

Growing

Circle the pictures of things that grow.



CARS



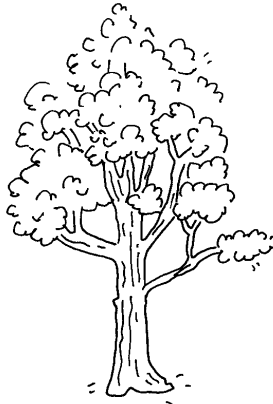
ROCKS



BALLS



FLOWERS



TREES



CHILDREN

Trees and flowers need certain things to grow. Fill in the letters to discover these things.

L _ _ _ _ T

_ _ _ _ E R

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What do children need to grow?

F _ _ _ _ _

WA _ _ _ _ _

_ _ _ V E

Someone to L _ _ _ E

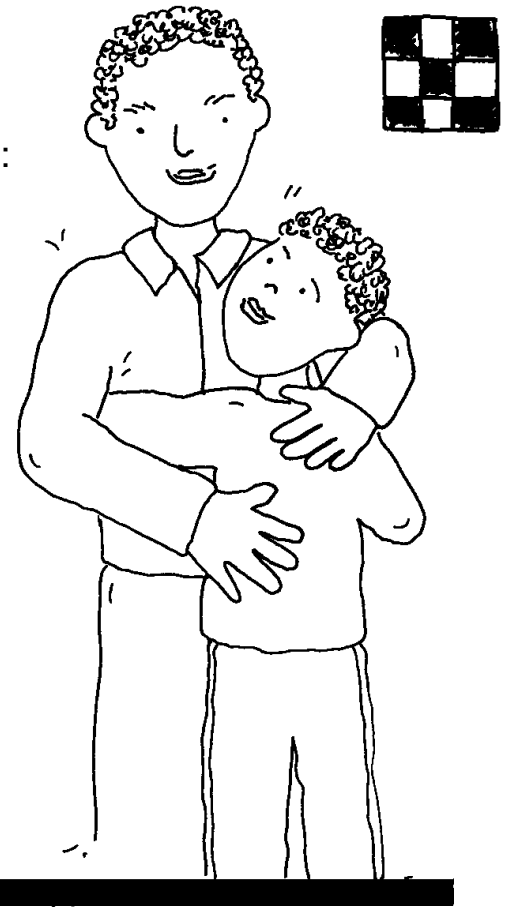
Light Water Soil Food Water Love Love



People who love you...

Circle the names of some people in your life who LOVE you:

MOTHER SISTER GRANDFATHER
BROTHER TEACHER FRIEND
NEIGHBOR FATHER GRANDMOTHER
UNCLE COUSIN AUNTIE
FOSTER FAMILY MENTOR



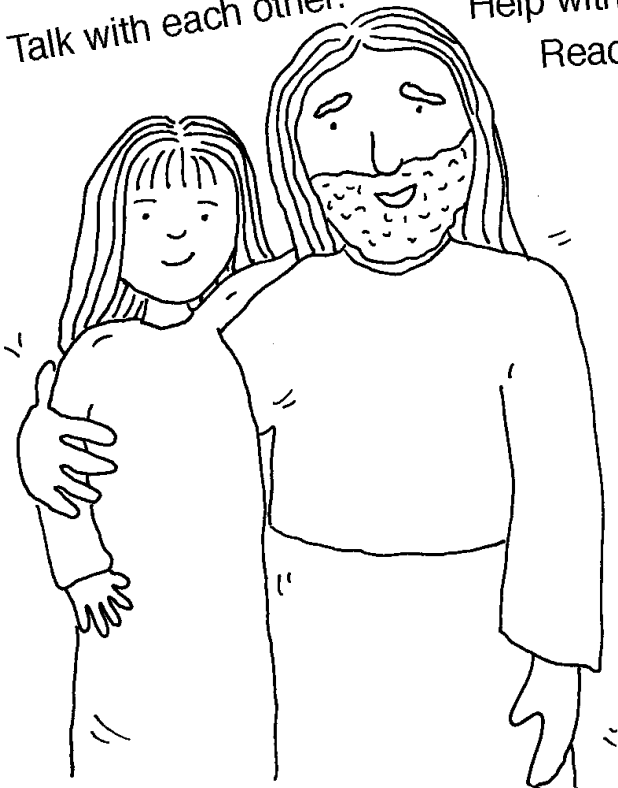
Now put the names you circled on the lines below:

_____ Loves You!

God loves you too!

Put a around the ways that help your friendship and relationship grow with the people you love—the people you circled above.

- Listen to each other.
- Be with each other only once a year.
- Go to different schools.
- Talk with each other.
- Help with homework.
- Read some of the same books.
- Go places together.
- Tell each other about special people you know.



Now learn some ways to grow in your new life with Jesus.

Here are some ways to help you grow in this new life. You need to pray and read your Bible, be with Christians, tell others about Jesus and obey God. Here is a song to help you remember what you need to grow. (Sing these words to a familiar tune.)

*I don't have to wait until I'm grown
to be loving, kind and true.
I can pray and read my Bible,
be with other Christians too.*





1. Prayer.

You can talk to God any _____, any _____ . You can talk to God by _____ r _____ s _____ f and with others. God always answers. Sometimes He says y _____ s. Sometimes _____ o. Often He says w _____ t a _____ h _____ e. Or He tells us a b _____ t _____ r way.

Find and read this verse in your Bible: Philippians 4:6

MY PRAYER LIST		
WHAT I AM PRAYING ABOUT	DATE I BEGAN TO PRAY	ON THIS DATE GOD SAID...
My mother to get well.	March 3	March 10: Yes, she is well!
Please God, I need a Christian friend.	November 4	



2. The Bible.

Every day have a special time to read your Bible and talk with God. Read Psalm 5:3: "God, every morning You hear my voice. Every morning, I tell You what I need. And I wait for Your answer."

Circle the words in this verse that tell you about a time to talk with God. Write some thoughts you have as you read your Bible. Try it now with Psalm 5:3.

Book of the Bible I am reading: _____
 Chapter _____ Verses _____

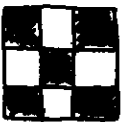
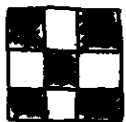
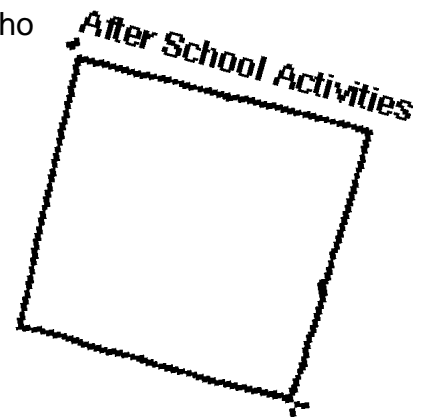
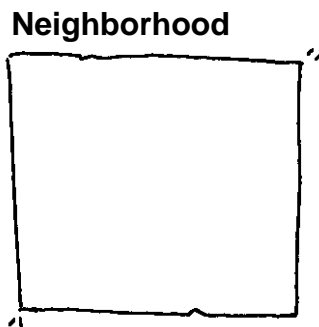
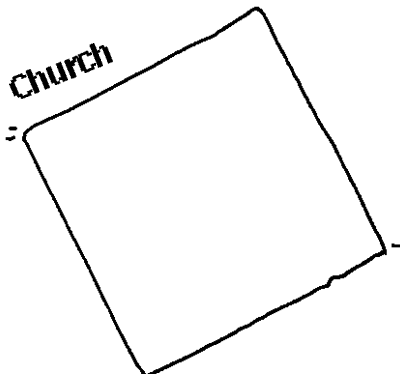
Perseverance

3. Christians need to spend time with others who know God and His Son Jesus.

Christians...

- ✓ Help each other grow.
- ✓ Help care for each other.
- ✓ Encourage each other.
- ✓ Help each other with problems.

Draw pictures to show where you could find other people who believe Jesus is God's Son.



4. Learning to tell others about Jesus.

Make a list of friends you want to tell about Jesus:

I can pray for these people every day.

I can learn to tell these people about God and His Son Jesus.

5. Loving and Obeying God.

John 14:21 says: "He who knows my commands and obeys them is the one who loves Me. And My Father will love him who loves Me. I will love him and will show Myself to him."

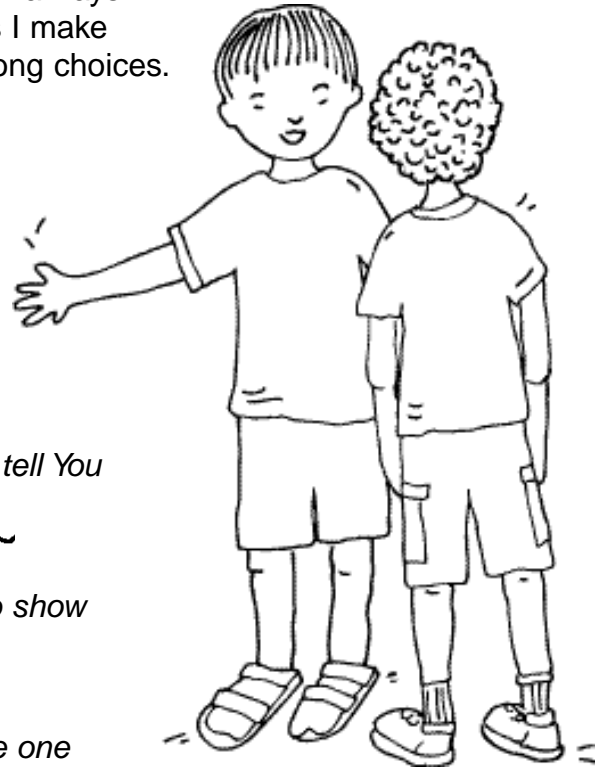
Talk with God. Your prayer could be something like this: I love You God. Thank You for loving me. Thank You for growing Your character in me. Thank You for helping me learn to obey by:

- Talking to You every day. This grows responsibility in me.
- Reading my Bible. This grows perseverance in me.
- Respecting my parents. This grows respect in me.
- Choosing to tell the truth. This grows integrity in me.
- Forgiving family, friends and others. This grows forgiveness, grace and mercy in me.

Thank You for always loving me as I make right and wrong choices.

This Week's Bible Verses to read and memorize:

- "Do not worry about anything. But pray and ask God for everything you need. And when you pray always give thanks." —Philippians 4:6
- "Every morning You hear my voice. Every morning, I tell You what I need. And I wait for Your answer." —Psalm 5:3
- "Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds." —Hebrews 10:24
- "He who knows my commands and obeys them is the one who loves Me. And My Father will love him who loves Me. I will love him and will show Myself to him." —John 14:21

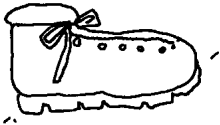


Unless noted, Bible verses are from the Children's International Bible.

REVIEW AND FOCUS

Complete the puzzle by answering the question, "What are three steps that can be taken whenever you think, say, or do something wrong?" Circle the key words hidden in the puzzle. The words go up and down or straight across.

T H A N K S J P
R U G G E D E S
U S R S A B S Y
S A E L E C U T
T U E S O I S E



1. _____ with God that what you thought, said or did was not what He wanted.

2. _____ for forgiving the wrong things you think, say or do (your sins).



3. _____ God to help change your thoughts, words and actions.

Telling God and others the truth helps you become a *person of integrity!*

