



# GUIDE to SALVATION



# YOU are LOVED by GOD!

*This booklet will show you the greatest love that exists in the world. It is the love that God has for each and every person on the planet—including you!*

*Jesus said in John 15:13 that “there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” Jesus then demonstrated the greatest love for you and me when He took the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross.*

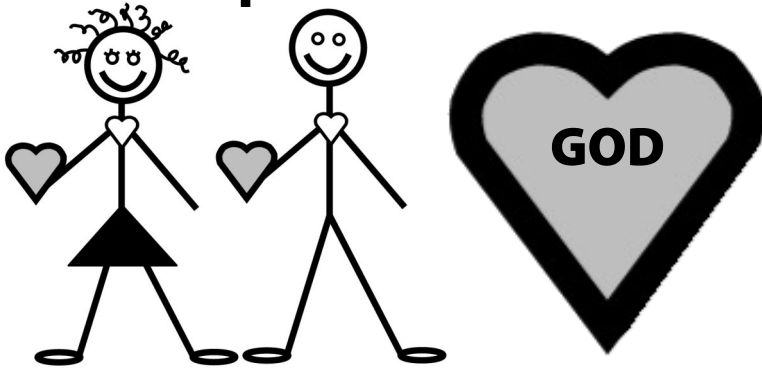
*If you have ever wondered about why Jesus had to die, then this booklet is for you. It is our prayer that as you turn these pages, you will open your heart to God’s love for you.*

*If you still have questions, please come and talk to any of our CompassKids leaders. It doesn’t matter how old you are, God wants us all to be adopted into his family forever.*

# The Design

**We were all designed to enjoy a loving friendship with God.**

## People



All people matter to God. He made us and He has always loved us and wanted to share His love with us in a very close friendship. In the beginning when God first made the world, God did have a close friendship with people.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, check out what he said in Matthew 22:37-38.

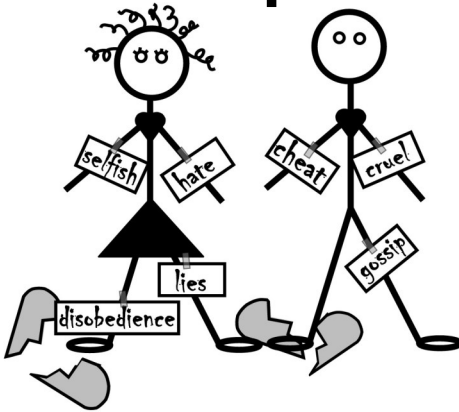
*Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.'*

1. Why do you think God wants us to love Him?
2. How have you been doing at loving God with all your heart, soul and mind?

# The Problem

**We have all disobeyed God and have broken our friendship with Him.**

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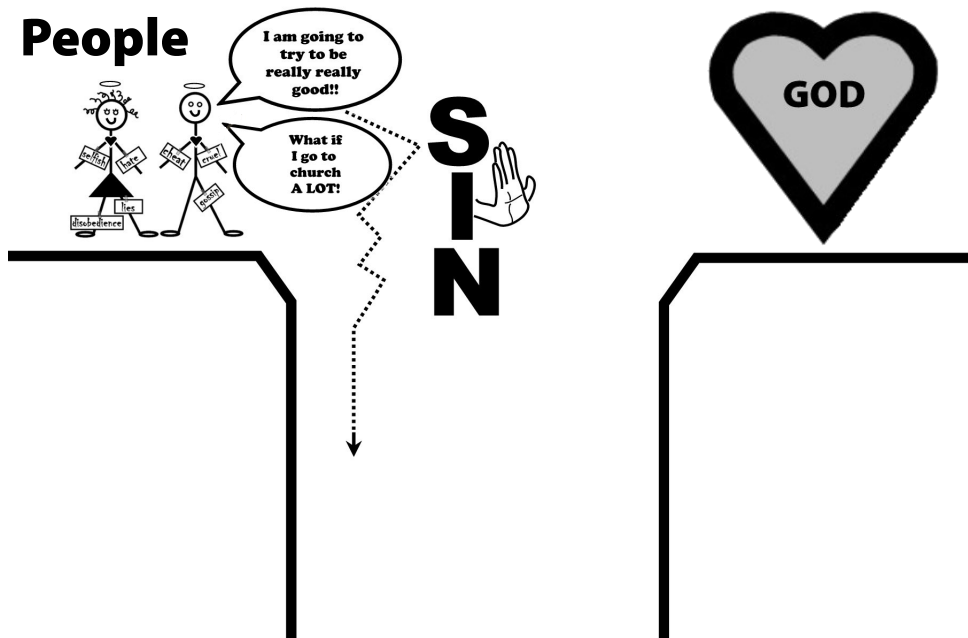


Sadly all people disobeyed God and rejected His love. We were born sinful. That means we naturally do whatever we want; no matter what God says. Some examples of sin are lying, cheating, stealing, gossiping, bullying and even murder. People can be very cruel; even you. This makes our hearts broken.

Everyone sins and it is a big problem. Check out what God says in Isaiah 59:2.

*It's your sins that have cut you off from God.  
Because of your sins, he has turned away  
and will not listen anymore.*

1. Why does our sin keep us from being with God?
2. Do you think you can stop sinning and become perfect and holy on your own?



People often think they can fix their sin problem by themselves. So they try to be really, really good. But you know what...that doesn't fix it because we can never be good enough. Doing really good things doesn't get rid of the bad things we've done.

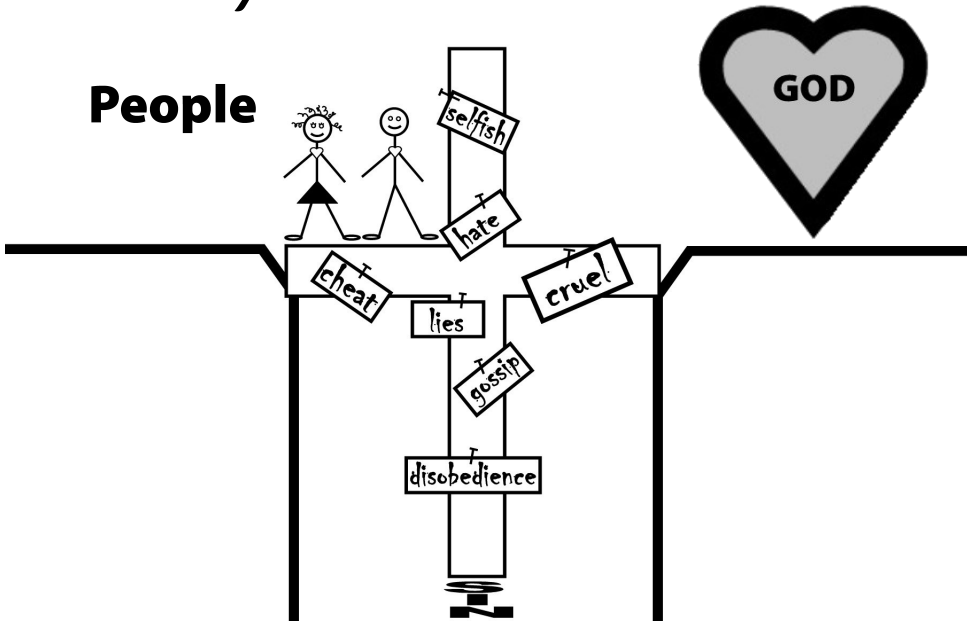
People think "If I go to church" then my sins will all be forgotten." But that doesn't work either. Check out what God says in Ephesians 2:8-9.

*God saved you by his grace when you believed.  
And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.  
Salvation is not a reward for the good things  
we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

There is only one way for us to be with God in a close friendship. Someone has to pay for our sin; someone needs to forgive us. Do you know who?

# The Solution

**God's solution to our sin problem was to send Jesus to take the punishment for everyone's sin.**

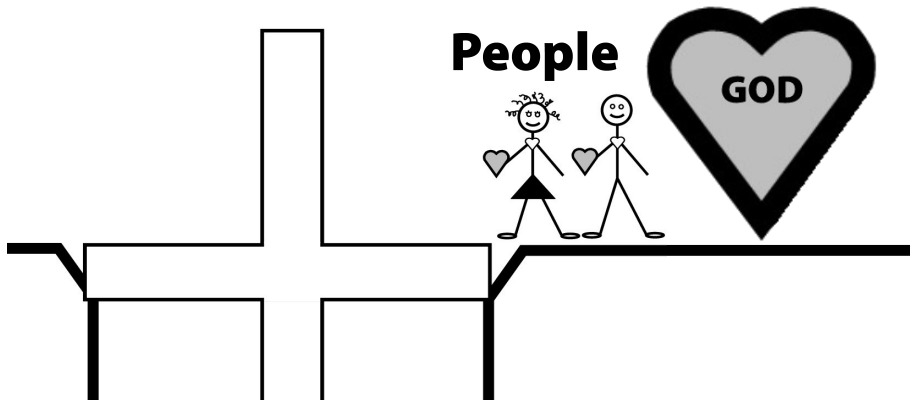


Jesus is the only one who could pay for our sin. Jesus is perfect; He never ever sinned so He was the only one who could take all the sin, that were stuck to us, to the cross. When Jesus was nailed to the cross all our sins were nailed there too. When He died, our sins died too. Colossians 1:21-22 says...

*You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.*

# The Choice

**We must choose to open our hearts to God by asking Jesus to forgive our sins and become the leader of our lives.**



When you receive the gift of new life from Jesus... then His cross becomes like a bridge that we walk across and become friends of God. That doesn't mean we don't ever sin, but now we know that all our sin—even future sin—is forgiven!

God created you to be His friend forever. He made a way for that to happen through Jesus. Check out what God says in Romans 10:9-10.

*If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

1. What is keeping you from saying 'yes' to Jesus?
2. Do you have any questions we can answer?

# PRAYER of SALVATION

Saying 'yes' to Jesus is a simple and sincere prayer where you...

- **ADMIT** you have a problem. Because of your sin you cannot be near God who is perfect and holy.
- **BELIEVE** that Jesus is the solution. God sent Jesus to take the punishment for your sin.
- **CHOOSE** to receive Jesus as forgiver and leader. When Jesus died on the cross, your sin died too!

Here is a sample prayer.

*Dear God, Thank you for loving me so much even though I don't always make the right choices. I admit that I have done some things that are bad and I'm ashamed of that. Jesus please forgive me of these sins.*

*I believe that you died on the cross to take my punishment and that you came back to life to prove you can be trusted. I choose to put my faith in you Jesus to save me and choose to follow you the rest of my life.*

*In Jesus Name, Amen.*

*Yes, I have decided to receive Jesus as the forgiver of my sin and leader of my life!*

Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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