

The Simple Gospel

for Kids

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Dedication

To my kids and their friends. I pray that you will hear the message of scripture and believe.

God made us and everything else in the world. Because he made us, we belong to him.

In fact,
everything
belongs to God.

He is the
one
true
king.





God is the best king that **ever** could be because

he knows

everything,

he can do

anything,

and he is perfectly good.

Amazingly good!

Because God made us and is our king, he has the right to tell us how we should live.



Love God.
Love others.

And because he is perfectly wise and perfectly loving, his rules are good for us.



God has put some of his rules into our hearts, so that everyone knows them.

(These are things like: do not steal; it is bad to be selfish or greedy; it is good to be honest, brave, and kind.)

God's rules are explained more clearly in the Bible.



Everyone

should

obey God's rules all the time,



Okay,
Jesus!

and we should be

happy

to do it.

But we **don't** always obey,



and we

aren't

happy to do it.

Our hearts

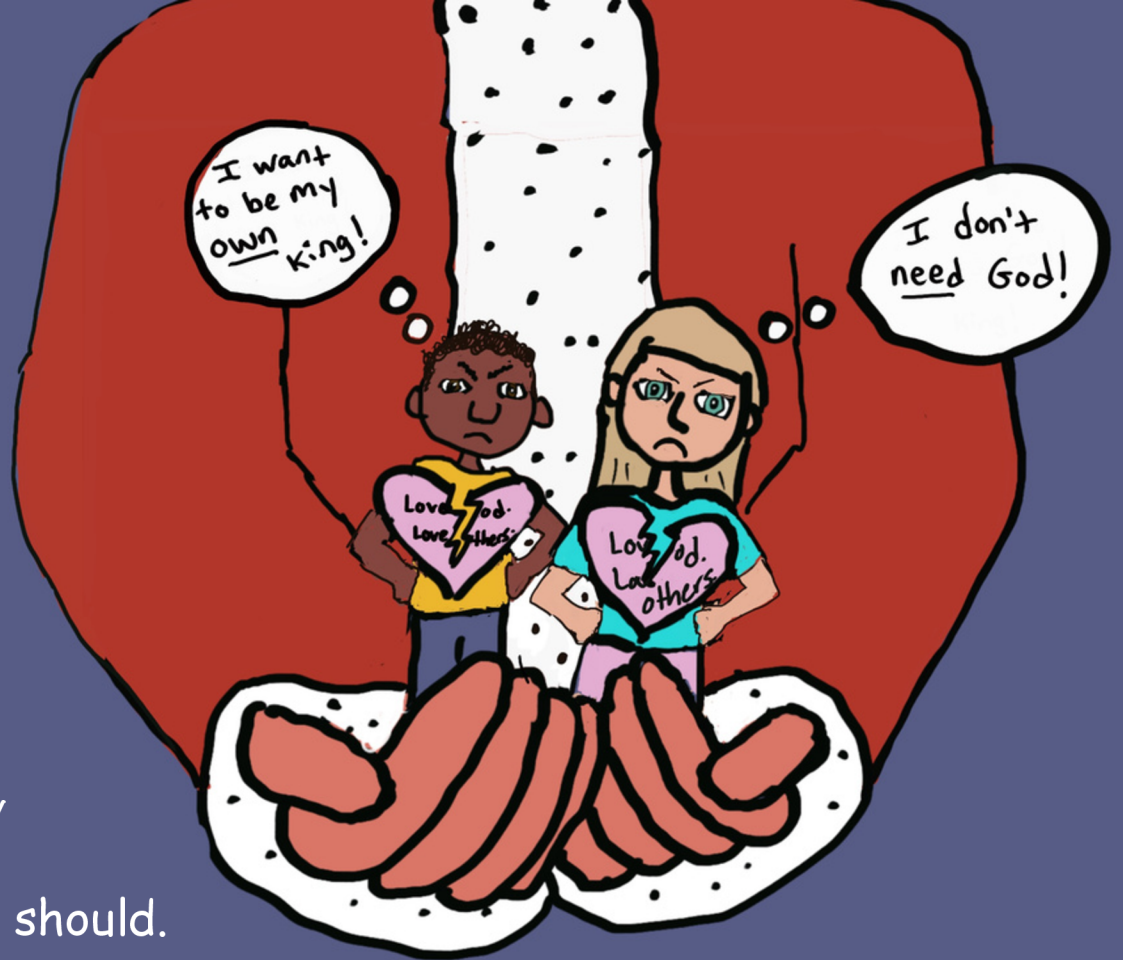
do not

work

like

they

should.



We **do not** love having God as our king.

We **do not** trust that God is good and that his rules are good.

We show this by breaking God's rules every day.

Sometimes we break
God's rules by what we

do,



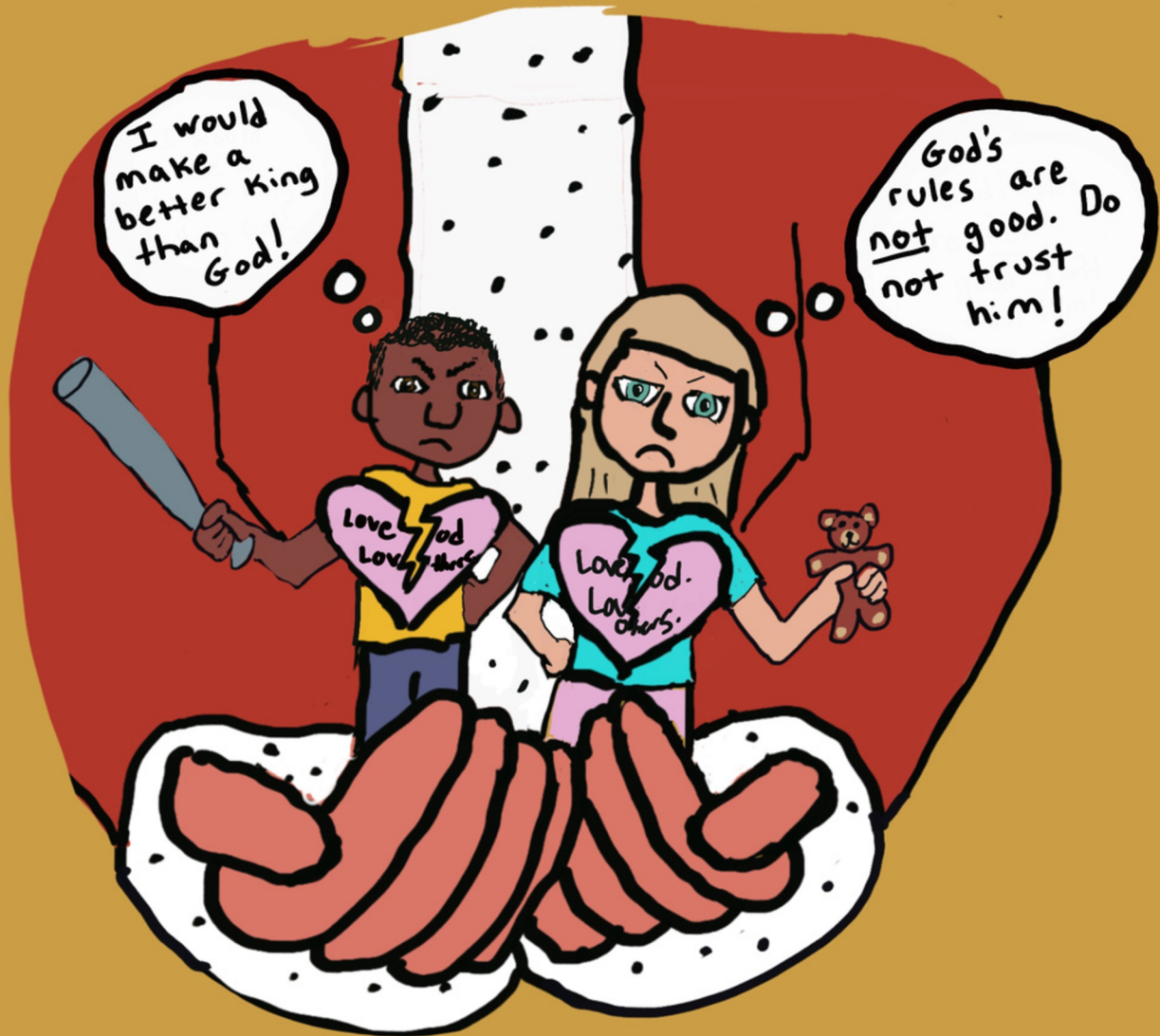
and sometimes we
break them by what we

think about

or by what we

want.

Breaking God's rules is called **sin**.



When we sin, we are telling ourselves and everyone around us that God is **not** a good king; he **can't** be trusted and his rules are **not** good.

Sin is **really bad** because it says something wrong and bad about the

best and

most important

king

ever,

the king of the

entire

universe!



The bad news
is that our sin deserves a
really
big
punishment,
so big that we could never
finish paying it.



But the good
news

is that before God made
the world, God the
Father, God the Son
(Jesus), and God the
Holy Spirit made a plan
to rescue us from sin.



When the time was right, God the Son (Jesus) became a human being like us.



Galatians 4:4-5, Luke 1-2



Jesus lived his whole life keeping God's rules all the time.

1 Peter 2:22, Mark 10:46-52, Mark 8:22-26

Jesus followed God's rules
in everything that he

did,

in everything that he

wanted,

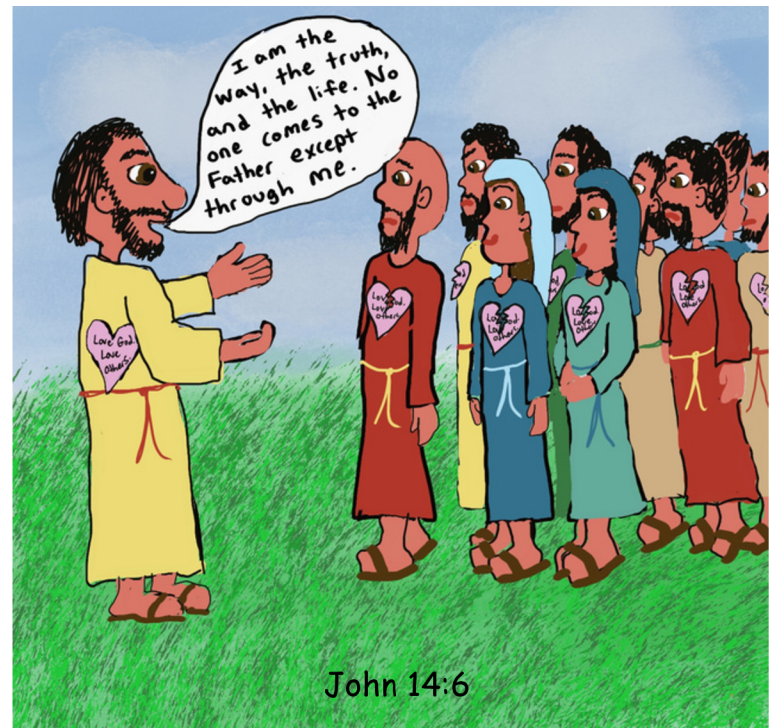
and in everything that he

thought about,

and he was

happy

to do it.



Then Jesus allowed himself to be killed on a cross by sinful people like you and me. He did that to take the punishment for **our** sin on **himself** so that we could be forgiven.



Matthew 27:46

Because Jesus is God, his life is more valuable than
anyone or anything ever.

Jesus is perfectly wonderful and good. He always has
been and he always will be. Because he is so important,
Jesus' death was

enough

to pay for all the sin of

everyone

who would ask him to do it.



Jesus followed God's rules perfectly, even when he was suffering and dying. That sent a loud message to everyone everywhere **for all time** that God **is** a good king. He **can** be trusted and **all** of his rules are good.

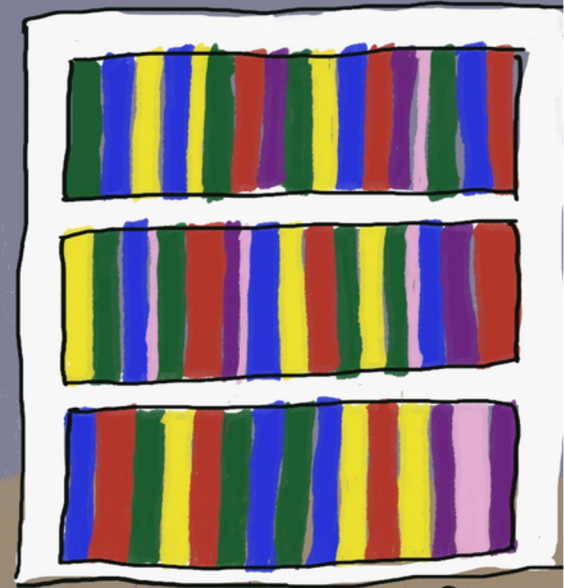


If we ask Jesus, he will forgive our sin and fix our hearts so that we love God like we should. Our fixed hearts will not keep us from ever sinning again, but they will make us **want** to obey God. And God will help us to get better and better at doing it.

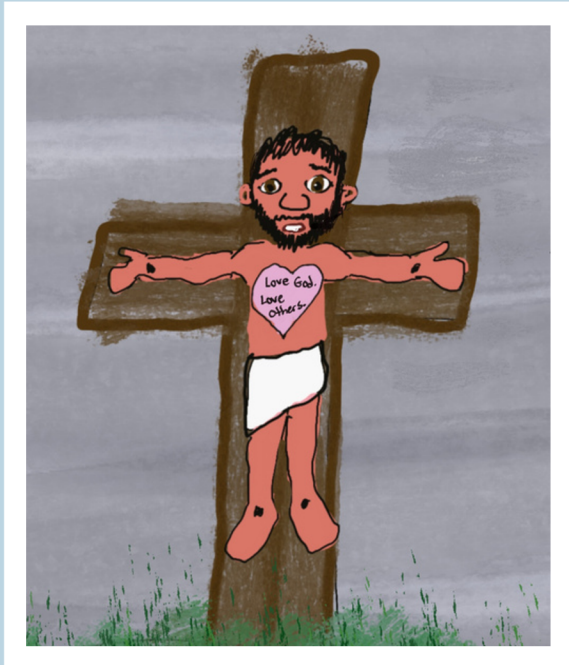


Luke 23:42-43

He will also cover us in
his own perfect
goodness and adopt us
into his family forever.



Galatians 3:26-27, Isaiah 61:10, 2 Corinthians 5:21



Jesus died to take the punishment that we deserve for our sin. Then he came back to life to show that the payment for sin was **finished forever** for everyone who belongs to him.

Now Jesus is in heaven praying for us. One day all of Jesus's adopted family will be with him in heaven, and there will be

**no more tears
ever.**

You can read more about this in the Bible.



Helpful Scriptures

"Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

Psalm 100:3 ESV

"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."

Isaiah 53:6 ESV

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23 ESV

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:8-9 ESV

"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins."

Romans 3:23-25 ESV

Helpful Scriptures

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

1 John 4:10 ESV

"...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

Romans 10:9-10

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

John 1:12-13 ESV

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

"In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

John 14:2-3 ESV

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:3-4 ESV

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