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THIS BOOK
BELONGS TO:

Write your name!

God has written an amazing story about the whole world, and it includes all of us!

In the beginning, God created everything in the universe as a special place for all of his people to live. Then God created people. He loved his creation and he loved all his people! He wanted to be close to them, and he wanted all of them to love and follow him forever! From the moment he created the first speck of light, through all of history, even to this very day, God has been loving and consistent and faithful and powerful and patient. This whole awesome story is all written down in the book we call the BIBLE.



In the Bible we learn all about how big and awesome and perfect God is! We also see just how much he loves us (which is a lot)!



The Bible is God's Word—it is the amazing story of his love!

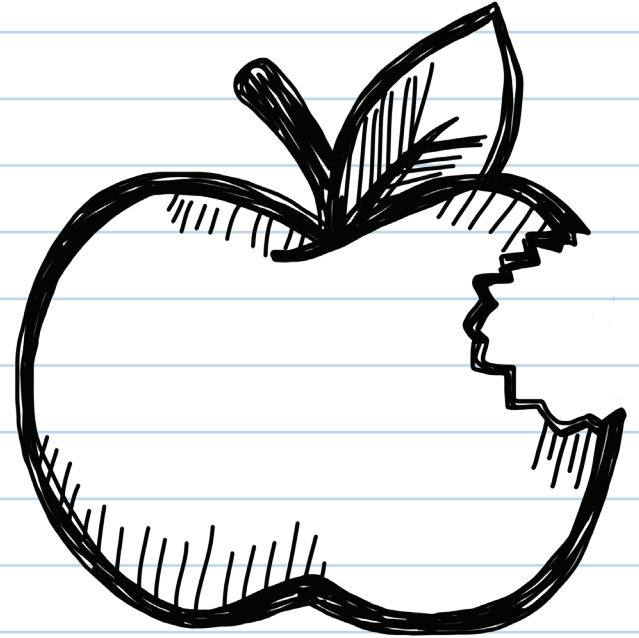
God created everything we see (and a bunch of stuff we can't see)!

From the furthest planet and star, to the tallest mountain and deepest ocean, all the way down to the fingerprints on your hand and the hairs on your little head-- it was all his design!

And guess what? HE LOVES YOU!

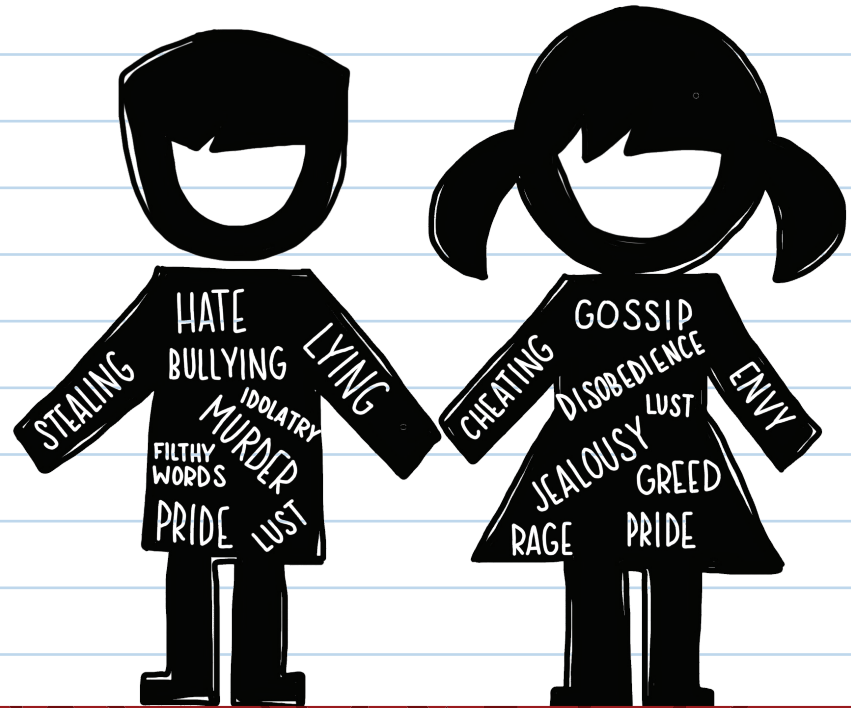
God wanted to have a relationship with all the people he created.

God's plan was perfect! He wanted to be our closest friend and our perfect provider. He wanted us to love him and talk to him and listen to him above everything else! It started out that way with the very first man and woman, Adam and Eve. They loved God and listened to him, but something really bad happened.



God's enemy (called Satan) tricked Adam and Eve into not trusting God. They doubted that God loved them and wanted good for them! They decided to listen to the lies of Satan and turned away from God and did something that he told them not to do. And you know what we call that? Sin. That sin changed everything.

Sin broke the relationship between us and God, and it separated us from him. Every time we choose sin it drives us further away from God, and that breaks his heart.



sin | *noun*

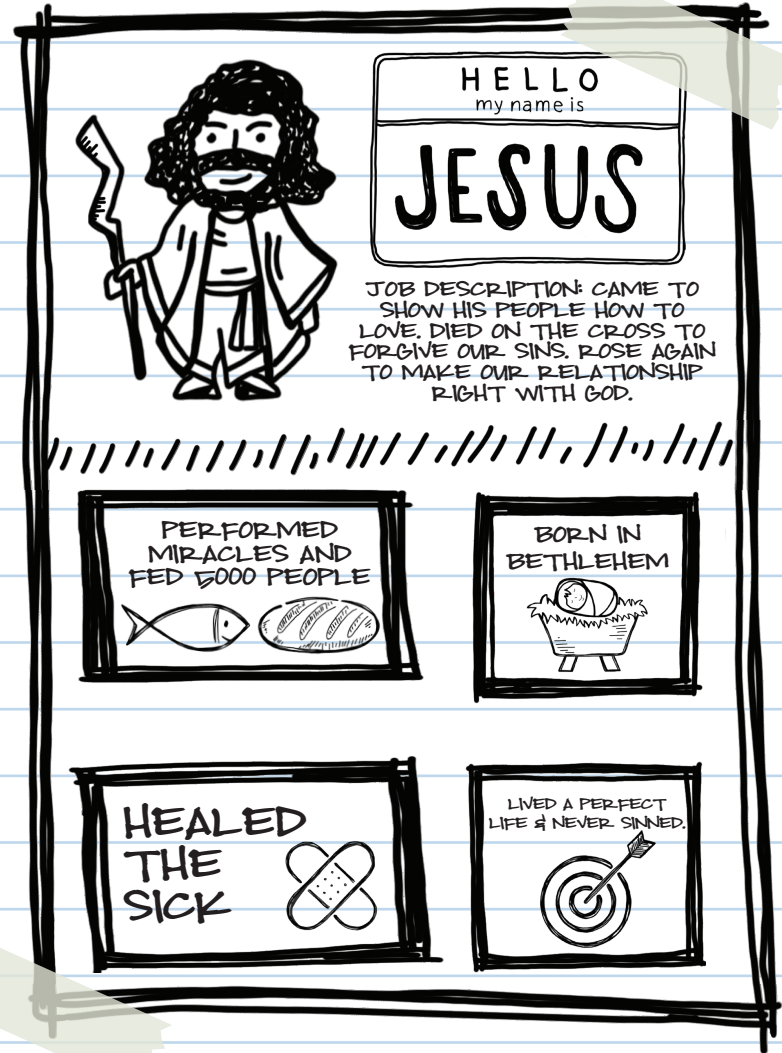
1. disobeying God's commands

Sin breaks everything and causes death. So everyone who sins will have to die, and be separated from God forever.

But you know what is so awesome?



Even though people sinned against him (and we sin against him all the time), God had something up his sleeve to fix it. He was going to send someone to take away our sin!



God knew there was only one way to save his people. One person with NO SIN had to die for all the rest of the people who have sin.

FOR GOD SO LOVED
THE WORLD THAT HE
SENT HIS ONE AND
ONLY SON...
JOHN 3:16

No matter how many good things we do, we cannot erase all the bad things we have done. Only Jesus can take away our sin.

Jesus came with one mission in mind: He came to save the world (ahem--that's YOU) from their sin and to give people new life! And this is the story of Easter!!

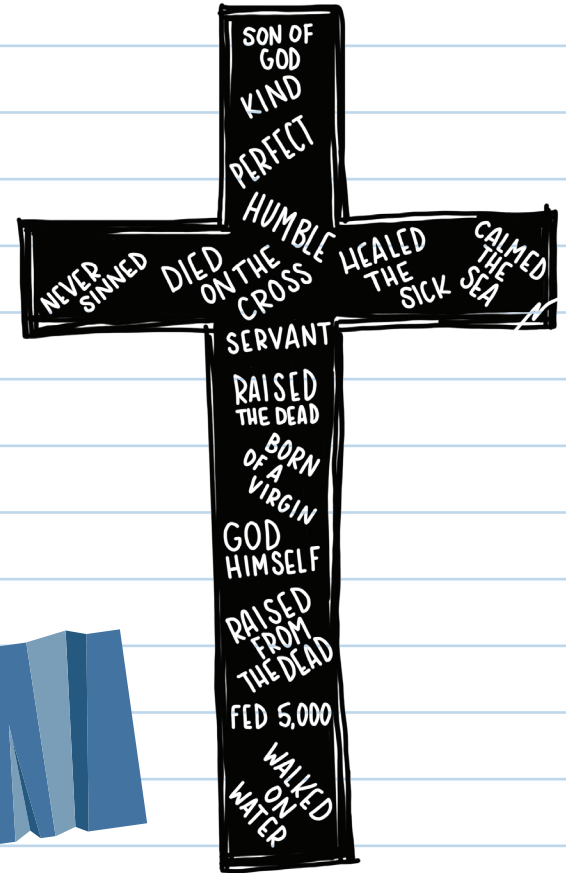


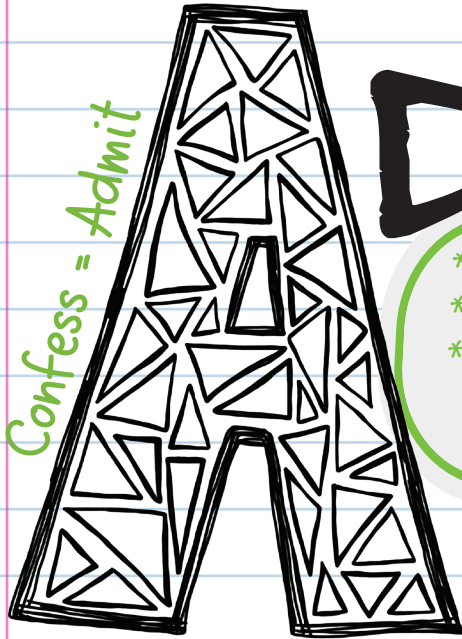
Jesus was born. He lived a sinless life. And when God's perfect timing had come, Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for all of our sin--once and for all! Isn't that amazing news?! And Jesus raised from the dead on the 3rd day (Easter!)-- just like he said he would. In doing that, Jesus defeated death and the power of sin. This means we can be saved from sin and have eternal life with God!

AND IT'S AS SIMPLE AS

ABC

eternal | adjective
1. lasting or existing forever; without end or beginning.





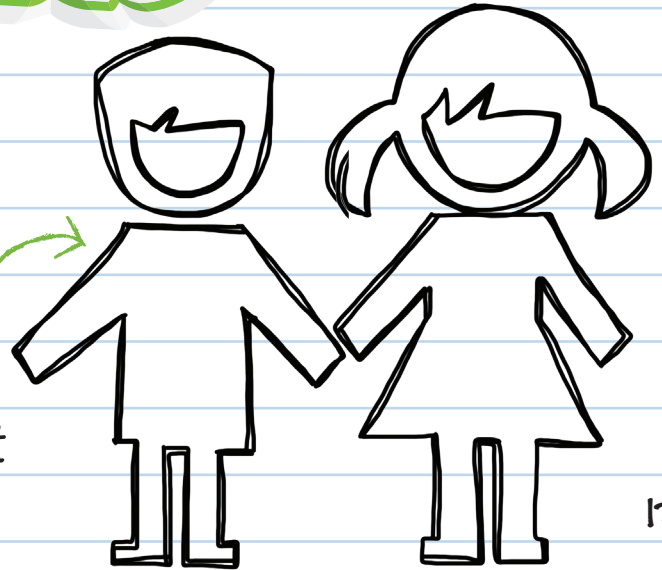
ADMIT

- * THAT YOU ARE A SINNER
- * THAT WE ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD
- * THAT THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO IN OUR OWN EFFORTS TO SAVE OURSELVES OR TO MAKE GOD LOVE US. ONLY GOD CAN FORGIVE OUR SINS AND PURIFY US!

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES!
ROMANS 3:23
ROMANS 6:23
ISAIAH 59:2
1 JOHN 1:8-9

IF WE CLAIM TO BE WITHOUT SIN, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US. IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND PURIFY US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
1 JOHN 1:8-9

What are some sins that keep us from God? Write them in these kid doodles, and then circle a few that you need to confess.

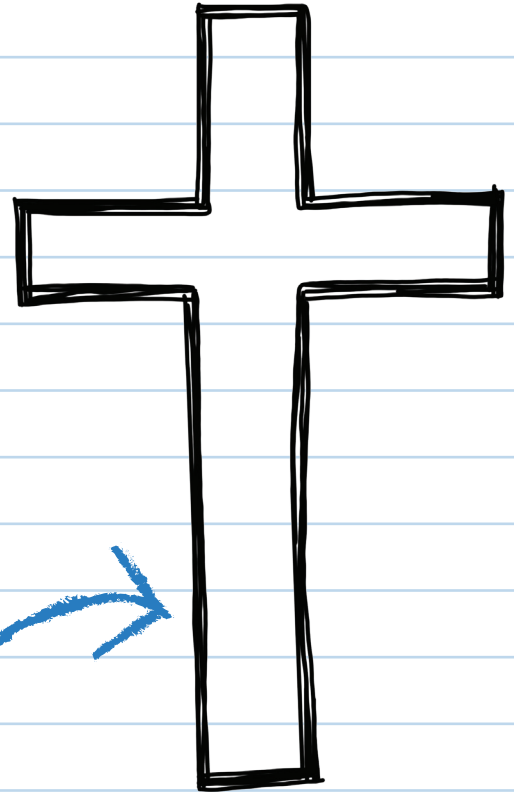




BELIEVE



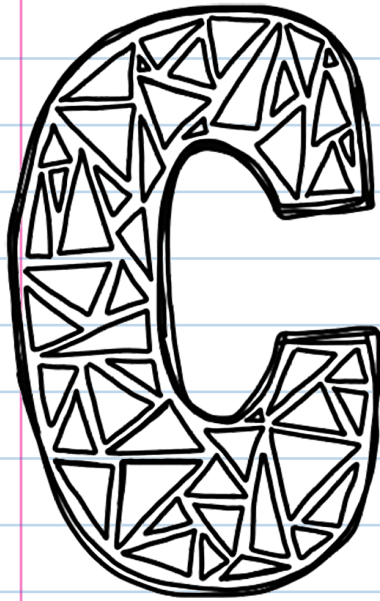
CHECK OUT
THESE VERSES!
JOHN 3:18
ROMANS 10:9-10
GALATIANS 3:23-24



- * THAT JESUS IS THE ONE AND ONLY SON OF GOD.
- * THAT JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY THE PRICE FOR ALL OF MY SINS.
- * THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO BE FRIENDS WITH GOD AND GO TO HEAVEN.

Who was Jesus? What makes him special to save us?

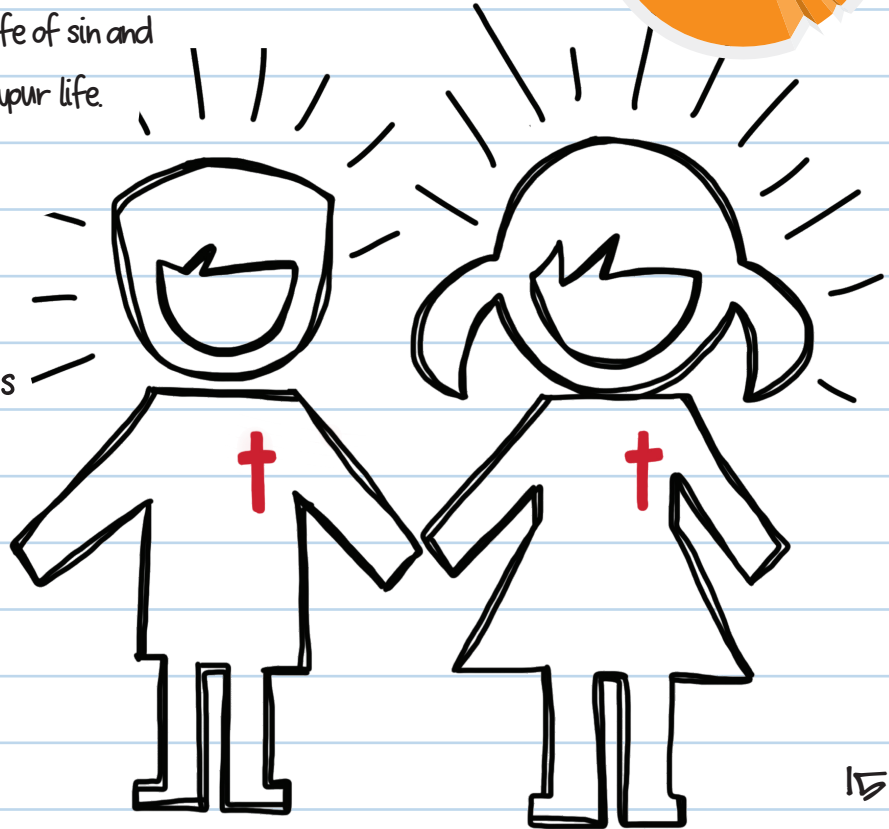
Write it in the cross! (Look back on page 10 + 11 for help.)



CHOOSE

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES!
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17
GALATIANS 2:22-23

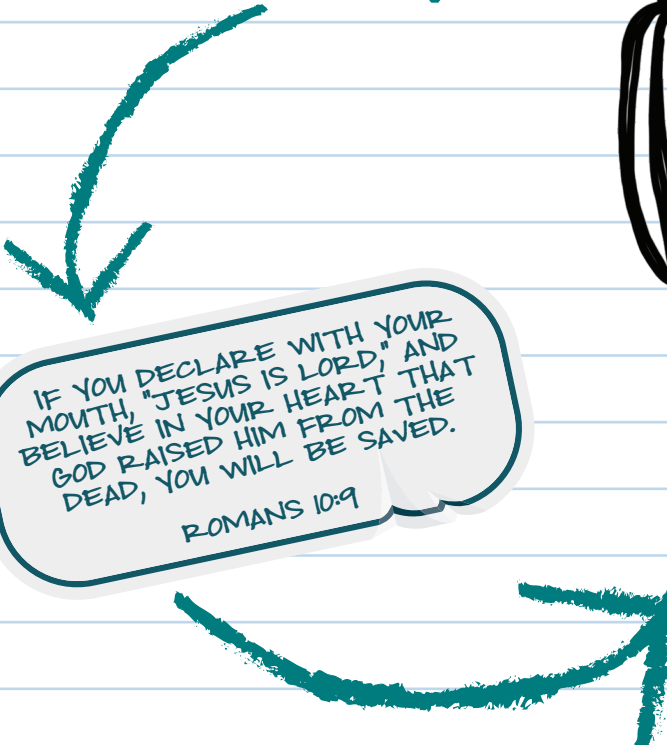
to leave your old life of sin and follow Jesus with your life.



What are some good things that God's Spirit helps you do?

- THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS YOU TO:
- * TALK WITH GOD
 - * UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE
 - * FORGIVE OTHERS
 - * REMEMBER WHAT GOD SAYS

ACCEPTING THE GIFT OF eternal life in Jesus IS SIMPLE!



IF YOU DECLARE WITH YOUR MOUTH, "JESUS IS LORD," AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.
ROMANS 10:9



Dear God,

Thank you for your word! Thank you for sending Jesus to save me! I want to follow Jesus and love you with how I live my life. I admit that I am a sinner and that I can't be good enough to save myself. I am sorry for choosing other things instead of you. I believe that Jesus is your son and that he died for my sins on the cross.

I believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven. So today I want to choose to follow him! I want to turn away from my sin and walk toward you! Please help me each day to love you with how I live my life.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

Or you can write your own prayer! God knows your heart! There are no magic words--Just tell God what is in your heart! A-B-C!

A large dashed rectangular box, outlined in teal, occupies the central portion of the page. It is intended for writing a prayer. A teal arrow points from the text above into the top-left corner of the box.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Your story of why and how you follow Jesus is called your testimony.

Complete the following sentences to help write your story.

When I started following Jesus as my Savior, I was
at _____ with _____
(place) (people)
on _____.
(date)

I need Jesus in my life because...

My life is different now that I know Jesus because...

Life with Jesus

HE WANTS US TO KNOW
AND LOVE HIM!

We know him by reading his word!

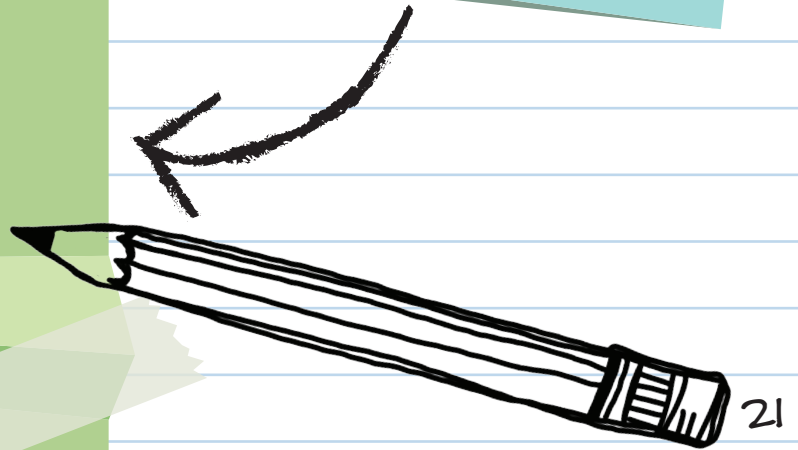


We can know him and hear from him by praying!



We show him we love him by obeying him!

WHAT ARE SOME
OTHER WAYS
WE CAN GET TO
KNOW GOD OR
SHOW HIM THAT
WE LOVE HIM?



HE WANTS US TO LOVE OUR OIKOS

CHECK OUT THESE VERSES!
MATTHEW 28:19
MATTHEW 22:37-39

God wants us to tell people around us how much we love him!

oikos | *noun*

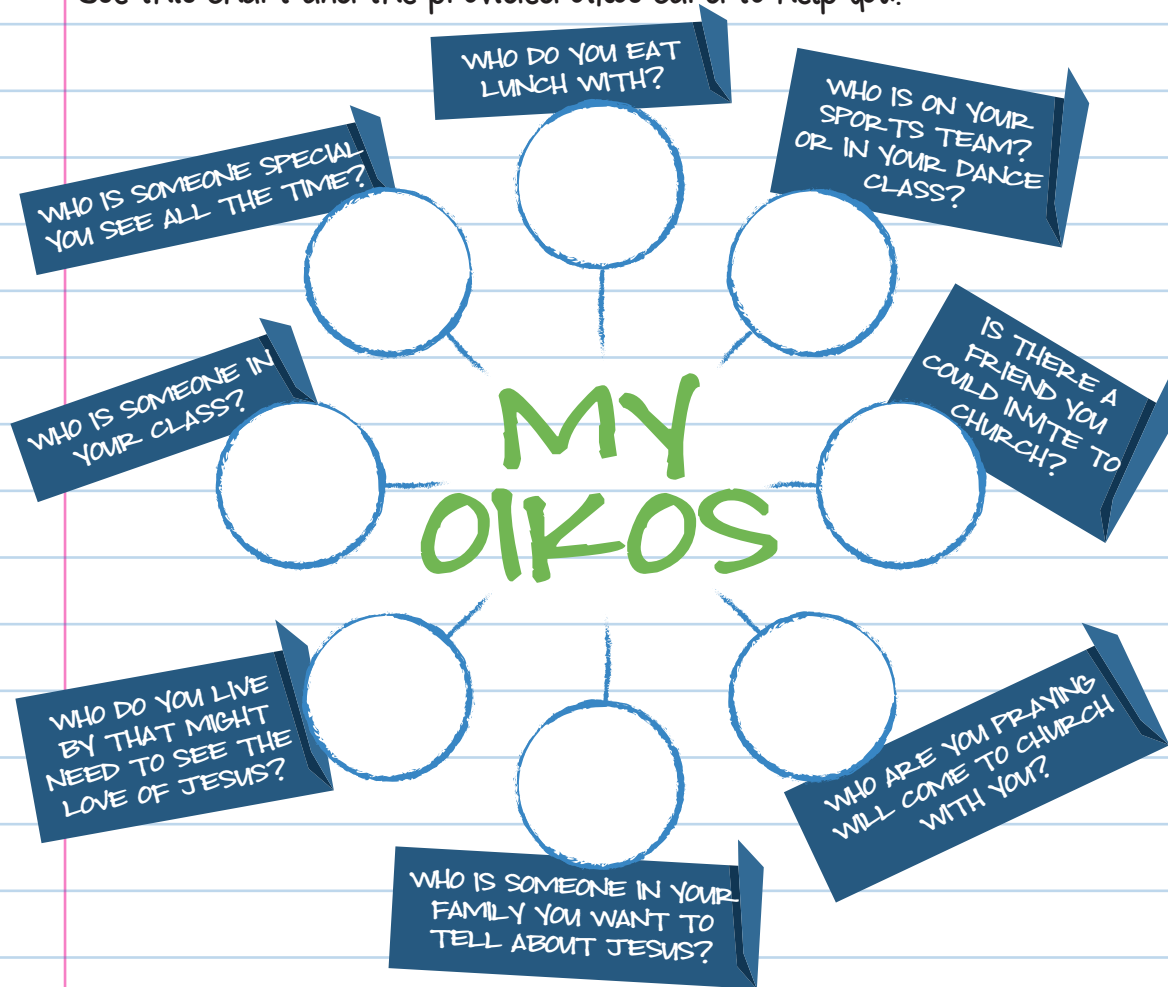
1. the 8-15 people God has strategically placed around you. God wants you to show the love of Jesus to these people!



WHO IS
SOMEONE IN
YOUR LIFE YOU
WANT TO TELL
ABOUT JESUS?

A large, rounded rectangular box with a green border and a white background, containing a horizontal line for writing.

Now it's time to share your story with your oikos (friends and family)!
Use this chart and the provided oikos card to help you.



WHAT ARE SOME THINGS WE CAN DO TO LOVE THE PEOPLE AROUND US?

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