

DISCOVERING JESUS

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BOOK 1





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STUDY 1 **DISCOVERING** **GOD**

**TO UNDERSTAND WHY
IT'S SO IMPORTANT
TO FOLLOW JESUS,
FIRST WE NEED
TO UNDERSTAND
WHAT GOD IS LIKE!**





WHAT I THINK ABOUT GOD!

What do you think God is like? What do you know about him already?
Write down some of your ideas here or draw a picture of what God is like.

BE CREATIVE!

CHECK OUT

these verses in the Bible, and write down in your own words what they tell you about God.

2

Job 42:2

3

Psalms 147:5

4

Psalms 90:1-2





5

Deuteronomy 33:3

6

Psalms 5:4-6



7

Tick the box that shows how you honestly feel.

I don't think God likes me.

God really loves me.

God 'puts up' with me.

God sort of loves me sometimes.

How could God love someone like me?

8

Again, tick the box that shows how you honestly feel.

**GOD HATES
THE WRONG
THINGS I DO**

**GOD DOESN'T CARE
ABOUT THE WRONG
THINGS I DO**

**GOD 'PUTS UP' WITH THE
WRONG THINGS I DO**

**GOD HAS FORGIVEN
ABSOLUTELY EVERY WRONG
THING I HAVE EVER DONE**

**GOD DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN
I SIN, BUT HE KNOWS IT'S
NOT MY FAULT**

6

9

If I'm really going to start treating God as my King, then here are some of the areas in my life that I'll need to change:



STUDY 2 DISCOVERING ME



WHERE DO I FIT
INTO ALL THIS?

WHAT DOES
GOD REALLY
SAY ABOUT
ME?



WHAT THE TV ADS SAY

1

Lots of people will try and tell you what you should be like.

On the TV screen above, draw a picture of an average teenager and then draw around that person all the products that the ads say the really 'cool' teenager should be using.



9

2 Genesis 1:26-31

VERSE 27 When God created us, what sort of people did he make us to be?

VERSE 26 Who did God choose to be in charge of everything else that he had made?

VERSE 31 How did God feel after he had made us?

3 Genesis 3:1-16

What happened to change the way that God created things to be?

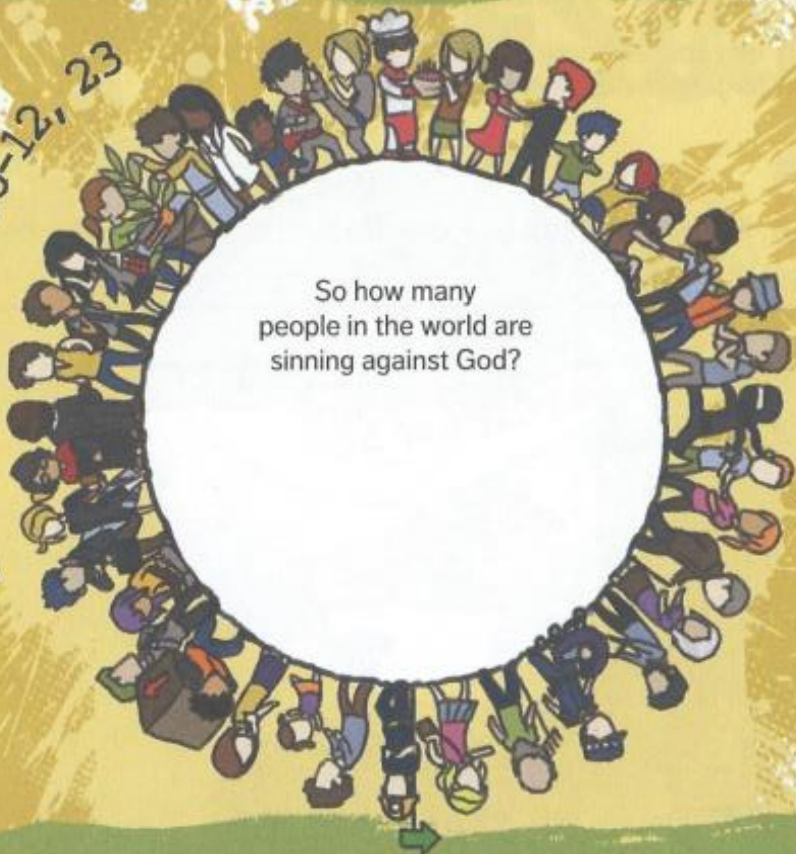
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Romans 1:21

Even though we know God, what important thing do we often refuse to do?

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Romans 3:10-12, 23

**6**

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

What will happen to us if we continue to reject God and disobey him?

7

What does **GOD** think about **YOU**? (tick one only)



He knows I'm a good person because I try hard.



He knows where I go wrong but I'm still good enough for him.



He knows I'm a sinner because I continue to disobey him.



He knows every wrong thing I've done, but has absolutely forgiven me for the whole lot.

8

If I keep disobeying God what do I deserve from him when I meet him?



9

If I were to meet up with God right now, what would he say to me about how I am living my life?

STUDY 3

DISCOVERING JESUS

WHO IS THIS GUY
WHO HAS CHANGED
THE WORLD?

JESUS
IS GOD'S ANSWER
TO OUR PROBLEM.

LET'S FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIM.



1

What do these verses tell you about Jesus Christ?

Colossians 1:17

Colossians 1:19

2

What are some of the ways Jesus proved he had the power of God?

Mark 1:27

Mark 4:41

Mark 7:37

3 Mark 6:34

How did Jesus treat the people he met?



4 1 Peter 2:22

How was Jesus' life different from anyone else who has ever lived?



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This is what I find the hardest to understand about Jesus.

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These are the qualities in Jesus that I admire the most.

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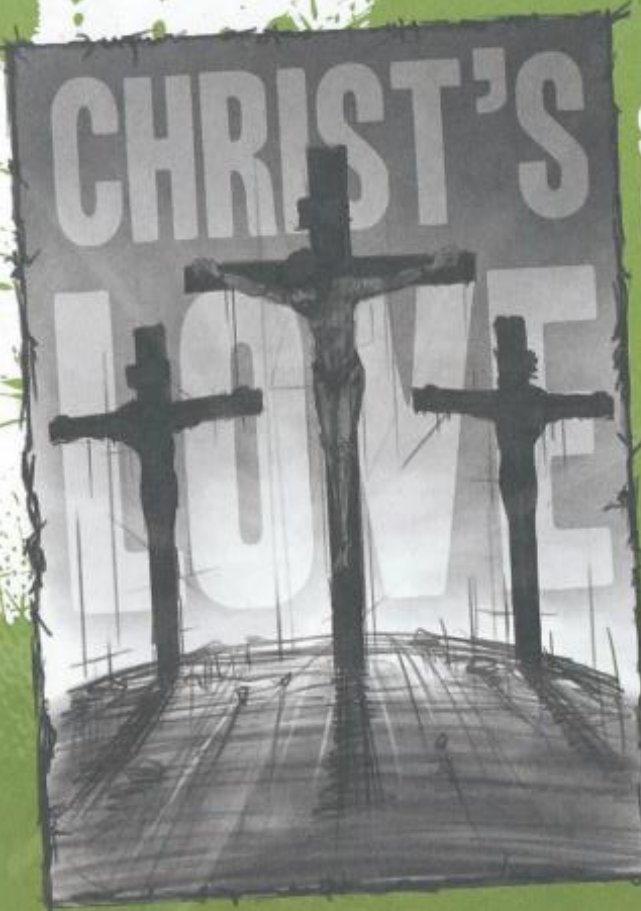
This is the way that I think Jesus wants me to treat him.



QUESTIONS

4

DISCOVERING JESUS' DEATH



CHRIST'S

LOVE

SO IF GOD IS
SO PERFECT,
AND I AM
SO SINFUL,
HOW COULD
I EVER LIVE
WITH HIM
FOREVER IN
HEAVEN?

An illustration of several children sitting on a purple background, reading books. One boy in a yellow shirt sits on the left, another boy in a brown shirt sits on the right reading a book with a cross on it, and a girl in a purple shirt sits in the foreground reading. There are also some red shoes and an open book on the ground.

1

Colossians 2:13-15

VERSE 13

Because of our sins, what sort of state are we described as being in?

What three things has God done for us?

VERSE 13

VERSE 13

VERSE 14

VERSE 15

On the cross, what did Christ do to the devil and the forces of evil (the 'spiritual rulers and authorities')?

2 1 Peter 2:24

What did Jesus carry with him to the cross?

What is the result of this?

3 Isaiah 53:4-6

VERSE 4

Whose suffering did Jesus endure?

VERSE 5

Why was Jesus wounded and beaten?

VERSE 6

Who really deserved Jesus' punishment?

HUNDREDS OF YEARS BEFORE JESUS WAS BORN, THESE WORDS WERE WRITTEN BY ISAIAH ABOUT HIS DEATH.





**GOD IS
PERFECT**

**JESUS TAKES
ALL MY SIN, SO
THAT I CAN NOW
LIVE WITH GOD**

**I AM SEPARATED
FROM GOD BY MY SIN**

I AM SINFUL

4

Which one of these statements do you believe is correct? (tick one only)

- Everyone's sins are forgiven by Jesus' death whether they believe in him or not.
- Although Jesus died for everyone, only those who believe in him and trust him are forgiven by his death.
- You can only be forgiven by Jesus' death when you always obey God.

5

Tick the answer you think is correct.

The way I
can become
friends with
God is by:

- trying to obey him
- going to church
- making up for all the wrong things I've done
- accepting that Jesus has suffered my punishment and asking him to forgive me.



6

So how can you know whether Jesus has really forgiven you or not?

STUDY 5

DISCOVERING MY RESPONSE



SO IF JESUS HAS
DONE ALL THAT FOR ME,
WHAT SHOULD I DO TO
START FOLLOWING HIM?



Matthew 7:13-14

Jesus says there are only two ways that you can live your life.
Let's find out about these two 'roads' you can travel.

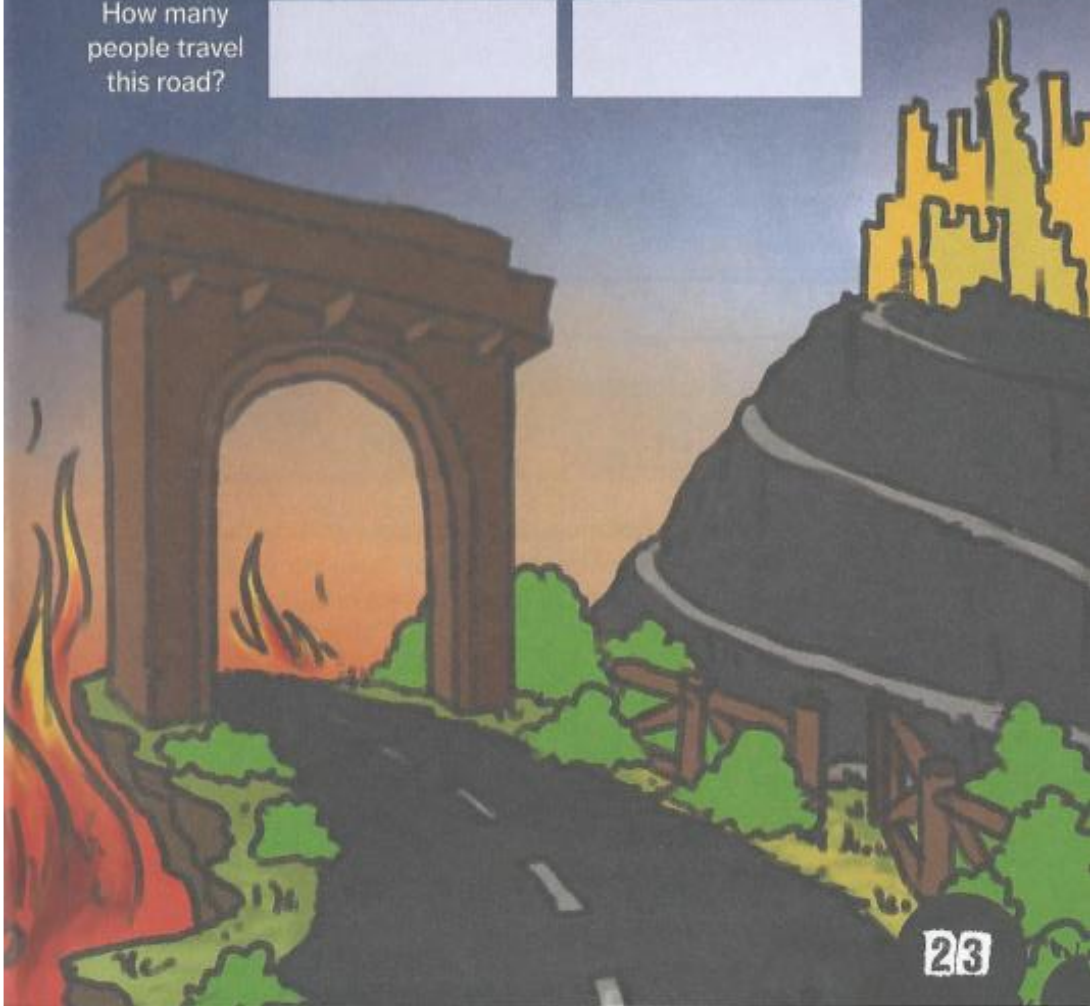
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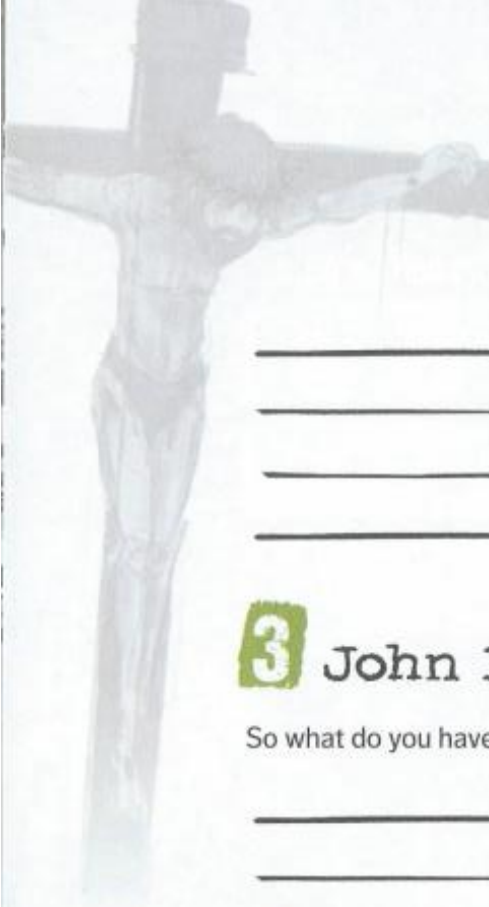
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Where does
it lead?

What sort of
road is it?

How many
people travel
this road?





2 Romans 4:25

Why did Jesus die, and then rise to life again?

3 John 1:12

So what do you have to do if you want to become God's child?

4 Matthew 7:24-27

Jesus describes two house-builders, and says that they represent two sorts of people. Both of these people hear God's word, but what's the big difference between them?

5 LOOK BACK AT THE PICTURE OF THE TWO ROADS ON PAGE 23. MARK AN 'X' ON THE SPOT WHERE YOU THINK YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.

6 Take a moment to finish this sentence:

'A Christian is someone who _____

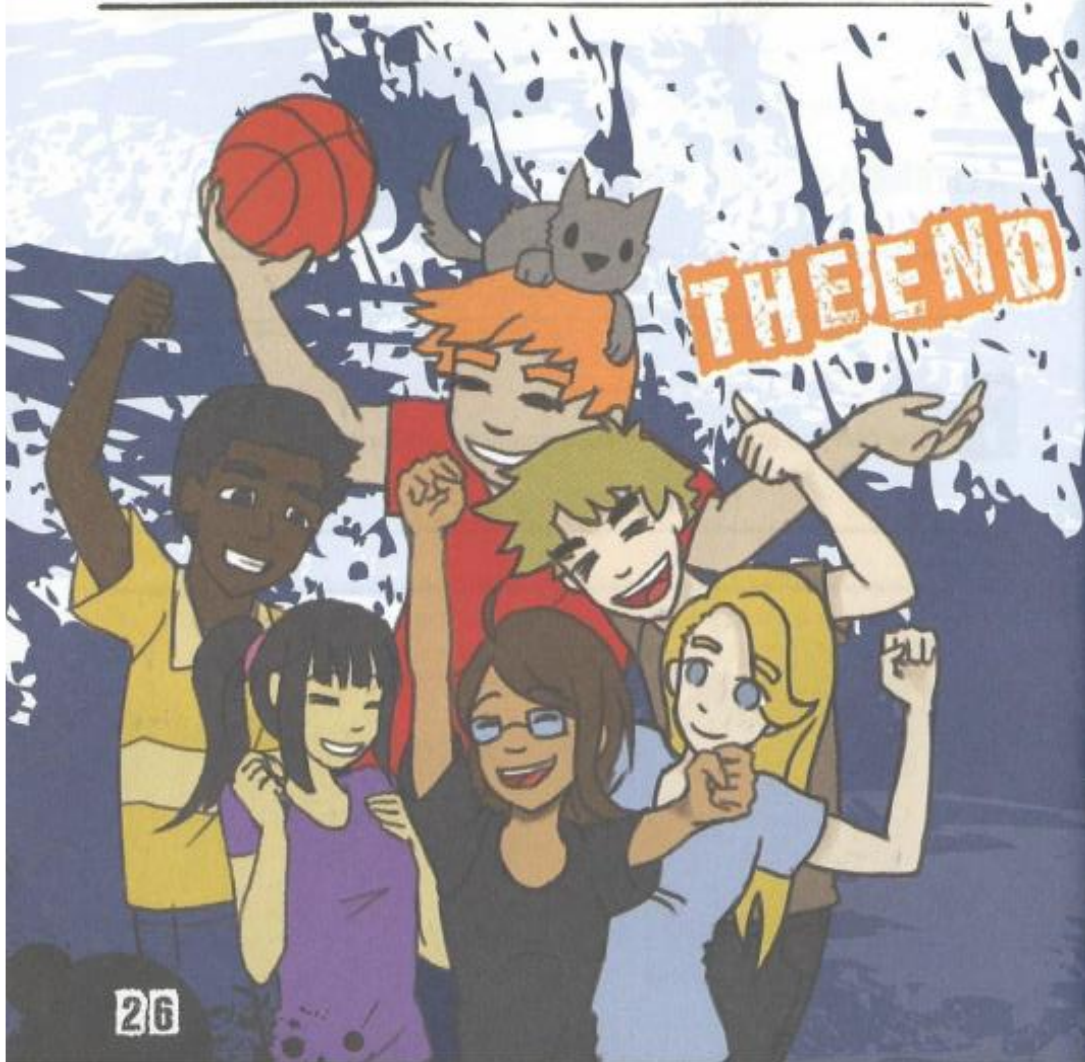
7 How can you know whether you really are a Christian or not?





Finish this sentence:

'As a result of what I've learned in these studies, my next step is this:



... or is it

THE BEGINNING?

Now that you've finished **DISCOVERING
JESUS**, the next book to help you grow is
FIRST STEPS: STARTING TO FOLLOW JESUS.

NOTES

PRAYER POINTS



Look for these other great titles in the Growing Young Disciples series

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FIRST STEPS

Many questions arise in the minds of new Christians. This study book seeks to answer them and reassure young people in their new way of living. They're part of a new family now—one that listens and prays to God.

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