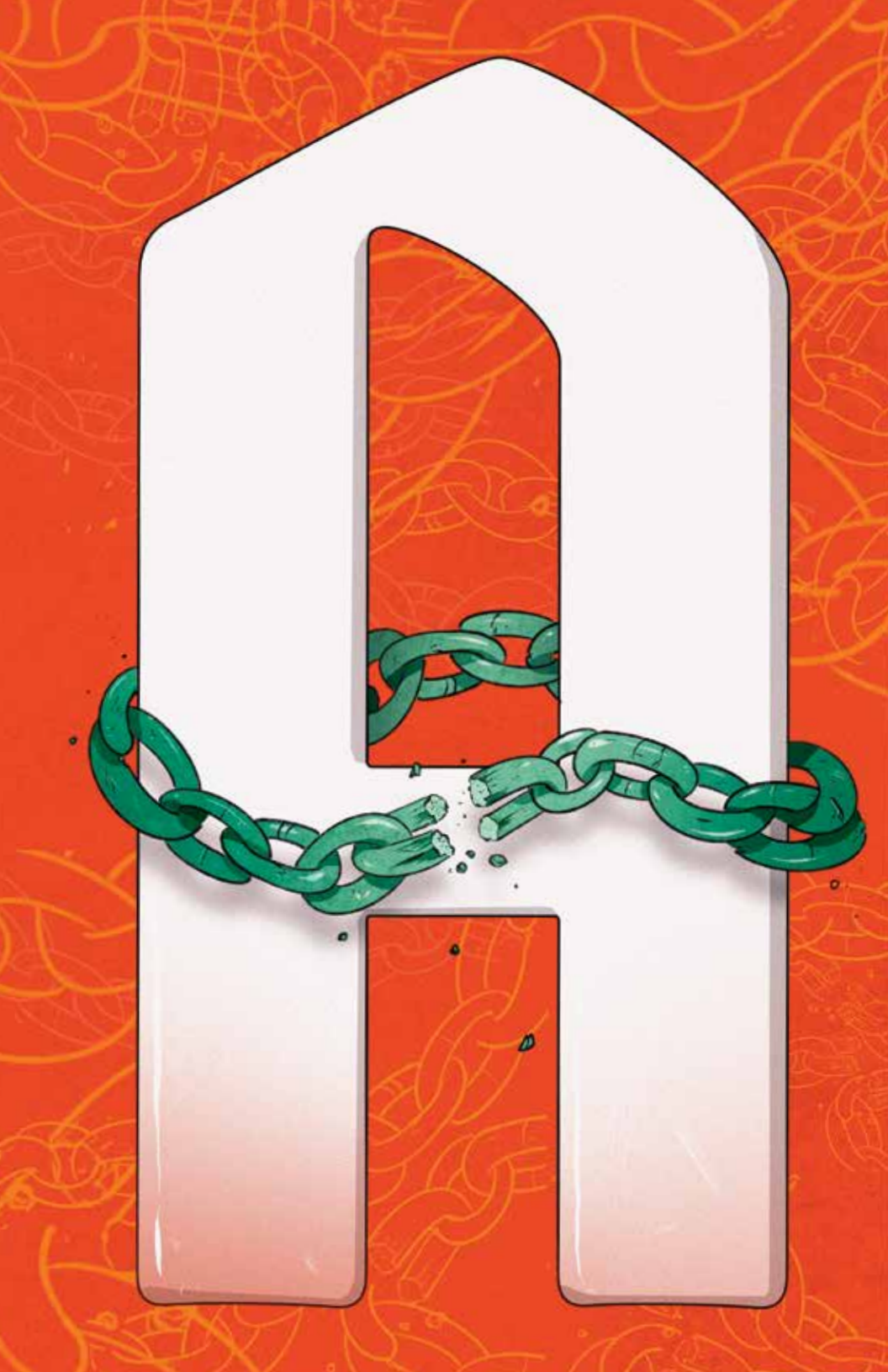
ABLE to rescue, Jesus has the *power to save*;

He can redeem sinners, who are *bound as a slave*.

Jesus helps children, who don't know *how to behave*;

He can even raise the dead, who are *down in the grave!*

Hebrews 7:25 Consequently, **he is able to save to the uttermost** those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.



BREAD OF LIFE

BREAD OF LIFE from heaven, that's what *Jesus gives*;
He gives us himself—we live because *Jesus lives*.
Yes, he is bread for our souls, not just for our *tummies*;
Without Jesus, we're dead like Egyptian *mummies*.

John 6:51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



CHRIST

CHRIST means Messiah—Jesus is *God's Anointed One*;
The Spirit was poured upon him as *God's Appointed Son*.
By Christ our King, we're *saved from our sins*;
Jesus sits on David's throne; he *reigns and he wins!*

1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**, of whom I am the foremost.

