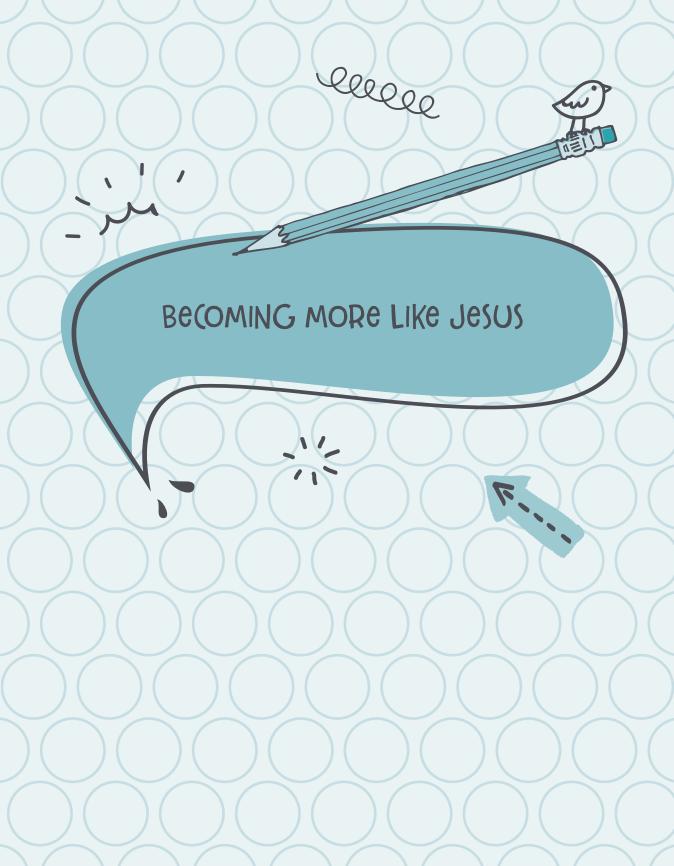


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Think as Christ Jesus thought. Jesus has always been as God is. But He did not hold to His rights as God. He put aside everything that belonged to Him and made Himself the same as a servant who is owned by someone. He became human by being born as a man. After He became a man, He gave up His important place and obeyed by dying on a cross.

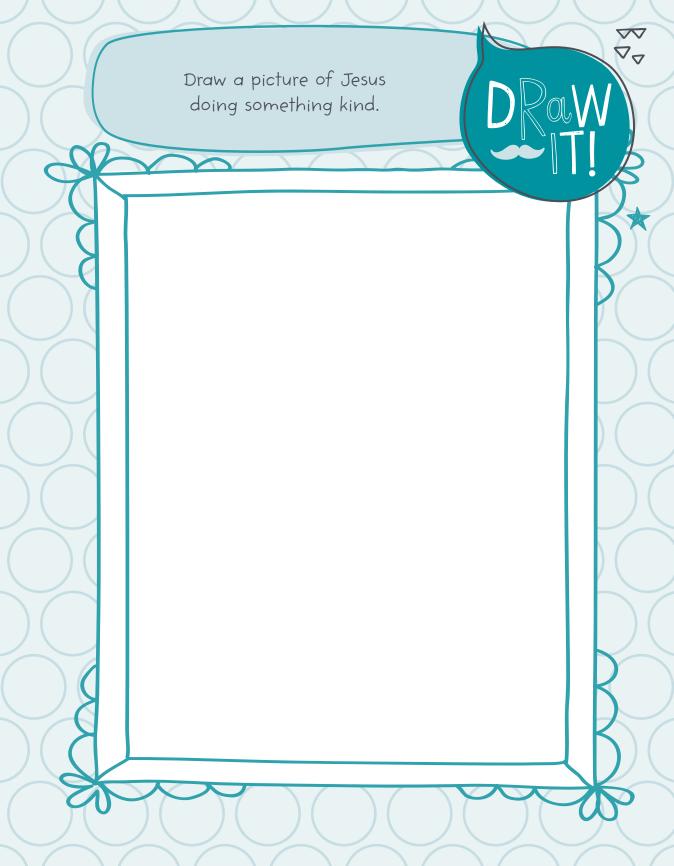
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

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Who is Jesus? He is God's Son. For a while, Jesus lived here on earth with a special purpose—to make a way for people to have forever life with Him in heaven. While Jesus lived here, He had a human body like everyone else. Although He was God's Son, Jesus never acted proud or stuck-up. He was the perfect example of how humans should behave with each other: loving, forgiving, caring, and kind. He always obeyed God's rules and did what was right. Jesus was even willing to die if it meant everyone could someday live in heaven.

Dear Jesus, I want to become more like You. Please teach me how to forgive others when they hurt me. Show me how to be caring and kind, and help me to love others even when they are hard to love. I want to do what is right
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Practice being more like Jesus today. Forgive someone who hurt your feelings. Do something kind and caring for a family member or friend. Say, "I love you" to someone you care about.

What did you learn from Philippians 2:5-8?

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"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Whoever puts his trust in God's Son will not be lost but will have life that lasts forever."

JOHN 3:16

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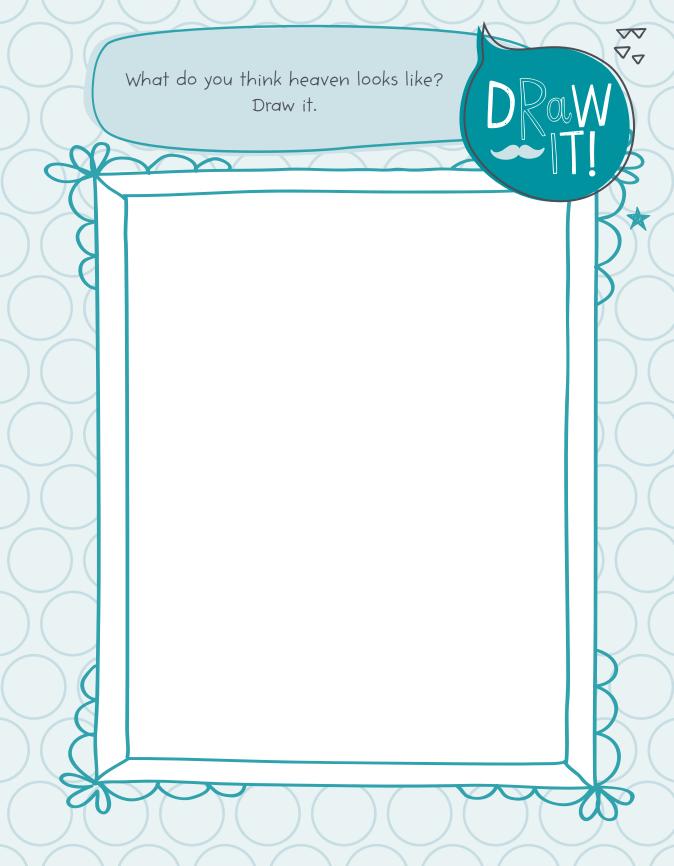
Nobody's perfect. We all do things that aren't right with God. Sin is a word for the wrong things people do. Sin isn't allowed in heaven, so God sent His Son, Jesus, to earth on a special mission—to make a way for everyone to get to heaven.

When Jesus agreed to give up His own life by dying on a cross, He also agreed to take the punishment for everyone's sins so someday they could enter heaven sin-free! God said that whoever believes Jesus did that is promised the gift of life with Him in heaven—forever.

Jesus, You gave Your life so I can live in heaven someday. You died for all the sins everyone would ever do. Thank You! When I do something that displeases God, I know He forgives me, because You already took the punishment for my sin
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Memorize John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Whoever puts his trust in God's Son will not be lost but will have life that lasts forever." Share this Bible verse with your friends. Tell them about what Jesus did.

	What did you learn from John 3:16?
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Because Noah had faith, he built a large boat for his family. God told him what was going to happen. His faith made him hear God speak and he obeyed. His family was saved from death because he built the boat. . . . Noah became right with God because of his faith in God.

Hebrews 11:7

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Imagine someone telling you, "A giant flood is coming to cover all of Earth. I want you to build a huge boat to hold your family and two of every kind of animal."

That's what God told Noah to do. It seemed impossible, but because Noah trusted God, he did it!

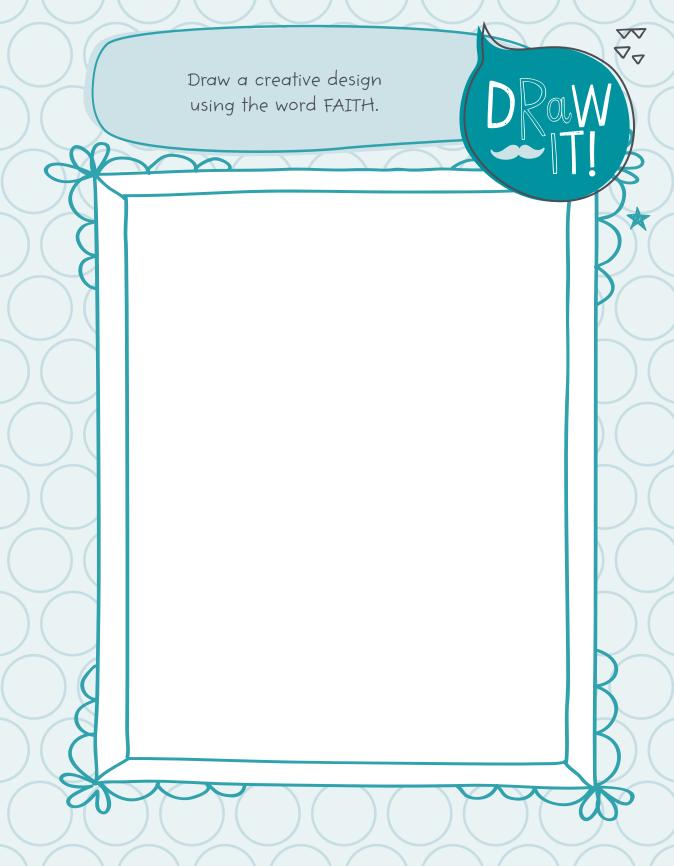
Faith means putting all our trust in God, even when we don't understand what He's doing. The Bible tells us how God wants us to live. He wants us to believe that He knows what is best for each of us and that He will always help us with everything.

Dear God, it isn't easy trusting in things I can't see. So will You help me trust You more? You know everything! You know exactly how things will work out before they happen. That's why I can have faith in You to work everything out for my good
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Make a list of the animals you think were on Noah's ark. See if you can list one kind of animal for each letter of the alphabet. (Hint: You might need to do some research!)

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God shows He is faithful by always doing what He promises. Today, make a promise to someone. Then do what you promise. When you follow through on your promises, others will learn to have faith in you.

What did you learn from Hebrews 11:7?





Then Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord, how many times may my brother sin against me and I forgive him, up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I tell you, not seven times but seventy times seven!"

MATTHEW 18:21–22

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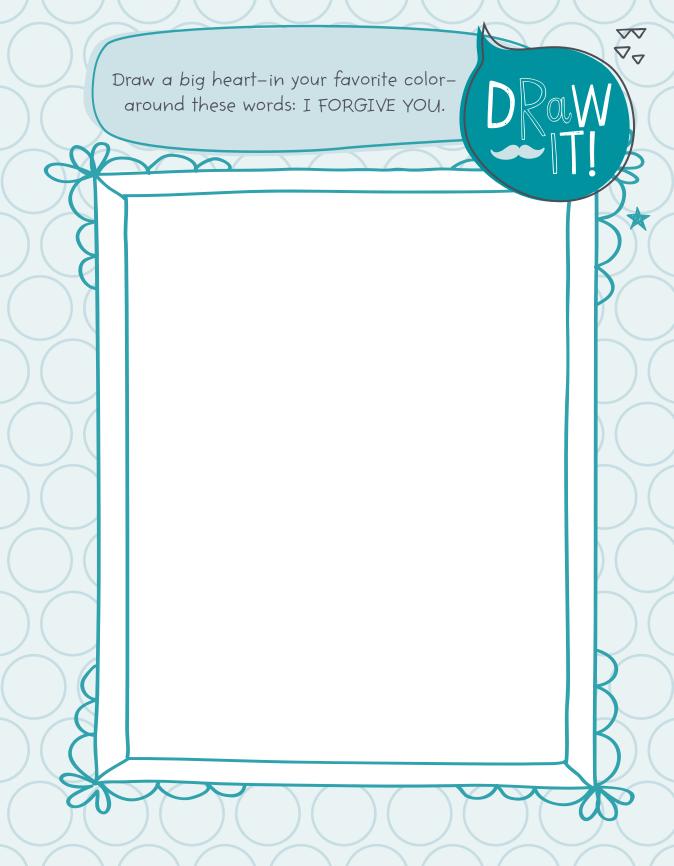
What do the numbers 4, 9, and 0 have to do with forgiveness? A multiplication problem is hidden in Matthew 18:21–22. Find and solve it.

Seventy times seven equals 490. Jesus told His followers to forgive those who hurt them not once. . .not twice. . .not seven times, but 490 times! He didn't mean *exactly* 490, but He did mean we should keep on forgiving—even when we don't feel like it.

God forgives us for our sins, and He wants us to do the same toward others.

FATHER GOD, when someone hurts my feelings, I might not want to forgive right away. I need Your help learning to forgive as many times as I have to. I don't think people want to be mean. It just happens sometimes. I know forgiveness is important because...







Take turns with a friend making up silly things that might need forgiveness.

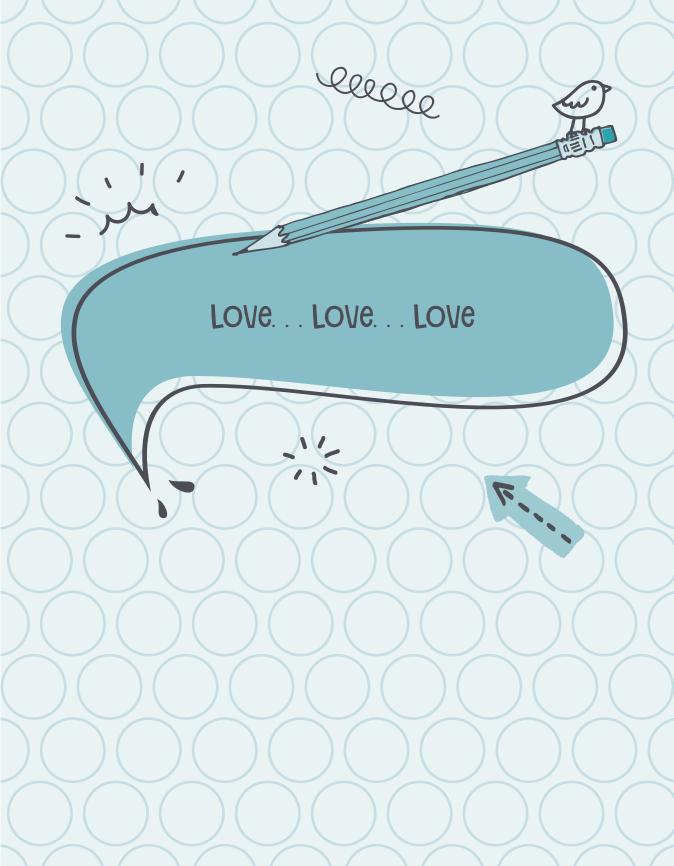
For example:

You: "I'm sorry that I accidently bumped your nose with a banana."

Your friend: "I forgive you."

See how long you can play without either of you laughing.

What did you learn from Matthew 18:21-22?



READ IT!

Love does not give up. Love is kind. Love is not jealous.

Love does not put itself up as being important. Love has no pride. Love does not do the wrong thing. Love never thinks of itself. Love does not get angry. Love does not remember the suffering that comes from being hurt by someone.

Love is not happy with sin. Love is happy with the truth.

Love takes everything that comes without giving up.

Love believes all things. Love hopes for all things.

Love keeps on in all things. Love never comes to an end.

1 Corinthians 13:4–8

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Love is much more than hugs, kisses, and cuddles. Love is patience and kindness to the max! It is putting others first and forgiving and celebrating each other's special moments. Love is doing what is right so God will always look down on our actions with pride. It is always hoping for the best.

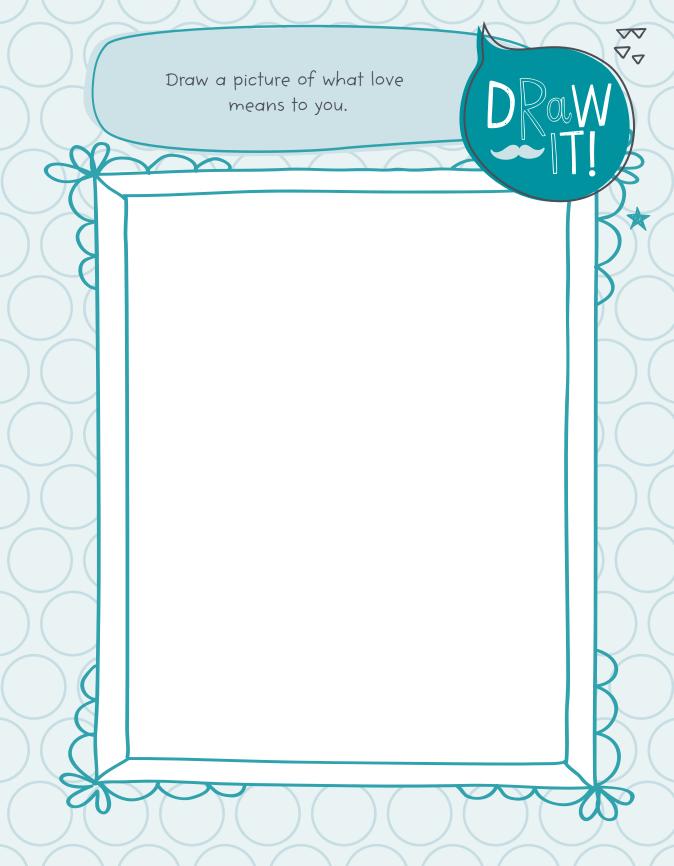
Love means believing in forever. When we truly love others, we love them *all the time*, even when they say and do things that make them seem unlovable. That's how God loves us—and that's how God wants us to love each other.

WOW, GOD! I didn't know that love is connected to so many things! I guess love isn't always easy. I want to love others like You love me-with a patient kind of love. Will You teach me to do that, please?
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Write a note to someone telling that person why you love him or her. Leave the note in a special place where the person will find it. Practice what you want to say in the space below.

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Do something special for someone. . .something unexpected. It doesn't have to be anything big. You could go to bed on time or clean your room without being asked. Can you think of other things you can do to show your love? Remember to tell your family members that you love them. Tell them every day!

What did you learn from 1 Corinthians 13:4-82

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