

Hello — and thanks for taking a look at my work!

My name is Rich Kurz and I am an experienced graphics design professional. My philosophy has grown simpler through the years. Good design is not about me, but about us. I want to do good work that serves the needs of my client and that I am proud to put in my portfolio. This pdf shows some of my capabilities.

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"My Awesome Adventure" is a stand-alone series produced for upper and lower elementary age groups. The challenge was getting the most bang for our buck with a tight budget. The solution would call on me as art director to use our artist, Rob Lassiter, as efficiently as possible. He would create the cartoon figures and I would create the backgrounds and desktop publish it all together — our standard process.

The series purpose was to introduce children who were new believers to various important aspects of their new life following Jesus and his teachings. The theme consisted of background images of views one would see on a hike in the mountains. In the lower grades version, the background images were of national parks. For additional interest, I created 3D topographical images of those national parks requiring red/blue-lensed glasses, which were included. Other visual elements were the chapter badges and the tablet, compass, and walkie-talkie images used as sidebars. Those were all created in Illustrator and Photoshop.

Deliverables: 48-page plus cover, 8-1/2"×11", CMYK plus cover varnish.

Created with Illustrator, Photoshop, QuarkExpress.

Traps set in QuarkExpress, files handed off to printer, and presschecked

I am available to discuss *your* design, illustration, marketing, and advertising needs. Let's talk!



Rich Kurz

MY AWESOME ADVENTURE

Finding New Life with Jesus Christ

ages 9-12



by Karl & Sara Bastian

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Check your answers for each lesson by visiting www.AwesomeAdventure.org/download.html

Hello, my name's Ben.
I've just become
a Christian!

I'm Laura,
a new Christian, too!
We're starting an
Awesome Adventure.

Hi, I'm Dee.
The Christian
life is really
exciting!

My name's Cy.
Come learn about our
awesome new life!

I'm Paul, and this
is Chip. Put on your 3-D
glasses and join us!

Woof!

Bible verses or phrases used by the editors are consistent with a commitment to the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible.
My Awesome Adventure is "translation independent." Use your favorite Bible translation to complete each lesson.



Have you heard
the Good News?



Every kid likes good
news. Tell me!



AWESOME PROMISE

How to Begin the Adventure



God loves you.

God is powerful. He created everything—including you.
(Read Genesis 1:1 and Romans 1:20.)

God is personal. He loves you and wants to be your friend.
(Read John 3:16 and 15:13.)

God knows you.

Every person sins against God.
(Read Romans 3:23 and Daniel 9:4-5.)

Every person will pay for sin—including you.
(Read Romans 5:12 and 6:23.)



Jesus took your place.

Jesus left heaven to bring you hope. (Read John 10:10.)

He lived a sinless life on earth. (Read 1 Peter 2:22.)

Jesus died to forgive your sin. (Read Romans 5:8.)

He took the punishment you deserved. (Read 1 Peter 2:24.)

Are you ready to trust Jesus as your Savior?

If you believe that Jesus died for your sins,
a good way to express your faith and to begin
your new friendship is by praying—talking with God.



♥ Thank God for loving you.

♥ Admit that you have sinned and need forgiveness.

♥ Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross to forgive your sins.

♥ Tell God that you trust Jesus as your Savior and you choose to follow Him.



Jesus Gives New Life



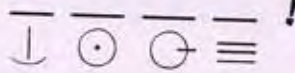
I'm a new Christian!

Your Awesome Adventure has begun.



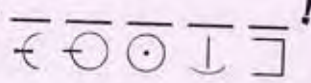
You received new

(See 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20.)



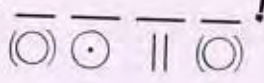
You became God's

(See John 1:12 and John 14:6.)



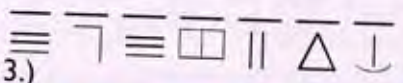
God forgave your

(See Acts 10:43 and Colossians 1:13-14.)



You began

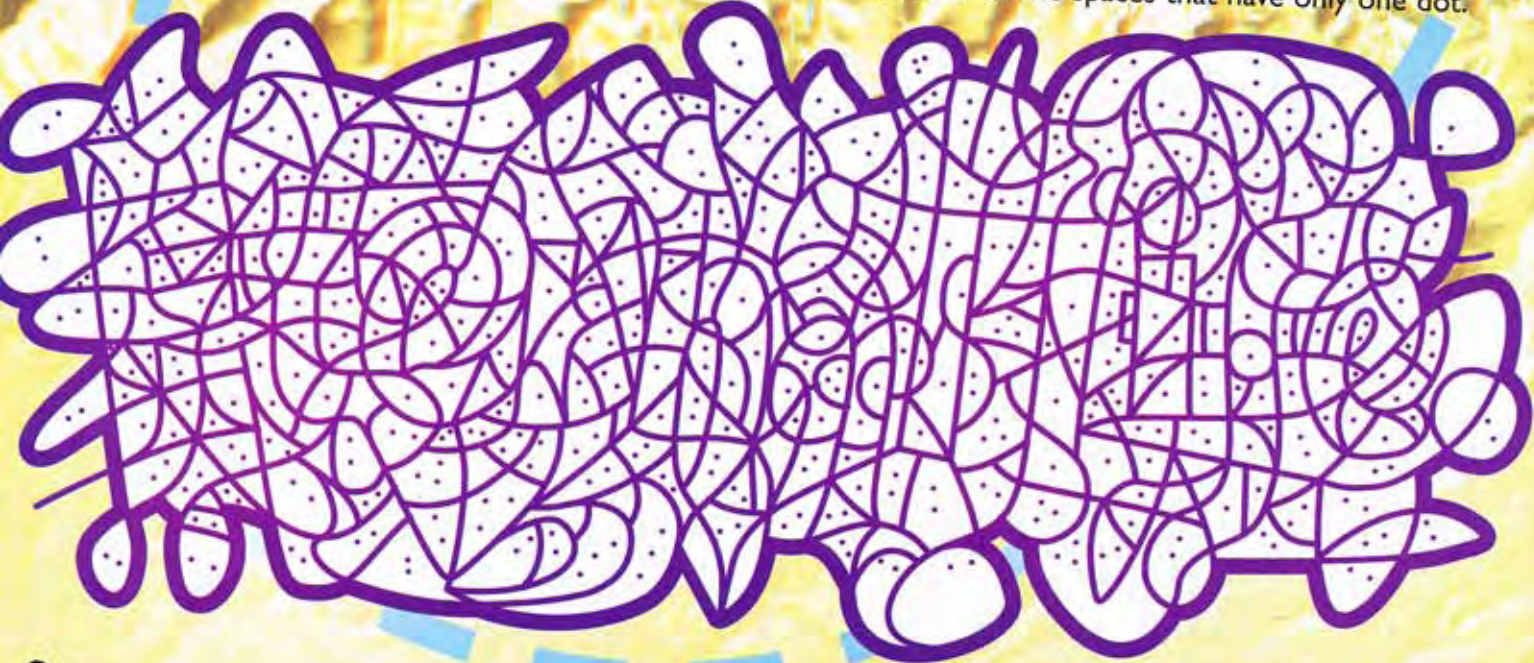
(See John 17:3 and 1 John 5:11-13.)



life!



What special gift does God give to all His children? To find out, color all the spaces that have only one dot.



Jesus Gives You Victory



Exhale the Bad— Confess your sin.

Agree with God that your sin is wrong.

(Confession includes repentance—turning away from sin and toward God.)

Thank God for forgiving your sins—past, present, and future—through Jesus' death on the cross (1 John 1:9, Psalm 32:5, 103:10-12).

Inhale the Good— Claim Christ's victory.

Invite Jesus to take charge of your life. Live victoriously through your faith in Christ and His power within you (Galatians 2:20, 5:16, 1 Corinthians 10:13).

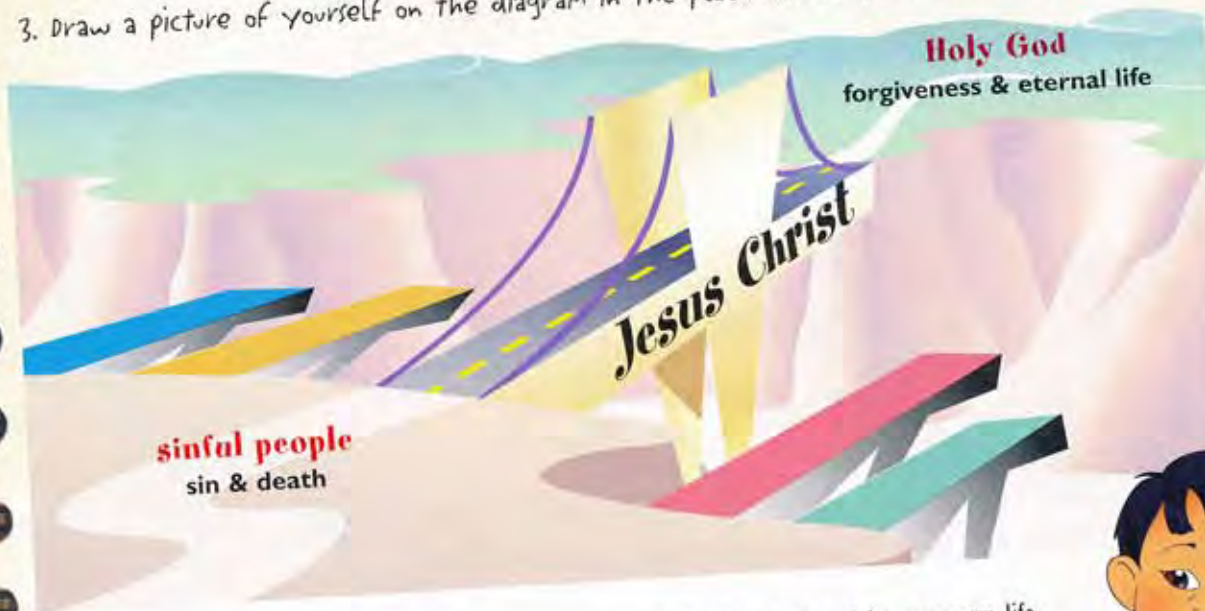
**Practice "spiritual breathing" every day—
exhale the bad, then inhale the good.**



The Awesome Adventure begins by trusting Jesus!



1. On the colored bridges below, list ways people think they can reach heaven.
2. Read Ephesians 2:8-9 carefully. How would you respond if someone asked, "Why should you get into heaven?"
3. Draw a picture of yourself on the diagram in the place where you now belong.



- ♥ Thank God for adopting you into His family and for giving you new life.
- ♥ Ask God to make you the kind of person He wants you to be.



Match each promise with the correct Bible verse. Thank God for each one!

John 5:24

John 10:27-30

John 16:33

Romans 8:28

Philippians 4:13

- Jesus has overcome the world and gives Christians peace.
- Christians can do all things through Christ's power.
- No one can take Christians away from God.
- God works all things together for good.
- All who trust Jesus have eternal life.

AWESOME PROMISE

JOHN 5:24

< BIBLE VERSE >

The Christian Life = My Death to Self + Jesus' Life in Me

Galatians 2:20



1

Pray from your heart
John 15:7
1 Chronicles 29:11



2

Worship with the church
John 4:23
Hebrews 10:24-25



3

Read your Bible daily
Joshua 1:8
Jeremiah 29:11



4

Obey the Holy Spirit
Galatians 5:16
John 16:13



5

Serve those in need
John 15:8
1 Peter 4:10



6

Tell others about Jesus
John 5:24
Acts 1:8





website: www.kidology.org

Christian discipleship is
an Awesome Adventure!

C'mon! Join us.

We're helping our
two friends grow as
new Christians!

Woof!



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