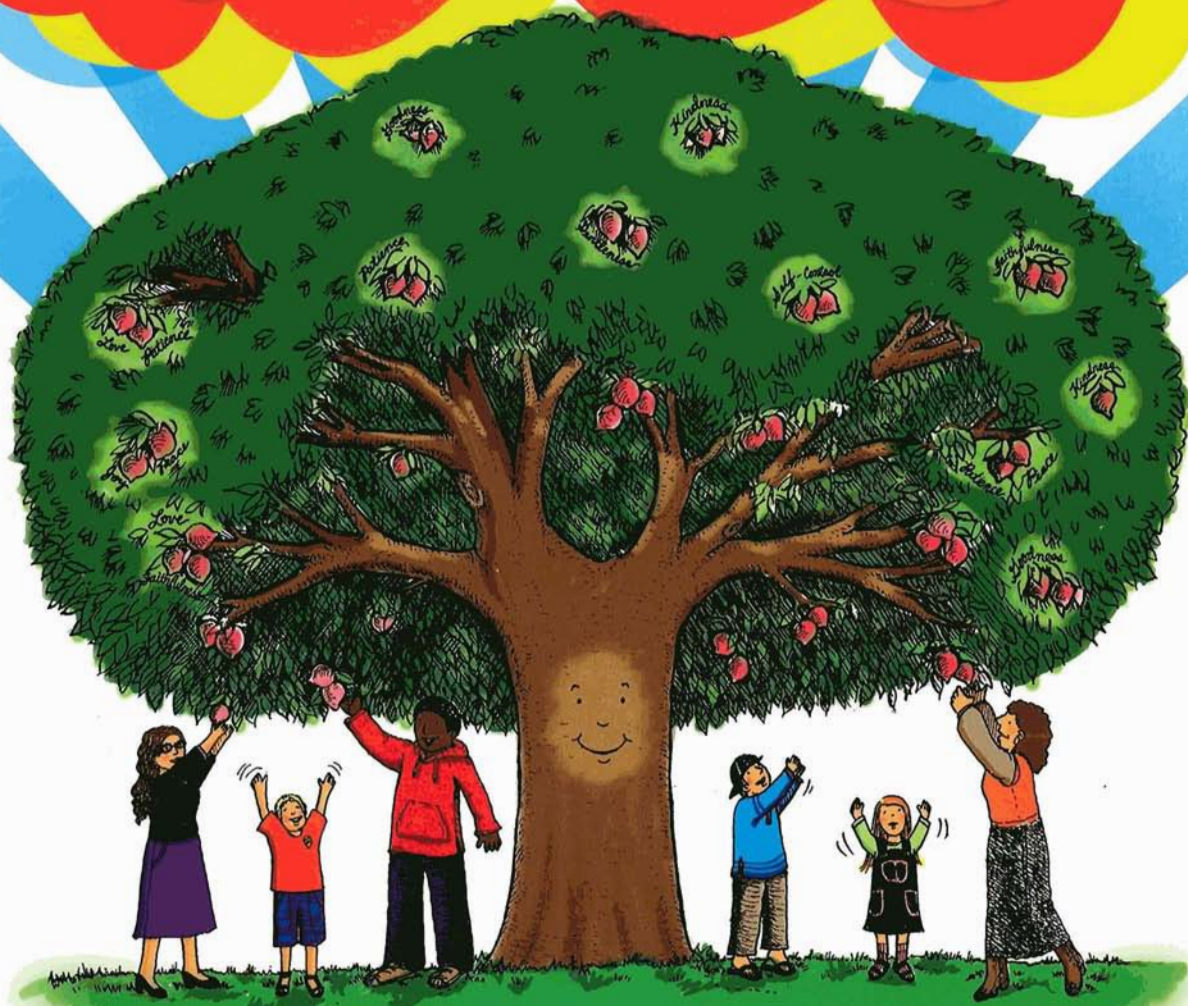


# Just For Me



The Basic Beliefs  
of the True Jesus Church



"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."  
(3 John 4)

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## INTRODUCTION

There are ten basic beliefs that hold together and strengthen our church. In turn, our church preserves and upholds these ten basic beliefs. These beliefs help church members to remember and understand:

- the God whom we worship
- the salvation that He gives to all people
- the way people can receive this salvation
- the way people can keep this salvation

This booklet will introduce the ten basic beliefs to children ages four to eight years old (Kindergarten to Elementary One classes), and to their parents and teachers by using the following tools:

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## OVERVIEW

This section is for parents and teachers. It contains a simple overview of all ten basic beliefs. It will provide a basic pool of concepts and information that parents and teachers can draw from when they are explaining the basic beliefs and related pictures to children.

Since the ten basic beliefs are biblical concepts, some scriptural references are provided to identify and illuminate key biblical sources or examples. Parents and teachers who would like to learn more about each of the ten basic beliefs should refer to the *Essential Biblical Doctrines*, a book published by the USGA.

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## KEY PICTURES

In this booklet, each of the ten basic beliefs is presented through pictures. This will help children remember each belief and learn the people, places, objects, actions, and concepts that are connected to the belief.

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The pictures should not be understood literally; no one knows the actual physical appearance of the Lord Jesus; people do not actually transform into shining babies after baptism; and God's children do not actually sprout woody branches and edible fruits as they grow in their faith. However, the pictures can definitely help provide a context for each belief and help convey important spiritual concepts that are hard to imagine or understand through words alone.

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## BOLDED KEY WORDS

The bolded key words are important words related to each belief. Parents and teachers should only explain as much as an individual child can understand. There is no need to try and explain everything at once since this will probably confuse the child. As the child grows, more key words and concepts can be introduced.

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## SIMPLE ACTIVITIES

Simple activities are included at the end of the booklet. These will require a child to recall the beliefs and important aspects that are associated with them.

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# ONE TRUE GOD: JESUS CHRIST<sup>1</sup>

We believe in one true God, who created the heavens and earth and all living things on earth.<sup>2</sup>

No one could see God until God came to earth in the form of flesh. This is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the one true God.<sup>3</sup>

Jesus Christ is also called the Son of God.

The Son of God spoke the words of God and showed people how to live as the children of God.<sup>4</sup>

In the future, Jesus Christ will bring all of God's children to live with Him forever in heaven.<sup>5</sup>

## References:

<sup>1</sup> Essential Biblical Doctrines, Chapter Two: Theology, Chapter Six: Christology

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 1

<sup>3</sup> John 1:1, 14

<sup>4</sup> John 12:49; 14:31

<sup>5</sup> John 14:2-3

# WAY OF SALVATION<sup>6</sup>

Every person in the world is born with sin and a person with sin cannot enter heaven.

But God loves all people very much and wants people to be with Him in heaven where there is eternal peace and joy. God made a special way for this to happen.<sup>7</sup> This way to enter heaven is called salvation.

The entrance to this salvation is through Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> He paid a great price: He suffered and died to open the way of salvation.<sup>9</sup>

Salvation is free from God for all people but there are important steps we must take to receive salvation.<sup>10</sup> Then there are important teachings we should practice to stay on salvation's path.

## SALVATION: Believe<sup>11</sup>

To believe is the first important step to receiving salvation. Believe that:

- Jesus Christ is the Son of God<sup>12</sup>
- He came to earth and died to open the way of salvation for all people<sup>13</sup>
- He resurrected from death on the third day<sup>14</sup>
- He returned to His glory in heaven<sup>15</sup>
- He will come again to earth one day to judge all

creation and bring God's children to heaven<sup>16</sup>

- The Holy Bible is God's Word and it tells us these important things<sup>17</sup>

A person needs faith to believe these things. Faith is being sure of what we hope for and being certain of what we do not see.<sup>18</sup> Faith sounds difficult but it is essential to our salvation.<sup>19</sup> God loves us and that is why He has prepared things in the Bible and in life to strengthen our faith and help us believe. For example,

In the Bible we have:

- Stories, encouragements, warnings, reminders<sup>20</sup>

And in our life we have:

- Peace that transcends understanding<sup>21</sup>
- Love that does not fail<sup>22</sup>
- Signs, miracles, and wonders<sup>23</sup>
- The fellowship of godly believers<sup>24</sup>

## SALVATION: Believe: Repent<sup>25</sup>

All wrongdoing and wrongful desires are sin in God's eyes. They put distance between people and God.<sup>26</sup> They block people from receiving salvation and from completing the journey to heaven. To begin dealing with the obstacle of sin, we need to repent.<sup>27</sup>

## References:

<sup>6</sup> EBD, Chapter Seven: Soteriology

<sup>7</sup> John 3:16

<sup>8</sup> John 10:9

<sup>9</sup> Romans 5:8

<sup>10</sup> Isaiah 55:1-3; John 6:35

<sup>11</sup> EBD, Chapter Eight: Faith

<sup>12</sup> Matthew 16:15-17

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 20:28

<sup>14</sup> Acts 10:39-40

<sup>15</sup> Luke 24:51

<sup>16</sup> Luke 21:27-28

<sup>17</sup> Romans 15:4

<sup>18</sup> Hebrews 11:1

<sup>19</sup> Hebrews 11:6

<sup>20</sup> Romans 15:4

<sup>21</sup> John 14:27

<sup>22</sup> Romans 8:38-39

<sup>23</sup> Mark 16:17-18

<sup>24</sup> Hebrews 3:13

Here is how we repent. We:

- Acknowledge our wrongdoings and wrongful desires<sup>28</sup>
- Bring them before God, telling Him about what we've done or thought and asking for His forgiveness<sup>29</sup>
- Ask God to purify us so that we can be close to Him<sup>30</sup>
- Determine to follow God's commandments and teachings instead of the desires of sin<sup>31</sup>

Only God can help us deal with the obstacle of sin. When we go to Him, He can help us and our life will change.<sup>32</sup> The beautiful result of successful repentance is a new life that is closer and closer to God. To repent is the next important step to receiving salvation.

#### **SALVATION: Believe: Repent: Be Baptized**<sup>33</sup>

Remember that every person in the world is born with sin.<sup>34</sup> Baptism is the way that sin is washed away.<sup>35</sup> Then people have the hope of entering heaven.<sup>36</sup> Baptism is the third important step to receiving salvation.

The Holy Bible has revealed the way of baptism:

- In the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins<sup>37</sup>
- To be fully covered or "buried" in natural flowing water<sup>38</sup>
- With head bowed like Jesus at the point of His death<sup>39</sup>
- With the Holy Spirit's witnessing abidance<sup>40</sup>

When our sin is washed away through baptism we are spiritually reborn. God becomes our Father and we become God's children. We belong to Him.

#### **SALVATION: Believe: Repent: Be Baptized: Obey the Commandments**<sup>41</sup>

God's children need to obey God's commandments.<sup>42</sup> The commandments show what pleases or displeases God, what is beneficial or harmful to people, and what is helpful or a hindrance to God's children. There are 10 Commandments that God gave us to follow:<sup>43</sup>

- "You shall have no other gods before me"
- "You shall not make for yourself an idol"
- "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord"
- "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy"
- "Honor your father and mother"
- "You shall not murder"
- "You shall not commit adultery"

- "You shall not steal"
- "You shall not give false testimony"
- "You shall not covet"

Jesus Christ said that of all of the commandments, there are two that are the greatest. These two are the greatest because when we pursue them, we begin to fulfill ALL the commandments.

The first greatest commandment is to love God with all our soul and mind and strength.<sup>44</sup> The second greatest is to love others as our self.<sup>45</sup> (Actually, the first greatest commandment covers 1-4, while the second greatest commandment covers 5-10, of the 10 Commandments.) Jesus Christ the Son of God gave this teaching about the two greatest commandments and He lived a perfect example for all of God's children to follow.

When we love God and love other people we naturally move away from sinful desires and sinful actions, and move toward the likeness of Jesus Christ. Learning to live by these two greatest commandments is an important process we must go through along the path of our salvation.<sup>46</sup> The more like Jesus we become, the more certain and confident we are of our salvation and of entering heaven.

#### **SALVATION: Believe: Repent: Be Baptized: Obey the Commandments: Pursue the Holy Spirit**<sup>47</sup>

In order to obey the commandments successfully, we need help.<sup>48</sup>

God has provided something very wonderful to help us: The gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.<sup>49</sup>

The Holy Spirit will remind us of God's commandments and Jesus' teachings.<sup>50</sup> He will urge us to choose the right way and give us strength to obey.<sup>51</sup> He will comfort us and give us peace in our troubles so we can have the faith and hope we need to continue our salvation journey.<sup>52</sup>

With us and in us, the Holy Spirit will help us complete our salvation journey successfully. To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we simply and earnestly ask God in prayer. God has promised this gift to

In summary, salvation is the way to eternal life, eternal joy, and eternal peace with God in heaven. And salvation is free from God for all people.

**Now let's learn about the other basic beliefs of the True Jesus Church...**

#### References:

- <sup>25</sup> EBD, Chapter Nine: Repentance
- <sup>26</sup> Isaiah 59:2
- <sup>27</sup> Acts 3:19
- <sup>28</sup> Jeremiah 3:12-13
- <sup>29</sup> 1 John 1:9
- <sup>30</sup> Psalm 51:10-12
- <sup>31</sup> Jeremiah 4:1-2
- <sup>32</sup> Jeremiah 3:22
- <sup>33</sup> EBD, Chapter Ten: Water Baptism
- <sup>34</sup> Psalm 51:5
- <sup>35</sup> Acts 2:38
- <sup>36</sup> Mark 16:6
- <sup>37</sup> Acts 4:12
- <sup>38</sup> John 3:5; Romans 6:4
- <sup>39</sup> John 19:30; Romans 6:5
- <sup>40</sup> Matthew 3:16-17; 1 John 5:7-8
- <sup>41</sup> EBD, Chapter One: The Holy Bible
- <sup>42</sup> Matthew 7:21
- <sup>43</sup> Exodus 20:1-17
- <sup>44</sup> Matthew 22:37-38
- <sup>45</sup> Matthew 22:39
- <sup>46</sup> Colossians 2:6; 1 John 2:6
- <sup>47</sup> EBD, Chapter Thirteen: Pneumatology
- <sup>48</sup> Romans 7:18
- <sup>49</sup> John 14:16-18
- <sup>50</sup> John 14:26
- <sup>51</sup> John 16:13
- <sup>52</sup> 2 Corinthians 4:16
- <sup>53</sup> Acts 2:38-39

## HOLY BIBLE<sup>54</sup>

The Holy Bible was written by the inspiration of God and it can be said that God speaks to all people through the Holy Bible. That is why the Bible is also called the Word of God and its content is often referred to as the words of God.

All of the people, places, events, promises, instructions, encouragements, and warnings recorded in the Bible help us understand about God, about

humanity, about Jesus Christ, and about salvation. Importantly, the Bible also teaches people how to become and how to remain God's good children.<sup>55</sup>

The Bible is our reliable written guide, for a life in this world that leads to an eternal life in heaven.<sup>56</sup> The Bible is a precious gift from God.

### References:

<sup>54</sup> EBD, Chapter One: The Holy Bible

<sup>55</sup> 2 Timothy 3:16

<sup>56</sup> Psalm 119:105

## HOLY SPIRIT<sup>57</sup>

The Bible tells us about another wonderful gift from God. This gift is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God on earth. The Holy Spirit testifies to the truth of God's Word and confirms the way of salvation that is through Jesus Christ.

The Bible promises that if we ask and pray for the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will come and live in us. When the Holy Spirit comes and lives in a person, that person begins to speak in tongues when he or she prays.<sup>58</sup>

The Bible tells us this is how Jesus' followers recognized that the Holy Spirit had been given to them and to others.<sup>59</sup> The same thing happens today when we follow God's instruction in the Bible to ask and pray for the Holy Spirit. That is how we recog-

nize that we have received the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit accomplishes two important tasks on earth. One task is that the Holy Spirit testifies that we are born of God and belong to Him.<sup>60</sup> This is important because God's children will inherit His heavenly kingdom.<sup>61</sup>

The second important task is that the Holy Spirit guides us to be God's good children, reminding us of the teachings in God's Word and giving us understanding and power to follow them in our life.<sup>62</sup>

It is very important that we ask and pray for the Holy Spirit, receive the Holy Spirit, and follow the Holy Spirit's guidance in our life.<sup>63</sup> That is how we can successfully complete our salvation journey.

### References:

<sup>57</sup> EBD, Chapter Thirteen: Pneumatology

<sup>58</sup> Acts 2:4

<sup>59</sup> Acts 10:45-47

<sup>60</sup> Romans 8:16

<sup>61</sup> Ephesians 1:5, 13-14

<sup>62</sup> 1 Corinthians 2:12; 2 Timothy 1:7

<sup>63</sup> Galatians 5:25

## WATER BAPTISM<sup>64</sup>

Sin separates people from God and from the heavenly kingdom.

But during baptism, a person's sin is washed away. That person has been reborn sinless and, from that point on, belongs to God. That person has gained the hope of entering heaven.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ did not have sin, yet He requested and received baptism.<sup>65</sup> As the Son of God, He did this to set an example.<sup>66</sup> Then all people who would wish to become children of God would know what to do and where to begin.<sup>67</sup>

### References:

<sup>64</sup> EBD, Chapter Ten: Water Baptism

<sup>65</sup> Hebrews 4:15; Matthew 3:13-14

<sup>66</sup> Matthew 3:15

<sup>67</sup> Acts 8:34-38

## 5 WATER BAPTISM, cont'd<sup>64</sup>

Once a person believes and accepts Jesus Christ, the next step is finding out how to be baptized. God has graciously revealed the way through the Bible, and each detail is rich with essential biblical truths that reflects the power and importance of water baptism:

- Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins<sup>68</sup>
- Be fully covered or “buried” in natural flowing water<sup>69</sup>
- With head bowed like Jesus at the point of His death<sup>70</sup>

- With the Holy Spirit’s witnessing presence<sup>71</sup>

Today, when we follow Jesus’ footsteps and receive baptism in accordance to the Bible, the presence of the Holy Spirit (in the person performing the baptism) also confirms that we are the son or daughter of God. God has graciously allowed numerous members of the church to witness visions and miracles before, during, and after such baptisms. These additionally confirm to the truth and efficacy of the baptism.

### References:

<sup>68</sup> Acts 4:12

<sup>69</sup> John 3:5; Romans 6:3-4

<sup>70</sup> John 19:30; Romans 6:5

<sup>71</sup> Matthew 3:16-17

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## HOLY COMMUNION<sup>72</sup>

Before Jesus Christ gave up His life on the cross to open the way of salvation, He ate a final meal with His dear friends the twelve disciples. During that last supper Jesus:

“...took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.’”<sup>73</sup>

Jesus instructed the disciples to remember Him in **this way**.<sup>74</sup> The last supper commemorated Jesus and proclaimed His suffering and death on the cross, even though His death had not yet happened.<sup>75</sup> Jesus set this example so that later His disciples would know how and why to remember Him.

Jesus Christ is the one true God, the glorious Creator of the heavens and earth. For the sake of providing salvation for all people, He left the glory of heaven and came to the world.

In the world and in flesh, Jesus Christ experienced pain and temptation, sorrow and suffering, just as all people in the world do. He struggled just like us, being misunderstood and mistreated. Then He faced a painful death, just for us. All for the sake of

providing salvation—all because He loves us. The last supper reflected Jesus’ sacrifice and His love:

- The bread that was broken = Jesus’ broken body on the cross
- The juice of the cup = Jesus’ blood, poured out to take away our sins

The last supper also fulfilled the mysterious statements that Jesus made during His ministry about eating His flesh and drinking His blood to have eternal life.<sup>76</sup>

Today, we follow Jesus’ instruction and remember him by having Holy Communion. During Holy Communion we gather together and we:

- Partake (that means share) from one unleavened bread—it is Jesus’ body, sinless and broken for our sins.
- Drink unfermented grape juice, fruit of the vine—it is the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross for us.
- Think about the Lord Jesus Christ and His love, remembering how He suffered and died to open the way of salvation for us.
- Examine our self and repent of any wrongdoings so that we do not partake of the Holy Communion in an unworthy manner.

Jesus’ followers, whose sins have been washed away through baptism, need to participate in this

### References:

<sup>72</sup> EBD, Chapter Twelve: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

<sup>73</sup> Luke 22:17-20

<sup>74</sup> Luke 22:19

<sup>75</sup> 1 Corinthians 11:26

<sup>76</sup> John 6:51-56

special way of remembering Him. And they need to partake in Jesus' flesh and blood to be raised on the last day.

In addition to remembering Jesus through Holy

Communion, we should remember Him every day of our salvation journey by living the life of a good and faithful follower.

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FOOTWASHING<sup>77</sup>

The Bible records that during the last supper, Jesus Christ washed His disciples' feet. Jesus knew that His disciples did not yet understand why He was doing this servant's task but He assured them with the promise that they would understand afterward.<sup>78</sup>

When disciple Peter objected to Jesus' actions, Jesus said that if He did not wash their feet, the disciples would have no part with Him.<sup>79</sup>

Hearing this, Peter proclaimed that he wanted also for Jesus to wash his hands and head. But Jesus explained that a person who is bathed need only to wash their feet, for the person is completely clean.<sup>80</sup>

After Jesus washed their feet, He told His disciples that He had set an example for them; they should do to one another as He had done to them.<sup>81</sup>

The disciples did not realize that by carrying out Jesus' example they would pass on the way and the teachings of having part with Jesus. Jesus knew that having part with Him would be crucial for all of God's children to successfully complete their salvation journey.<sup>82</sup> That is why He prompted the disciples several times to carry out His example.<sup>83</sup>

Today, an ordained minister or a believer who has received the Holy Spirit will perform footwashing for a person who has been "bathed" and is clean; that is, for a person who has received water baptism, whose sin has been washed away.

Just as Jesus promised, when we keep the practice of footwashing in obedience to His instruction and to have part with Him, we will understand its importance:

- As a living illustration of God's great love—how He left the glory of heaven and endured hardship to open the door to salvation for all people.
- As an assurance of God's love and help—for each of His children through Jesus Christ, throughout their salvation journey, even to the very end.
- How it highlights a very important aspect in the character of Jesus Christ—the humble servant.

Jesus made a way for us to have part with Him and He prompts us to make a way each other based on his example.<sup>84</sup> So, not only is it important to follow Jesus' example of carrying out (and receiving) footwashing, we should also follow His example in the way that we live. We can do this by helping each other be closer to God, by practicing forgiveness, and by continuing to spread the gospel of salvation.

## References:

<sup>77</sup> EBD, Chapter Eleven: The Sacrament of Footwashing

<sup>78</sup> John 13:3-7

<sup>79</sup> John 13:8

<sup>80</sup> John 13:9-10

<sup>81</sup> John 13:15

<sup>82</sup> John 15:4-11

<sup>83</sup> John 13:14, 15, 17

<sup>84</sup> John 13:34; John 15:12-13

HOLY SABBATH<sup>85</sup>

God created the heavens and earth in six days.<sup>86</sup> By the seventh day God finished His creating so He rested. God blessed the seventh day and made

it holy because on that day He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.<sup>87</sup> The seventh day is called "Sabbath." "Sabbath" means "rest."

## References:

<sup>85</sup> EBD, Chapter Fourteen: The Holy Sabbath



In the Bible, God instructed the Israelites to remember the Sabbath by keeping it holy. That means setting it apart. This would be one of the signs that they were God's people.<sup>86</sup>

As God's children today, we continue to obey His instruction by remembering and setting apart the Sabbath. We rest on the seventh day of the week (Saturday) from our own work activities to remember God and His creation, and to worship Him. This usually takes place at a church facility or in a member's home, where a group can gather together and where the things that are needed for the day are planned, prepared, and provided in advance. Then every person can remember and worship God without worrying about a thing. Together with God's children on the Sabbath we

can rest and consider God's blessings in our lives. We remember His creation and worship Him through sermons, prayer, hymnal singing, and Bible classes. In addition, we can enjoy the company of our spiritual family through the planned activities, shared meals, and opportunities to learn from and care about each other. This is called fellowship.

The Sabbath is a holy day. Keeping it by setting it apart from the other six days is one of the signs that we are God's people. God promises to bless His children and all people who remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.<sup>89</sup>

## References:

<sup>86</sup> Genesis 1:31-2:1<sup>87</sup> Genesis 2:2-3<sup>88</sup> Exodus 31:12-13, 16-17<sup>89</sup> Isaiah 58:13-14; Isaiah 56:6-7JESUS CHRIST'S RETURN<sup>90</sup>

One day, the world will end. All of the wickedness, pain, and suffering in the world will be destroyed. So will all of God's beautiful earthly creations.<sup>91</sup>

When that last day comes, there will be a final judgment:

- Jesus Christ will come down from heaven and judge among God's children by examining each person's life according to all of their thoughts, deeds, and words.<sup>92</sup>
- He will judge according to the Word of God, the Holy Bible, which was given for all people as a guide to salvation and to heaven.<sup>93</sup>

This judgment is to identify and set apart those who are truly God's children, who belong to the kingdom of heaven.<sup>94</sup>

Heaven is the home prepared for God's children.<sup>95</sup> God's children have believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ. They have accepted salvation through Jesus, listened to His teachings, and practiced His teachings in their daily life.

Jesus will bring God's children to live with Him forever in the heavenly kingdom. Together in heaven, they will rest and enjoy everlasting peace, joy, love,

and glory. This is the final goal of salvation—to be with Jesus Christ in the heavenly kingdom.

But this will not happen for the people who have rejected Jesus Christ the Son of God and the salvation that is through Him. Even God's own children—if they have insisted on following the sinful ways of the world instead of learning and practicing Jesus' teachings—they can never be with Jesus or enter and live in the heavenly kingdom.<sup>96</sup>

They must go to another place that is full of darkness and pain because it is apart from the peaceful, joyful, and glorious presence of the heavenly Father and His heavenly kingdom.<sup>97</sup> That place is called Hell.

No one knows when that last day of the world will come but Jesus has warned us through the Bible that we must be ready.<sup>98</sup> Besides, each person's last day in the world is uncertain.<sup>99</sup> As long as we live there is a chance to know God through Jesus Christ, to love Him, and to live in the hope of heaven.<sup>100</sup> Then when Jesus comes to judge all people, He will find us walking firmly along the path of salvation.<sup>101</sup> We will be ready to go with Him to the heavenly kingdom at any time.

## References:

<sup>90</sup> EBD, Chapter Twenty: The Second Coming of Christ<sup>91</sup> 2 Peter 3:10<sup>92</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:10<sup>93</sup> John 12:47-50<sup>94</sup> 2 Timothy 2:19<sup>95</sup> Matthew 25:34<sup>96</sup> Luke 13:24-27<sup>97</sup> 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10<sup>98</sup> Matthew 24:42, 44<sup>99</sup> Luke 12:19-20<sup>100</sup> Ecclesiastes 9:10; Isaiah 55:6-7<sup>101</sup> Matthew 25:21, 23

# TRUE CHURCH<sup>102</sup>

These beliefs and teachings come from the Bible. They are like roots that help God's children grow into strong and healthy spiritual trees, full of leaves and good fruit.<sup>103</sup>

The more we think about and practice these beliefs and teachings, the more we grow and the more our life will naturally begin to show beautiful good "fruits."<sup>104</sup> These fruits are deeds of love and joy, peace and patience, kindness and goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.<sup>105</sup>

It is God's good will for us to believe, accept His salvation, become His children, and then grow up to bear abundant good fruit. The more we learn and grow, the more certain and joyful we will be in our salvation. Then we can look forward to the day when God will welcome us into His heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ.<sup>106</sup>

These precious beliefs and teachings bring with them hope, joy, and eternal life. We are all fortunate and blessed that the Holy Spirit has revealed them in the Holy Bible, and has confirmed their truth with signs and miracles. These beliefs and teachings are found in the True Jesus Church.

Today, we share these beliefs and teachings with other people through our words and deeds.<sup>107</sup> Then they can also know about God's free and precious gift of salvation, know how to receive it according to the Bible's instruction, and be equipped with the Bible's teachings and the Holy Spirit's abidance.<sup>108</sup> Then they can successfully complete the salvation journey to heaven.

May God always guide us as we share His salvation with others and complete our own salvation journey.

## References:

<sup>102</sup> EBD, Chapter Seventeen: Ecclesiology

<sup>103</sup> John 15:8

<sup>104</sup> John 15:5

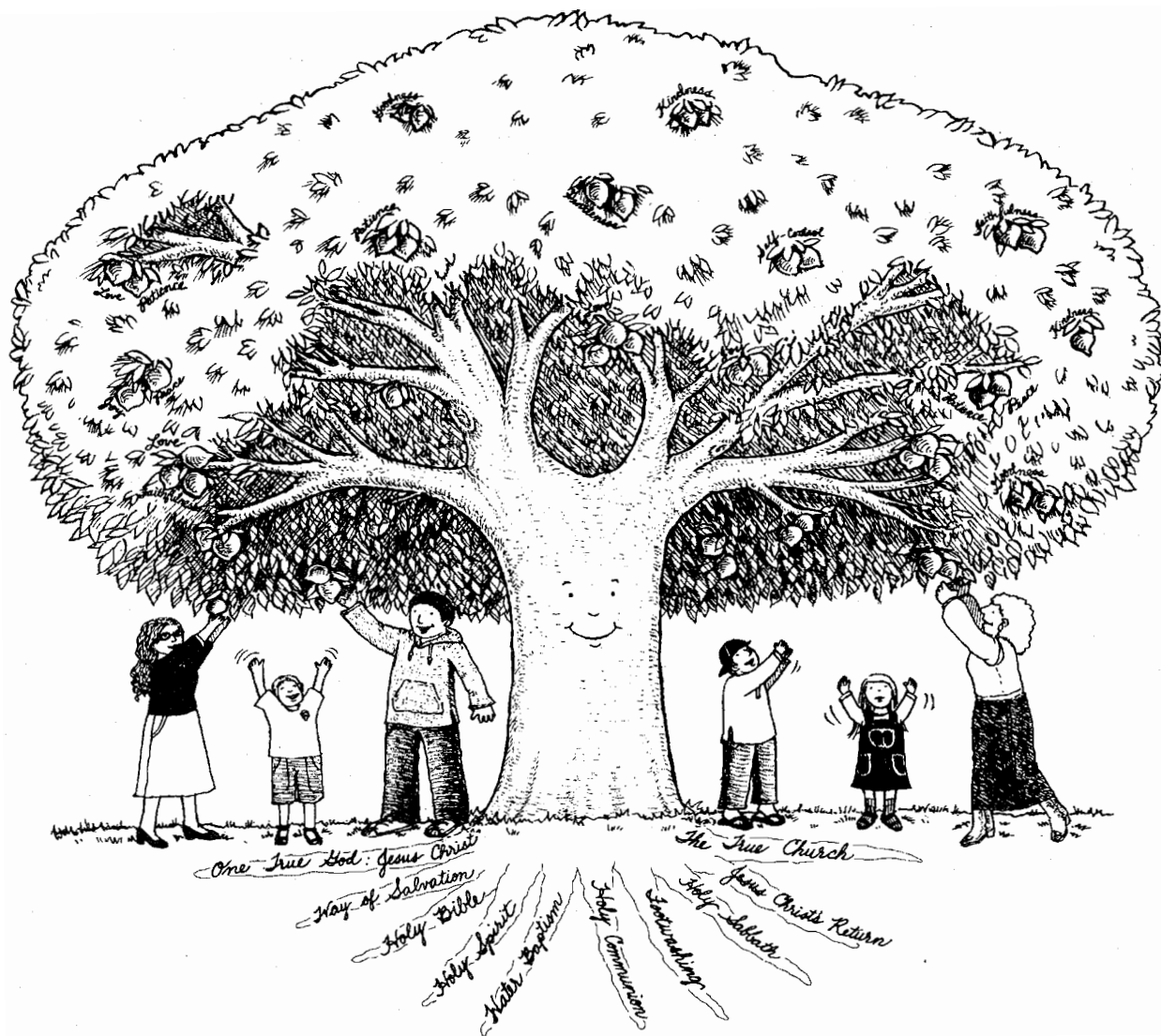
<sup>105</sup> Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>106</sup> 2 Peter 1:5-11

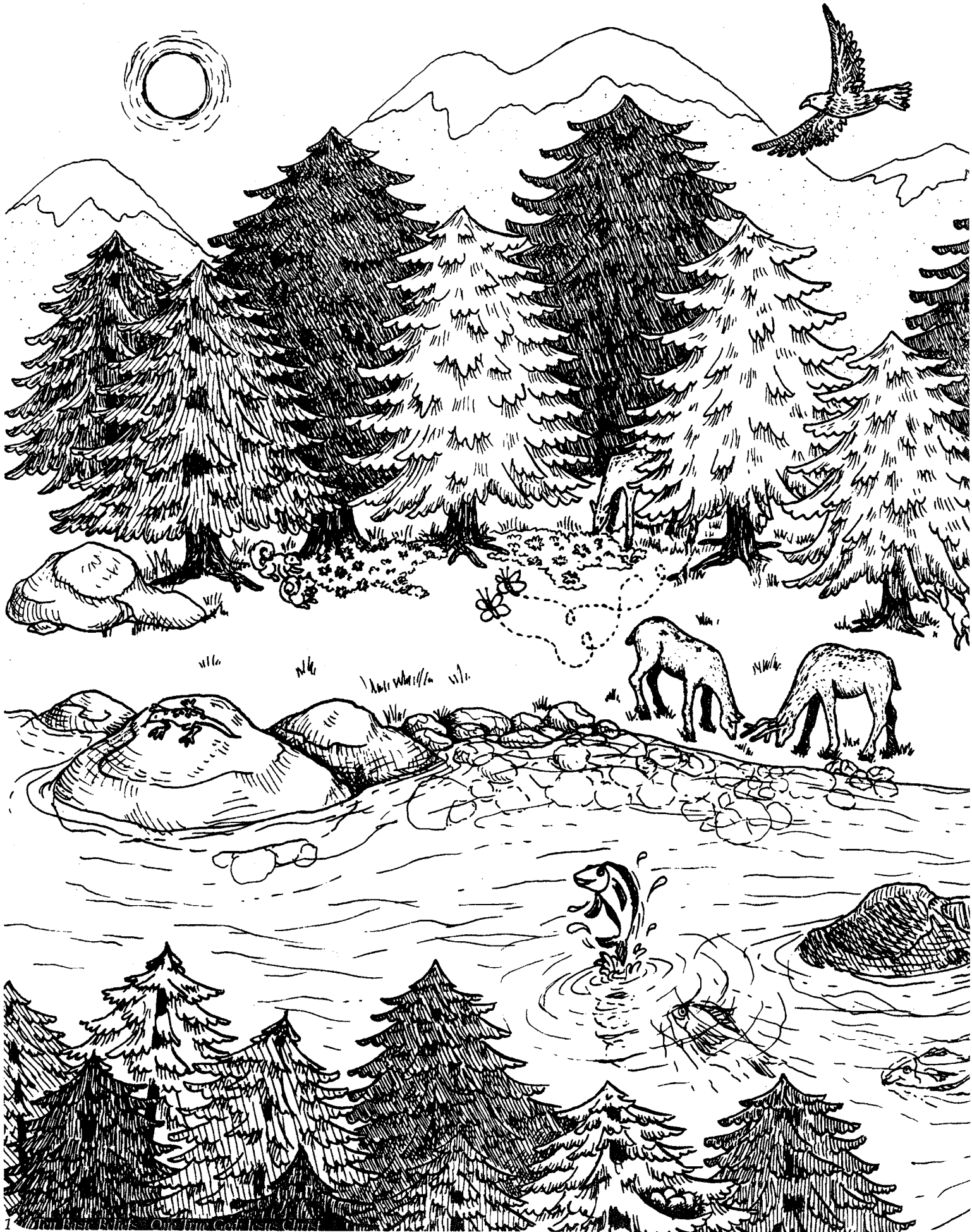
<sup>107</sup> Matthew 5:14-16;

1 Peter 3:1-2

<sup>108</sup> Acts 8:34-38; Acts 8:14-17; Acts 18:24-26; Acts 19:1-6; Acts 16:29-33; Acts 10:44-48



# Ten Basic Beliefs





We believe in one true God. He made the heavens and the earth and all living things. He is our Creator.



**God** lives in **heaven**. It is a place full of **peace** and **joy**. But people could not see **God** and people could not see **heaven**. So **God** came into the **world** for a short time. This is **Jesus Christ**.

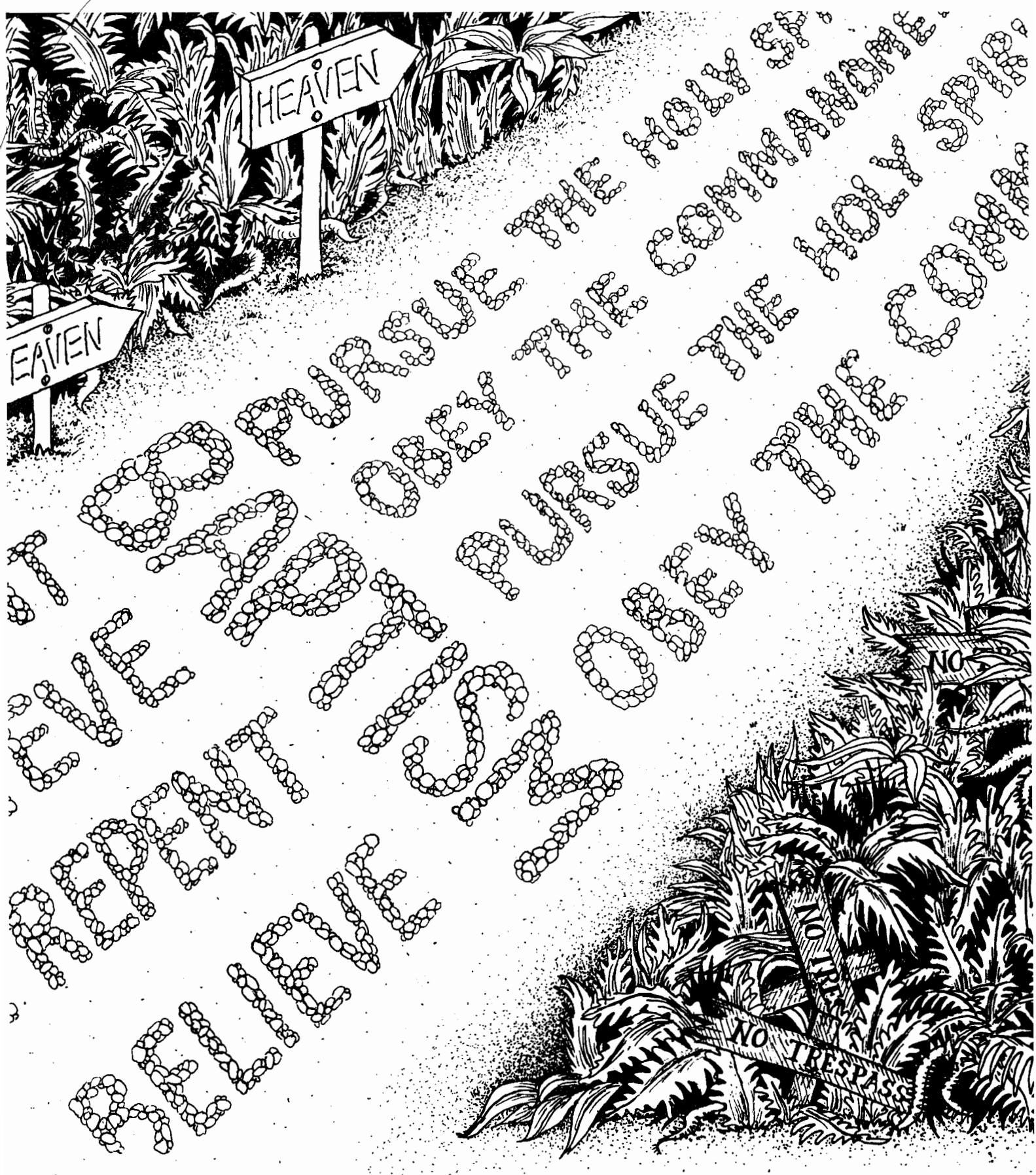


People could see and know **God** through **Jesus Christ**. Then people learned how wonderful is **heaven** and how wonderful is **God**.



**God made a way for people to go to heaven. This way is called salvation.**





**Jesus Christ** opened the way of **salvation** and He showed people how to walk on its **path**. All this is recorded in a special book from **God** that tells all people about **salvation**.

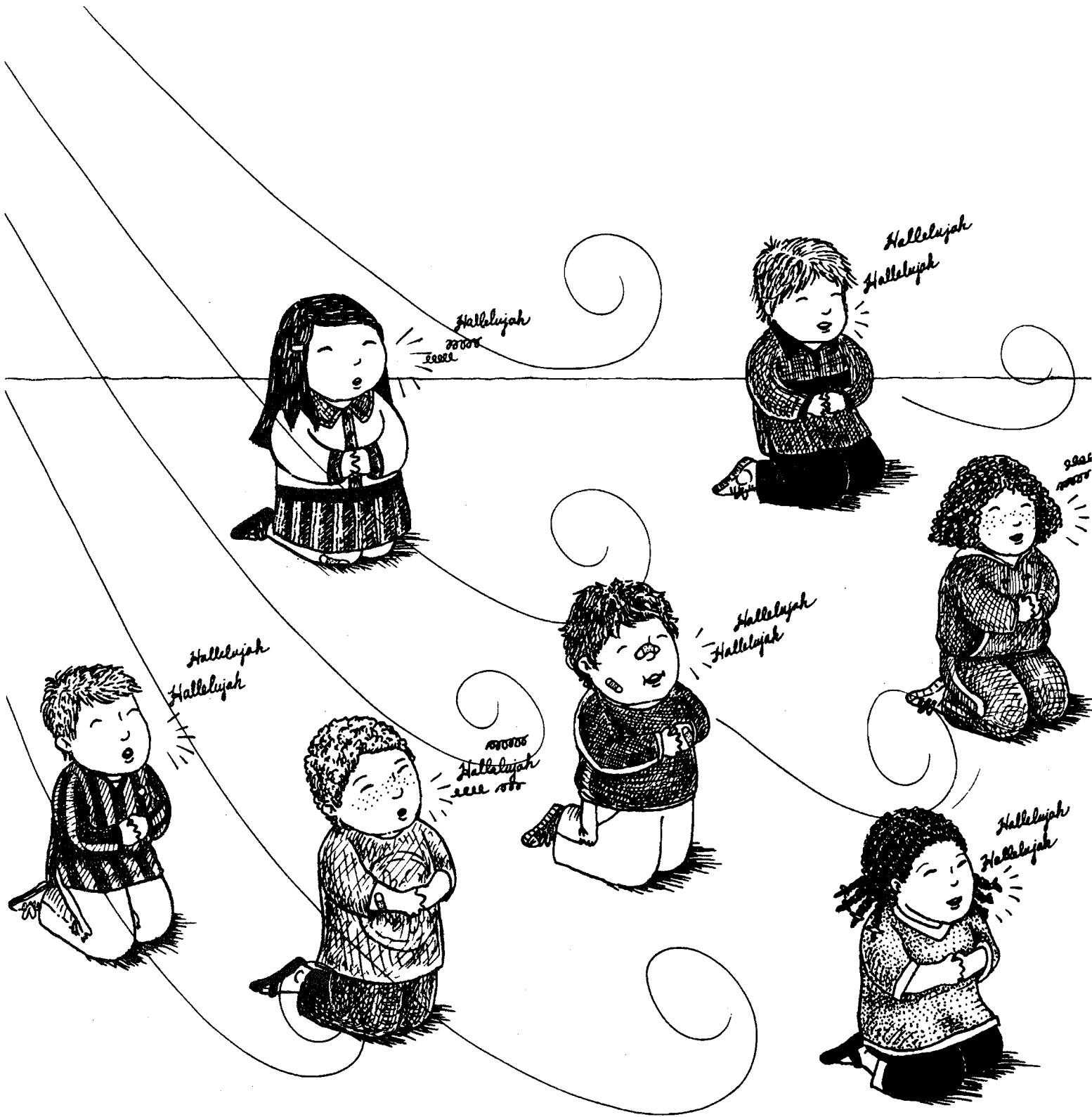




The **Bible** contains **God's** commandments and **Jesus'** teachings. These things tell people how to be **God's** good children.



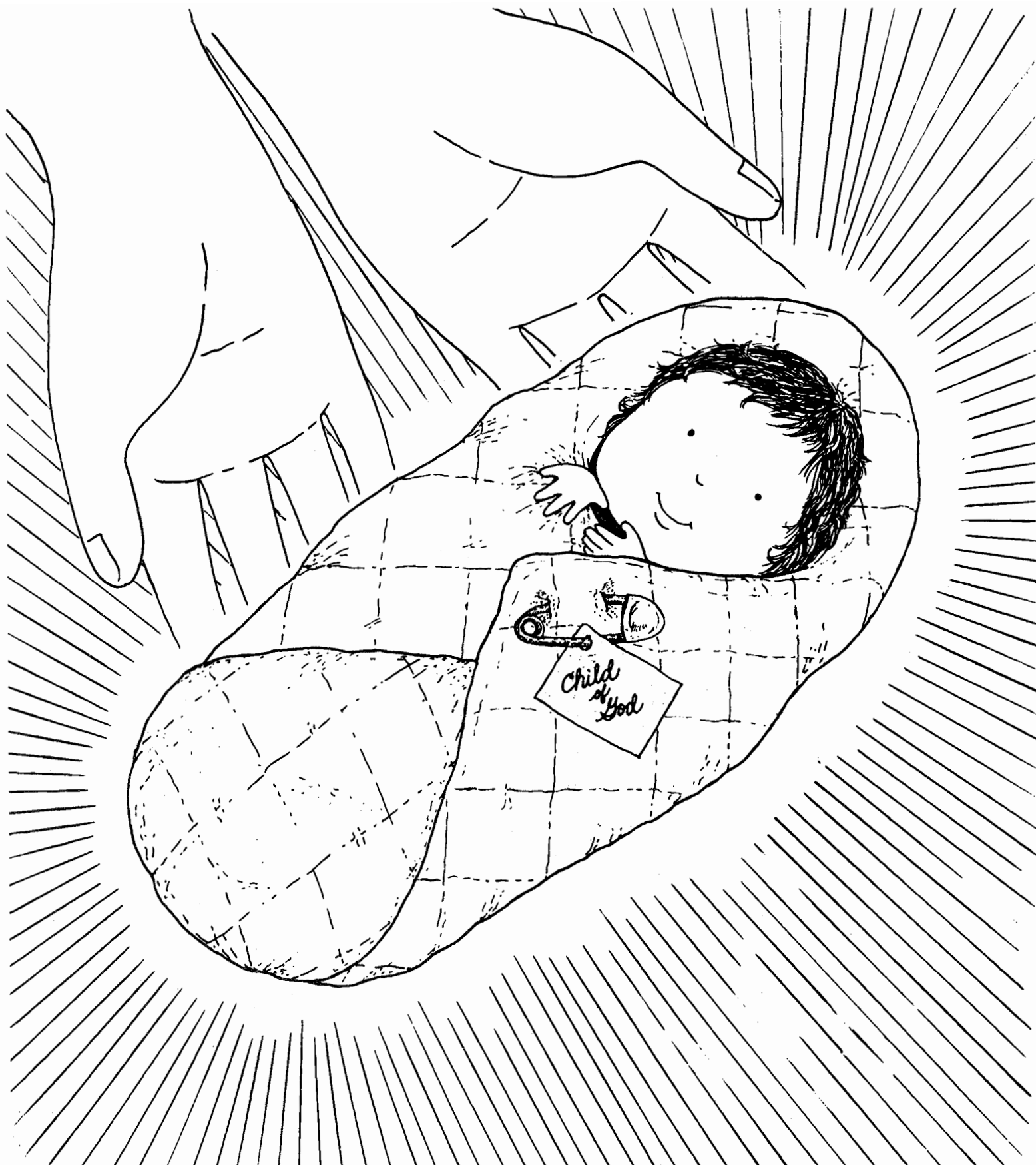
The **Bible** tells people about the **Holy Spirit**. The **Holy Spirit** is power from **God** and it helps people understand and obey the **Bible**. Understanding and obeying the Bible are very important parts of **salvation** but are sometimes very hard to do. That is why people need the **Holy Spirit's** help.



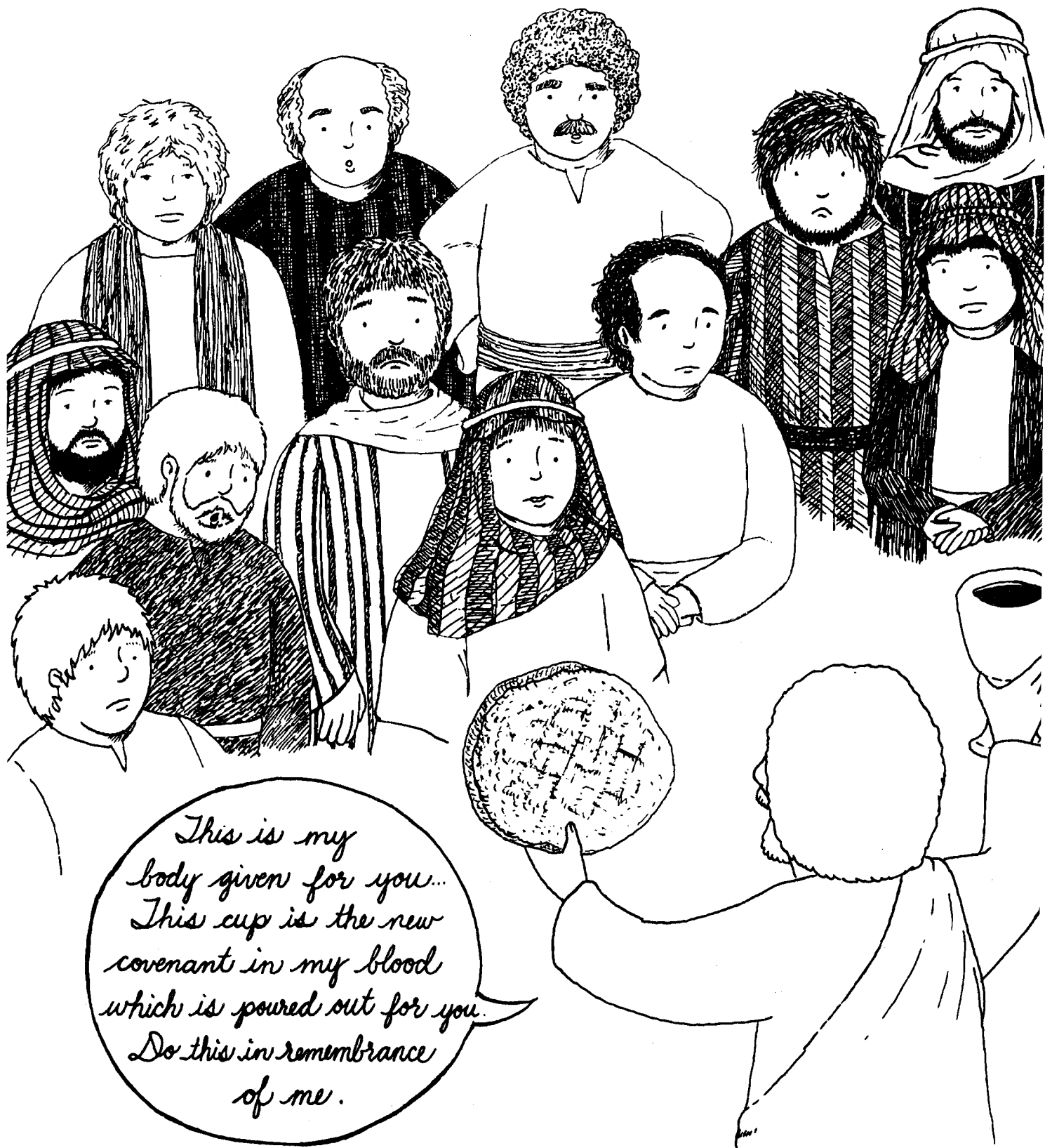
The **Bible** says that **God** will send down the **Holy Spirit** from heaven to live in people. This is the **gift** of the **Holy Spirit**.



Only **God's children** can enter His heavenly kingdom. The **Bible** tells how **Jesus Christ** showed people an important way to become one of **God's children**: Receive **water baptism**.



After **water baptism**, people are **counted** as **God's children** and they **belong to God**. But they must keep learning and obeying the **Bible**. And they must have the **Holy Spirit's** help to **live and grow** as **God's good children**.



The **Bible** says that **Jesus Christ** was in the world for only a short time. When it was time to go back to heaven, **Jesus Christ** showed His closest friends a very important way to **remember** Him.





Today, this way of remembering is called **Holy Communion**. This is the way we **remember Jesus Christ** and how He **suffered** to open the way of **salvation**.

1. Giving love and forgiveness to the end.



2. Teaching about God's salvation and praying to God for strength.



3. Losing closest friends.



6. Being wrongly blamed.



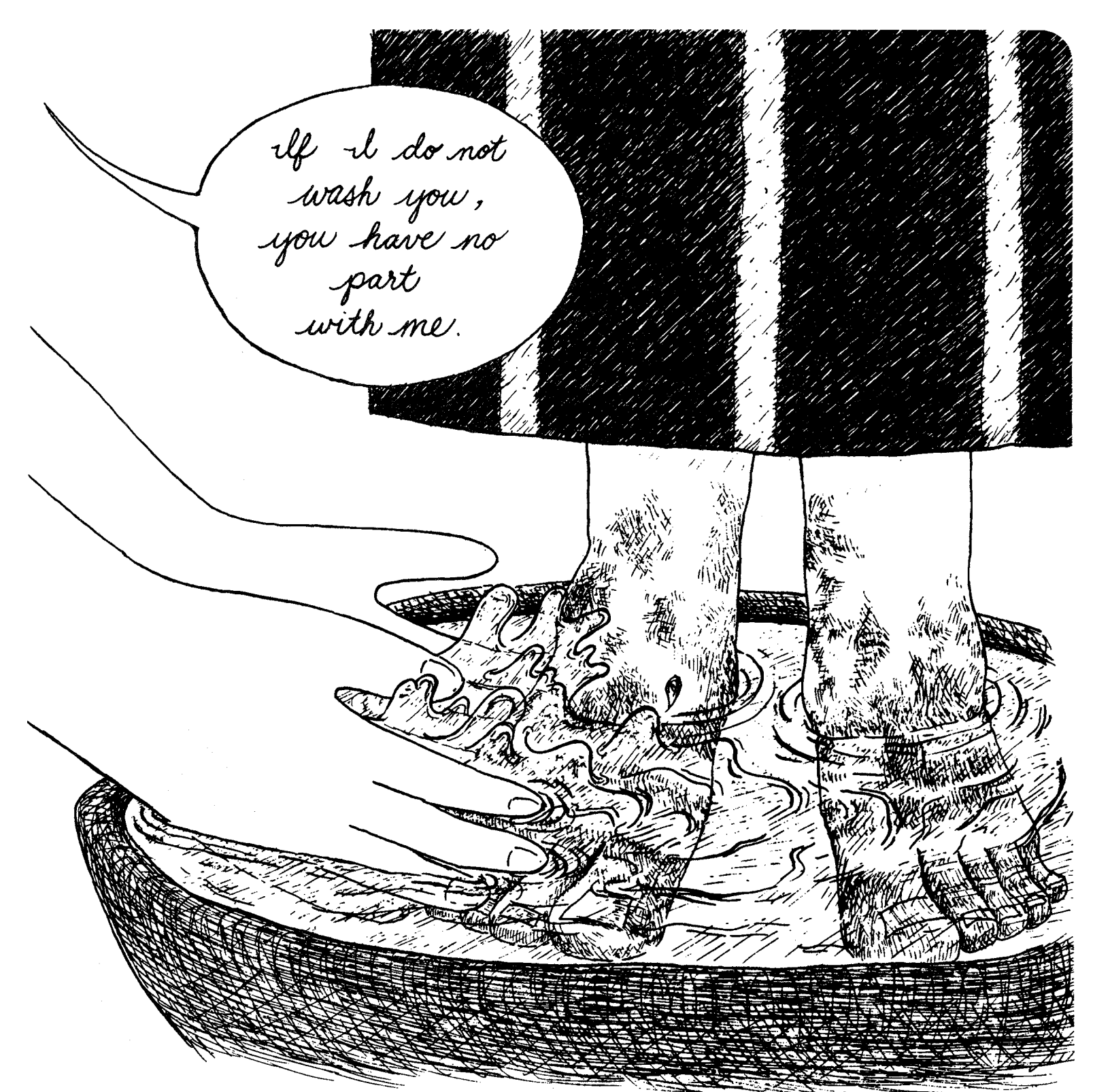
5. Facing pain and mocking



4. Facing troubles alone.



The **Bible** tells how **Jesus Christ** overcame difficult challenges in order to open the way of **salvation** for people. There was a secret to His success: **He was a humble servant of God**. This was a very important teaching that **Jesus Christ** wanted His friends to learn.

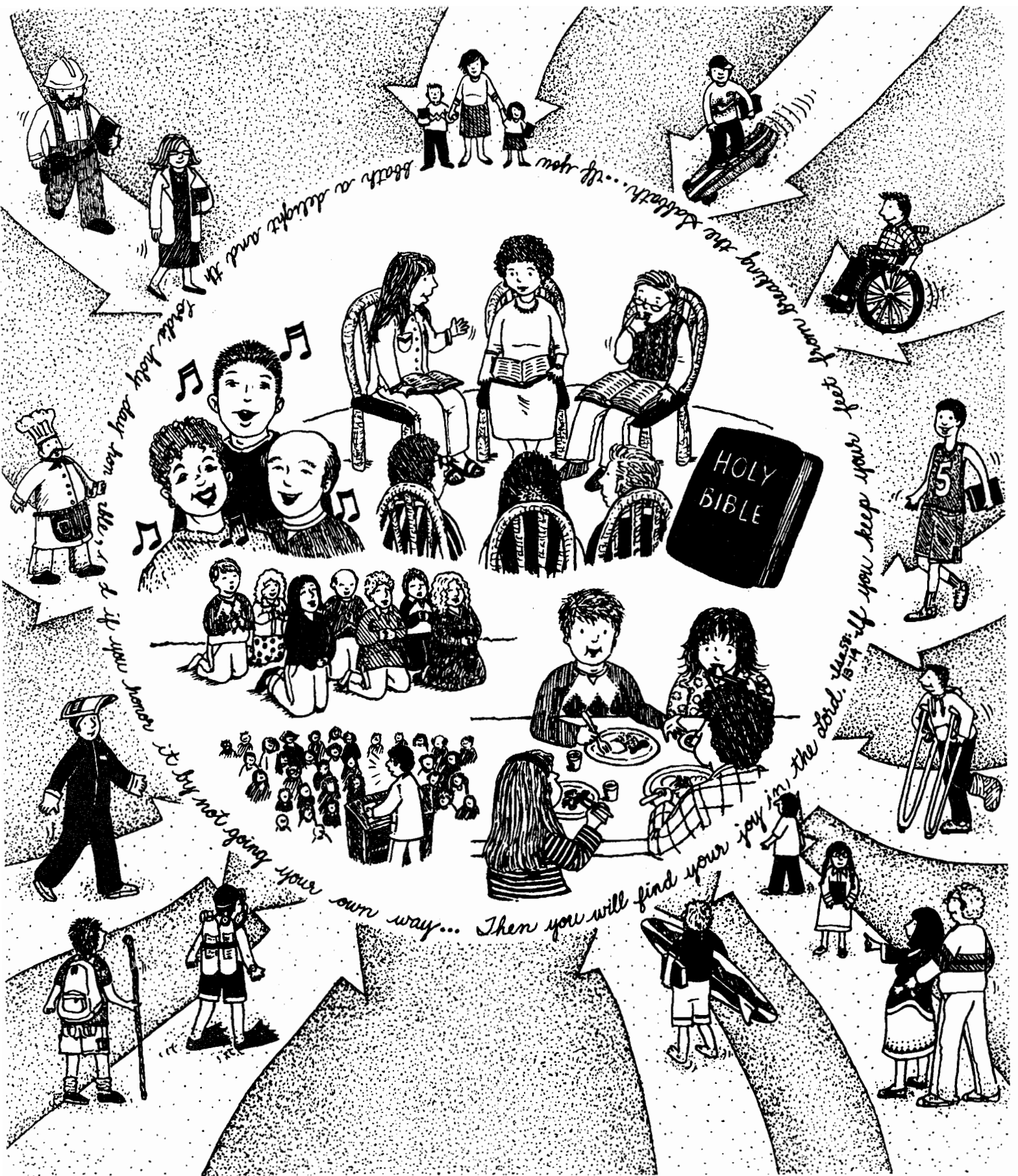


If I do not  
wash you,  
you have no  
part  
with me.

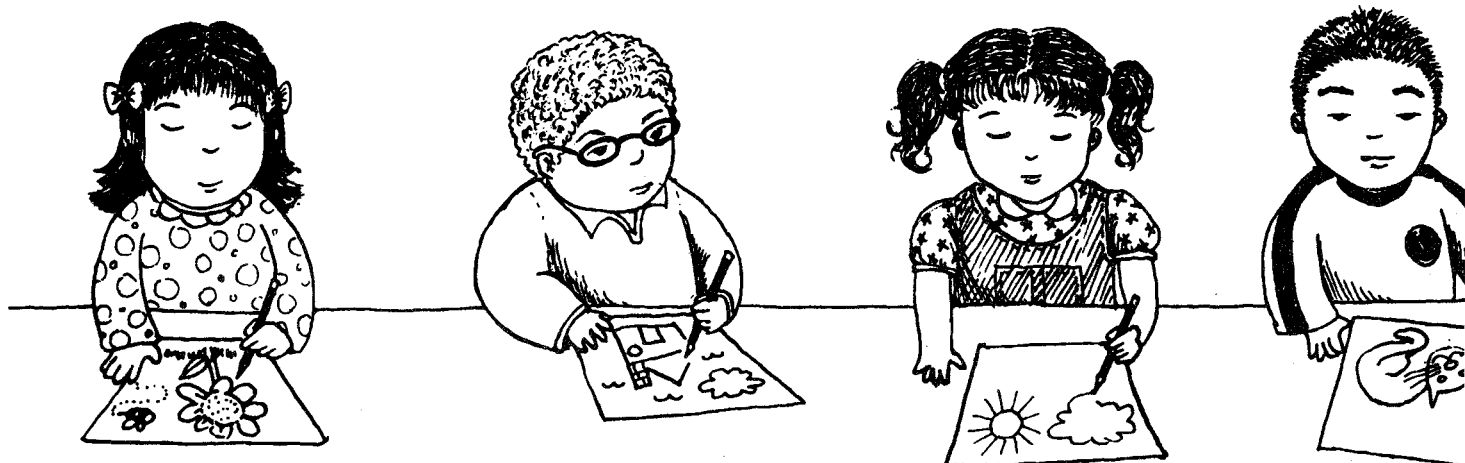
That is why **Jesus Christ** washed His friends' feet and told them to wash each other's feet. **Footwashing** would show and remind them of that important teaching: being a **humble servant of God**. If they remembered and followed **Jesus Christ's** example, they would overcome difficult challenges and open the way of salvation for people just as He did.



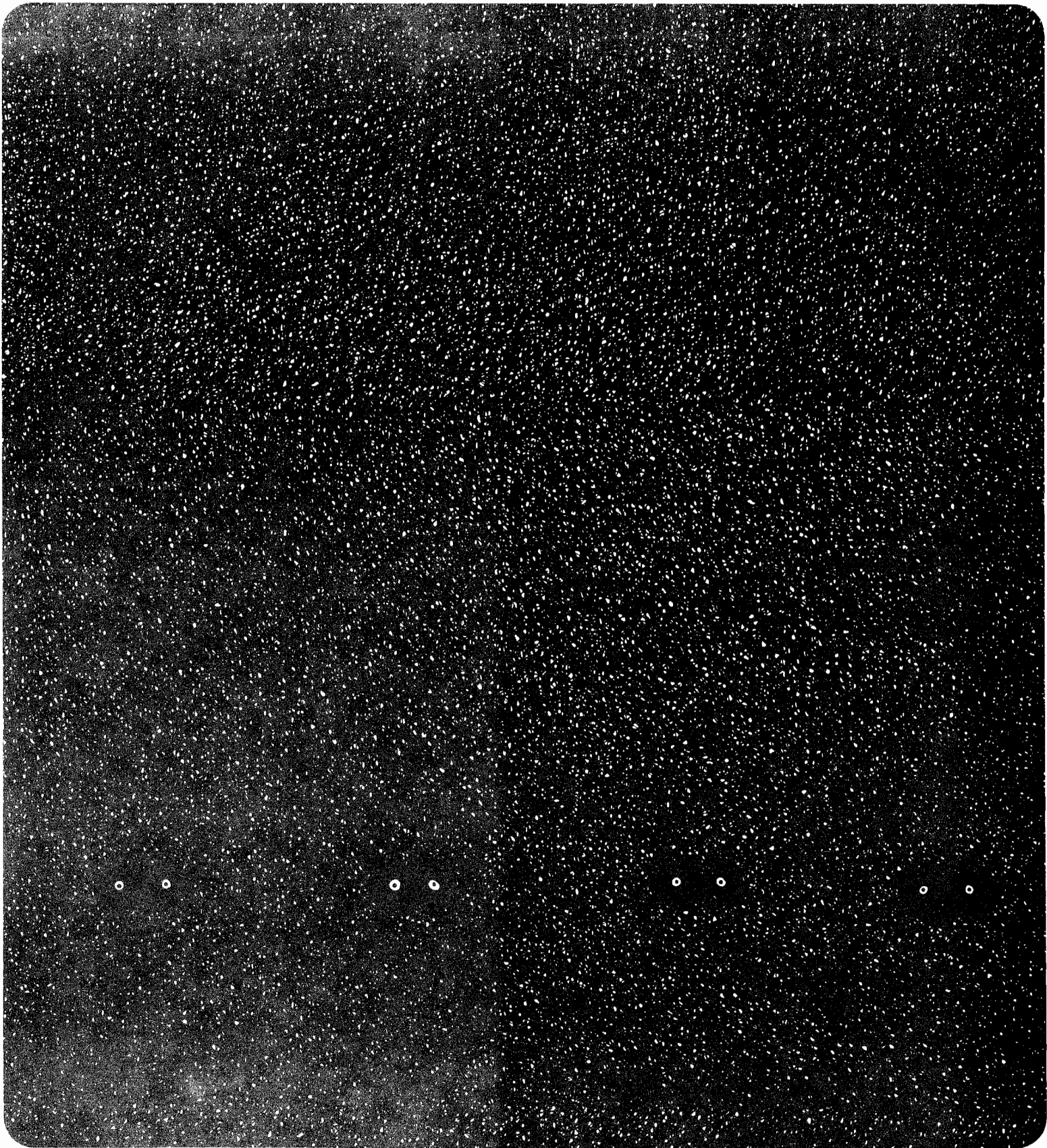
The **Bible** says that **God** created the world in six days. On the **seventh day**, God rested from His work. He **blessed** the **seventh day** and made it **holy**. That means God **set the day apart** from the other days.



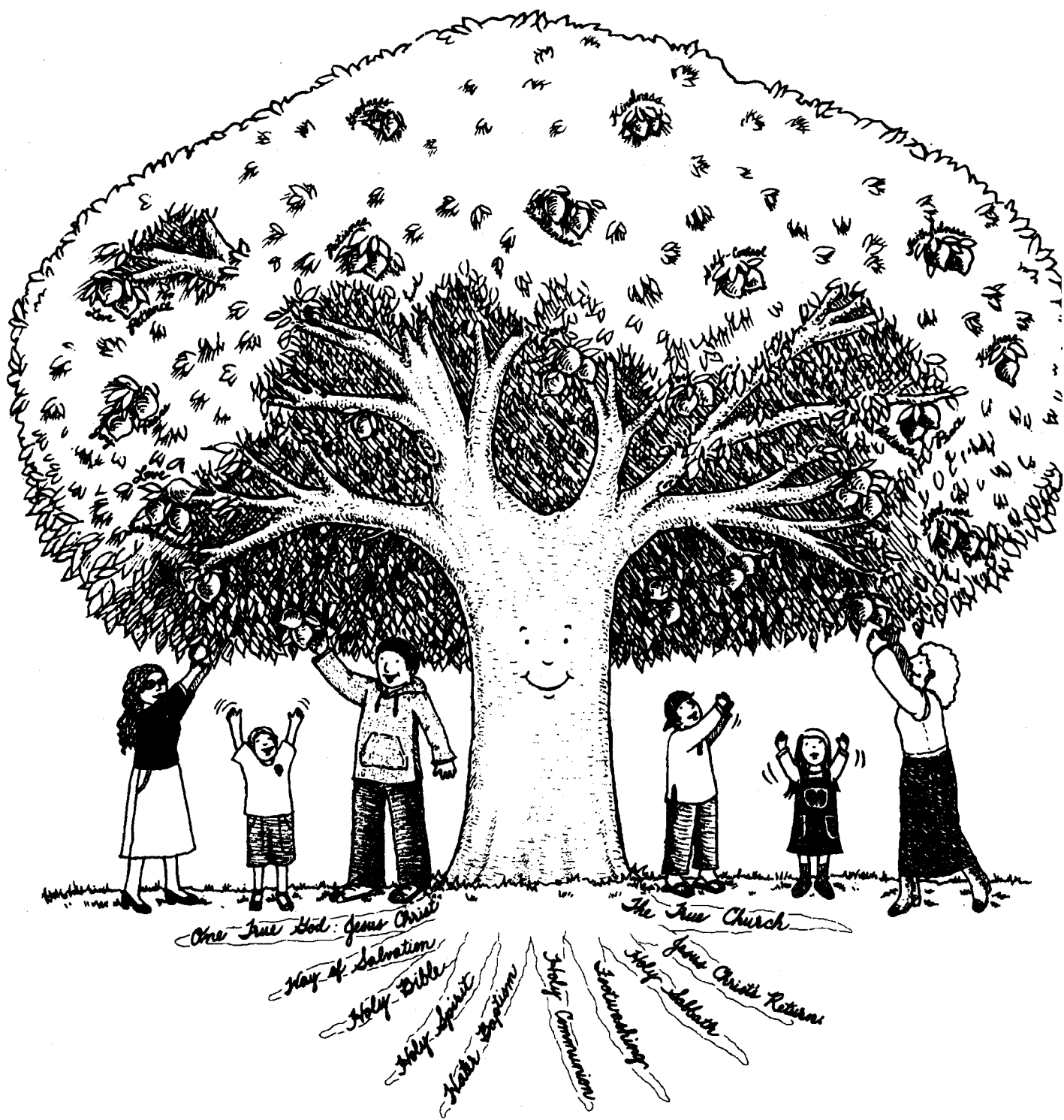
God called the seventh day the Sabbath. The Bible tells God's children to keep the Sabbath but also promises God's blessing for all people who choose to keep it.



The Bible says that one day, Jesus Christ will come to the world again from heaven. He will look carefully at each person's thoughts and words and actions. He will know who has been God's good child and who has been wicked.

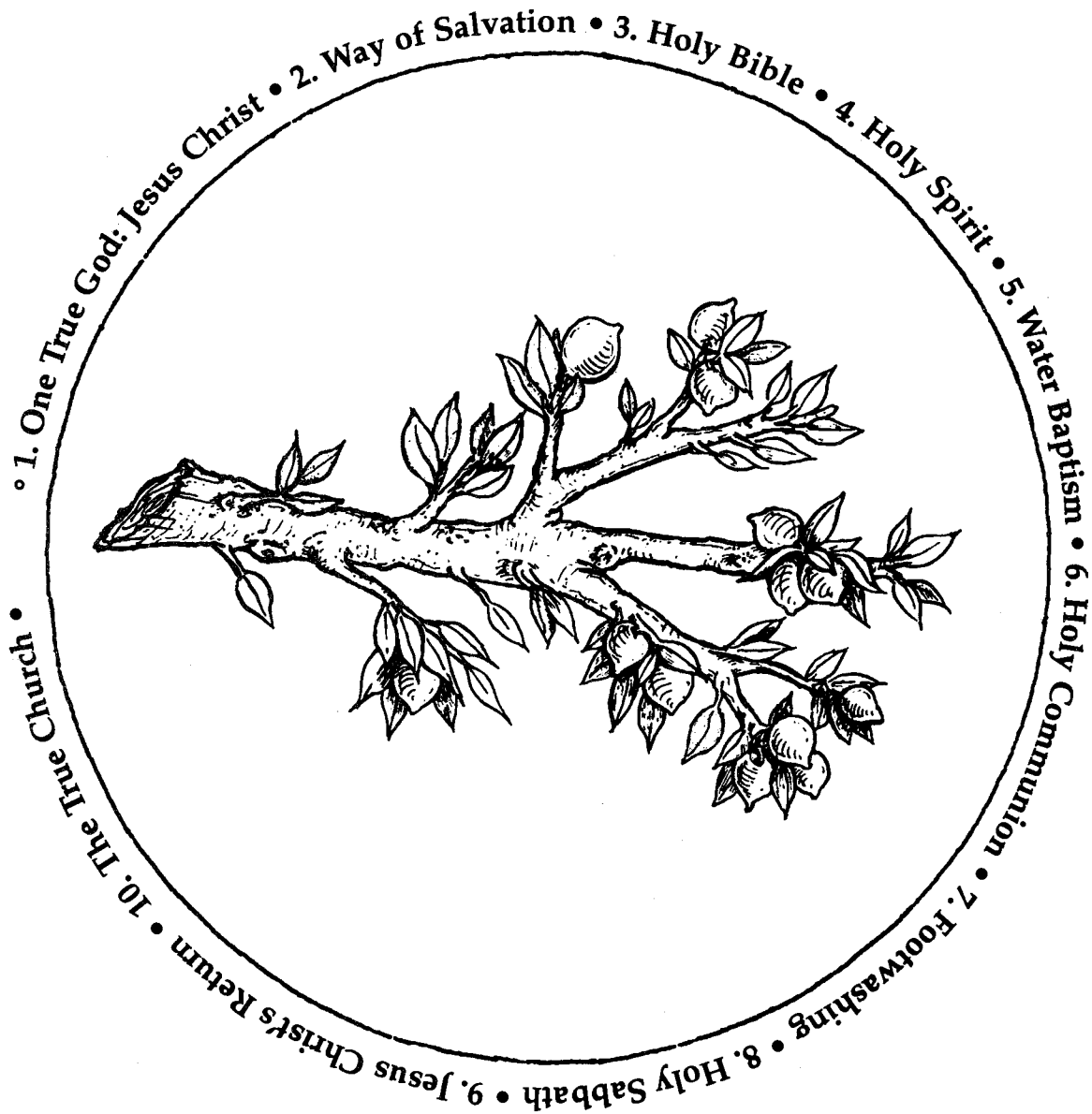


The **wicked children** will go to a place called **Hell**. It is a place that is full of darkness, confusion, and **unhappiness** because it is far away from **heaven**. But **God's good children** will be gathered together and **Jesus Christ** will bring them **home to heaven**. They will live with **God** in the peace, joy, and light of **heaven**.



These important **beliefs** come from the **Bible**. They are like **roots** that help God's children **grow** when God's children **think about** and **practice** them. Then God's children will **grow** like **healthy spiritual trees** that are full of leaves and good fruit. When this happens, God's children will feel **joyful** and they can **help other people** by sharing the leaves and fruit with them.





The **Bible** describes **God's good children** growing up this way: full of healthy leaves and good fruit. That is what **Jesus Christ** will look for when He comes to gather **God's good children to heaven**. So, you see, these **beliefs** are very important, and they are the **ten basic beliefs** of the **True Jesus Church**.

NOTE: The activities are designed to help review the information provided in the booklet. Take each opportunity to review the basic beliefs as the activities are being completed. Feel free to work only on the ones that are age appropriate.

## Activity 1

Try to find all ten words or phrases that concern the ten basic beliefs. As the words or phrases are found, review their importance of the words to the ten basic beliefs as they are found.

S A B B A T H W O T B I B L E  
 E M M E R R H A P O S W F A T  
 C L I D A U Y S H O A R O E N  
 O Y O T U E O D A Y L H O E O  
 N L P M E J P L C E V A T S I  
 D E I T H E I B A N A K W I N  
 C H O L Y S P I R I T A A M U  
 O G O N I U G E I T I O S C M  
 M D R G F S W L P X O K H B M  
 I A I J P C D I E N N I I O A  
 N H M Y L H G N Q O F R N U C  
 G N I N O U D N O D E S G S Y  
 L W A T E R B A P T I S M X L  
 J E S U S C H R I S T C B A O  
 Y T S M R H P S O S E Z X T H

### Ten Words

True Jesus Church  
 Salvation  
 Footwashing  
 Holy Communion  
 Holy Spirit  
 Water Baptism  
 Second Coming  
 Jesus Christ  
 Bible  
 Sabbath

## Activity 2

Fill in the blanks by saying or writing the words, or by pointing to pictures. You can find the answers in the booklet.

- God came into the world as **J** \_\_\_\_\_ **C** \_\_\_\_\_
- The way to heaven is called **S** \_\_\_\_\_
- The words of God are written in the **B** \_\_\_\_\_
- God sent His **H** \_\_\_\_\_ **S** \_\_\_\_\_ to live inside of us to help us.
- In order to enter God's kingdom, we must receive **W** \_\_\_\_\_ **B** \_\_\_\_\_
- One way to remember how Jesus Christ died for us is taking part in the **H** \_\_\_\_\_ **C** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus Christ washed His disciples' **F** \_\_\_\_\_ to teach us how to be a humble servant of God.
- The seventh day is a day of rest. It is called the **S** \_\_\_\_\_. It is when we go to church.
- The last days or Judgment Day is when Jesus Christ will come to earth again. **G** \_\_\_\_\_ children will go to heaven with Him and the **W** \_\_\_\_\_ will go to Hell.
- We attend services at the **T** \_\_\_\_\_ **J** \_\_\_\_\_ **C** \_\_\_\_\_ because the church teaches us the words of God.

### Activity 3

#### Concentration

Write each of the following words on two cards (10 words x 2 cards = 20 cards altogether). Then shuffle the cards and place them face down on a table in a 5 x 4 grid. Then flip over any two cards to see if they match. If the two cards match, take them from the table and put them aside. If they do not match, then turn them over and try to pick out two more cards. Keep trying until all the cards are matched.

This game is called Concentration because it takes a lot of concentration to remember where and what the cards are as they are being flipped. Remember, only two cards can be turned flipped at one time. This is a great game to play with an adult and group, too. Review the importance of the words to the ten basic beliefs as they are matched. For younger children, pictures can be substituted.

#### Word Bank

True Jesus Church  
Salvation  
Footwashing  
Holy Communion  
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Water Baptism  
Second Coming  
Jesus Christ  
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Sabbath

### Activity 4

#### Draw It Out

Write down each of the words on separate slips of paper. Then fold them up and put them in a paper bag. Pull out a slip and using ONLY pictures, draw what is written on that paper. One other person should try to guess what is being drawn. Children and adults can take turns drawing and guessing. All the words can be found in the booklet. Take the opportunity to review the contents of the booklet as each word is guessed.

Living Things	Heaven	Children	Footwashing	Servant	Holy Communion
Holy Spirit	Water Baptism	Bible	Sabbath	Happy	

### Activity 5

#### Testimony Sharing

**Note:**  
Feel free to pick out a testimony of how a brother or sister came to the True Jesus Church. Or share how the child's own family came to know Jesus Christ, even if it is generations ago. It will give them a sense of belonging and understanding.

Testimonies are a great way to share with your children how God touches people's lives. They are like beautiful footprints that God has left behind. By hearing the testimonies, your children will be encouraged and through the power of the Holy Spirit, they will grow to be more like Jesus.

The following is one testimony which talks about how a brother is transformed by the Holy Spirit. Take your time to read it with your children. And don't forget to obtain more testimonies on the web at: [WWW.TJC.ORG](http://WWW.TJC.ORG) or pick up a "Manna" publication at your local church.

#### **TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT**

BY—Irvine, California, USA

In the struggle between good and evil, I've come to realize that through prayer and God's grace, we can overcome the world. I truly thank the Lord for His guidance in my life. He has really opened my eyes to His miraculous ways. I'd like to share my testimony to help others overcome their own struggles with good and evil.

#### **FIGHTING SIN WITHOUT SPIRITUAL POWER**

For the past few months, I've been trying to draw myself closer to God. I would tell myself to come to service even though I did not feel like it. I read the Bible and other church publications. I would often meditate on God and ask Him to forgive my sins and give me more faith.

Throughout this time, I came to realize how spiritually weak I was, and that I sinned whenever I went out with my worldly friends. Even though I resisted temptation and did not go out with them, I knew I was still weak in faith.

One night, I succumbed and went out with my worldly friends but, thank God, He kept me from sinning against Him. When I arrived home in the early morning hours, I felt a deep sense of emptiness.

**Testimony  
Sharing**

As I got out of the car and was about to open the door to my house, part of me was reluctant to go in. For some unknown reason, I was compelled to go to church instead.

When I arrived at church, I went up to the second floor, above the chapel. As I sat there, I thought about all the sins of my life.

**ENCOURAGED BY THE LOVE OF A SISTER**

While I was thinking about the things I had done a few hours earlier, I heard the sound of prayer coming from the chapel. I went to see who it was and there I saw a sister praying.

You see, awhile back, she encouraged me to pray for the Holy Spirit. She even offered to pray with me, saying that she came to church every day at eight in the morning to pray. I said I might join her, but I never intended on doing so.

When I saw her praying there, I felt ashamed for not joining her. I knew that she had probably seen my car in the church parking lot and would've wanted me to pray with her. So I went and joined her.

As I knelt down in prayer, I was moved to tears. I started to repent of all my sins and asked God to forgive me. I made a resolution to stay at church that day until I received the Holy Spirit. But realizing there was a truth seekers' bible study that morning, I left church for home at 10 am.

Around noontime, before I was about to go to sleep, I felt compelled to write down all the shortcomings I wanted to get rid of. I had this burning desire to change myself, so I wrote down my weaknesses: PRIDE, SELFISHNESS, UNKINDNESS, IMPATIENCE, and LAZINESS.

Lying there on my bed, I pondered over how I needed to be more at peace and to have more love towards church members. Suddenly, I had an overriding urge to get up and pray. For reasons I can't explain, I immediately felt the need for God, so I got up and started to pray.

As soon as I knelt down, tears poured down my face. I felt a deep sense of sorrow and pain within as I thought about my life of sin up to that point. I am not the type of person that cries often but during that prayer I cried like a child.

**RECEIVING THE HOLY SPIRIT**

During that prayer, my "Hallelujah's" were getting louder, and I began to wonder whether I was disturbing my neighbors. At the same time, I started to think about King David. Despite being a king, David was unashamed to offer praise to God in front of others. Even though he seemed very foolish to the people, he humbled himself before God and disregarded what others thought about him.

Just then, I realized how I cared too much about what people thought about me. What's truly important is what God thought about me. So I determined to disregard man's acceptance and seek after God fully in prayer.

Once I disregarded my "face" and focused on God, my hands began to tingle and my arms began to shake. But I started to doubt if this was the Holy Spirit or not. I thought, "Why would God still love and forgive a sinner like me?"

Whenever I doubted, the Holy Spirit's movement went away and I would ask God for more faith and the strength to not doubt Him. I truly felt like I was in a spiritual tug-o-war. As I struggled with my faith, I also asked God to help me and forgive me.

Suddenly I felt my hands shake. There was tingling and heat on my head. I began speaking in tongues. God wanted me to have complete faith in Him; without any form of doubt.

In that prayer, I felt as if I was nothing and wondered why I was so proud before. I used to think it was okay to be proud, as long as I did not act proud. Now, I understand that God does not like any form of pride within our hearts.

I had to bow and worship God with my face to the ground because I couldn't face Him directly. I was filled with so much joy because God still loved a great sinner. I asked God to never let me forget my iniquities and to always let me remember His wonderful grace.

I can't explain it, but I truly grasped the full height, depth, width, and length of God's great love. How great and awesome is God!

In the past, I often heard the words of the Bible, but I never felt like I understood or truly grasped them until I experienced God for myself. He opened up my spiritual eyesight and many things in the Bible suddenly made sense and came alive for me. It became very clear to me that nothing in this world is more important than God.

**THE POWER OF PRAYER**

I truly feel that every prayer to God, every thought of Him, and every utterance of "Hallelujah" add up. As long as we put forth the effort, He will see our heart and help us through our dark days. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (Jas 4:8).

Before I received the Holy Spirit, I had been trying for months to be good. But at the lowest point of my spiritual life, I

**Testimony  
Sharing**

felt like God uplifted me.

I used to constantly think about my stock investments, driving a nice car, and getting married. When I received the Holy Spirit, all the things of this world became unimportant to me.

All I want to do now is to abide in God's will. I know it will be a constant struggle, for there is a constant spiritual warfare within us. I pray that God will protect me from returning to my life of sin, and will remind me of His wonderful mercy and grace.

Through my experience, I hope to encourage you that experiencing God in prayer will spiritually empower you in your Christian walk. It will uplift your spiritual life and renew your faith in Him. May all the praise be given to our merciful and loving God. Amen.



"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that you may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."  
(Ephesians 6:1-3)

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