# TRUSTING IN WHAT TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE YOU CAN SEE

BOTTOM LINE: Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.

Read John 3:16

#### God Loved

Did you know that this one verse basically tells us what the whole Bible is all about? God sent Jesus, His one and only Son! Why? Because He loves us! So according to this verse, the very first thing we can know for sure is that God loved.

Grab a piece of paper. Fold it in half and then in half again to create four sections. In the top left section of your page, draw a large heart. Underneath the heart, write the words, God loved. We'll add something new to this page each day so make sure to keep it with your GodTime card.

Did you know God loves you no matter what? Ask God to help you understand just how much He loves you!

## God Gave

So we know that God loves us. And because He loves us, He did what people who love do, He gave! What did God give? His one and only Son, Jesus!

In the top right section of your page, draw a gift box with a big bow. Write the words "God gave" underneath the gift.

Because God loves you, He sent His only Son, Jesus. And knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything! Thank God for choosing to send His only Son so that you could know Him.

## We Believe

God loved us so much that He gave us Jesus, His one and only Son. So now let's talk about the rest of the verse:

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son," (NIrV).

Okay, let's stop right there. Grab your piece of paper and draw a cross in the bottom left section of the page. Write the words "We believe" underneath the picture.

Jesus chose to die on the cross for all sin (that's when people make a choice to do what they want instead of what God wants) so that everyone who believes in Him can be forgiven. Jesus died for everyone. And He died for you.

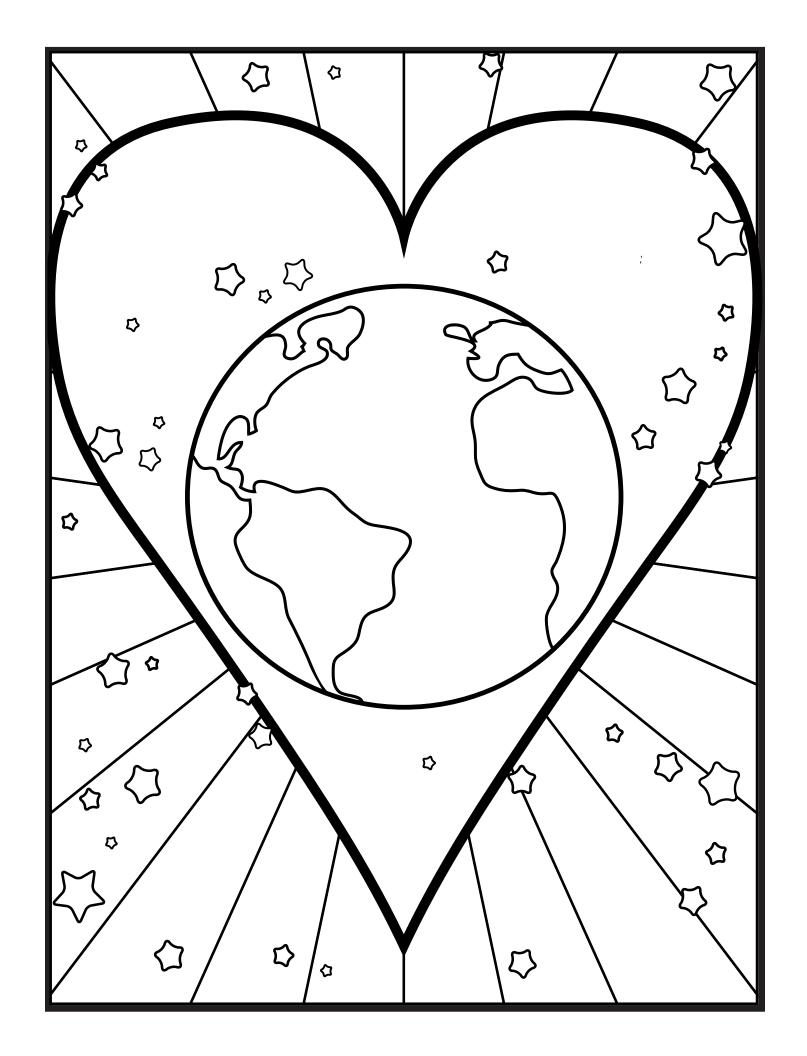
Ask God to help you understand that Jesus died and rose again so that you could believe and have a relationship with Him forever!

# We Receive

Grab your piece of paper from this week. In the bottom right hand corner, write out the words of John 3:16: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life, (NIrV).

God loved. God gave. We believe.

When we put our faith or trust in Jesus, we receive eternal life—a relationship with God forever. Ask God to help you understand what it means to believe or put your faith in what Jesus did for you on the cross so that you can have a relationship with God forever.







#### **READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7**

DAY 1

If you happen to wear glasses, you've experienced how everything changes when you put them on. Suddenly the world comes into focus.

Things that looked like this:

Now look like this:



Knowing Jesus, changes how you see the world too. It makes everything seem new! Thank God for making you new.

#### **READ ISAIAH 43:18-19**

DAY 2

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything; even your problems! Instead of focusing on your past, you can look to the future and know that God is going with you. And even if there are some things in your life that have you a little worried, knowing Jesus is with you can change how you see those worries.

Make a list of some of the "pows" you've experienced lately—these are hard things you're facing, or things you're worried about. Then, think about how those "pows" could be turned into wows. Imagine how God will be with you, things He might teach you, experiences you might have. If you can't imagine how those "pows" might become "wows," ask Jesus to help you. You can also ask an adult who's been following Jesus for longer for some help.

POWS	-	WOWS

Ask Jesus for help seeing things how He sees them.

#### **READ PSALM 119:105**

DAY 3

Grab a flashlight and take it, along with this paper, to the darkest room in your house. If it's still pretty light, grab a thick blanket and pull if over your head. Don't use the flashlight and try to read the next sentence. Then turn on the flashlight and try again.

Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me.

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything, and a big part of that is because His Word helps us see the way! When you can't see what you should do, ask Jesus for help. You can also ask an adult to help you find some of His Words in the Bible that might help you.

Ask Jesus for help when you can't see the way.

#### **READ EPHESIANS 4:22-24**

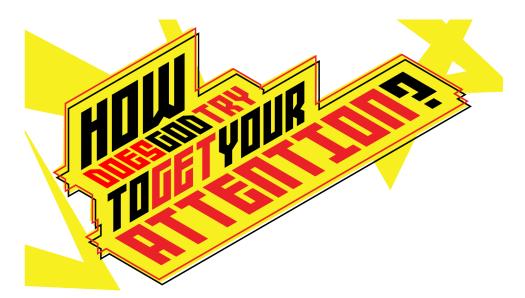
DAY 4

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything, and when you see things differently, you'll live differently. You'll get rid of the old way you used to do things, and you'll follow after God and His ways.

Grab a garbage bag and find a few things in your room that you don't see as useful anymore. Maybe it's some clothes you've outgrown or toys you don't play with anymore. Throw the items in the bag. Then take them to a parent and decide together whether the items should be donated, recycled, or thrown away. As you get rid of the old things, talk to your parent about whether there are some old ways of doing things that you should also get rid of—bad habits, things you do that hurt others or yourself. Ask Jesus to help you embrace all things new! (And a bonus: you'll probably find room in your closet and drawers for some new things there too!)

Thank Jesus for giving you a new life and a fresh start.







God wanted to get Saul's attention and He chose a big way to do that. Did you know God wants your attention, too? He loves each and every one of us and wants each and every one of us to have a growing faith.

Have you ever thought that maybe God wants to use you to get someone's attention? God wants us to live our lives in a way that shows others we love Him. And one of the best ways to do that is to tell others about our faith.

Think of one friend or family member you can talk about your faith to—someone who may not have a faith of their own. Write down their first name or initials below.

Now, ask God to show you how you can get their attention and point it toward Him.



### DAY 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show. (Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.)

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

#### SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that . . .

1) YOU LIKED: \_\_\_\_\_

2) YOU LEARNED:

3) YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW:





#### DAY 2

#### **READ ACTS 9:1-9**

At the beginning of the story, you met Saul of Tarsus; who you might know as Paul. What are **THREE** things you learned about Saul *before* he began his journey to Damascus?

- 1
- 2.
- 3.

Saul and his men were headed for their destination when a bright light shined down from the sky. What **TWO** things happened next?

- 1.
- 2.

Now unable to see, Saul's men led him to the home of Judas on Straight street where he stayed for three nights, unable to see, eat, or drink. Predict **ONE** thing that could happen next.

1.

#### DAY 3

The more we get to know God, the more we see Him in a different way. Did you know we can talk to Him just like we talk to our friends? In fact, God wants us to think of Him as a friend. Talking to God is one of the best ways to grow your faith. Fill in the blanks below and then read the prayer to God.

God,

You are a very generous friend. Thank You for giving me (three things you are thankful for). I value these things and am so grateful for them.

God, sometimes I mess up. Would You forgive me for (a time you messed up)? Thank You for always forgiving me, no matter what.

I need Your help every day. In the Bible, we are reminded time and time again that You are always with us. Would you be with me (a time in the future you want God's help)?

God, one thing I love about You is (one thing you love about God).

Thank You for always hearing me when I talk to You, amen.

#### DAY 4

What happened to Saul during his journey to Damascus is kind of intense, right? I mean, a bright light shines from the sky, a loud voice speaks to him, and then he's blind! Write down two or three questions

you have from the story. Then, think about someone you know who loves God. Take a couple of minutes to talk to them—you can text, email, or even FaceTime them. Ask them your questions. They may not have the answers, but together, you can grow your faith by talking about the story of Saul.