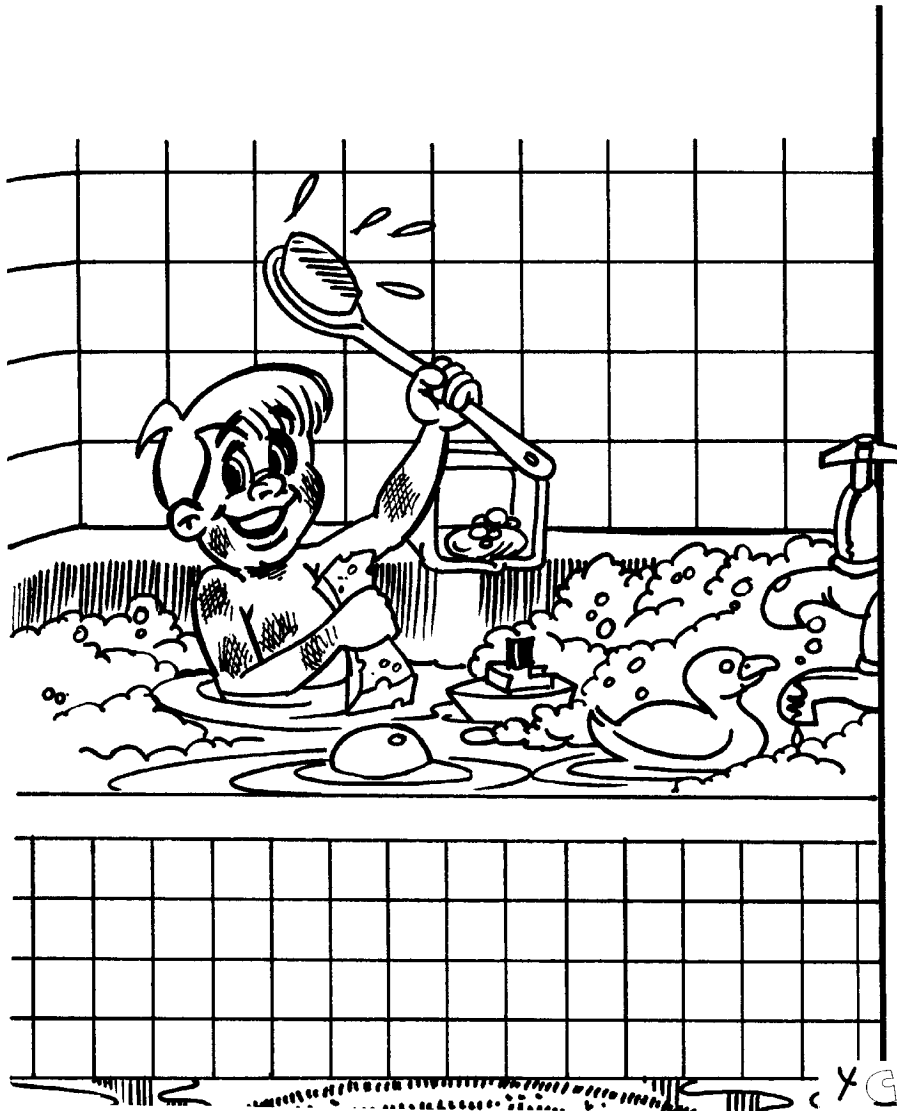


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Jesus could have saved Himself from the painful death on the cross. He could have destroyed all His enemies with great ease, but He did not. You see Jesus come to the earth so that we could be saved from sin, hell and the devil. When they crucified Jesus on the cross, He took on Himself the sin of all who would believe in Him.



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The blood of Jesus is like a special soap that washes our sin away and makes us clean. Imagine that your school teacher found out that you were telling lies. Imagine if the teacher did not punish you but instead, told you that you were forgiven because your best friend took the blame and punishment for you. Wouldn't you be surprised and happy to find that you had a friend who loved you enough to take the blame for your wrong doing?



Well children, this is exactly what Jesus did on the cross for you. He has taken the blame for all your sins. Can you see how much Jesus loves you? Let me tell you some more good news. When Jesus died, they laid His body in a tomb. The followers of Jesus were very sad but, on the third day when the women went to the tomb, they found that the huge stone door was rolled away and the tomb was empty. An angel came to tell them the wonderful news that Jesus had risen and was alive.



Jesus showed Himself to the disciples and to many other people. Jesus wanted everyone to know that He rose from the dead and is alive forever. Jesus visited for 40 days and then, while His followers watched, He rose up to Heaven in a cloud. Jesus went to prepare a beautiful place in Heaven for each of us who will believe and follow Him.