

LESSON



BECOMING LIKE JESUS

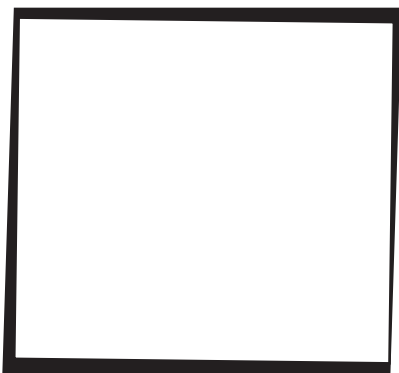
How Is Your Life With Jesus?

How is your new life with Jesus going? As you thought about it, what did God show you about his gifts and plans for you? If you are not sure, do not worry. God will show you things when it is the right time for you to know. We can trust him, even while waiting.

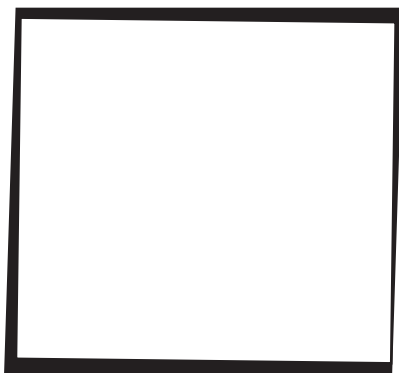
WHAT IS CHANGING?

Draw two pictures below. Show one thing that has NOT changed since you believed in Jesus, and one thing that HAS changed.

NOT CHANGED



CHANGED



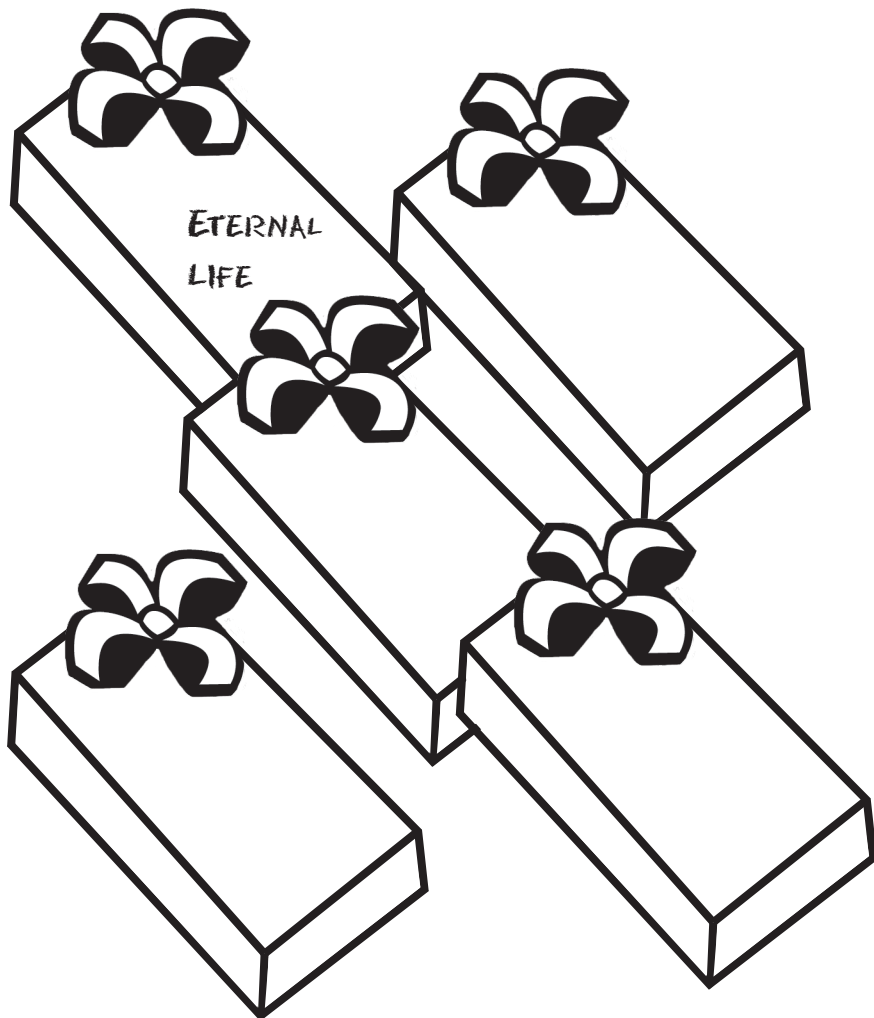
In this lesson, we will learn even more about the changes in us that help us become more like Jesus.



GOD'S INVISIBLE GIFTS



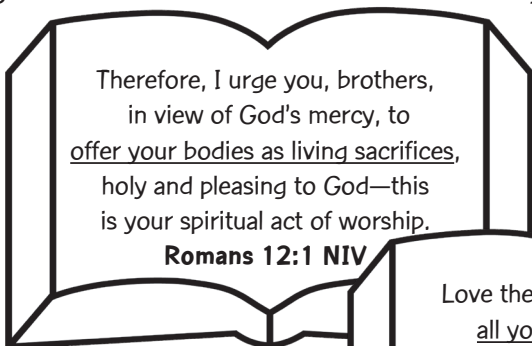
See the gifts below. On each, write one word that tells about an invisible gift or blessing that God offers to **EVERYONE** (not the spiritual gifts from Lesson 5). We did one for you.





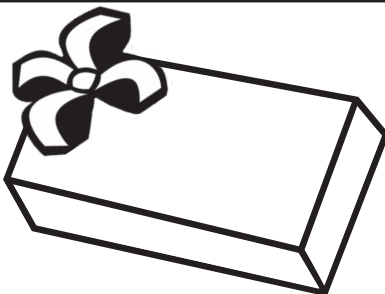
OUR GIFT TO GOD

As we look at all that God has done for us, what do you think is a gift we could offer back to him? The Bible gives us some ideas:



The best gift we can give to God is: OURSELVES! Copy the underlined words into the spaces below:

Imagine that this gift represents you. Write your name on it to show you are giving all of yourself to God.

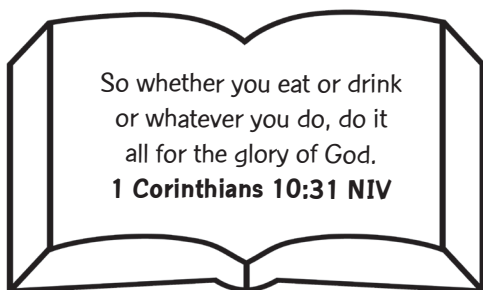




HONORING GOD

The gift of ourselves is not something we give to earn our salvation. We have already received that invisible (but very valuable) gift from God. All the invisible gifts listed on page 6-2 are still ours.

This gift from you, now, is about your response to God's incredible love for you. It is something you do because you love and respect God so much.



In just a few words, God tells us that whatever we do is to be for God's glory (to make him famous). That's it. We show our love for him as we do everything for his honor.



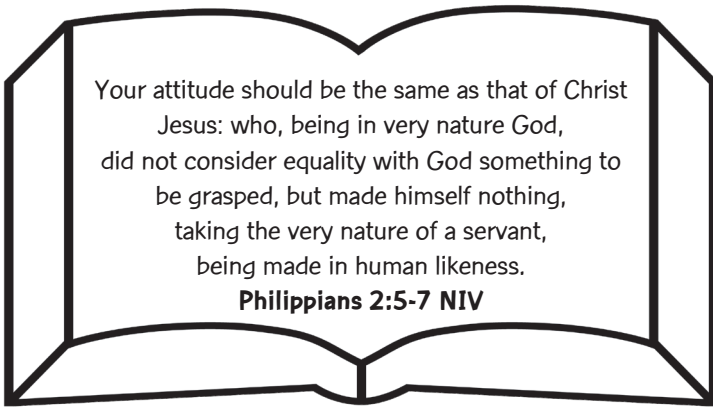
Draw a picture of yourself doing something to bring God glory:



HOW TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

Jesus was the very best example of someone who always honored the Father. He even gave up his life for us in obedience to God.

Can kids become like Jesus? We can never be perfect, like he was. But kids CAN copy his behavior and attitudes. How?



Fill in the blank below with an important attitude for becoming like Jesus:

"He took on the very nature of a
S _____"



What might kids do to serve others? Write some ideas below:



A BIBLE STORY

JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET

Just before Jesus died on the cross, he celebrated a meal called the Passover with his disciples. He did something surprising there.

John 13:3-15 NIV

(The Bible book of John, chapter 13, verses 3 to 15)

³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am." ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."



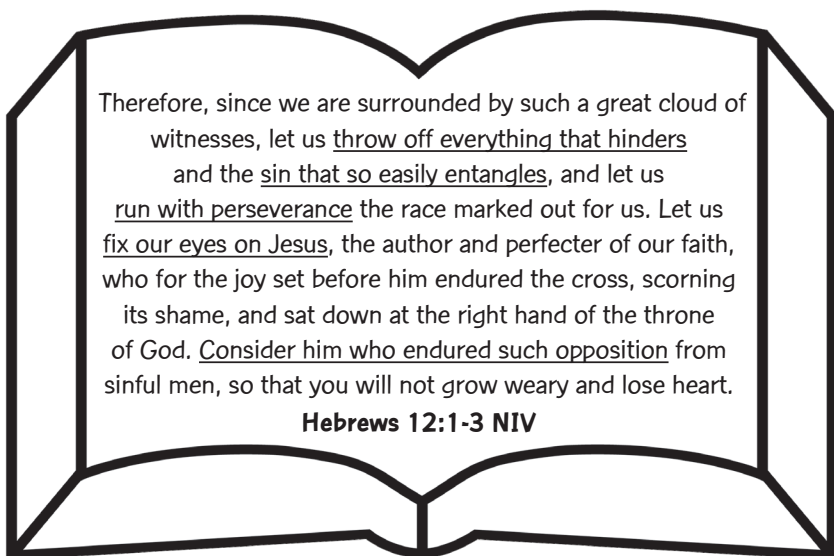
**THINK
ABOUT
THIS**

- ◆ What was Jesus' example to us?
- ◆ When we serve others, we are sharing the love of Jesus with others and honoring him.



WILL THIS ALWAYS BE EASY?

A life of following Jesus and honoring God is the best life ever. But it is not always easy. Some people may misunderstand you or even try to hurt you. Sometimes it will be hard to love others or to do the right thing.



How can you stay strong following Jesus if troubling times come? Copy the underlined answers from the Bible verse above into the lines below for some Bible advice:



SOMETHING TO DO...

WRITE IN YOUR JOURNAL

Write a letter to God (or a draw a picture). Tell him how you want to honor him now and as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Remember that God will always be with you and will help you.

ASK YOUR QUESTIONS

You may still have questions as you grow in your life with Jesus. Pray and ask God for answers. Also ask another person in God's family to help you find God's answers to your questions.

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KEEP ON PRAYING

Have you decided to follow Jesus with your whole self? It is a simple thing to begin. It goes on for a lifetime. Pray often so you will grow strong in your love for Jesus, forever.

A Bible Verse to Remember

