



Believing that something good can come out of something bad

BOTTOM LINE: Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.

Read Psalm 147:11



Mind Flip!

Sometimes sad things happen to us, but it's how we react that matters! Sit with an adult and think of something that has happened to you that made you sad. Talk about how you reacted. Did you handle it well or totally flip out? Take a deep breath and do a mind flip! Think of how the reaction to your situation could have turned out better if you thought about how God can help you through.

Grab some paper and a pen. Then, make an action plan for the next time something sad happens. So, when something unfortunate happens again, you know how to handle it!

THANK God for being there to help you when things get tough.



Rise Up!

Act out the Bible story about Lazarus in **John 11:1-45**. All you will need is two people. A narrator and actor. Follow the script written below.

ACTOR: (Lie down and pretend you are sleeping.)

NARRATOR: "Lazarus was sick and died."

ACTOR: (Cough a few times and fall over onto the floor.)

NARRATOR: "His sisters thought all hope was lost."

ACTOR: (Pretend to cry.)

NARRATOR: "Jesus used this opportunity to point people to God."

ACTOR: (Point upwards.)

NARRATOR: "Jesus and His disciples traveled to Lazarus's town to help him."

ACTOR: (Walk around your space.)

NARRATOR: "Jesus was stronger than death, and He raised Lazarus four days after he died."

ACTOR: (Lie down like you were before and slowly get up like you have been sleeping a long time.)

KNOW that when you think all hope is lost remember God is more powerful than death.



Have Hope

With the help of an adult, read this week's Bible verse: **Psalm 147:11**. Grab some paper and something to write with. In large letters, write the word HOPE on the middle of your paper. Around the word HOPE write out some things you can hope for! It could be things like: hoping cookies are for dinner or that God will heal a sick friend. Hang this somewhere you can see it and reflect on this week.

LOOK for ways that you can put your hope in God even when it's hard.



H-O-P-E

Pray the word **HOPE!** Use each letter in the word hope as a guide to help you pray for those around you.

H: Pray for those in your home.

O: Pray for others outside of your home; such as, friends and neighbors.

P: Pray for people that need Jesus.

E: Pray for those in your elementary school like classmates and teachers.

ASK God to help remind you and others around you He gives hope to those who believe in Him.



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DAY 1

I'm Waiting . . .

God promised that He would send a Messiah, but some people had to wait a very long time. When Jesus was born, God's promise of a Messiah had finally come true. It was totally worth the wait!

Think about a time you had to wait a really long time for something you really wanted like a new toy or going on a super awesome vacation!

Draw a picture of a time or a thing that you had to wait a long time for. When you are finished, talk about what you did or can do as you wait patiently.

ASK God to keep you patient as you wait.

DAY 2

Hope This Sounds Good!

With the help of an adult, look up this week's Bible verse: **Romans 8:25**. Each time you read through the verse, use a different voice! Some fun voices you can try are: whisper voice, deep voice, high voice, opera singing voice, and robot voice! Try some others you can think of too!

KNOW that when you are patient God still takes care of you.

DAY 3

Praying for Promises

Find a quiet place to talk to God. Talk to Him about things that you hope for and ask Him to help you be patient while you wait for Him to keep His promises to you. Pray something like this:

"Dear God, I know that You always keep Your promises. I pray that I can stay patient while I wait for You. You will always do what is right for me. I pray that I won't give up hope when I think of the things You want for me. I love You, God, Amen."

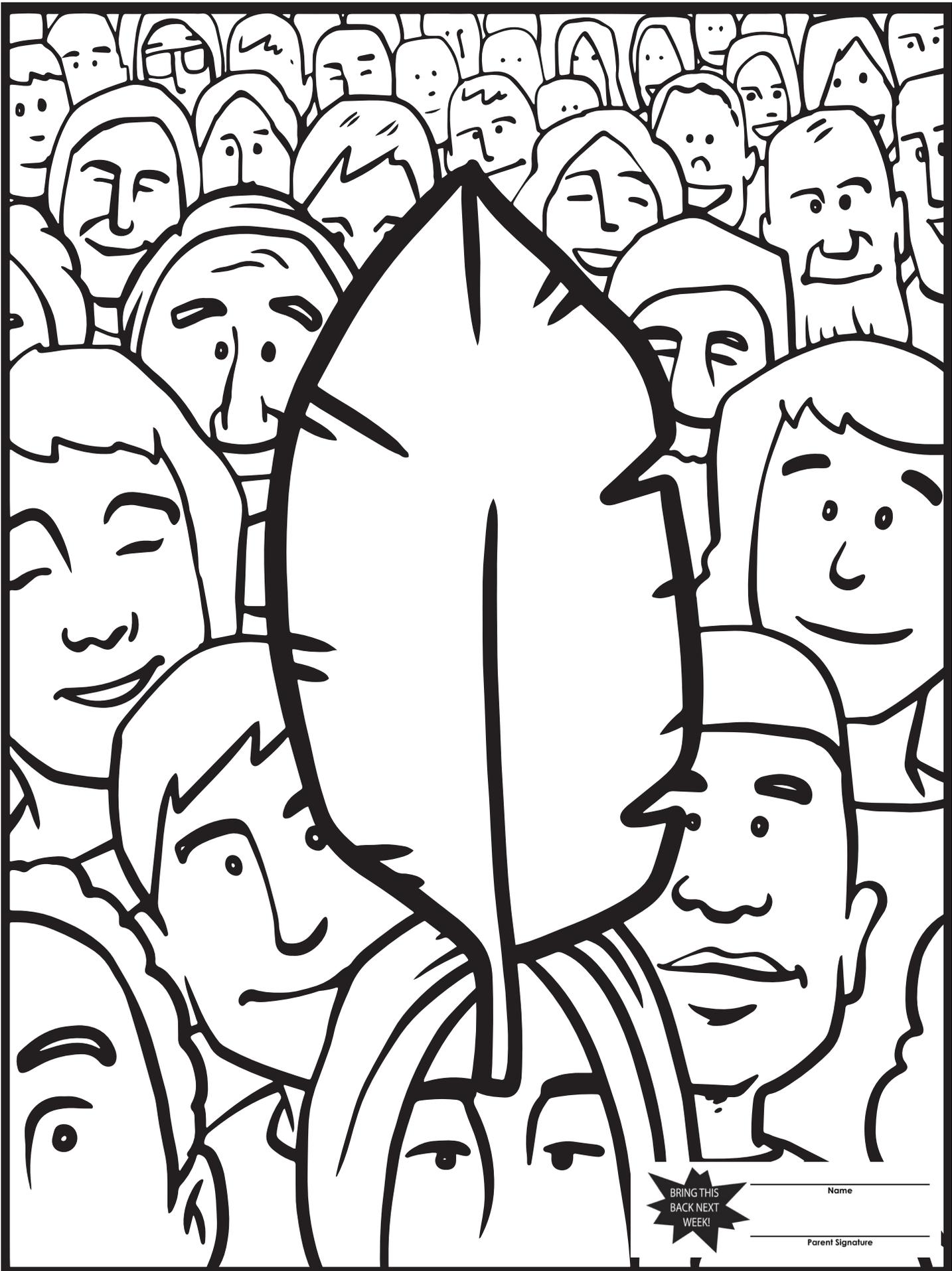
THANK God for keeping His promise and sending His Son, Jesus.

DAY 4

Hosanna!

We learned that Jesus came into town on a donkey and everyone cheered for Him and waved their palm branches. Pretend your GodTime card is a palm leaf and use it to wave around your house! Start a parade and get your family members to join in shouting the phrase: "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" from **John 12:13**, a part of this week's story.

LOOK for ways that you can celebrate Jesus and His promises!



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WEEK 3



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BOTTOM LINE: Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.

Read Romans 1:4

DAY 1

Empty, Empty, Where is the Empty

With the help of a friend, gather three cups that you cannot see through and two small items that can fit under your containers. Have your friend close their eyes while you place the two small items under two of the cups. You should have two cups with something under them and one that is empty. Without your friend knowing which one is empty, slide the containers around on the table to mix them up, making sure not to lift them. Have your friend guess the empty container! Take turns doing this a few times and try it with others around you.

Just like Jesus' tomb, some things are just better empty! If you believe in Jesus, the empty tomb was the best thing that has ever happened!

KNOW that the empty tomb means Jesus is alive and gives us hope!

DAY 2

Have No Fear

What are some things you are afraid of? Have no fear, Jesus is here! Jesus was sent to earth by God to live a perfect life and die for our sins.

Take some time and talk to God about what your fears and ask Him to help you to not be scared any more. Pray something like this:

"Dear God, sometimes I am scared, but I know that You are always with me. I know that You have the power to raise people from the dead, so I know You have the power to help me through my fears. God, help me remember that You are always there for me and I don't have to be scared. I love You, God, Amen."

ASK God to help you when you are scared by talking to Him through prayer.

DAY 3

Gotcha!

Grab an adult to help you with this activity. Together, look up this week's Bible verse: **Romans 1:4**. Adults: Read through the verse with your child several times so that they are familiar with it. Then, say the verse aloud to them, but make a mistake. When your child hears the mistake, they call out "Gotcha" and get one point. If your child doesn't catch the error you get a point. Tally up the points and the winner gets a high five!

THANK God for sending His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins.

DAY 4

A Loud Easter

Sit down with an adult and talk together about what Easter means to you. Talk about what Jesus dying on the cross represents. Talk about how life can be different if you believe that Jesus died and rose again three days later to save us from our sins.

Let everyone know that Jesus is alive! Say the phrase: "Jesus is alive!" Start by saying it really quietly and keep getting louder until you are shouting **"JESUS IS ALIVE!"** Spread the good news!

LOOK for opportunities to tell others that Jesus is alive!



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BOTTOM LINE: Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.

John 20:19-20

DAY
1

Blind Trust

Grab a friend you can trust and a blindfold. Between the two of you decide who will be blindfolded and who will do the leading. The object of this activity is for the director to lead the blindfolded person safely to a chair to sit in. The catch is: the blindfolded person CANNOT feel for the chair, they just need to sit.

Spin your blindfolded friend around a few times, let them get situated, and then start directing them where to go so they can sit down. Do this a few times by taking turns being the director. Feel free to move the chair around the room once they are blindfolded!

KNOW that, although you cannot see Jesus in person, you can know that He cares for you by what He did for you.

DAY
2

Questions Please!

Do you ever feel like asking God a question?

Take some time and write down some questions that you have for God or draw a picture to explain your questions. Then, take some time to talk to Him and ask Him some of your questions. You probably won't be able to literally hear Him answer your questions, but look for the answers around you throughout the week! Your questions can be answered in the Bible, in other great books, or even by some smart people around you!

LOOK for the answers to your questions by talking to God and others who know about Him!

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3

He's ALIVE!

With the help of an adult go to a Bible online or open a Bible app. Search for **John 20:19-20** and listen to the verses being read to you! After listening, answer the questions below (there are no right or wrong answers).

- How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Jesus after He died?
- Who would be the first person you told after you saw Jesus?
- How do you know Jesus is alive today?

ASK others how they know Jesus is alive!

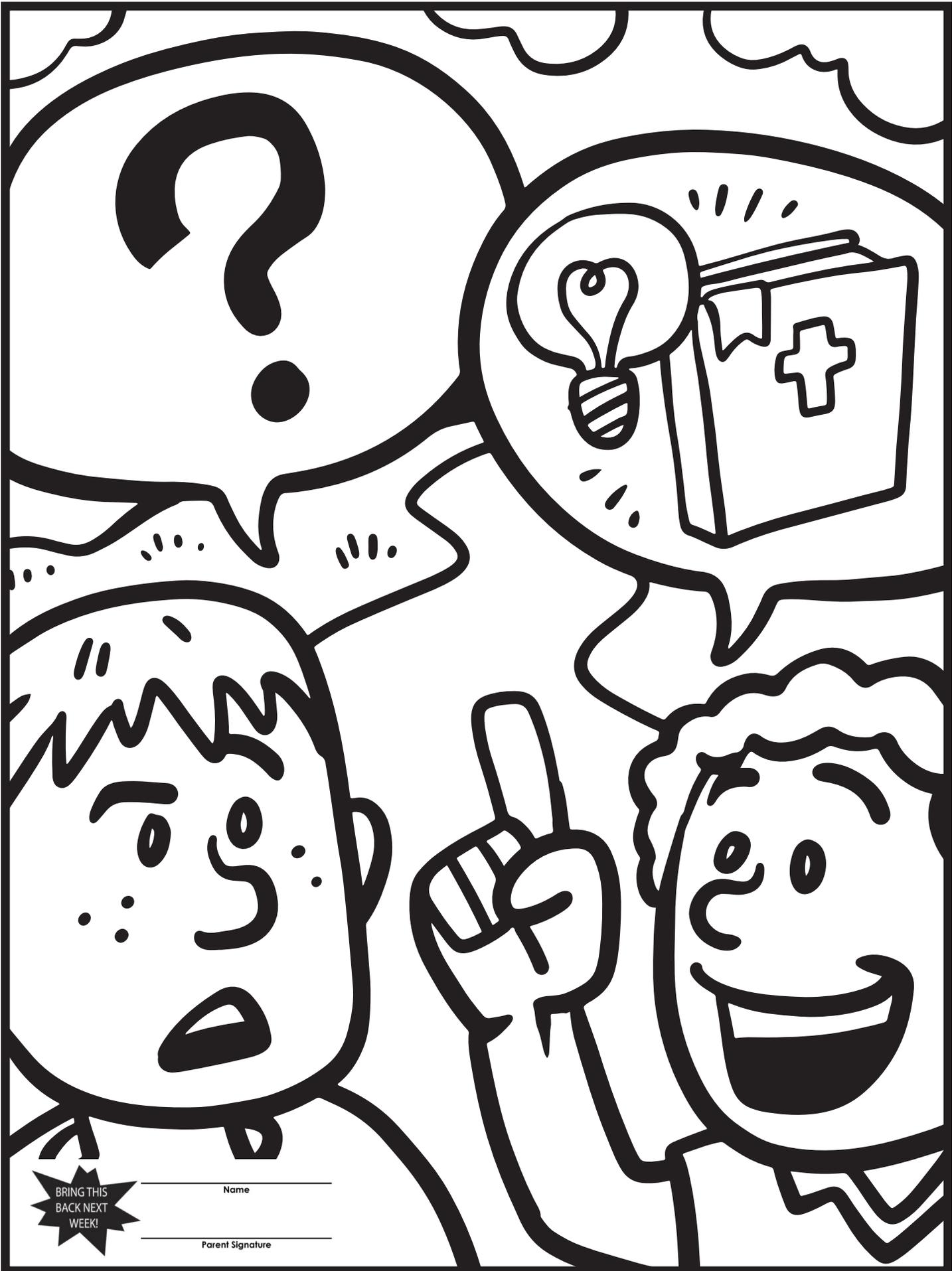
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God, Show Me

It's hard to have faith in someone who you don't get to see every day, but God can be the exception to that! He sent His Son, Jesus, to be seen by so many people, to be killed, and then to rise again. People have been talking about it ever since! The best part of this whole thing is that you can talk to God all day, every day! Spend time talking to Him right now! You can pray something like this:

"Dear God, I want to thank You so much for all You do for me. I am so thankful that You sent Your own Son to come to earth to give us an example of who You are. God, I pray that You can continue to show me who You are and what You can do in my life. Thank You for all that I am and have from You. Amen."

THANK God for caring enough about you to send His Son to cover your sins.



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