

"God is love." 1 John 4:8

How to Become a Member of

God's Family

God loves you so much He wants you to be a member of His family. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for your sin. Sin is all the wrong things people do—like stealing, cheating and telling lies. Because Jesus never sinned, He is the only one who could take the punishment for your sin.

"The Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world." 1 John 4:14

Are you sorry for your sin? Do you believe Jesus died to be your Savior? If you are sorry, and if you believe, God forgives you and accepts you into His family. As a child of God you receive God's gift of everlasting life. This means God is with you now and forever.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Now you can grow as God's child. The Bible will help you know what God wants you to do. In prayer you can tell God how much you love Him. You can show by what you do that you love Jesus. Then others will know that you belong to God's family.



"To all who received him [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

When you become God's child, you become a brand new person inside. God will help you want to do what He says. And he will help you DO it. He will help you OBEY His plan.

GOD'S CHILDREN LEARN GOD'S WORD

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

You can learn what God wants you to know by studying what God's Word says and by learning Bible verses that teach you how to live as God's child.

GOD'S CHILDREN OBEY

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

God wants you to obey everyone who loves and takes care of you— parents, teachers, police officers, other leaders—and even baby-sitters!

GOD'S CHILDREN LOVE AND FORGIVE

"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

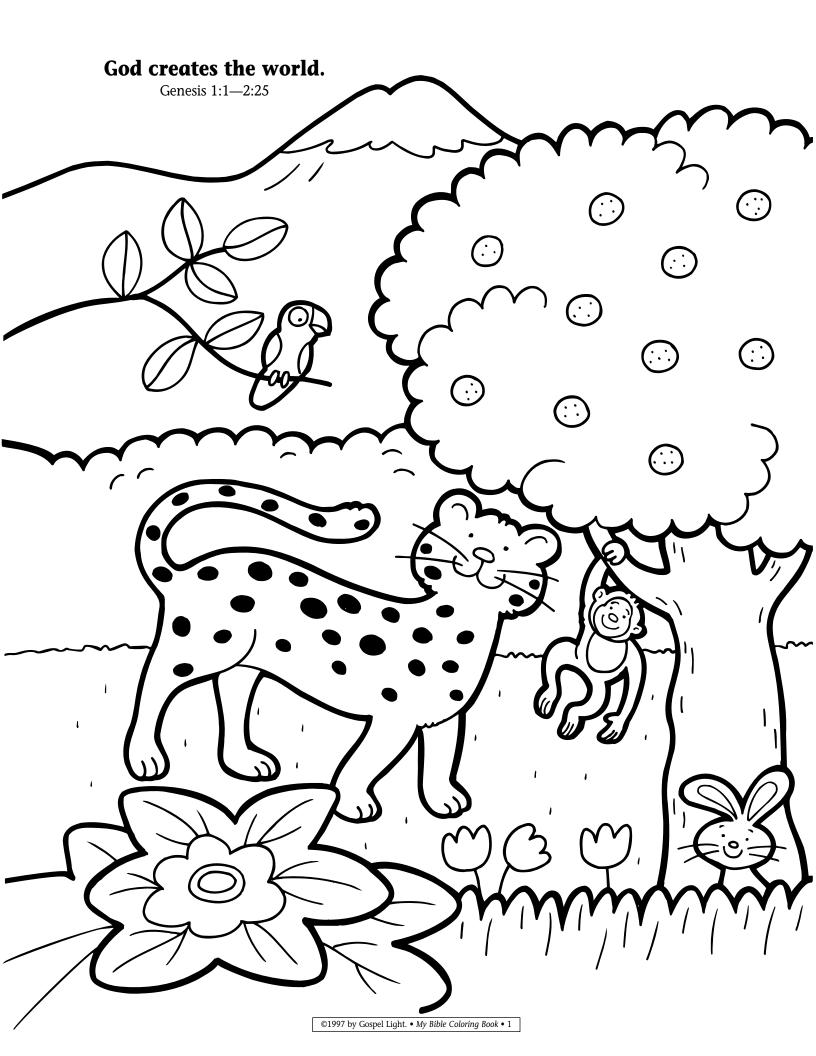
Jesus loves people. Loving people means caring how they feel and doing what makes others happy. Some people treated Jesus in very mean ways. And He forgave them and kept right on loving them.

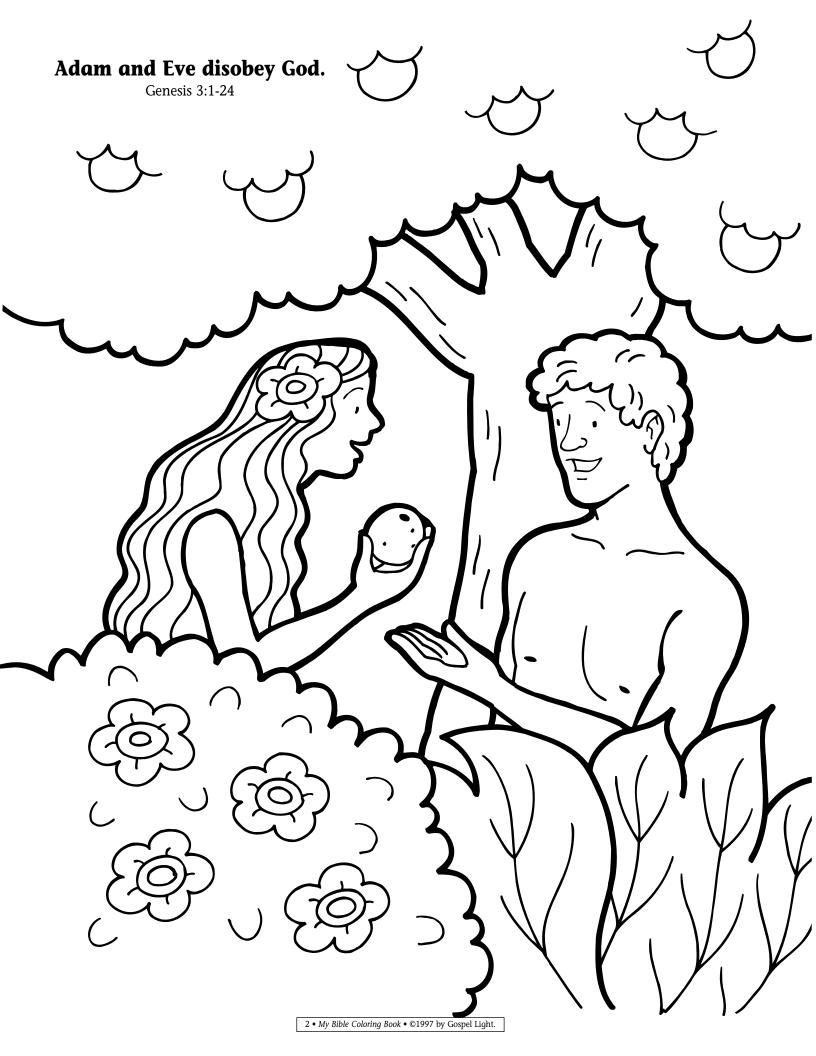
GOD'S CHILDREN GIVE

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Matthew 5:42

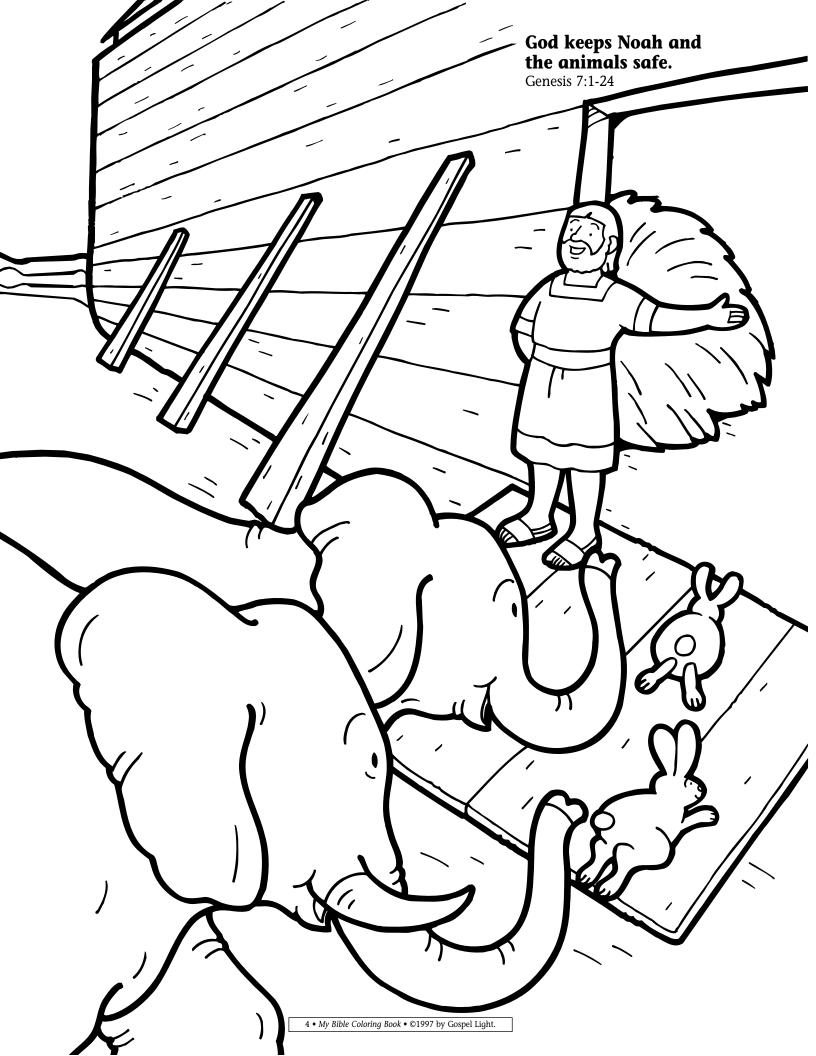
"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

God gives you so much to enjoy. He wants you to be a person who shares happily with others. God especially wants you to give your friendship to others and to share the good news about the Lord Jesus.











Dear God,

Thank You for loving us. Thank You for giving us the Bible so we can learn about Your love. Thank You for Your plan to show love to everyone all over the world. We are glad You love us so much that You sent Jesus. Please help us to learn more about You and to trust You more.

In Jesus' name, amen.

My Bible Coloring Book

A Letter from Shirley Dobson

My BIBLE COLORING BOOK was created to help children learn about God's love in the Dear Parents and Grandparents, Bible. As they follow biblical history from creation to the wonderful promise of Jesus' return to earth, they will discover God's plan to show His love for all of us. The Bible is full of amazing stories about God's love and how Jesus came to make a way for us to have a relationship with God. This coloring book uses stories that help to explain God's loving plan. As you read these stories from the Bible and tell them to your children, they will come to a greater understanding of

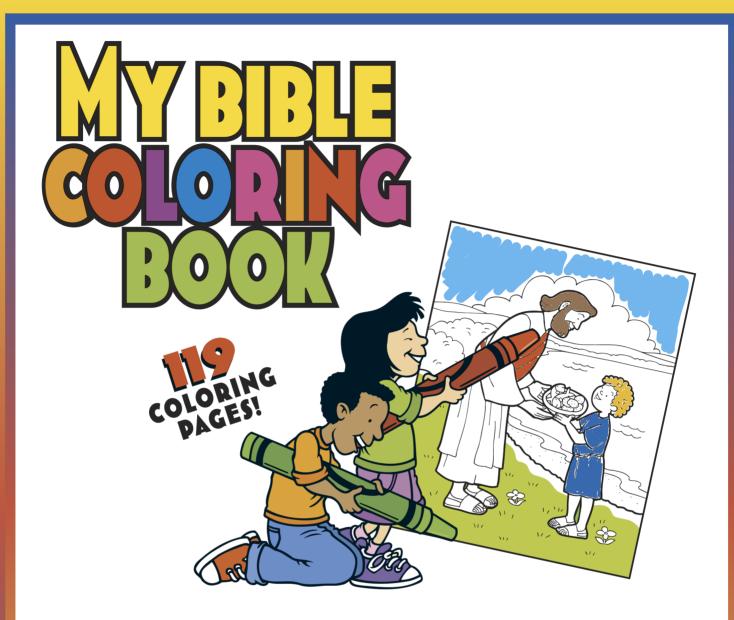
who God is and be encouraged to trust Him more. When Moses talked about God's words, he said, "Impress them on your chil-

dren. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 6:7). This coloring book can help you do just that. As you and your child color these pictures and talk about these stories, your child will begin to comprehend God's great love for him or her and will want to get to know God even more.

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KIDS-NOW YOU CAN COLOR YOUR WAY THROUGH THE BIBLE!

DID YOU KNOW...

The Bible is the story of God's love! The Bible is full of amazing stories about how God takes care of us. Jesus came to show us God's love. Color these stories from the Bible to see the many ways God loves you and cares for you!



