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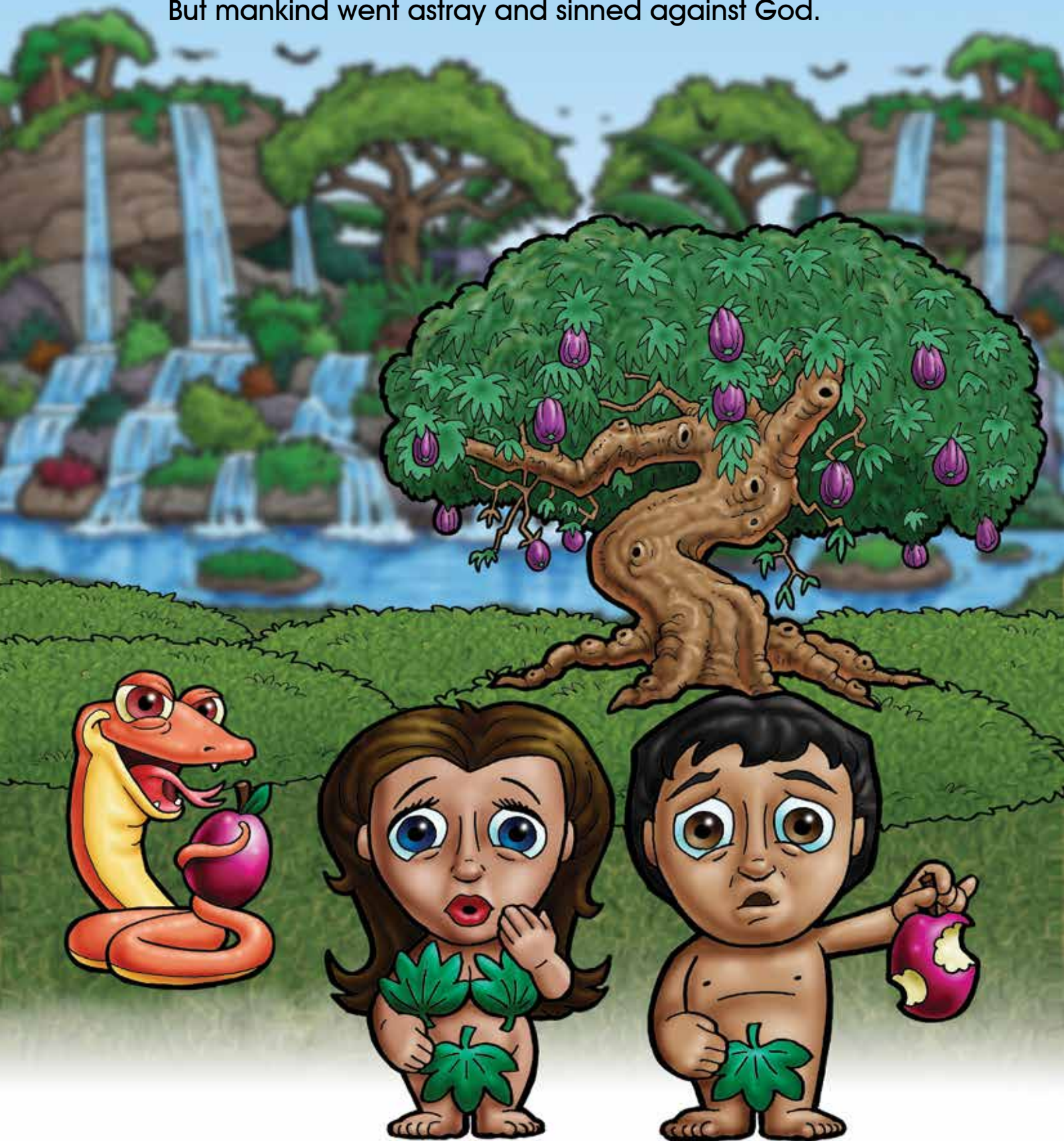


"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Gen 1:1.



God created mankind in perfect environment, with the power of freewill, to enjoy a special relationship with Him.

But mankind went astray and sinned against God.



"... through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned." Rom 5:12

Sin became a barrier between perfect God and fallen mankind.



But your iniquities have separated you from God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. Isaiah 59:2

If this barrier was not removed, mankind would spend eternity separated from God and His provision. And a place devoid of God's light and His comfort can only be described as: HELL.



But God loved fallen mankind and wanted no one to be separated from Him.

Since all mankind are sinners, God said He would pay the penalty to remove the sin barrier. Thus He humbled Himself and became a man to wipe clean the debt of sin in the world.



“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God-With-Us).” Isaiah 7:14.

Two thousand years ago, in a stable in Bethlehem, the God-man (Jesus Christ) was born uniquely pure of sin – to bring salvation to all mankind.



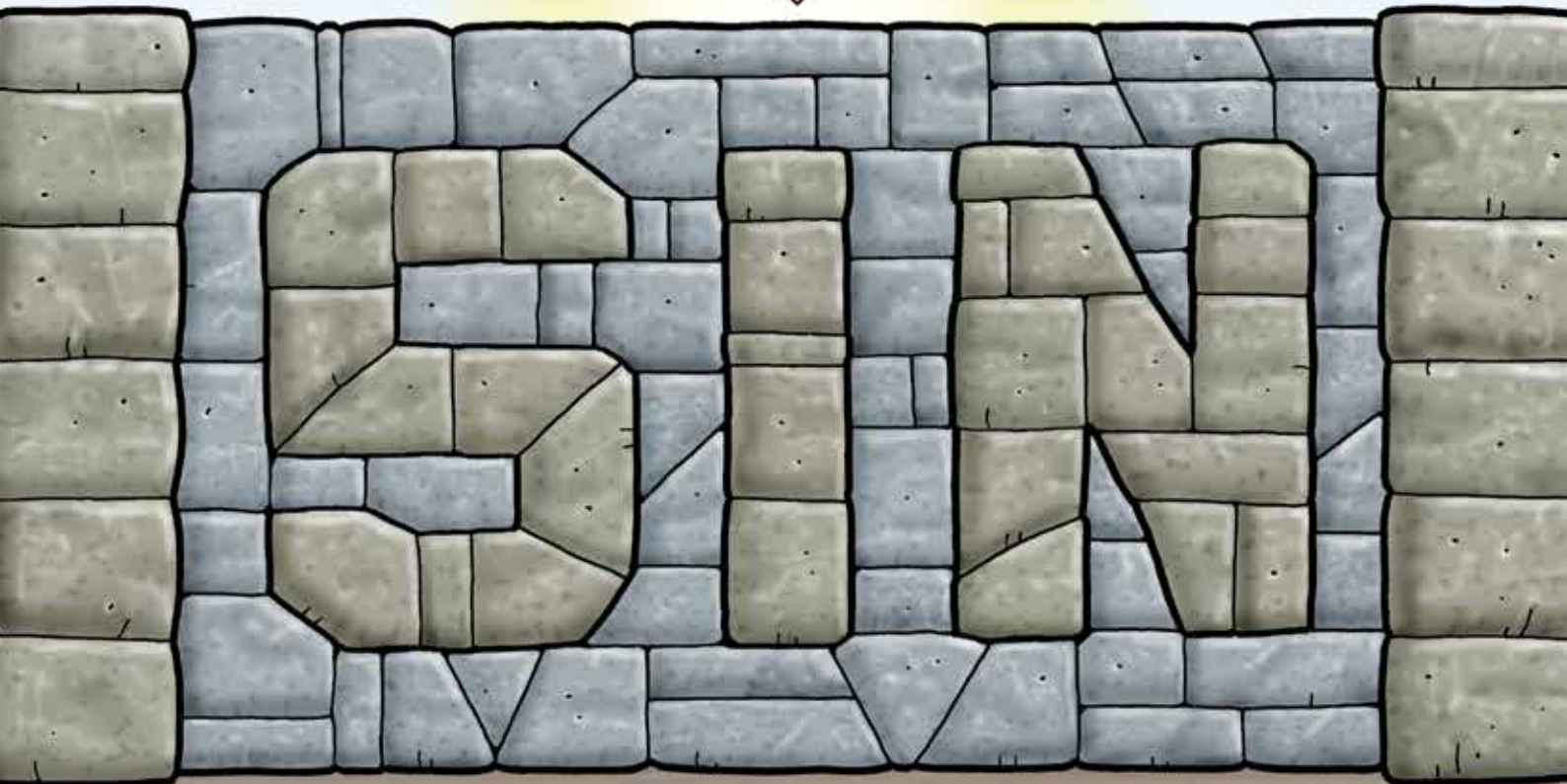
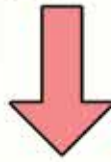
"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12.

He was born to pay the price of our sins and remove the barrier between us and God.



"Behold! The Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29b.



"That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." Hebrews 2:9b.

Jesus Christ lived an unblemished life and was the only one qualified to pay the penalty for the sins of the world.



And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15



As it was prophesied hundreds of years before, He became despised and rejected by men (*Isa 53:3*) who unjustly condemned and nailed Jesus Christ to a cross.

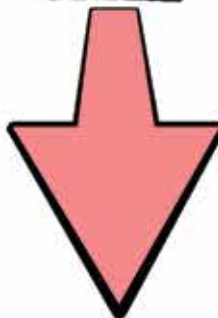


But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5.

While there on the cross, God poured out the sins of the world onto Christ and judged them.



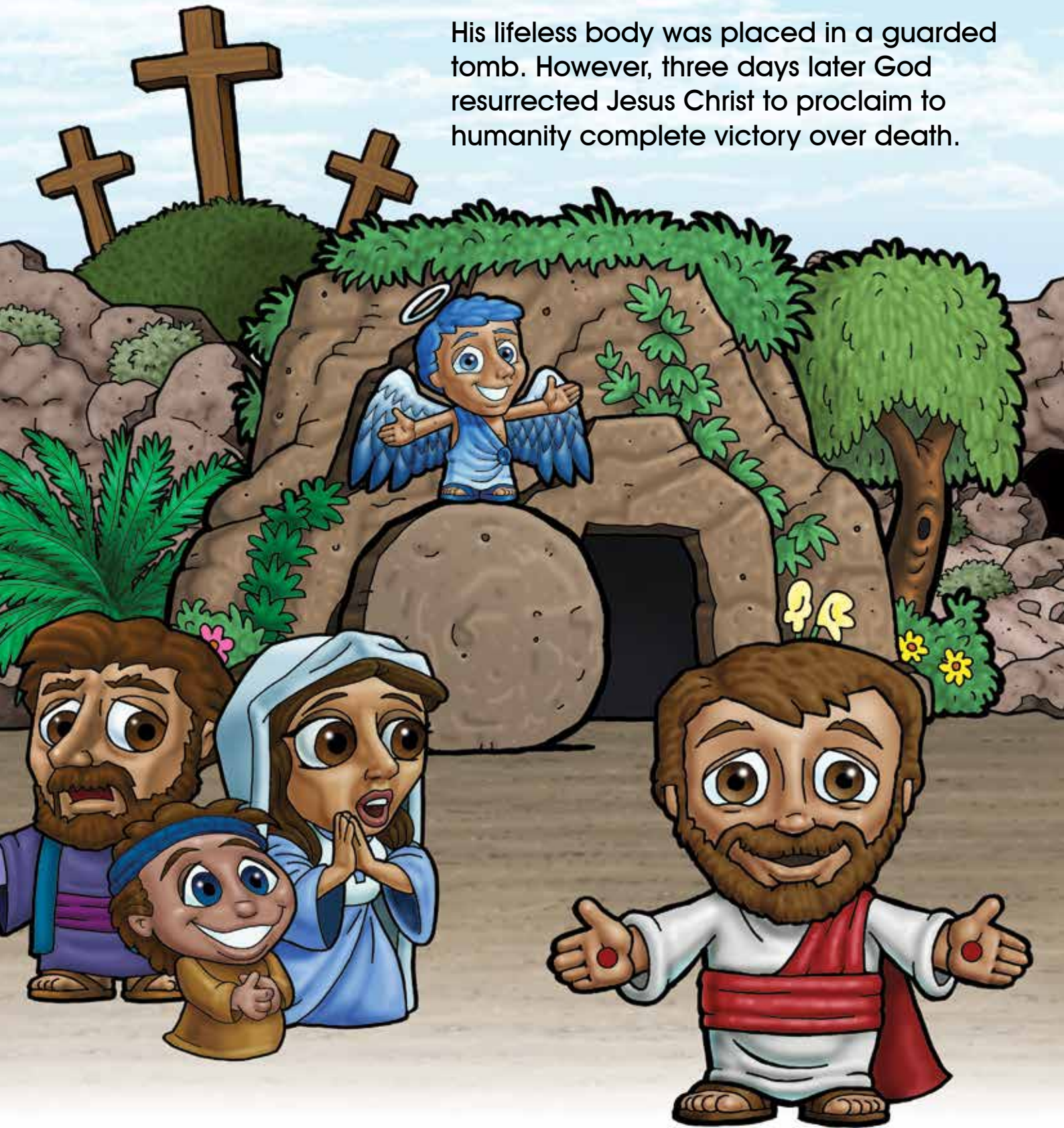
Jesus Christ willingly bore all humanity's sins in His own body and died so we could have eternal life (1 Peter 2:24a).



The barrier of sin was removed.



His lifeless body was placed in a guarded tomb. However, three days later God resurrected Jesus Christ to proclaim to humanity complete victory over death.



It (righteousness) shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offences, and was raised because of our justification. Romans 4:24-25



Jesus Christ's death, resurrection and ascension were witnessed by many (1 Cor 15:4-8).

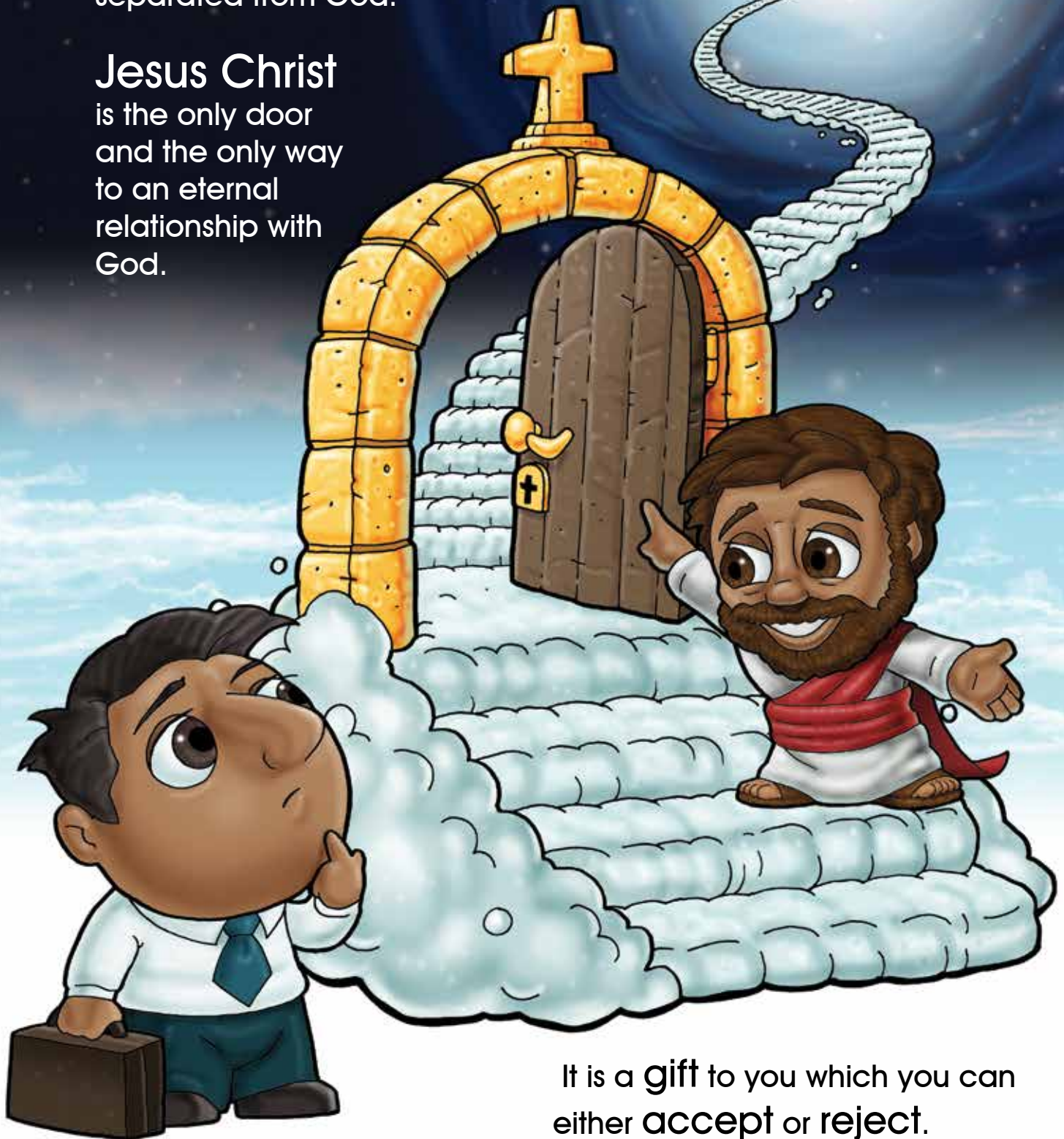


These witnesses spread the Good News of Salvation (the Gospel) around the world.



Today, the choice of salvation now rests with YOU. The sin barrier has been removed and no one has to remain separated from God.

Jesus Christ is the only door and the only way to an eternal relationship with God.



It is a gift to you which you can either accept or reject.

The Problem: Mankind was created with free will. God cannot and will not force you to be saved. Sadly, if you reject Christ's sacrifice on your behalf – YOU choose to remain eternally separated from God.



The Solution: If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, you will be saved (Act 16:31a).

The price has been fully paid.

The moment you believe in Christ you are brought into an eternal relationship with God.



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

The choice is yours!

Everlasting life in heaven is a free gift given by God. We don't work for it, we can't earn it. All we do is accept it by believing Jesus Christ died on our behalf.

*For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal
life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:23



Will you accept God's gracious gift of eternal salvation or will you reject it?

Like all gifts, it only become yours when you accept it.

This is the Good News the Bible declares:

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved... Acts 16:3

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

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8 -9

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

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

He who believes in the Son (Jesus Christ) has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. John 3:36

Further Verses

Matthew 1:21 / John 3:17 / John 5:24 / 1 John 5:13 / John 10:9 / John 20:31 / Romans 5:10 / Romans 10: 9-10 / Romans 10:13 / Ephesians 1:13 / 1 Thessalonians 5:9 / Titus 3:5-7





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