



PREPARE 



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

TALK TOGETHER

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO? WHAT MAKES THEM SPECIAL? Have you ever watched a movie and suddenly everything goes wrong? Just when it seems like it can't get any worse, a superhero comes in and saves the day!

When Adam and Eve chose to sin, everything went wrong. Sin separated them from God, and they could no longer live in the garden of Eden. But sin didn't just affect Adam and Eve. It affects everybody — including you and me! Sin is anything we think, say or do that disobeys God. Every human has sinned, and the penalty for sinning is death.

Just when it looked like things couldn't get worse, Jesus, the hero of God's Big Story, came to Earth to save the day and rescue His people! The **true story** of the Bible tells us Jesus lived a perfect life and died for our sins on the cross. When Jesus rose from the dead, He conquered death and sin once and for all. Satan, who tricked Adam and Eve, was defeated! Jesus forgave and paid for our sins! When we accept this payment by faith, God forgives us, and the separation between us and God is removed.



TALK TOGETHER
Family conversations with God's Word.

MORE TO EXPLORE
Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.

THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET
Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.

COLORING PAGE
Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.

TALK TOGETHER

The Bible tells us that when Jesus saves us we become a new creation! But hang on. What does it mean to be a new creation?

In the New Testament book of John, Jesus talks to a Jewish leader named Nicodemus about what it means to be a new creation. **Can you help me find John chapter 3, verses 1-7?**

NOW THERE WAS A MAN OF THE PHARISEES NAMED NICODEMUS, A RULER OF THE JEWS. THIS MAN CAME TO JESUS BY NIGHT AND SAID TO HIM, 'RABBI, WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE A TEACHER COME FROM GOD, FOR NO ONE CAN DO THESE SIGNS THAT YOU DO UNLESS GOD IS WITH HIM.' JESUS ANSWERED HIM, 'TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN AGAIN HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.' NICODEMUS SAID TO HIM, 'HOW CAN A MAN BE BORN WHEN HE IS OLD? CAN HE ENTER A SECOND TIME INTO HIS MOTHER'S WOMB AND BE BORN?' JESUS ANSWERED, 'TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS ONE IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH, AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT. DO NOT MARVEL THAT I SAID TO YOU, 'YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.'

JOHN 3:1-7

When Jesus talks about being born again, is He talking about becoming a baby again? No! He is talking about becoming a new creation! It's like being born a second time!

Our physical birth refers to the day we are born — our birthday! But the day we trust Jesus, the hero of God's Big Story, as our Savior is even more special than our physical birthday. Why? Because on that day we are born again spiritually. We become a new creation and get to spend eternity with Him!

But wait, there are more good things to come; **God's Big Story isn't over yet!**



* MORE TO EXPLORE

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

♥ FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: ♥ 2 CORINTHIANS

This week's story comes from the book of 2 Corinthians. 2 Corinthians is an epistle, or letter. The book was written by the missionary Paul. This is the second letter in the Bible Paul wrote to the Corinthian church. This letter reminds the Corinthian church of the truth behind the Gospel, defends Paul's ministry and warns against false prophets.

JOURNAL

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, He makes us a new creation! Make a new creation in your journal. It doesn't need to have a shape or be something familiar to humans. Maybe it's built out of words, or it's a silly drawing or a collage you cut up and glue into your journal. Whatever it is, make it something completely new!

OT-NT CONNECTION

When Jesus talked with Nicodemus about being born again, He used references from the Old Testament that Nicodemus would have known. In John 3:14 He references a story about Moses and a serpent. **Let's read about it in Numbers 21:4-9.**

- What happened to the sick people who looked at the bronze serpent God told Moses to make?
- What happens to us when we accept Jesus as our Savior? Hint: What are we saved from? What does this week's verse say we become?

IF I CAN'T REMEMBER THE DATE I WAS SAVED, DOES THAT AFFECT MY SALVATION?

No! **John 3:16, Acts 16:31** and many other verses in the Bible are clear that belief in Jesus (that He died and rose again to pay for our sins and that He offers us salvation) is all that is needed. You may have been very young when you trusted Jesus as Savior and not remember some details like a date. As long as you have believed and accepted salvation as the Bible says, you can trust you are saved.

IF I AM BORN AGAIN, WILL I STILL PHYSICALLY DIE?

Yes. Because of sin, our earthly bodies (our tent) will not go to heaven with us. But that's ok because God says He will give us new bodies in heaven (**2 Corinthians 5:1**). In heaven, we will be free from any difficulties our bodies experienced on earth, such as broken bones, colds or other sickness.

READ



Did you know John chapter 3 includes one of the most well-known verses in the Bible? Read **John 3:1-21** to learn more about Jesus's discussion with Nicodemus about being born again. Can you find the well-known Bible verse in this passage? It's after verse 15.

★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

♥ MEMORIZE

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Q: IF I AM IN CHRIST, WHAT AM I?

A: A NEW CREATION.

CLEAN

Ask your child, "Have you ever taken a moment to think about the process of making dirty dishes clean again? In a way, it illustrates what Jesus does in our lives! His death and resurrection washes away the dirty food from our lives and makes us clean again!"

Invite your child to help you through the process of washing a load of dishes, taking something dirty and making it clean. Celebrate at the end with a favorite drink, like soda or chocolate milk!

SHARE

Tell your child about how your life has changed since you came to know Jesus. What things do you do differently because He is in your life?

WATCH



Help your child learn their verse by watching this week's Memory Melody video!

PRAY

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR SENDING JESUS SO WE CAN BE A NEW CREATION. THANK YOU FOR PAYING FOR OUR SIN AND OFFERING US SALVATION. YOU ARE GOOD, AND WE LOVE YOU. AMEN.

MARK

Help your child mark their physical and spiritual birthdays on the calendar. If your child has not accepted Jesus as their Savior, take the opportunity to invite them to do so.

FIND

This week's verse is found in the book of 2 Corinthians. Help your child find the book of 2 Corinthians. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

HELP

A superhero's work isn't always about saving the world. Sometimes it's about helping just one person in a way that shows them the love of Jesus.

Ask your child to think of someone they know who needs help (raking leaves, studying for a test, sweeping floors, etc.). It could be a friend, neighbor, family member or someone else. Assist your child in coming up with a super plan to help that person, and pray for the opportunity to share the Gospel with them!

SING

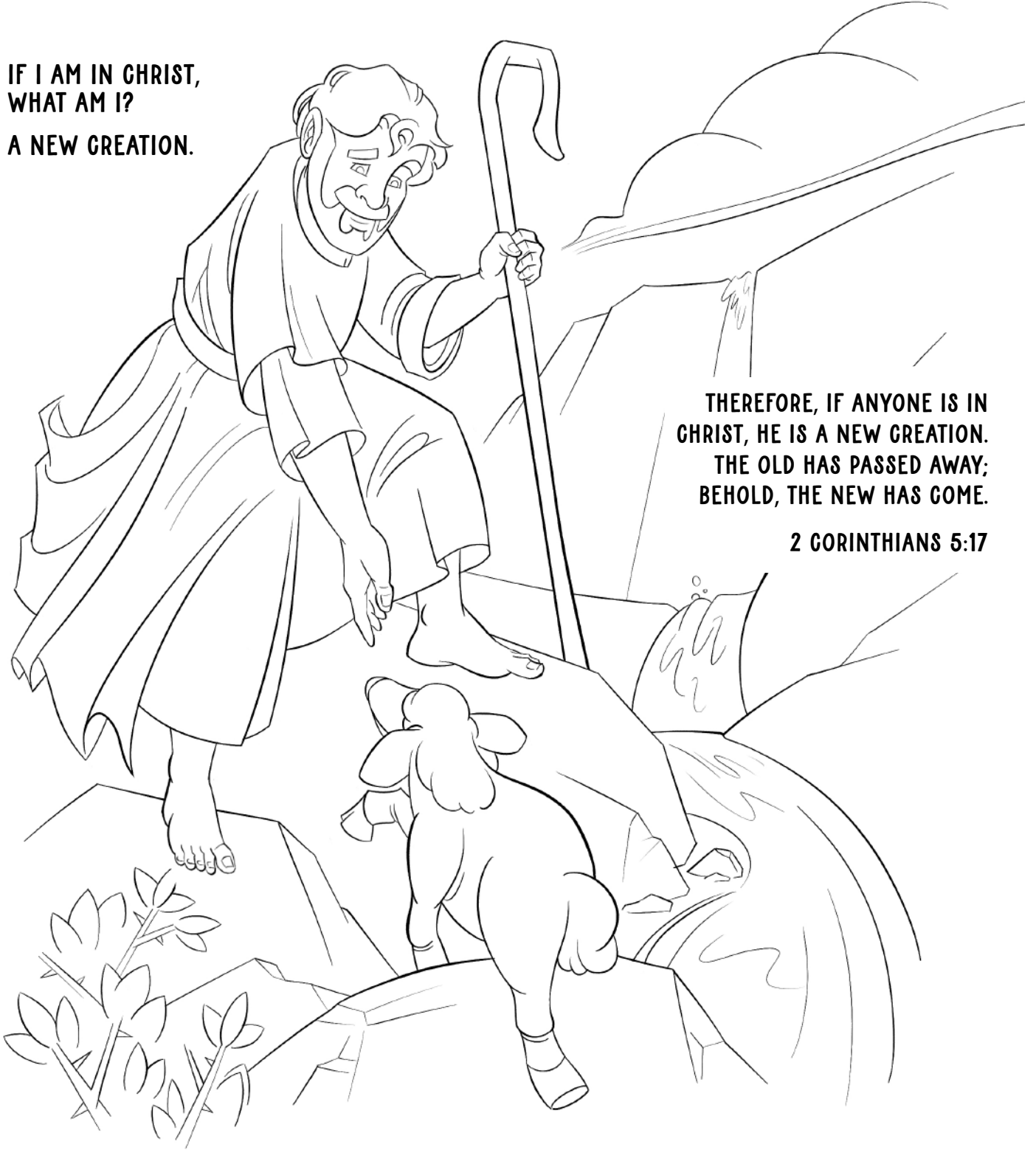


Listen to this playlist throughout this series to celebrate God's Big Story!

SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

COLORING PAGE

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WHAT AM I?
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