

GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

"FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST." EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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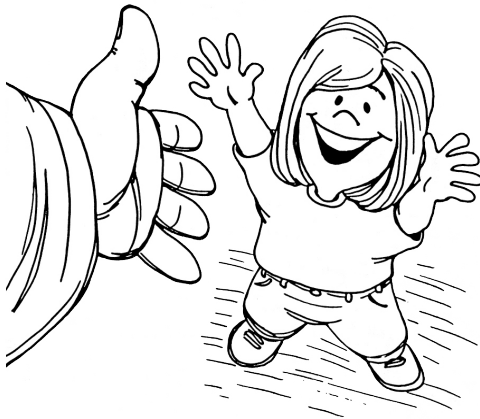


Introduction to
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Have you ever thought about the fact that **GOD LOVES YOU?**

This is probably the **MOST IMPORTANT** thing that you can know:
GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!



Yet, it is so sad that there are many people who try to relate to **GOD** by "**DO's & DON'Ts**"

We can try to live by the law (**DO's & DON'Ts**) in our **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD**, but **GOD'S LOVE** is the only way to experience what we have been created for!



LOOK Up, **R**EAD, & Fill in the Blanks of **MATTHEW 22:36-40**

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your _____, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall _____ your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

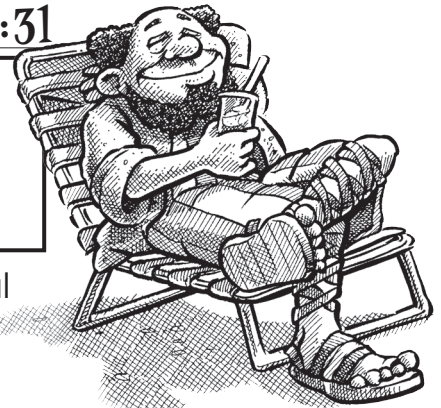
LOVE,
not the **L**AW
or a **S**ET OF **R**ULES,
is the key to our **R**ELATIONSHIP
with **G**OD and with one another.



We should relate to **GOD**, not because we are trying to be good enough for Him, but because of His **LOVE** for us and our **LOVE** for Him.

LOOK UP, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of **ROMANS 8:31**

“What then shall we say to these things?
If God is _____ us, who can be
_____ us?”



GOD wants us to enjoy the peace of His unconditional **LOVE**, not the fear that always comes with trying to be good enough for **GOD**.



We can come to **GOD** because we **LOVE** Him and He **LOVES** us. We won't want to do anything that would hurt our **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD**!

When we know the joy of **FELLOWSHIP** with **GOD**, we won't want ANY barriers or blocks to come between us!

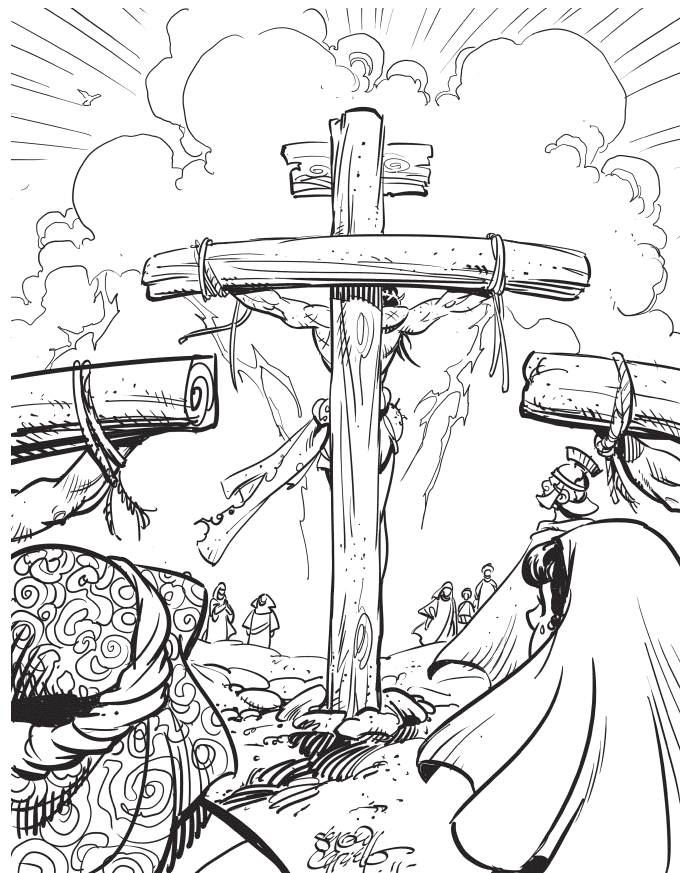


As we experience **GOD'S LOVE** more and more in our lives, we find ourselves longing to please Him simply because we **LOVE** Him!

And that is the greatest joy in life -
to have a real **LOVE**
RELATIONSHIP with **GOD**.

To know that He is for us,
and that He **LOVES** us, is the greatest
security any person can ever know.

One of the most important things
we can learn is to relate to **GOD**,
not because of our works or our goodness,
but because of **GOD'S LOVE**
for us through **JESUS CHRIST**!

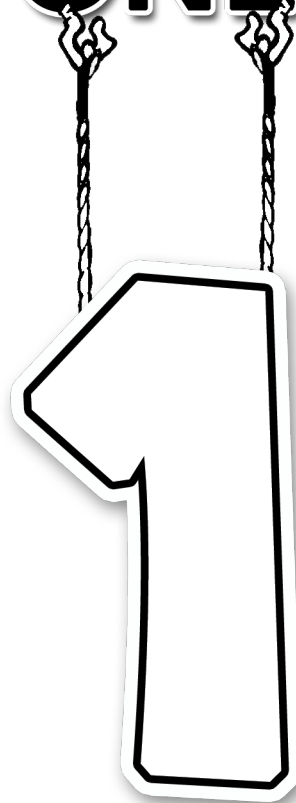


In this **BIBLE** study we're going to find out why
GOD'S GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING!

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Bible Study
NUMBER ONE

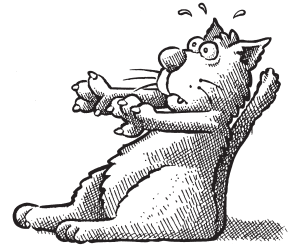
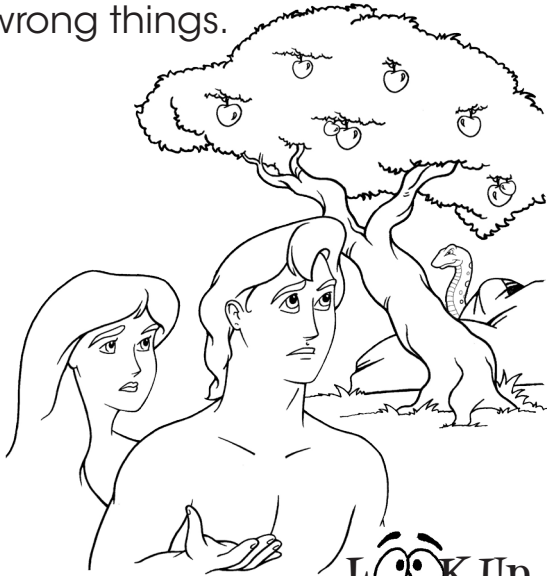




FORGIVEN

A DEAD-END RIGHTEOUSNESS:

How do you know what is right and what is wrong? Sometimes people just make up in their minds what are right things to do and what are wrong things.



THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM:

We never live up to our own standard! So we make up all kinds of excuses why we failed! The most common excuse is that our failure isn't really our fault. None of us likes to accept the blame for what we've done.

This attitude goes all the way back to **ADAM**. He blamed his failure on **EVE**! Then **EVE** blamed the **SERPENT**!

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GENESIS 3:12-13

Then the _____ said, "The _____ whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The _____ deceived me, and I ate."



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of ROMANS 3:19, 23

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become _____ before God... For _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."



LOOK Up & READ ISAIAH 64:6

IF... our **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD** depends upon us being righteous and good, **THEN...** we will **NEVER** make it!

We **HAVE** failed.
We **HAVE** come short of the glory of **GOD**.





THEN WHAT'S THE STANDARD?

Those who believe that they can be made acceptable to **GOD** without **ἁγίασμα** need to deal with some important questions.

If they believe that they can make it to heaven by trying to be good enough, what standard do they have to live up to?

What will God require of them?

So many say, "I feel that I am basically a kind and good person and I am willing to stand before God on my own goodness."



But, these people don't realize that **GOD'S** standards are different than ours.

ἁγίασμα showed us **GOD'S** requirement for those who would strive for heaven on their own power when He said...

LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill in the Blank** of **MATTHEW 5:48**



"Therefore you shall be _____, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Do you think you meet **GOD'S** standard? **YES** **NO** **MAYBE**

What is **GOD'S** standard for the person who wants to be right with **GOD**?

- TRY VERY HARD**
- BE SINCERE**
- ABSOLUTE PERFECTION**

If we are going to set up a standard of right living, **ἁγίασμα** **ΧΡΗΣΤ** and how He lived, is our standard.



Let's **LOOK** at what **GOD** said about **ἁγίασμα** in **MATTHEW 3:17**

JESUS' life is the only standard of righteousness. If I want to be accepted by **GOD**, I must be as righteous as **ἁγίασμα** **ΧΡΗΣΤ**.

So, if we want to stand before **GOD** on the basis of our own good works, we must live a life that measures up to the goodness we see in **ገጥሜ**.



Then what is **GOD'S** standard?

- TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE**
- TO BE KIND WHEN WE CAN**
- NEVER TELL A LIE**
- TO LIVE AS JESUS LIVED**

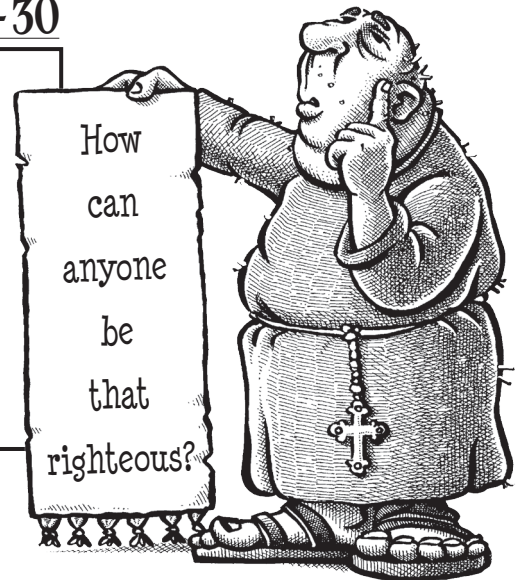


Does anyone here live as **ገጥሜ** lived? **YES** **NO**

Let's look at one thing **ገጥሜ** Himself says about how we are to live:

LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill in the Blank** of **LUKE 6:27-30**

"But I say to you who hear: _____ your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and _____ for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either."



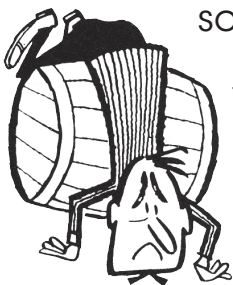
If there is any hope for us to be forgiven by **GOD**, it must be by some other way than us trying to be good enough for **GOD**.

LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill in the Blank** of **ROMANS 3:20**

"Therefore by the deeds of the _____ no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of _____."



If we are ever to enjoy **FELLOWSHIP** with **GOD**, it will have to be on some basis other than our own righteousness.



WE CAN'T DO IT!

Our only hope is that another form of righteousness has been provided for us, a righteousness based on a totally different way other than our own works.



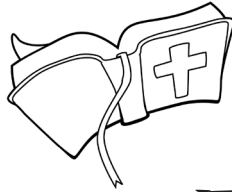
Thank **GOD**, there is such a way. It's called **GRACE**.

WHAT IS GRACE?



In the **NEW TESTAMENT**,

- **GRACE** means "GOD'S Undeserved Favor."
- **GRACE** is **GOD** giving to me something that I cannot earn on my own.
- **GRACE** is being accepted by **GOD** even though I do not deserve it, even though I am not worthy of it.



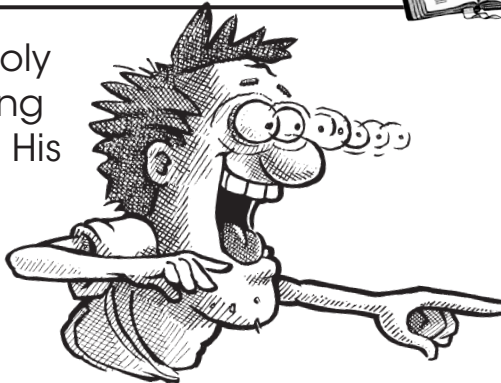
The **BIBLE** teaches...
I receive **GRACE** because I believe and trust in **JESUS CHRIST**.

LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill in the Blank** of **HEBREWS 11:6**

"But without _____ it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently _____ Him."



We are forgiven by a holy **GOD** simply by believing in **JESUS CHRIST** and His death in our place.



When we place our trust in Him, we are **FORGIVEN!**

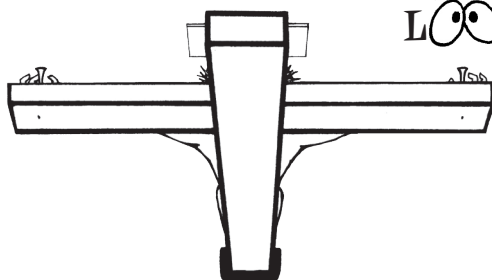
How is it possible for me to be forgiven by **GOD**?

- BY GOING TO CHURCH**
- BY TRYING TO BE A GOOD PERSON**
- BY ACCEPTING CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IN MY PLACE**

Is it possible that people can be saved by any other way than **JESUS'** death?

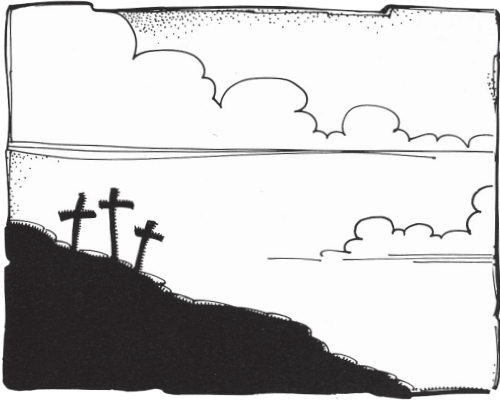
YES **NO**

JESUS did not want to go to the cross, to go through that horrible death.



LOOK Up & **READ** **LUKE 22:42**

But, there was no other way for people to be saved. So, because He **LOVED** us, He was willing to die for us!

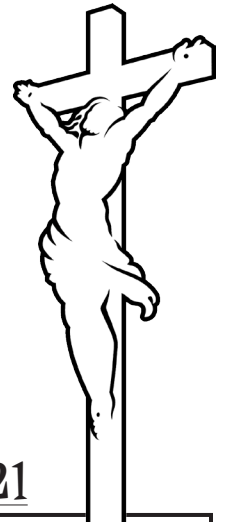


GOD'S basis of forgiveness is the sacrifice of His only begotten Son.

All of our guilt, all our past and future wrongdoings, have been paid for by the perfect One who did not sin.

HE DIED FOR US!

He took our guilt; He suffered and died for our sin.



LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill** in the Blank of **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21**



“For He made Him who knew no _____ to be _____ for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



ἸΗΣΟΥS became sin for us that we might be forgiven through Him.

In other words, He switched places with us!

He has taken our sin and **FORGIVEN** us through our simple **FAITH** and trust in Him.

When **GOD** laid on ἸΗΣΟΥS the sin of us all, ἘΧΡΗΣΤΟΣ received our deserved punishment, which the **BIBLE** declares is death.

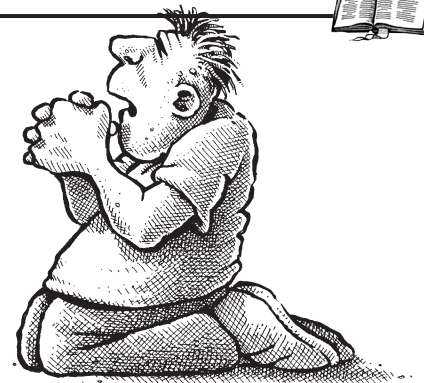
LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill** in the Blanks of **ROMANS 6:23**

“For the wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is eternal _____ in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



GOD has declared that if we will believe in ἸΗΣΟΥS ἘΧΡΗΣΤΟΣ as our Lord and Savior, we will be **FORGIVEN** of every wrong thing we have ever done.

FAITH in ἸΗΣΟΥS is our only hope. Our good deeds, efforts, or works can never earn us forgiveness from **GOD**.



LOOK UP, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of ROMANS 4:5

“But to him who does not work but _____ on
Him who justifies the ungodly, his _____ is
accounted for righteousness.”

GOD gives us this forgiveness because of our **FAITH** in the finished work that **JESUS CHRIST** has done for us.

The choice
is yours!



There is **NO WAY** that I, by my good works, can ever make it to heaven. I am condemned because of my sin. I have no chance of being received by **GOD** apart from His mercy.

The good news is that **GOD** has made a way for me to be accepted by Him. How can I become a child of **GOD** and a part of **GOD'S** family?

When **JESUS** lived on the earth, there was a man named **NICODEMUS** who was a ruler of his people, the Jews. He wanted to find out more about **JESUS** so he came at night to talk to Him. **JESUS** told **NICODEMUS** that he had to be born again to belong to the family of **GOD**. **NICODEMUS** asked,

"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother and be born?"

JESUS explained to **NICODEMUS** that a baby's birth is of the **flesh**. But **JESUS** was talking about a **spiritual** birth. When a person is born again, there is a work of **GOD'S Spirit** in his heart. **GOD** forgives his sins, and by His **Spirit** comes and indwells that person. That person changes and becomes a new creation because of the work of **GOD'S Spirit** in his life.



HOW CAN I BECOME A PART OF GOD'S FAMILY?

LOOK up and talk about these SCRIPTURES.

1.

GOD LOVES YOU, AND HE SENT JESUS CHRIST TO SHOW YOU HIS LOVE!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

2.

ALL HAVE SINNED!

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23

3.

CHRIST DIED FOR US!

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

4.

SIN CAUSES (SPIRITUAL) DEATH!

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

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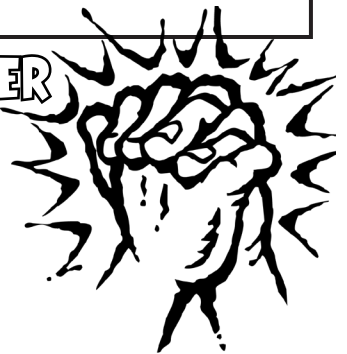
CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH!

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9

DEAR GOD,

I know that I am a sinner. I've made wrong choices and have done bad things. I'm sorry. Please forgive me. I know that Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins and I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I want Jesus to be my Lord. Thank you for loving me and making me a part of Your family. Now, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so I'll have all the strength I need to obey You. **AMEN**

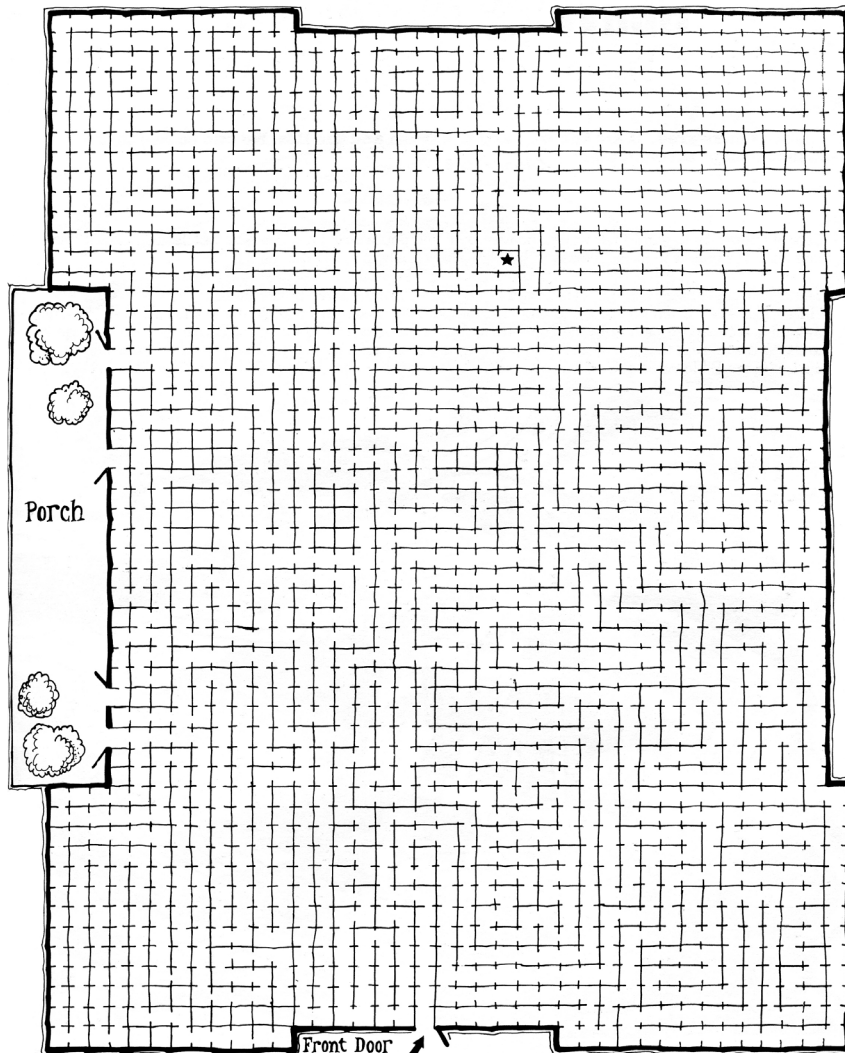
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FIND THE BELOW VERSE IN THE WORDSEARCH

"For God so loved the world
 that He gave His only begotten
 Son, that whoever believes in
 Him should not perish but have
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ACTIVITY PAGE

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There's a secret message in the game to the left. It's pretty easy to find. Simply follow the strings from the birds to the nests. Take the first letter of each bird's name and write it in the attached nest. When you are done, the nests will spell out an important thought based on the following verse: "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Matthew 6:26

