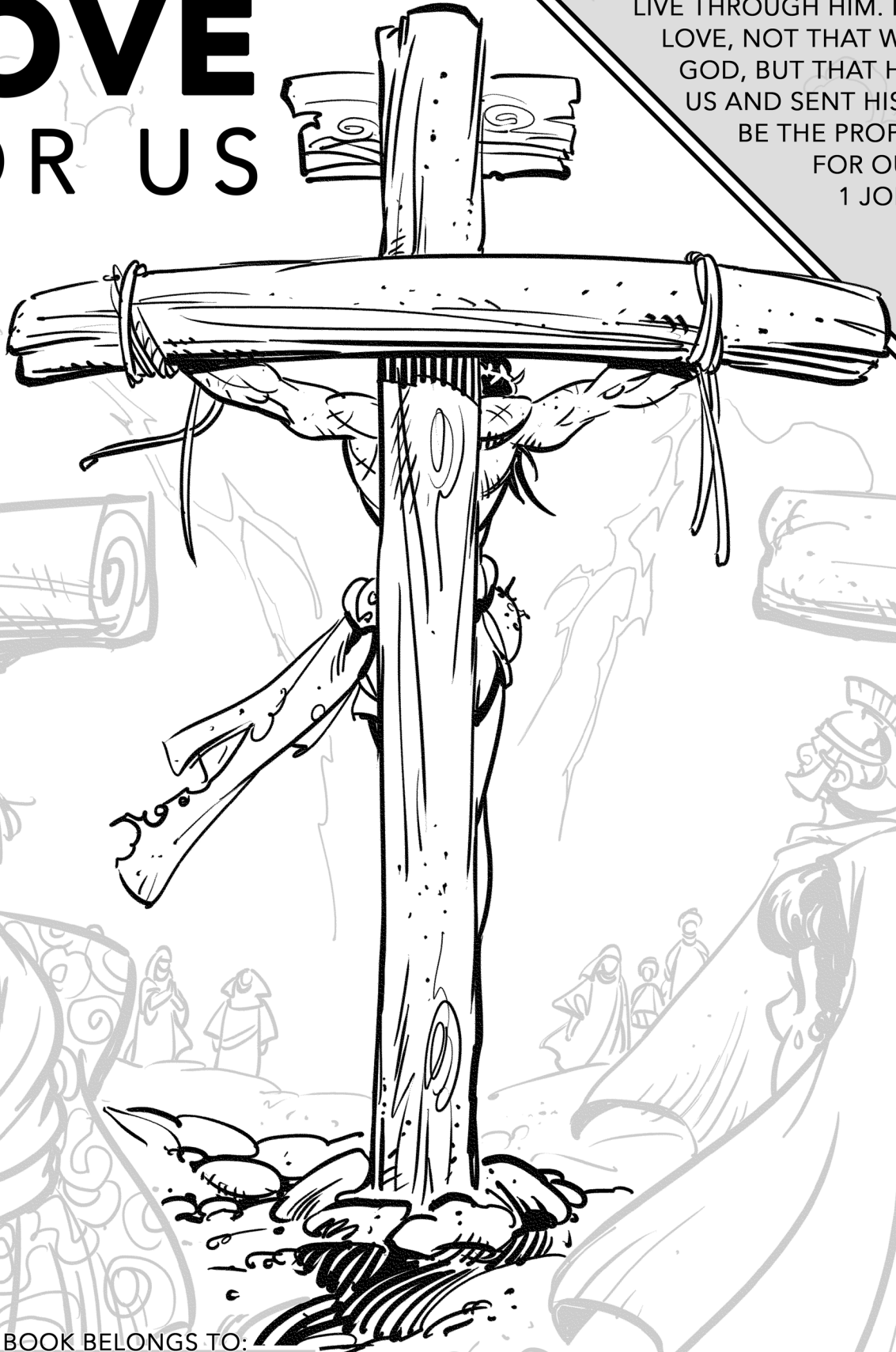# GOD'S LOVE
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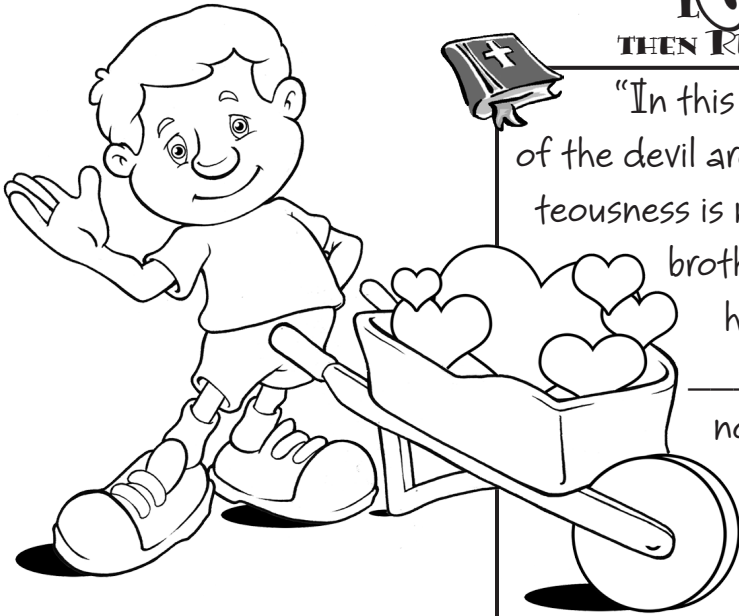
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"In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. For this is the _____ that you heard from the beginning, that we should _____ _____ _____, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you."

We have talked about one of the proofs of being a **Christian**: a **Christian** does not live in sin - a **Christian** does not practice sin.

A **Christian** is someone that **God** the Father has adopted into His family - the family of **God**.

Therefore, those who have been adopted into **God's** family, will take on the characteristics of a child of **God**.

Let's Look Up Again & Read 1 John 3:10-11   What's the Message?

"...that we should _____ _____ _____." (VERSE 11)

What did *Jesus* have to say about **love?**

Look Up & Read Matthew 22:34-40

"But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

What's the Message?

"...You shall _____ _____ _____ ____ _____." (VERSE 39)

We also read about a lawyer who had a question for Jesus

"And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?' So he answered and said, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your _____ ____ _____.' And He said to him, 'You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.' But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Then Jesus answered and said: 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?' And he said, 'He who showed mercy on him.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

So who is your neighbor? _____

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_____

Is your neighbor someone who is kind to you?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Is your neighbor someone who is mean to you?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Can your neighbor be both those who are kind and those who are mean to you?
☐ YES ☐ NO

Because loving one another is one of the proofs that we are Christians, let's consider some of the characteristics of love.

LOOK Up, Read, & Fill in the Blanks of 1 CORINTHIANS 13

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not _____, I am nothing…"

"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide _____, _____, _____, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

LOVE

Now, let's look at Verse 4

"Love suffers long" - Talk about what "suffers long" means.
List 2 ways that you might suffer long in loving someone.
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2. _____
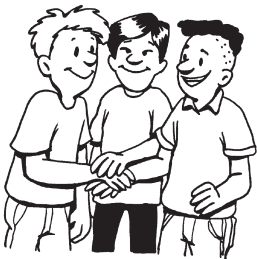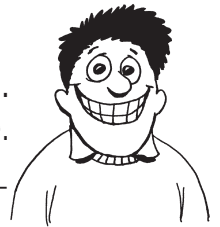
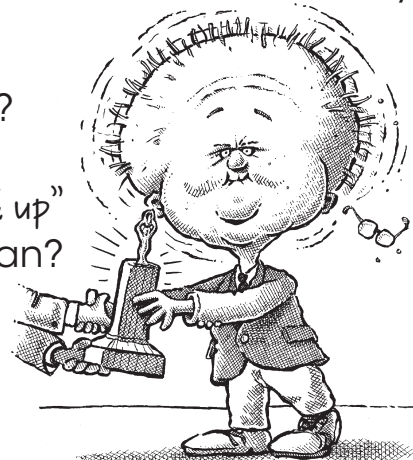"Love is kind" - List 2 ways that you can show kindness to someone.
1. _____
2. _____

"Love does not envy"
What does it mean to envy?

"Love does not parade itself"
What does it mean to parade?

"Love is not puffed up"
What does puffed up mean?

As children of God, we are to **love** one another!

1 John 2:9-10 **Says**

"He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him."

It's not only what you say that counts, it's what you **say** AND **do** that counts!

Ask yourself this question...
"Is the love of God demonstrated in my life?"

DO NOT FORGET, one of the proofs that we are in the family of God is our love for one another.
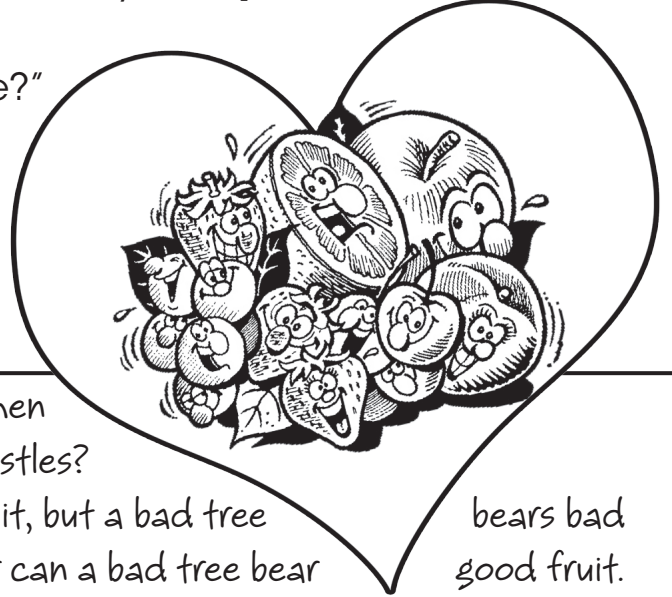
L👀K Up, Read, & Fill in the Blanks of MATTHEW 7:16-20

"You will know them by their _____. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears _____ fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their _____ you will know them."

However, we do not make ourselves Christians by **loving** the brethren.
It is the other way around.

L👀K Up, Read, & Fill in the Blanks of 1 John 4:7-8

"Beloved, let us love one another, for _____ is of God; and everyone who loves is born of _____ and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

We prove that we are Christians by our **love** for one another.

But, let's not forget what Jesus did for us.

L👀K Up, Read, & Fill in the Blank of 1 John 4:9-10

"In this the _____ of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."
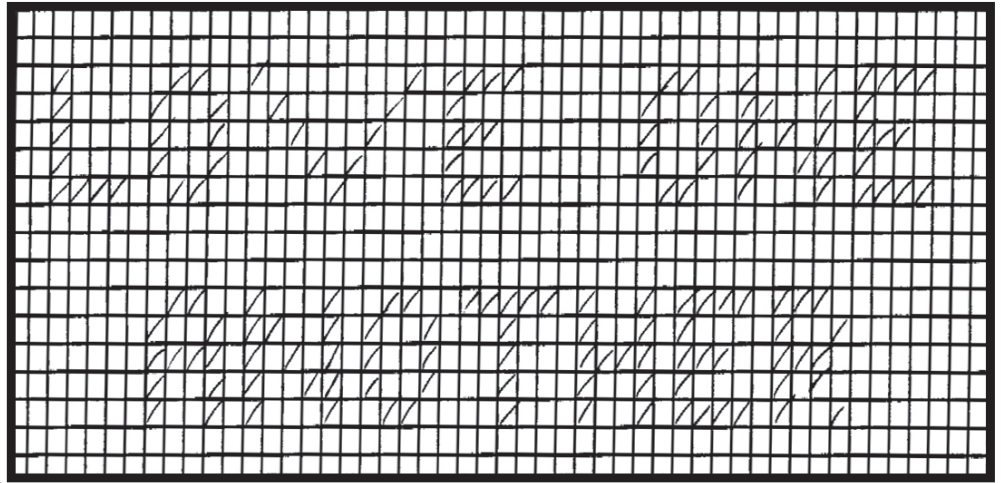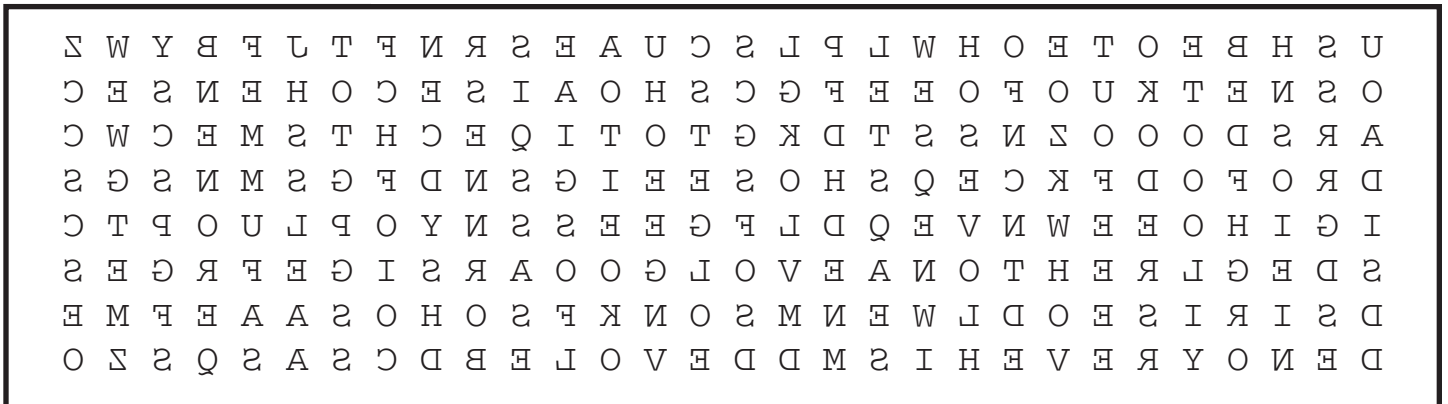
God proved His **love** for us. Now, that's **GOOD NEWS!**

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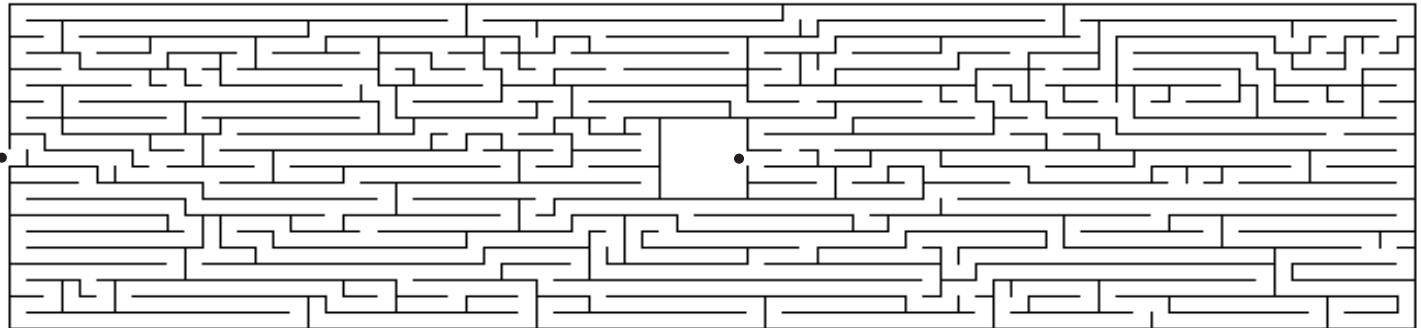
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CAN DO IT?