HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN!

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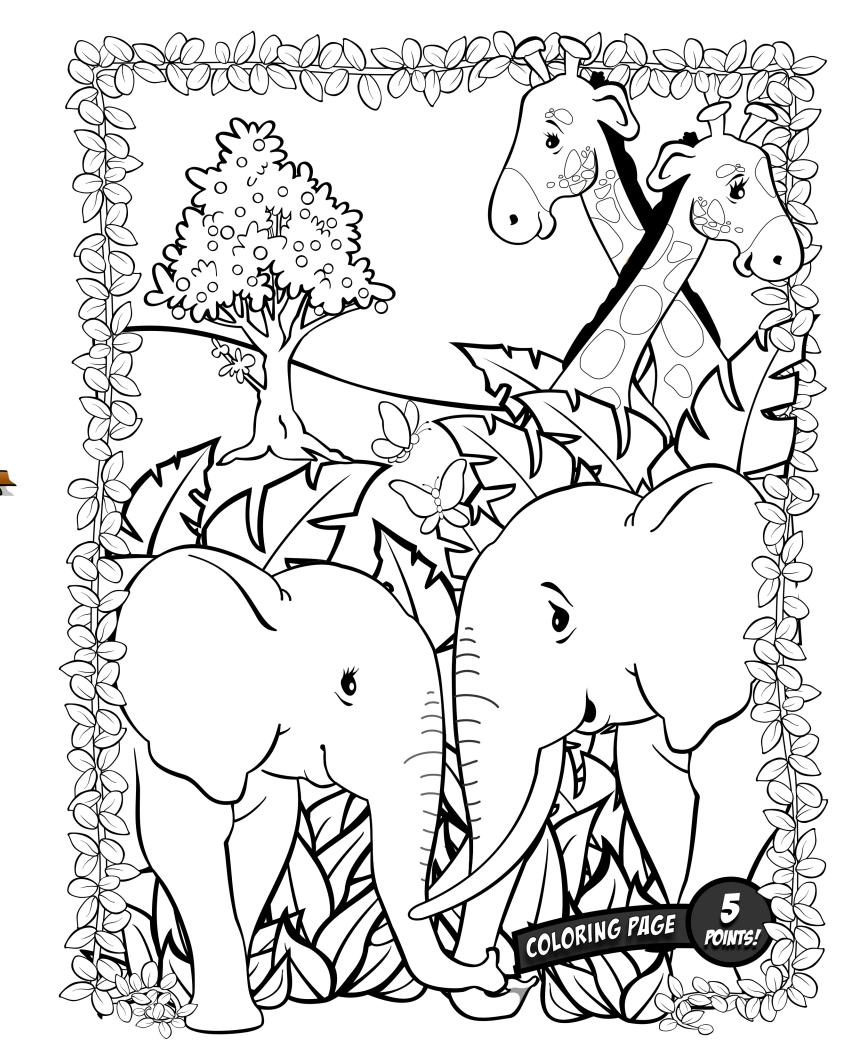
JOHN 3:16... "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH,
BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

The very first verse of the Bible says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." God created EVERYTHING! He made all the mountains and trees and animals... AND <u>God created the very first man and woman, Adam and Eve</u>. They were husband and wife.

There was something very special about God's creation. There were no thorns on the plants, or weeds in the ground – everything was perfect. Even the animals were perfect – they were gentle and kind. Adam and Eve did not have to be afraid of them. They could pet a lion just like you would pet a puppy!



God made a wonderful place for Adam and Eve to live called the Garden of Eden. God filled the garden with beautiful trees. He made a river with clean, sparkling water that flowed all the way through the garden. And in the middle of the garden, God made a very special tree: the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve that they could eat all the fruit they wanted from any of the other trees, but they were not allowed to eat the fruit from this special tree. God warned them that if they did, they would die.



So, Adam and Eve lived in God's perfect creation. They enjoyed being in the beautiful garden God had made, but most of all they loved being with God. It was a wonderful life – Adam and Eve were happier than anyone else has ever been! They could have been with God forever, but one day they chose to disobey God

and eat fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE, TELLS
US THAT "SIN" IS BREAKING GOD'S LAW.
WHEN ADAM AND EVE ATE THE FRUIT
GOD HAD TOLD THEM NOT TO,
THEY BROKE HIS LAW. THIS WAS
THE VERY FIRST SIN. AND WITH THIS
ONE SIN, EVERYTHING CHANGED.
GOD'S CREATION WAS NO
LONGER PERFECT.

Do you remember how God warned Adam and Eve that if they broke His law they would die? Well, just like God said, they died – but not like you might think. Even though their bodies were still alive, Adam and Eve died spiritually and were now separated from God.

Adam and Eve were very sad that they had broken God's law, and they could not live with Him anymore. God did not want anyone to be separated from Him forever, so He took a lamb and sacrificed it. Then God told Adam and Eve that one day a woman would have a Son, and – just like the lamb – He would be their sacrifice. He would pay for their SIN and the SIN of the whole world.

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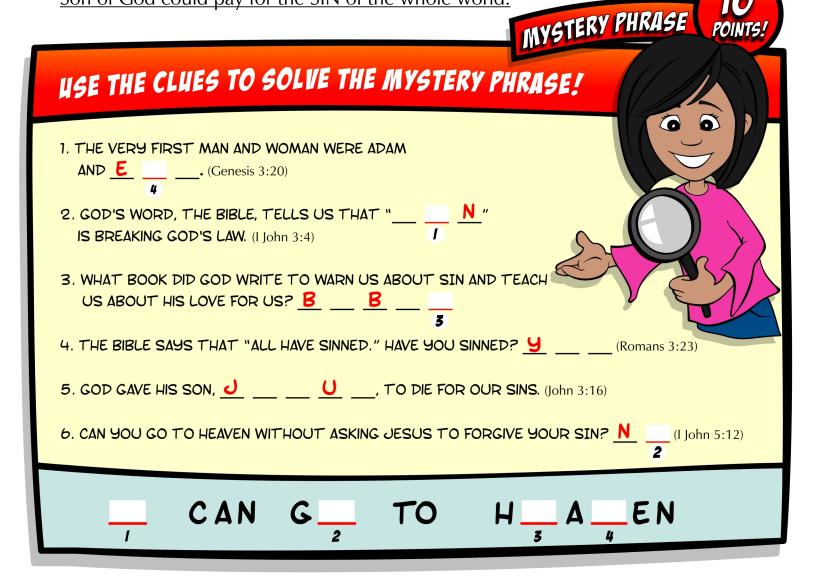
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Just like God had warned, Adam and Eve were dying from the disease of SIN. Even worse, SIN would be passed on to everyone who would ever live. <u>God wrote a book called the Bible to warn us about SIN, and the Bible says that "all have sinned." "All" means everyone, and that means that YOU are a sinner, too.</u> This is very sad, because God loves you so much, and He does not want you, or anyone else to die from SIN.

In the Bible, God warns us that if we die in our SIN, we will be separated from Him forever in a terrible place called Hell that is filled with fire and darkness. But, just like our memory verse tells us, <u>God loves us so much</u>, <u>He gave His Son</u>, <u>Jesus</u>, <u>to be the sacrifice for our SIN</u>. Just like the lamb, Jesus did not do anything wrong. He was not like other men – He was God's Son, and <u>only the perfect</u> <u>Son of God could pay for the SIN of the whole world</u>.



Because Jesus loved you so much, He died on a cross so you wouldn't have to go to that awful place called Hell. After He died, His friends buried Him in a tomb. But, because Jesus is the Son of God, He didn't stay in the grave. Three days after He was buried, He arose from the grave to prove that He is powerful enough to defeat even death! Now Jesus is in Heaven, and when you die someday, He wants you to be there with Him! In Heaven, no one ever gets sick or hurt, and the best part of all is that God is always there! God wants to give you a home with Him, but there is no SIN in Heaven... it is a perfect place. You can only go to Heaven if your SIN is gone, and Jesus is the only one who can take away your SIN.

Do you believe what the Bible says? Do you believe that you have SINNED? Remember, the Bible says that "all have SINNED," and that means YOU. Do you believe that Jesus died for your SIN so you wouldn't have to be separated from Him in Hell? If you believe that, and you haven't already asked Jesus to forgive you, you can do that right now by praying a prayer like this:

"DEAR JESUS, I KNOW
THAT I HAVE SINNED. I BELIEVE
THAT YOU DIED ON THE CROSS TO
PAY FOR MY SIN BECAUSE YOU LOVE
ME. I BELIEVE THAT YOU ROSE FROM
THE GRAVE, AND THAT YOU HAVE THE
POWER TO FORGIVE MY SIN. THANK
YOU FOR DYING ON THE CROSS FOR
ME. I AM VERY SORRY FOR MY SIN;
WILL YOU PLEASE FORGIVE ME?
THANK YOU, JESUS. AMEN."



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