

*When*  
**I BECOME**  
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**CHILD of GOD...**

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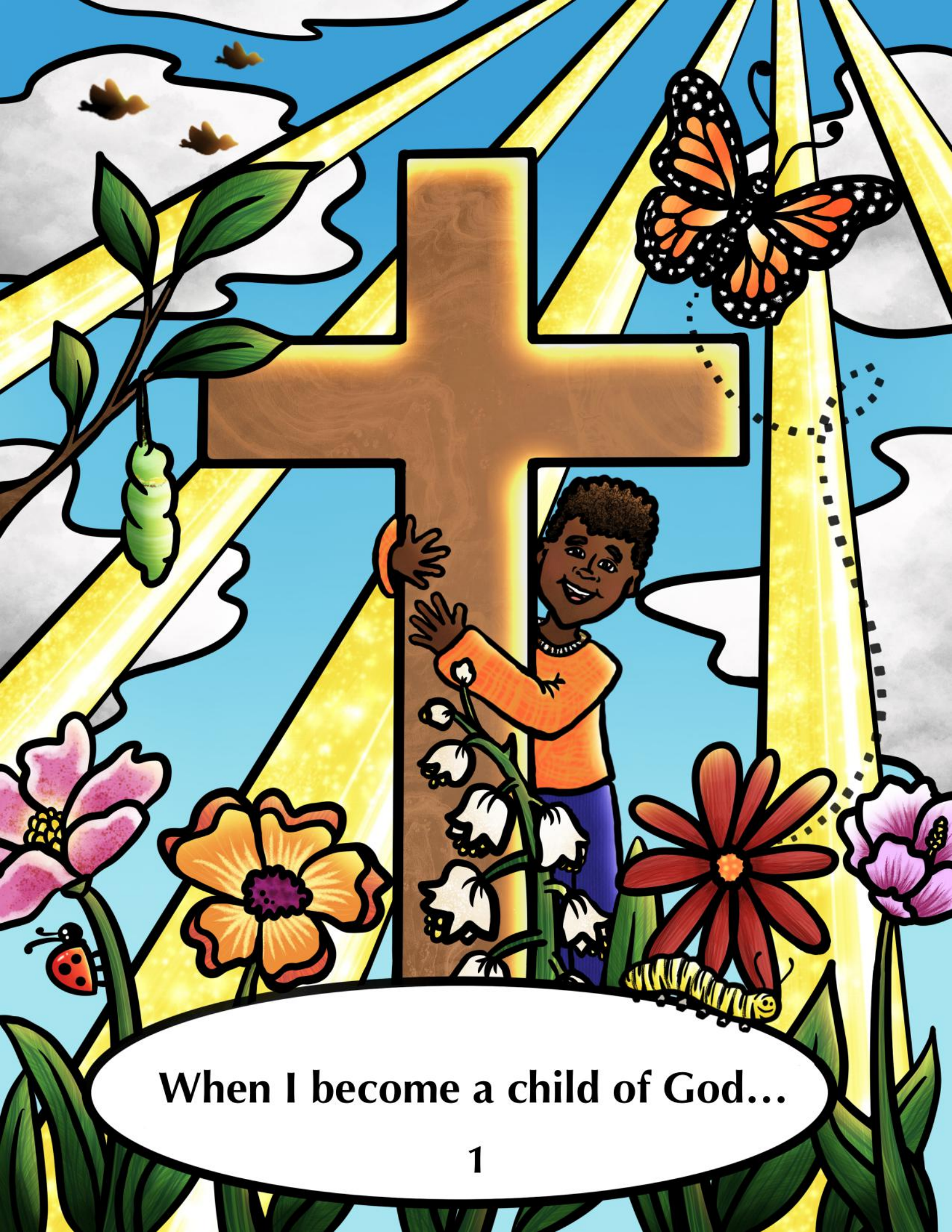
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I dedicate this book to my wife, Cindy, who thought of the idea and granted me the time to bring it to fruition. To my sister, Jill, who is my encourager and cheerleader.

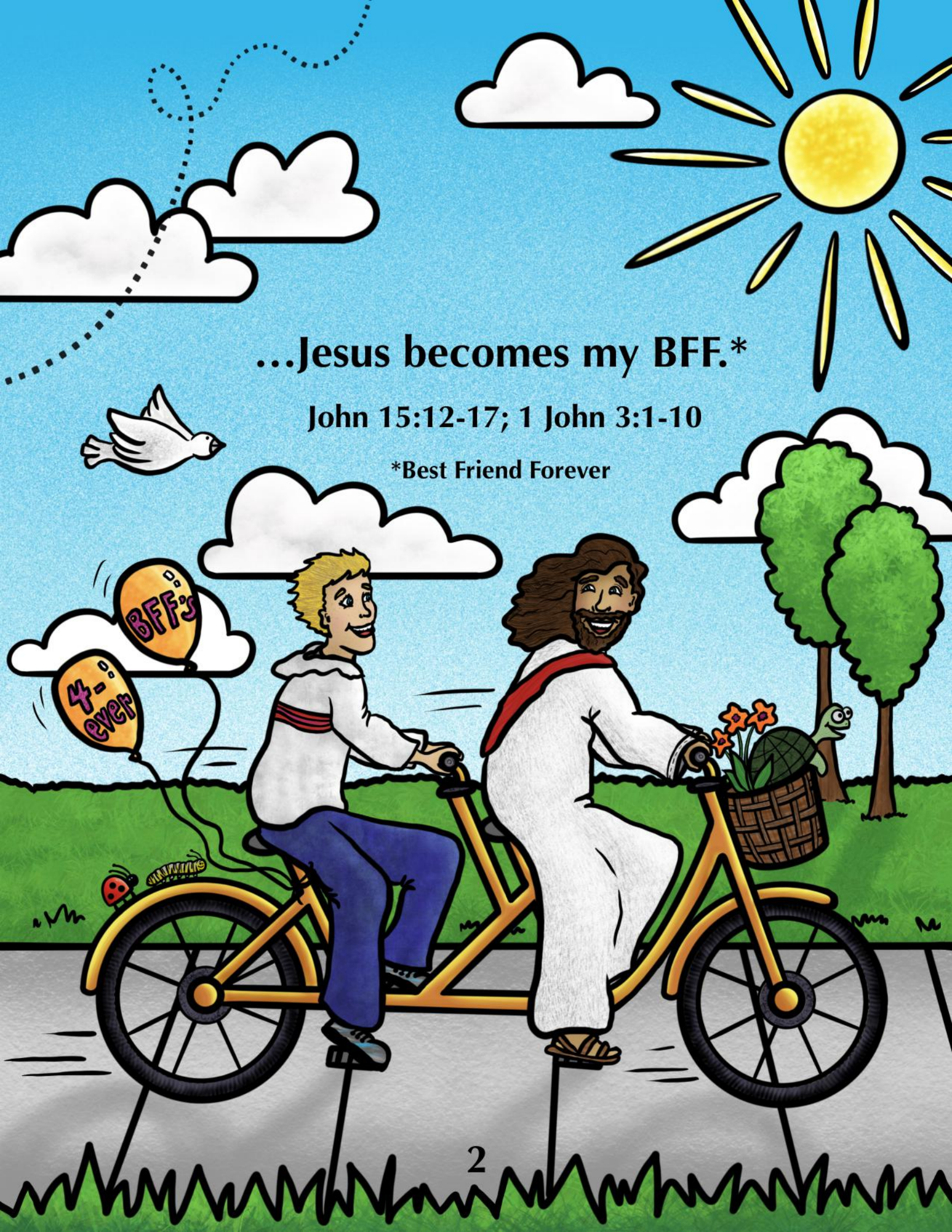
To my granddaughters, Leah, Anna, Eloise, Abby and Caroline, who I hope will one day become Children of God.

Finally, to my Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ; for apart from Him, I can do nothing (John 15:5).





When I become a child of God...



...Jesus becomes my BFF.\*

John 15:12-17; 1 John 3:1-10

\*Best Friend Forever

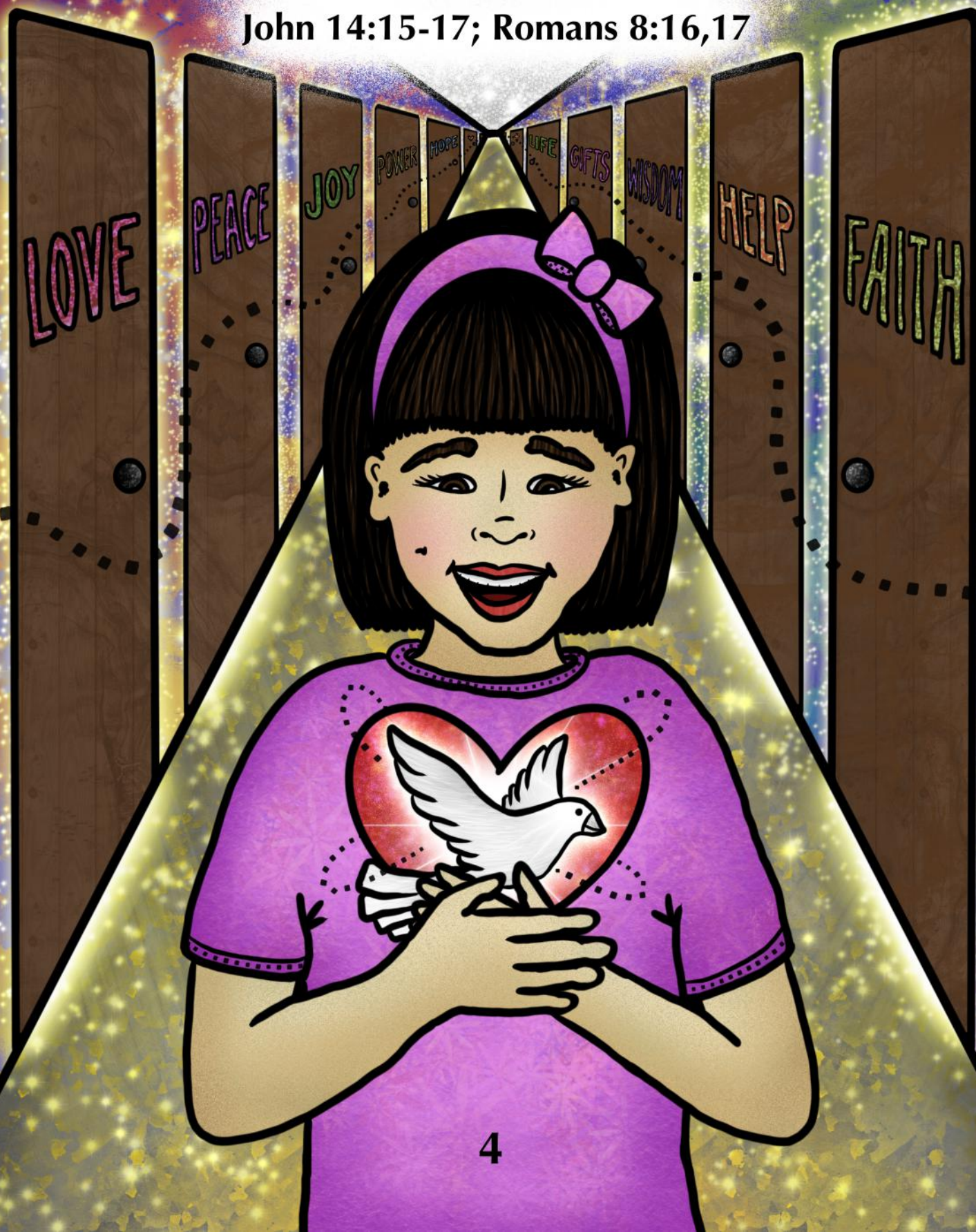


**...I will be with Jesus in heaven.**

**Matthew 18:1-3; John 14:1-3**

**...I have God's Spirit living inside  
my heart forever.**

**John 14:15-17; Romans 8:16,17**





...all of my sins are forgiven.

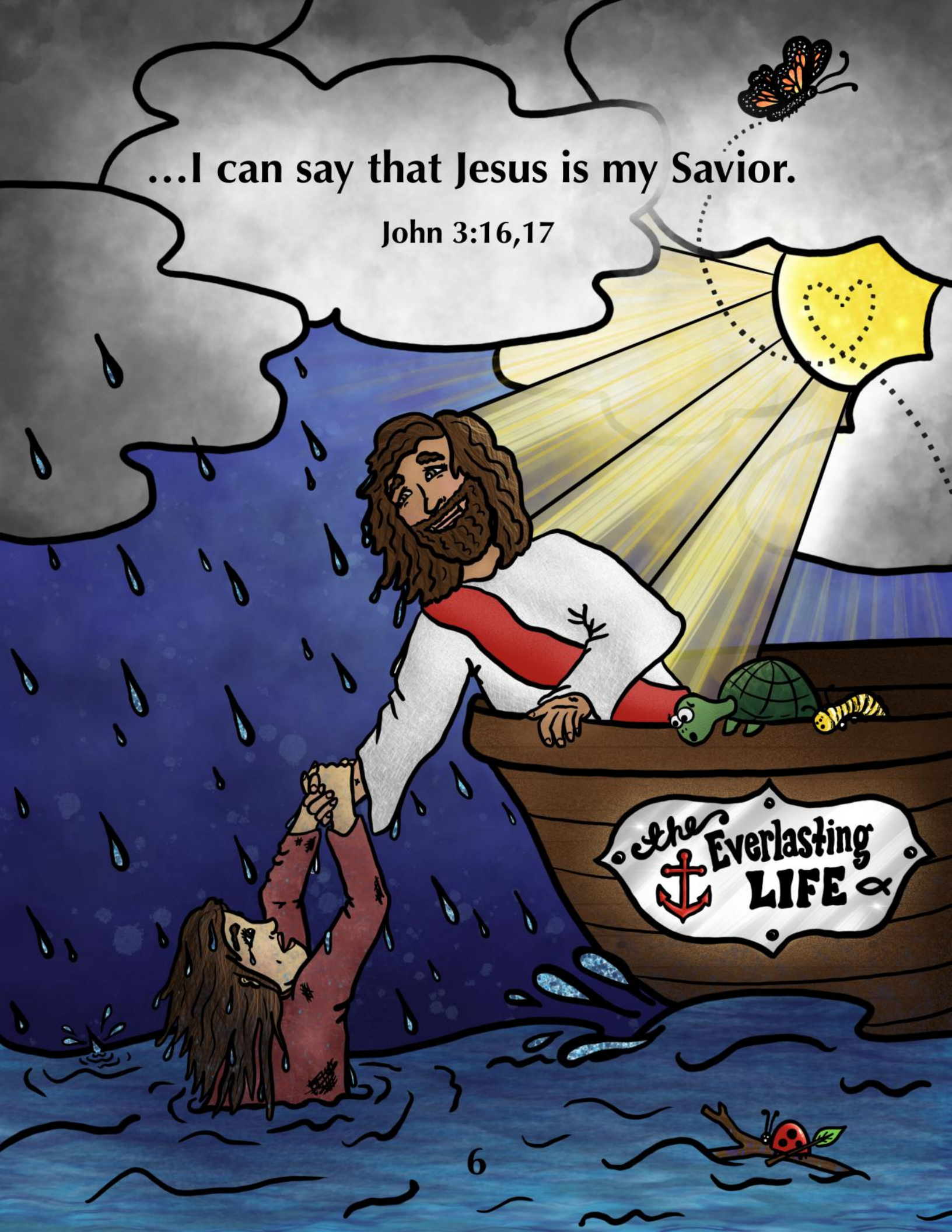
Psalm 103:11,12; Matthew 9:5-7





...I can say that Jesus is my Savior.

John 3:16,17



...I can say that Jesus is on  
the throne of my heart.

Proverbs 27:19; John 1:12,13



Jesus is King  
over my actions.



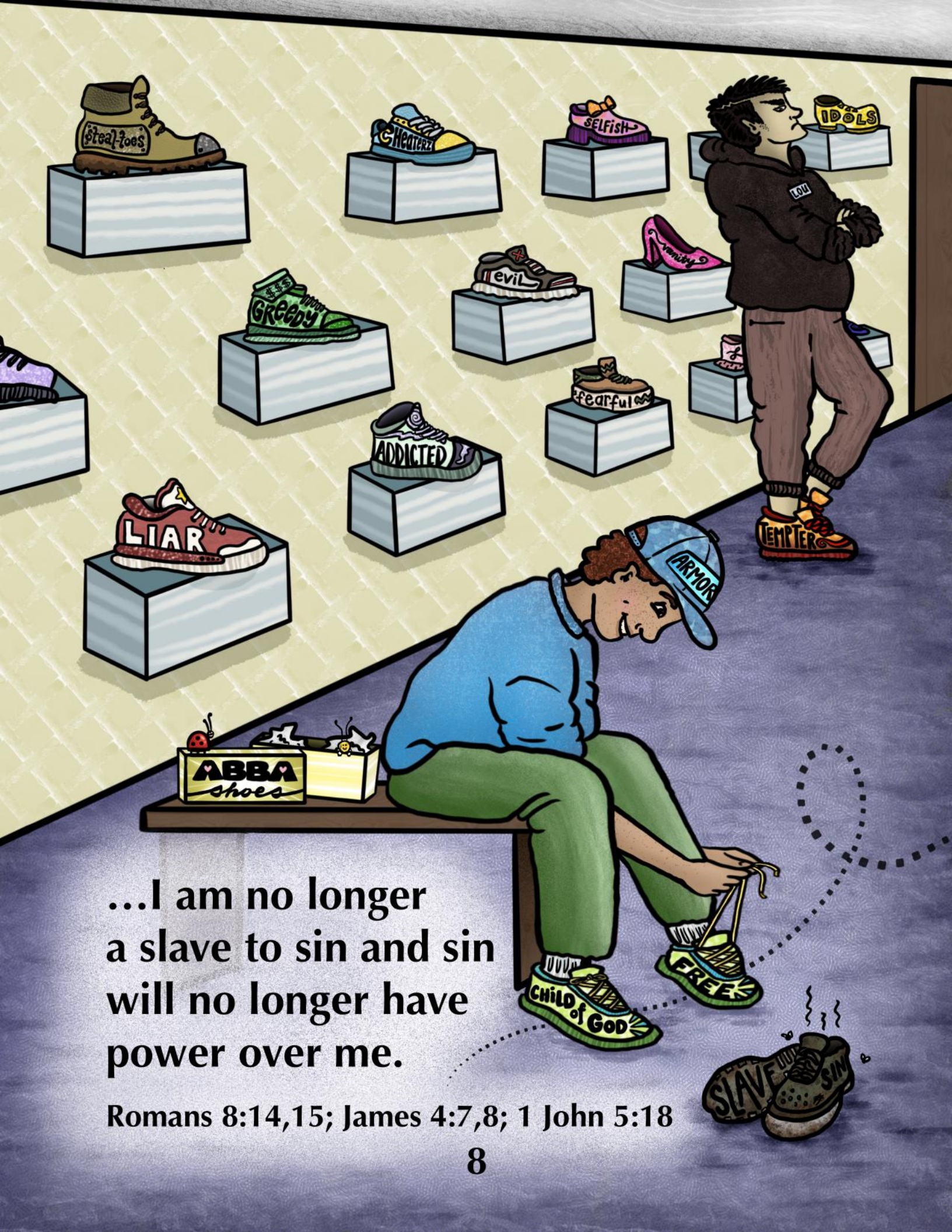
Jesus is King over  
my thinking.



Jesus is King  
over my emotions.



Jesus is King over  
the choices I make.

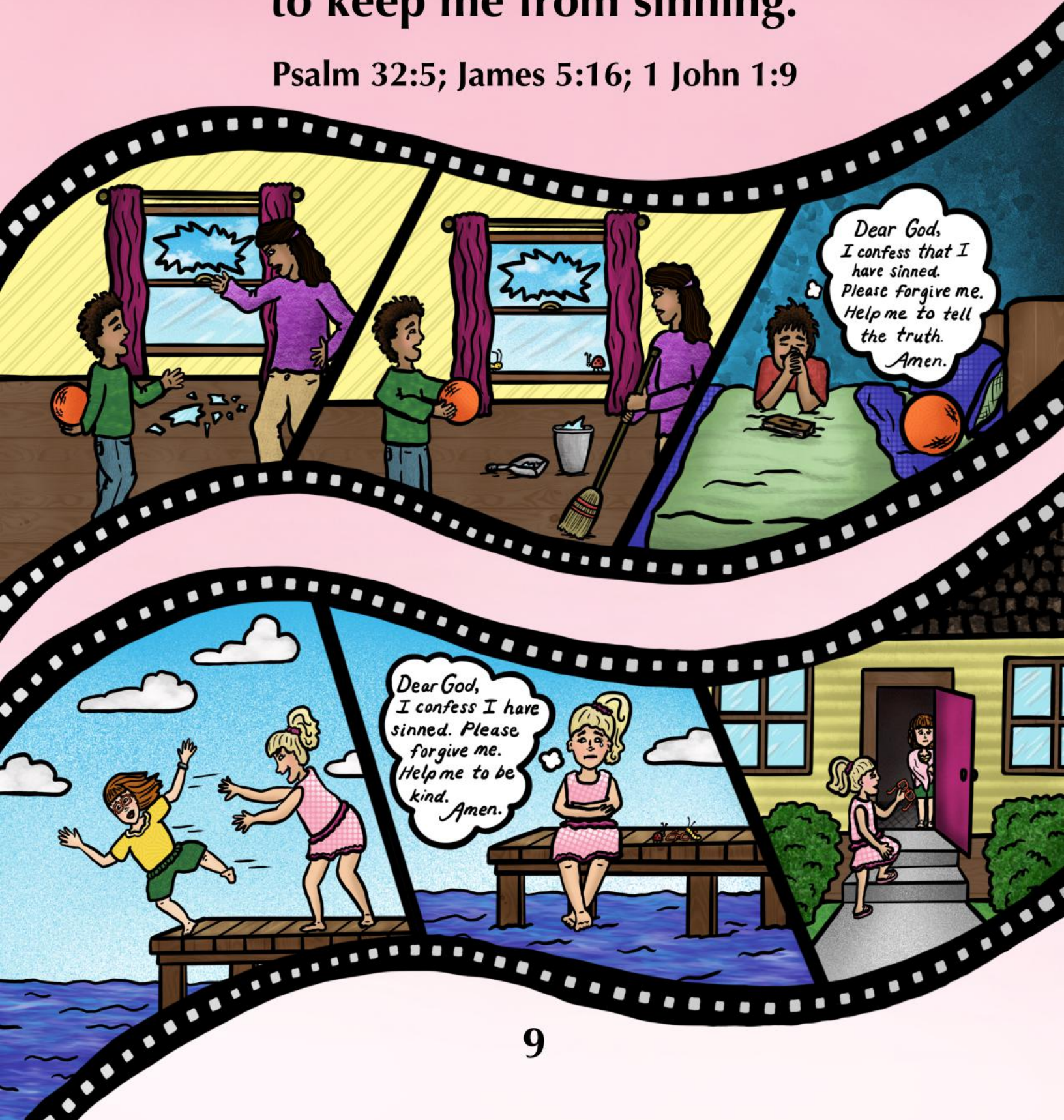


...I am no longer  
a slave to sin and sin  
will no longer have  
power over me.

Romans 8:14,15; James 4:7,8; 1 John 5:18

...I will **OFTEN** confess my sins to God (and others) and ask Him for help to keep me from sinning.

Psalm 32:5; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9





**...I will OFTEN pray to God.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; 1 Timothy 2:1,2**

...I will read and study the Bible,  
and memorize verses.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Psalm 119:11,12; Psalm 119:105





**...I love God by trusting  
and obeying Him.**

**Psalm 118:6-9; John 14:15; 1 Peter 1:14-16**

...I will worship and serve God  
because of my love for Him.

Deuteronomy 6:4,5,13; Matthew 4:10







...God hears ALL of my prayers and also answers ALL of them.

John 15:7; James 4:2,3





**...I will become more like Jesus.**

**John 15:5-8; Ephesians 5:1,2;  
Romans 8:29**



...I will be a changed person.

2 Corinthians 5:17,18; Galatians 5:22,23;  
Philippians 2:14,15

Love

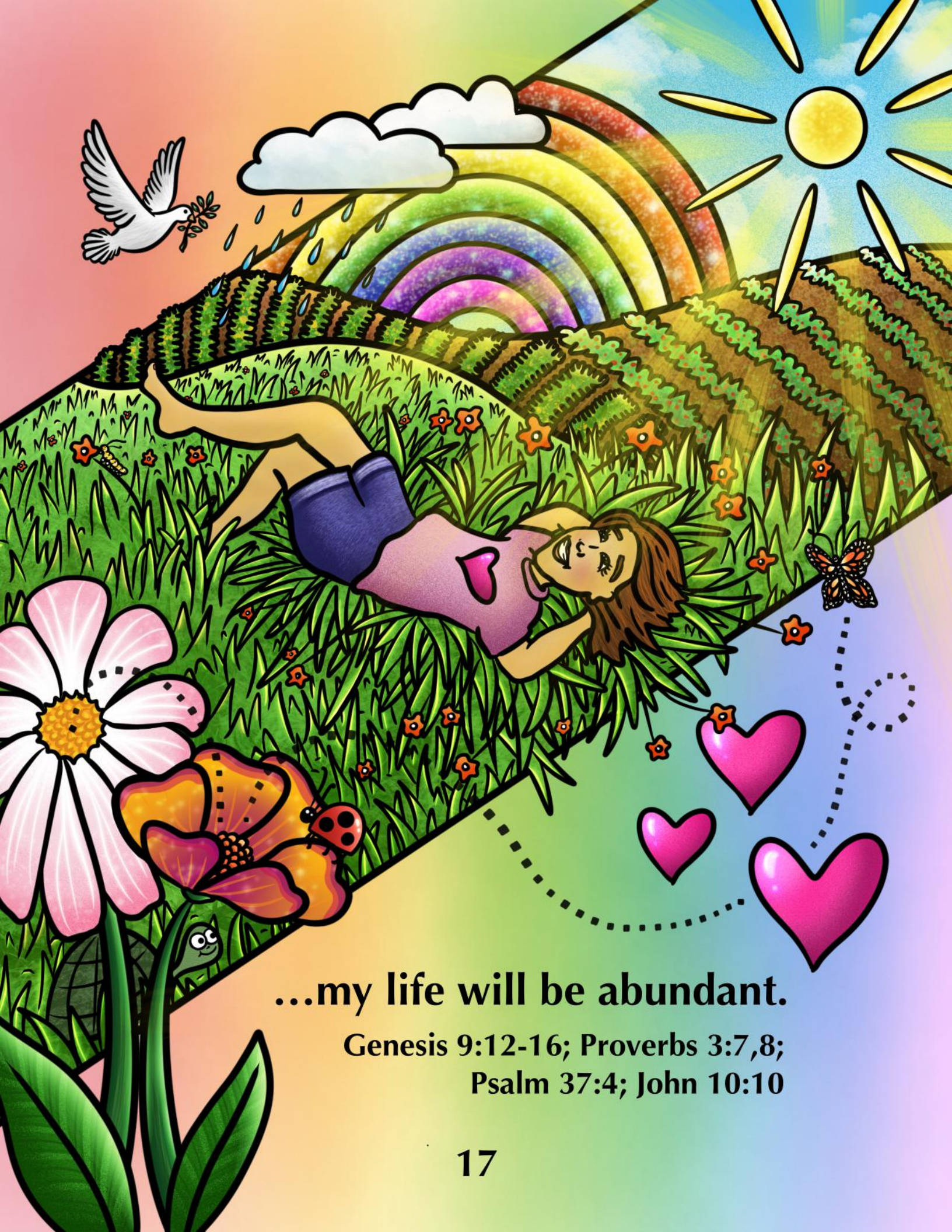
Kindness

Peace

Selfishness

Patience

Gentleness

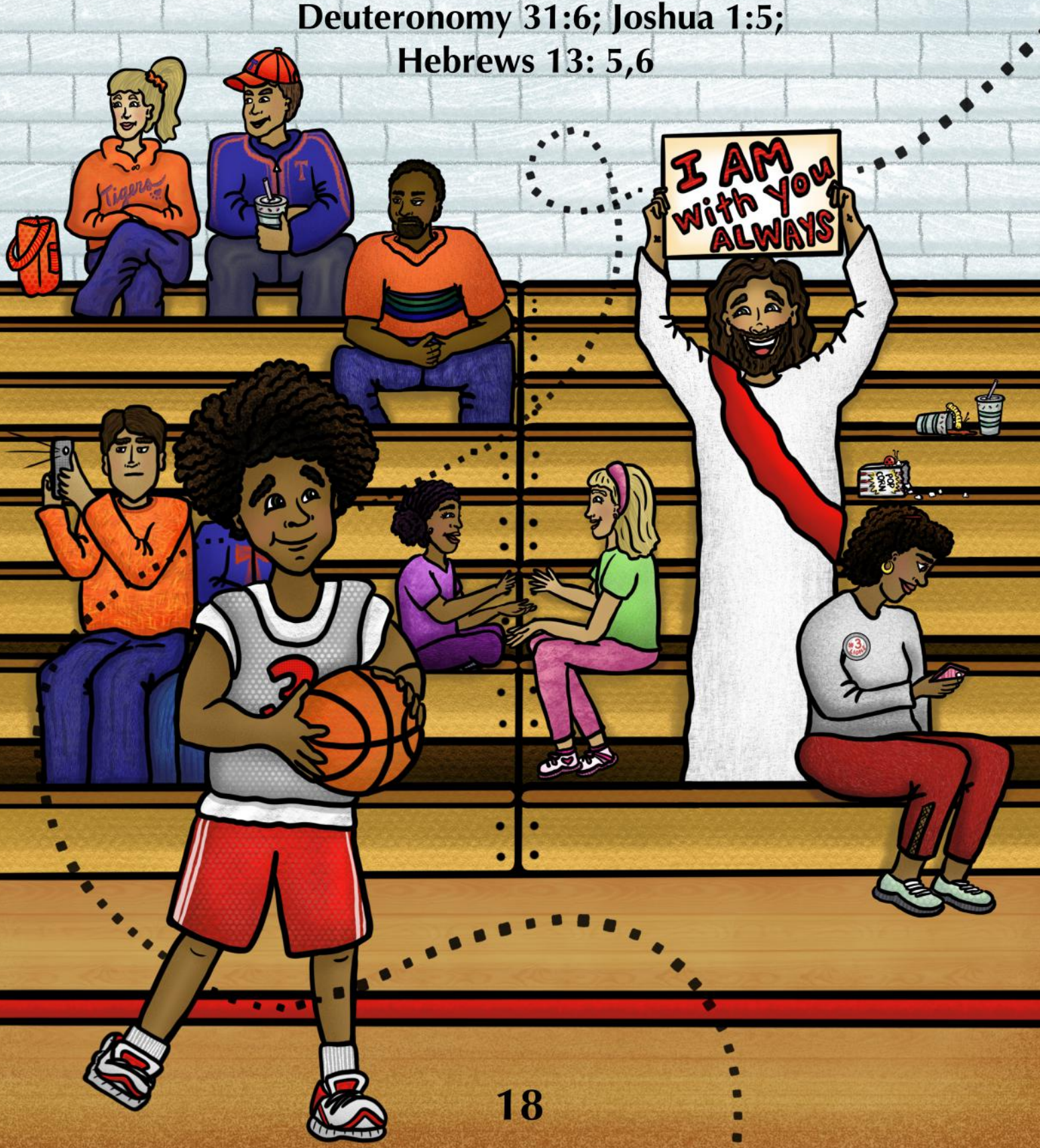


**...my life will be abundant.**

**Genesis 9:12-16; Proverbs 3:7,8;  
Psalm 37:4; John 10:10**

...people may let me down, but Jesus will never leave me nor forget about me.

Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:5;  
Hebrews 13: 5,6





...all things work out for the good.

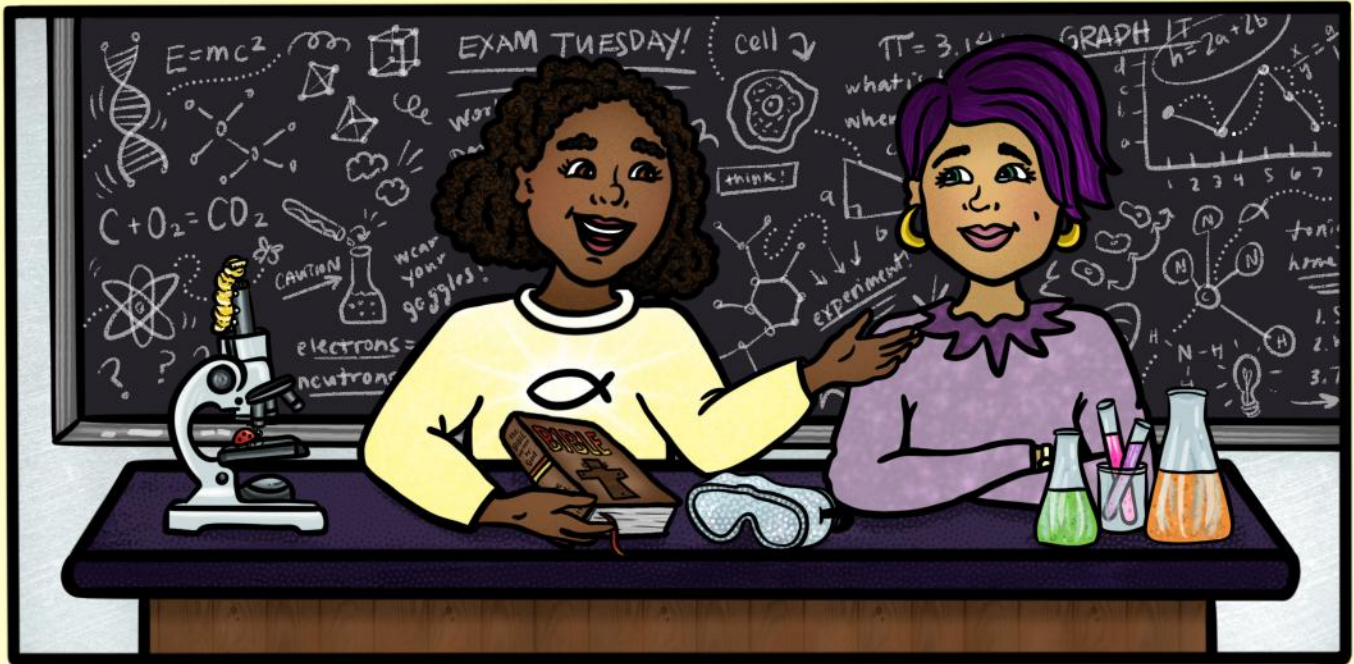
Romans 8:28; Romans 8:31,32;  
Romans 8:38,39



...I will have friends who are also Children of God.

2 Corinthians 6:14,15





**...I will always be prepared to  
tell others about Jesus.**

**2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 1 Peter 3:14,15**





...I will be waiting for Jesus to return.

Titus 2:11-14; Hebrews 9:27,28; Revelation 22:20



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## Bible Verse References *(from the ESV, English Standard Version)*



**Page 2: This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. -John 15:12-17**

**See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. -1 John 3:1-10**



**Page 3: At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. -Matthew 18:1-3**

**Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. -John 14:1-3**



**Page 4: If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. -John 14:15-17**

## Bible Verse References *(from the ESV, English Standard Version) continued...*



**Page 4: (continued) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. -Romans 8:16,17**



**Page 5: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. -Psalm 103:11,12**

**For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” And he rose and went home. -Matthew 9:5-7**



**Page 6: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. -John 3:16,17**



**Page 7: As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man. -Proverbs 27:19**

**But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. -John 1:12,13**



**Page 8: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” -Romans 8:14,15**

**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. -James 4:7,8**

**We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. -1 John 5:18**



**Page 9: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. -Psalm 32:5**

## **Bible Verse References** *(from the ESV, English Standard Version) continued...*



**Page 9: (continued) Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. -James 5:16**

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. -1 John 1:9**



**Page 10: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

**First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. -1 Timothy 2:1,2**



**Page 11: 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. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. -Deuteronomy 6:6-9**

**I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! -Psalm 119:11,12**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. -Psalm 119:105**



**Page 12: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. -Psalm 118:6-9**

**If you love me, you will keep my commandments. -John 14:15**

**As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." -1 Peter 1:14-16**



**Page 13: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. -Deuteronomy 6:4,5**

## **Bible Verse References** *(from the ESV, English Standard Version) continued...*



**Page 13: (continued) It is the Lord your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear. -Deuteronomy 6:13**

**Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." -Matthew 4:10**



**Page 14: If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. -John 15:7**

**You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. -James 4:2,3**



**Page 15: I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. -John 15:5-8**

**Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. -Ephesians 5:1,2**

**For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. -Romans 8:29**

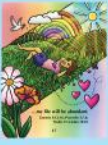


**Page 16: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation -2 Corinthians 5:17,18**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. -Galatians 5:22,23**

**Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world -Philippians 2:14,15**

## **Bible Verse References** *(from the ESV, English Standard Version) continued...*



**Page 17: And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”**

**-Genesis 9:12-16**

**Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. -Proverbs 3:7,8**

**Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**-Psalm 37:4**

**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. -John 10:10**



**Page 18: Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”**

**-Deuteronomy 31:6**

**No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. -Joshua 1:5**

**Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” -Hebrews 13:5,6**



**Page 19: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. -Romans 8:28**

**What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? -Romans 8:31,32**

**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**-Romans 8:38,39**

## **Bible Verse References** *(from the ESV, English Standard Version) continued...*



**Page 20: Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? -2 Corinthians 6:14,15**



**Page 21: ...that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. -2 Corinthians 5:19-21**

**But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect -1 Peter 3:14,15**



**Page 22: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. -Titus 2:11-14**

**And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. -Hebrews 9:27,28**

**He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! -Revelation 22:20**



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