

Answers to The Big Questions About Life

why?

**Why do bad things
happen in the world?**

**Is there one big sin that
causes all the bad things in the world?**

What are the symptoms of the big sin?

How can I know God loves me?

Why did Jesus have to die?

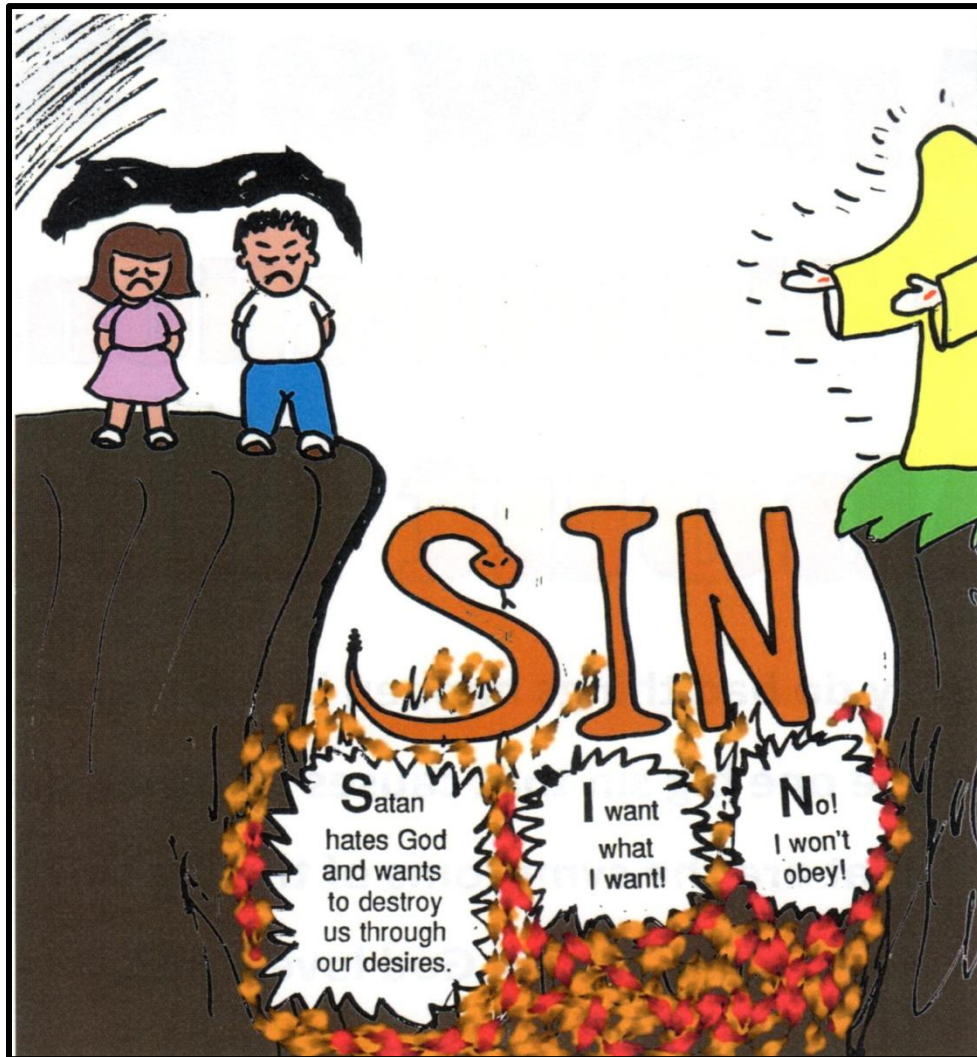
How can I succeed in life God's way?

Who made God? How old is He?

QUESTION: What is the one big sin that causes all the bad things in the world? HINT:

Isaiah 53, verse 6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Can you guess what the big sin is?



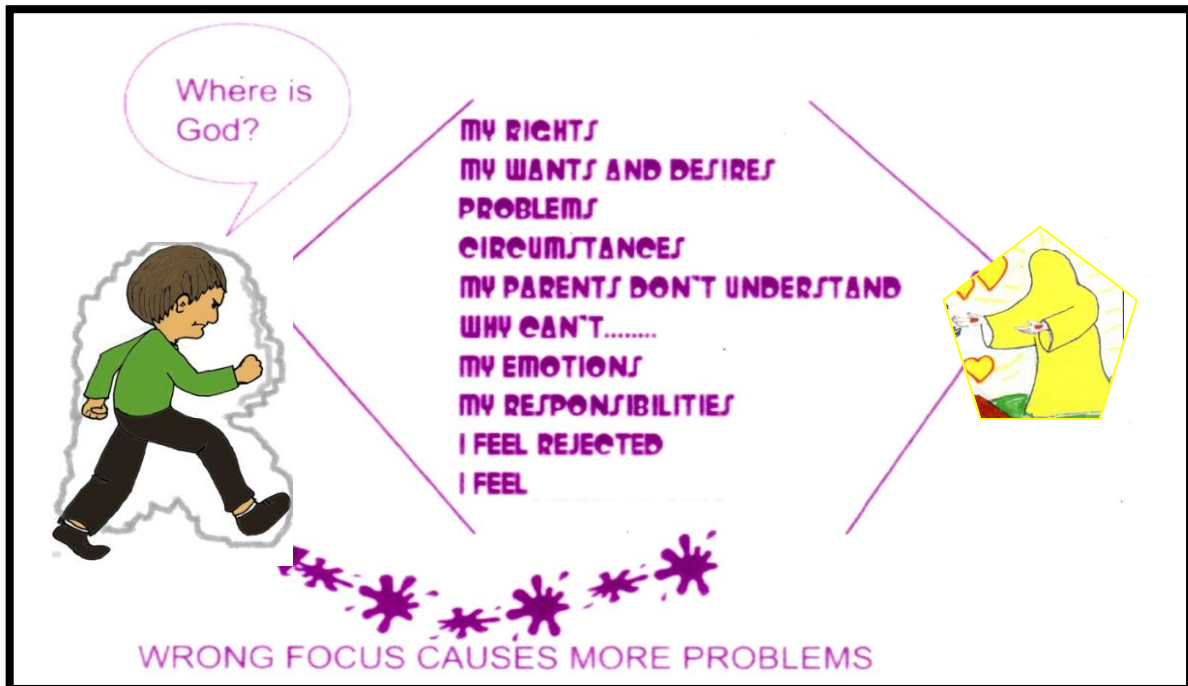
The big sin that causes all the bad things that happen in the world is going our own way instead of God's way. Going our own way is called sin or iniquity. God's way is perfect and our way is not. The big sin separates us from the One True God Who loves us and is the source of all love and Life.

When someone is selfish, disrespectful to others, lies, steals, bullies others, kills or does anything else we call sin, we are going our own way, not God's way.



DOES GOD STILL LOVE US WHEN WE GO OUR OWN WAY? YES! However, when I am focusing on myself, my rights, my problems, my anything, God's enemy Satan laughs at me. He wins. God's enemy blinds me to God's love with his lies and makes me his slave.

I make more problems for myself and for those around me.
My spirit is dead to God. I can't feel God's love.
I am worshipping myself instead of the Creator God.



Proverbs 14:12 (Message) There's a way of life that looks harmless enough; look again—it leads straight to hell.

IF GOD IS LOVE, WHY DID HE MAKE HELL?

God never made hell for people. God made hell for Satan and the bad angels who followed him.

If we believe Satan's lies and follow Satan,
God will not go against our choice
to leave Him out of our lives.

We choose to join with God's enemy, the devil, Satan.



**When we choose to go God's way
and make Jesus our Lord (Boss) and Savior,
Jesus rescues us from Satan's lies and control.
We are set free to love like Jesus loves.**

Colossians 1: 13-14

***Then God rescues us from the kingdom of darkness
and transfers us into the Kingdom of God's Light
through Christ Jesus His Dear Son,
Who purchased our freedom
and forgave our sins with His Blood.***

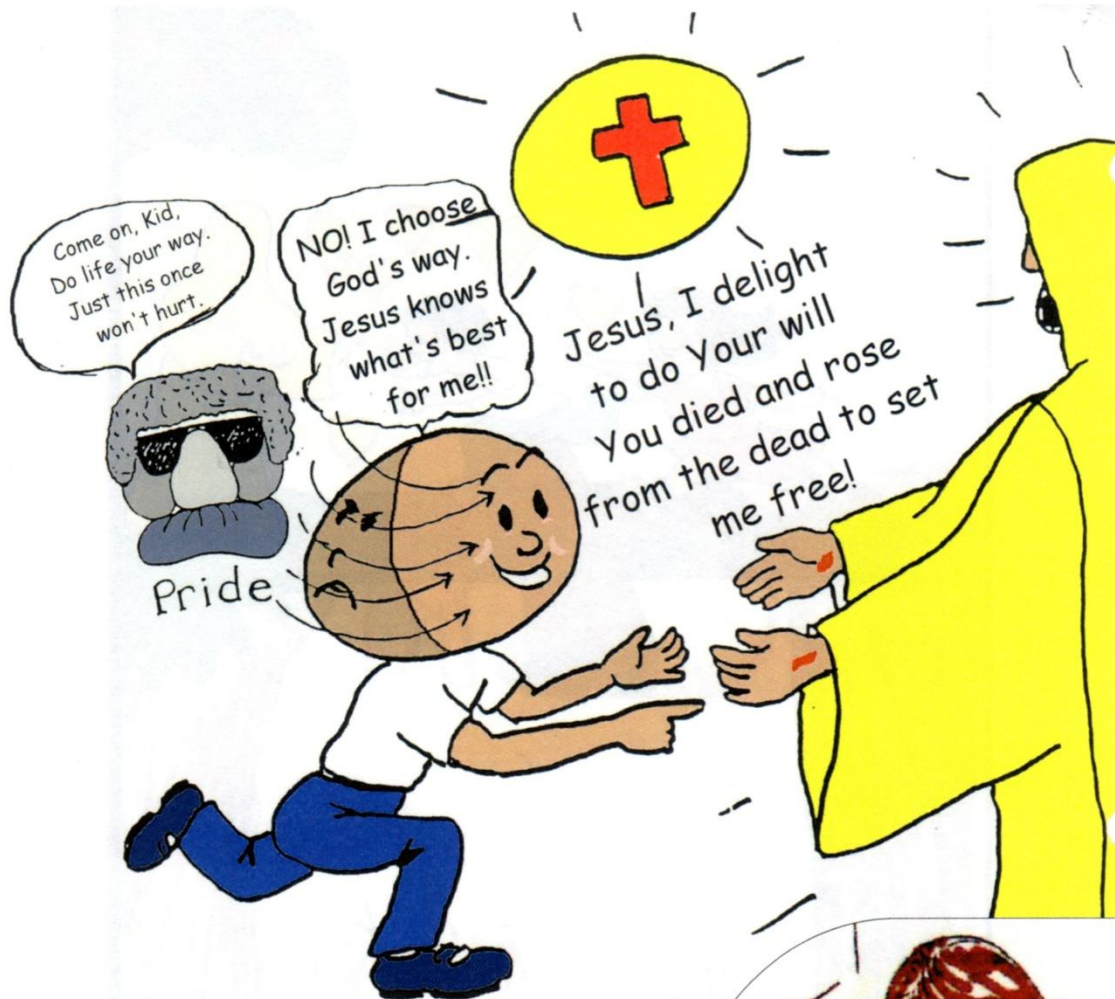
HOW DO WE KNOW GOD LOVES US?

Romans 5:8 [\(NLT\)](#)

But God showed his great love for us
by sending Christ to die for us
while we were still sinners.



What does "repent" mean?



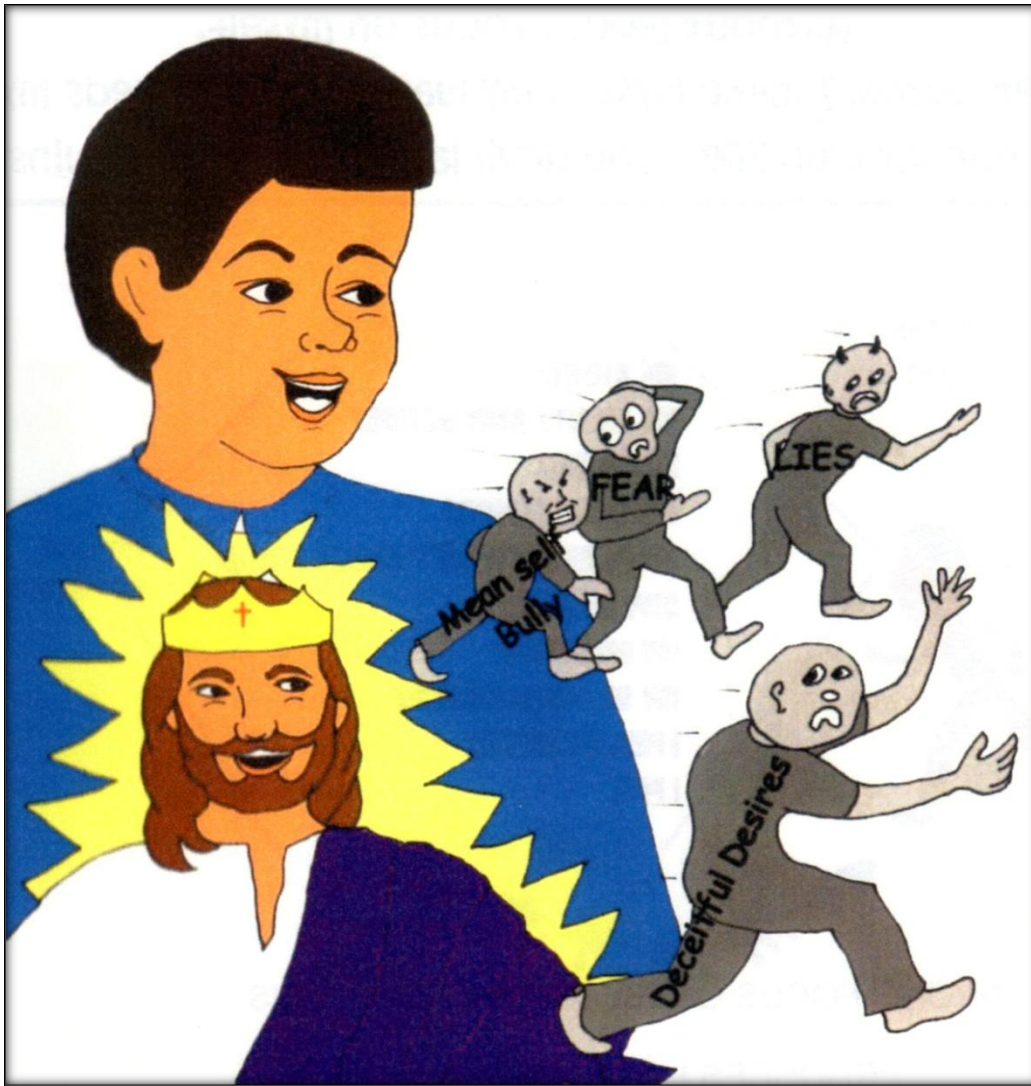
To repent means to turn away from the BIG SIN of thinking I know better than God and going my own way. God's enemy tries to get us to think our way is OK.



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Choosing to do Jesus' words brings joy because Jesus becomes our best friend and guide.



Jesus gives us authority over
all the power of the enemy of our souls:
Fear, Lies, Wrong Desires, unforgiveness
and our "grumpy selves."

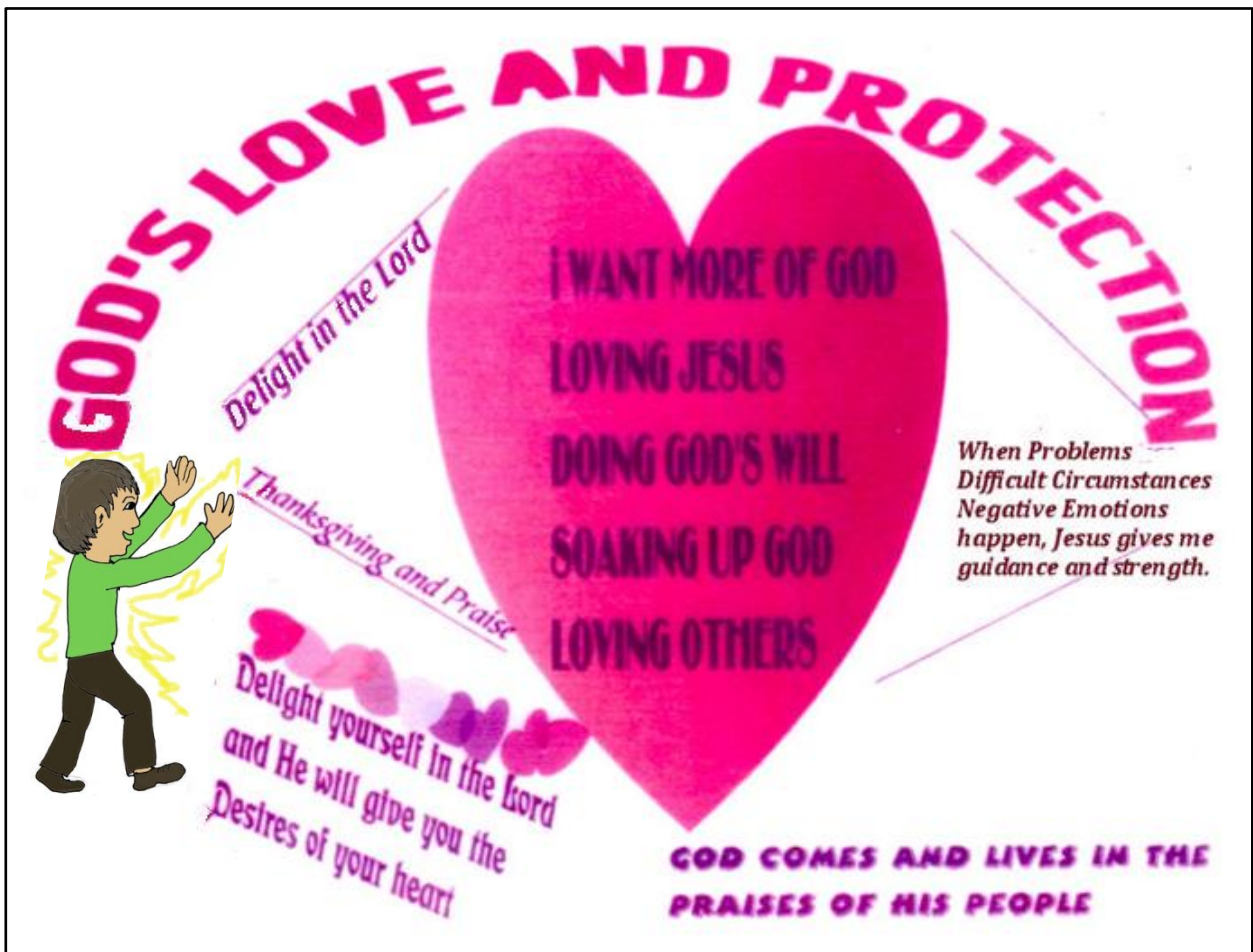
Jesus helps us want to do what is right, loving and honest.

*2 Corinthians 5:21 says,
"God made Jesus, who never sinned, to be sin for us so
that we might become
the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus."*

**In other words, Jesus takes our badness,
forgives us, and gives us His goodness.**

What happens then?

Problems become opportunities for us to partner with the Creator of the Universe to show God's love in the world.



When I believe Jesus died for me,
rose again, and wants to live in me,
My Spirit [the real me] is alive to God.
I am covered by God's love and protection.

Will I have problems?

Yes, but every problem becomes an opportunity
for God to show his love and power in my life.

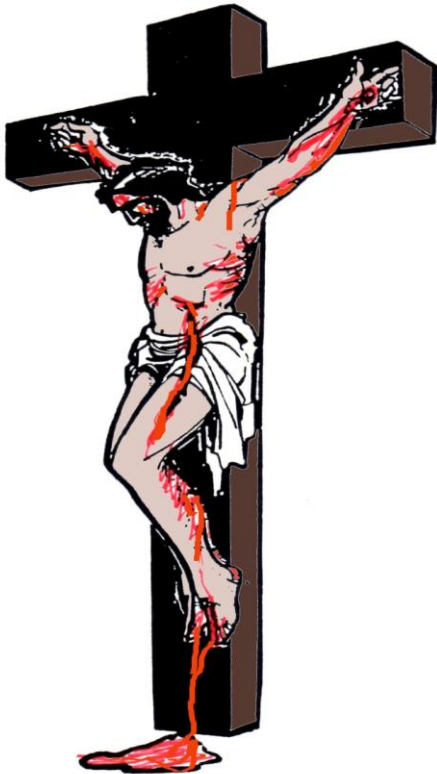
My focus is on God and not on myself.

I trust God enough to obey His Word no matter what.



**When the storms of life come, like they do to everyone,
I keep my eyes on Jesus, NOT on the storm.
Jesus and I partner to turn those storms into victories.
I'm dancing with Jesus on the hard things in life.
It keeps me from depression, worry and strife.**

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Jesus, You died upon a Cross
And rose again to save the lost.
Forgive me now of all my sin.
Come be my Savior, Lord, and Friend.
Change my life and make it new.
Help me, Lord, to live for You.
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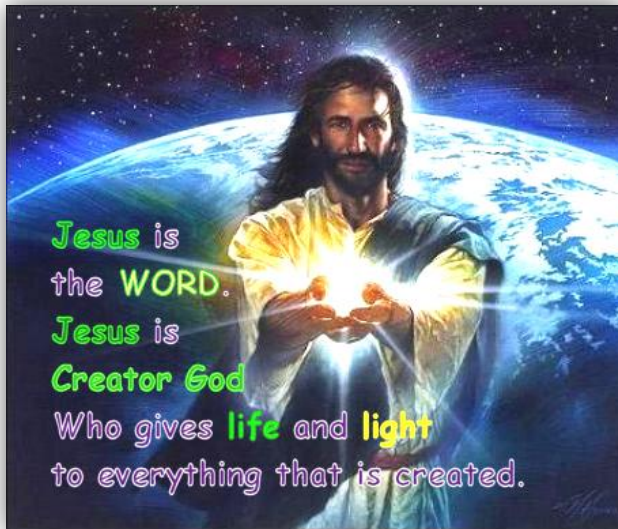
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SO WHO MADE GOD AND HOW OLD IS HE?

I didn't forget. I just saved this one for last.



Psalm 90, verse 2 tells us.
Before the mountains were
brought forth, Or ever You
had formed the earth
and the world,
Even from everlasting to
everlasting, You are God.

God always was - He is the beginning of everything. God IS life. God is "from everlasting to everlasting." We can't understand that, just like an ant can't understand a computer. God is infinite - no one made Him. He can be infinitely small - even smaller than the smallest piece of an atom. But God is also infinitely big.

God told the Prophet Isaiah, Isaiah 45:12

***"I made the earth, and created man upon it;
it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I
commanded all their host."***

God has to be gigantic if he can stretch out all the billions of galaxies and stars with His own hands. Eight times in the Bible it says that God stretched out the heavens or the universe. Scientists tell us that the universe is still expanding or stretching out.

Even the number line tells us that God has no beginning and no end. If Zero is in the middle, you can go forever in the future and it has no end. However, you can count minus 1, minus 2, minus 3 and keep going and never come to the end of the minus numbers. And between each number are fractions. You can't cut something so small that, to God, you can't cut it in half again. That's pretty amazing.

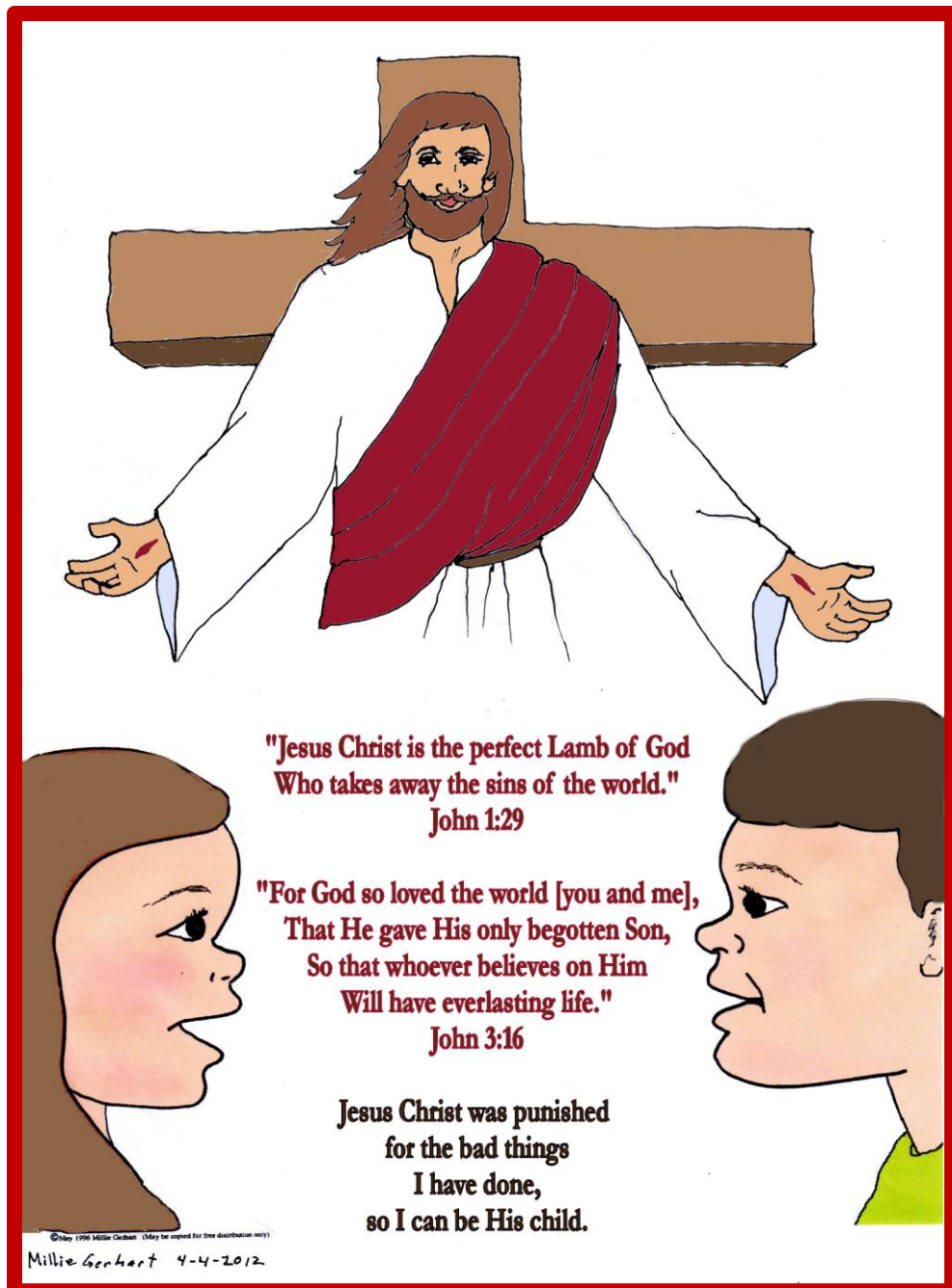
infinity. ← -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, → **infinity.**

God's name is YHWH - some people pronounce it Jehovah but it is usually pronounced Yahweh. "God" is just his title - like "President" but YHWH is God's real name. God told Moses that what His name is.

Even God's name tells us how old He is. YHWH actually means, **"I AM Who I am, I AM Who I have always been, I AM Who I will always be."**

God is at your house and my house at the same time. God knows all we think, say and do. God's thoughts toward each of us are more than the sand of the sea. [Read Psalm 139] Yet, YHWH loves each one and wants us to partner with Him, that's why God became a man - Jesus Christ - to take the punishment for our sins. God loves you and me that much!!

So how old is God? God's age is INFINITY.



Let's say or sing the Salvation Poem one more time.

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