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THIS JOURNAL IS ALL ABOUT

(my name)

and my best friend,

GOD!

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Hi, Friend!

Did you know you can see God all around you? It's true! God is a part of your life every day and is *always* busy. You may not be able to see God, but you *can* see what God is doing...if you know where to look.

This fun faith journal gives you the chance to explore God's wonderful world while sharing *tons* of things about *you*. It's exciting to discover how God is connected to *every* part of your life. And it even shows you where to find more about me in the Bible.

What's an epiphany (ee-PIFF-an-ee)? It's seeing that God is real in your life. Sometimes God surprises you, sometimes God makes you smile, and sometimes God makes you go, "Wow!" This journal will show you how to see and hear God in real ways.

So have fun! Be creative! And be who God created you to be!

Your ever-loving friend,

Jesus

"So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God."

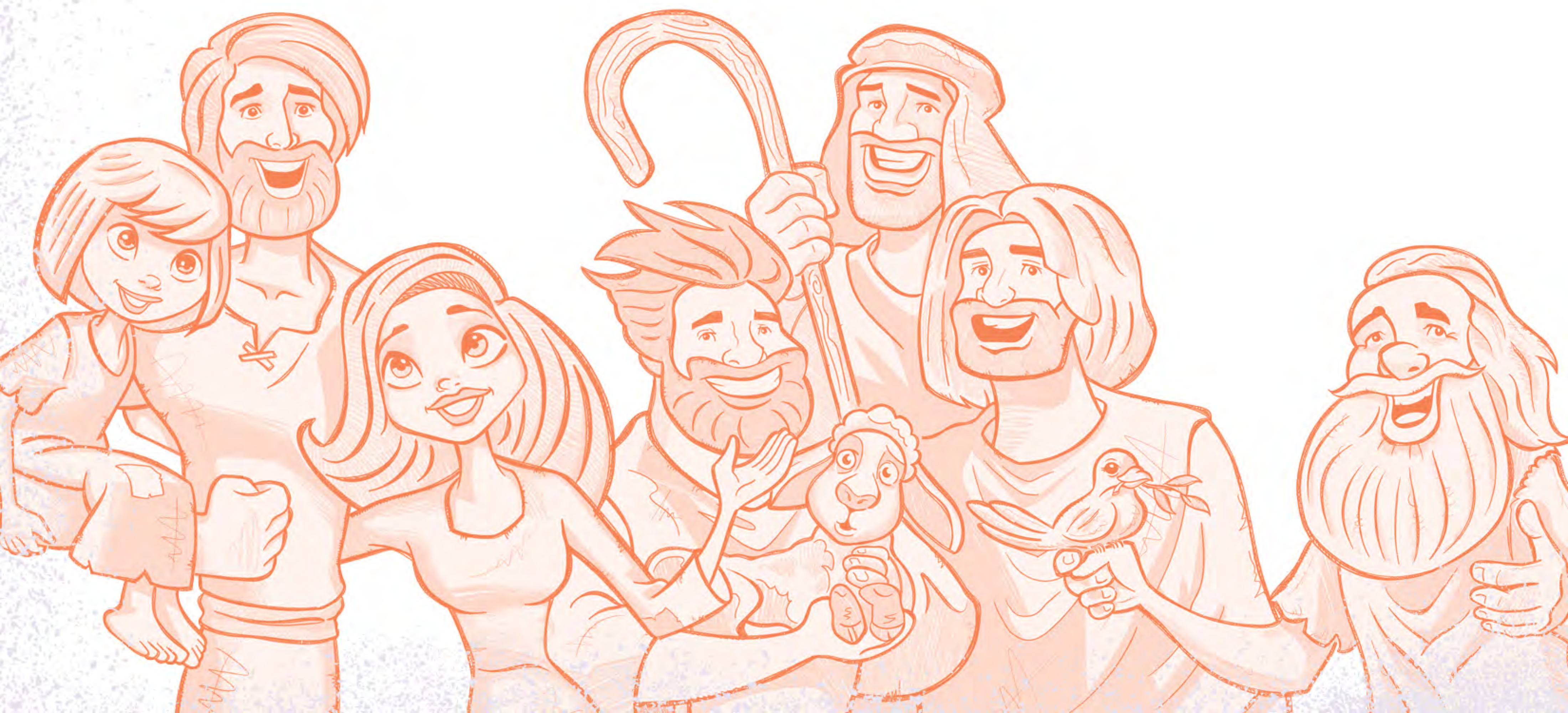
(Romans 5:11)



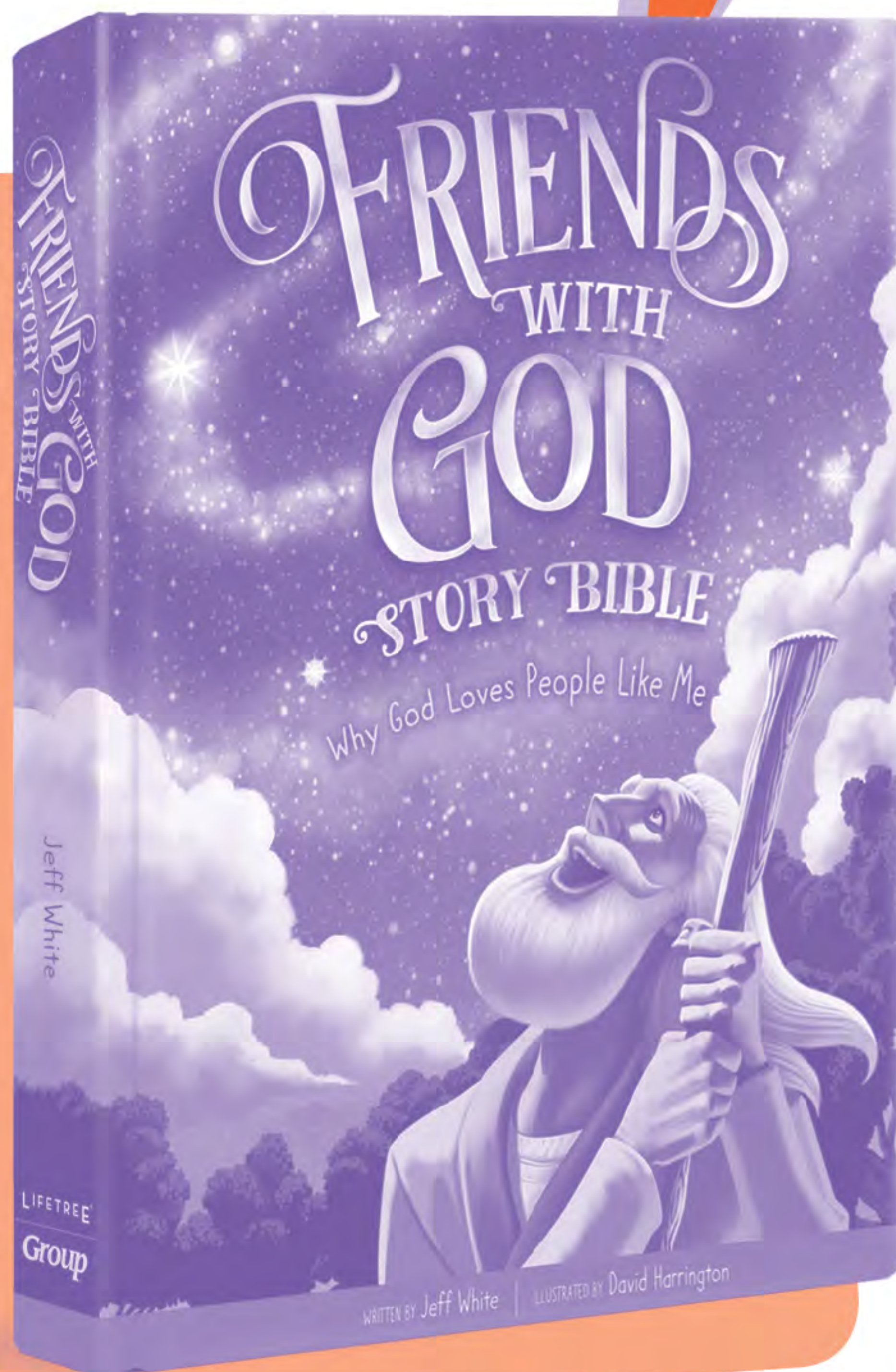
YOU ARE GOD'S FRIEND

And this faith journal is like the *Friends With God Story Bible's* friend. They go hand in hand. You can read the story Bible to explore how Bible characters had a real friendship with God.

And this faith journal helps you explore *your* friendship with God.



Read the *Friends With God Story Bible*!



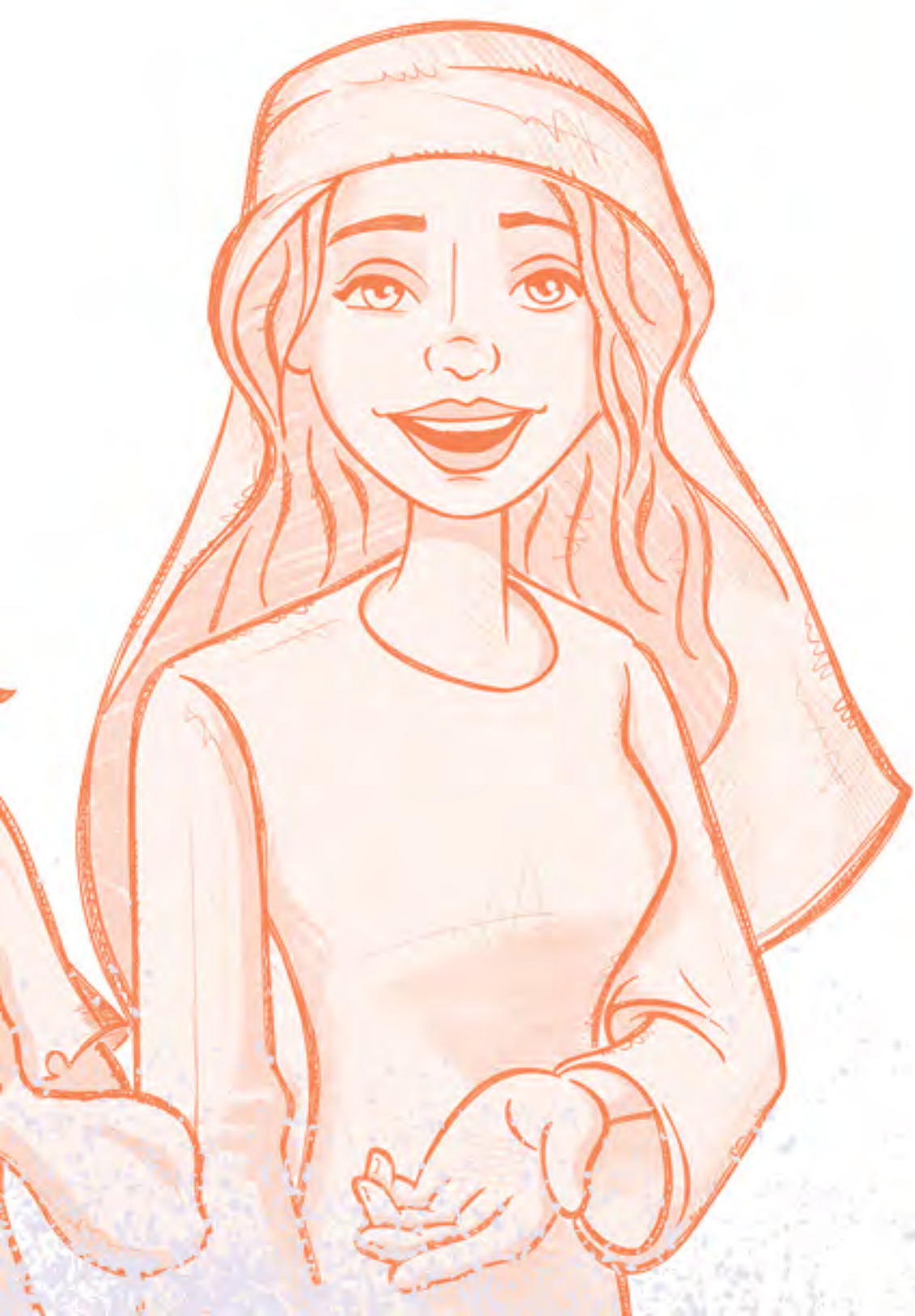
Just as he is a friend to the characters in the *Friends With God Story Bible*, God is your friend in every part of your life.

- God helped young David fight a giant. What battles will God help you win?
- God helped Esther be brave. How is God helping you be brave?
- God kept Daniel safe from the lions. When does God keep you safe?

Read the story Bible; then write and draw about *your* life in this journal. The more you discover about God, the more you'll discover about yourself.

Take a **PIP** QUIZ!

What's a PIP Quiz? PIP is short for "ePIPhany"—seeing God in your life. Whenever you see a PIP Quiz in this journal, answer in your own way to share how you've seen God at work around you.



GOD Doesn't Make Mistakes

We're Adam and Eve. We were the first people God created. And God made us perfect. Aren't we a cute couple?

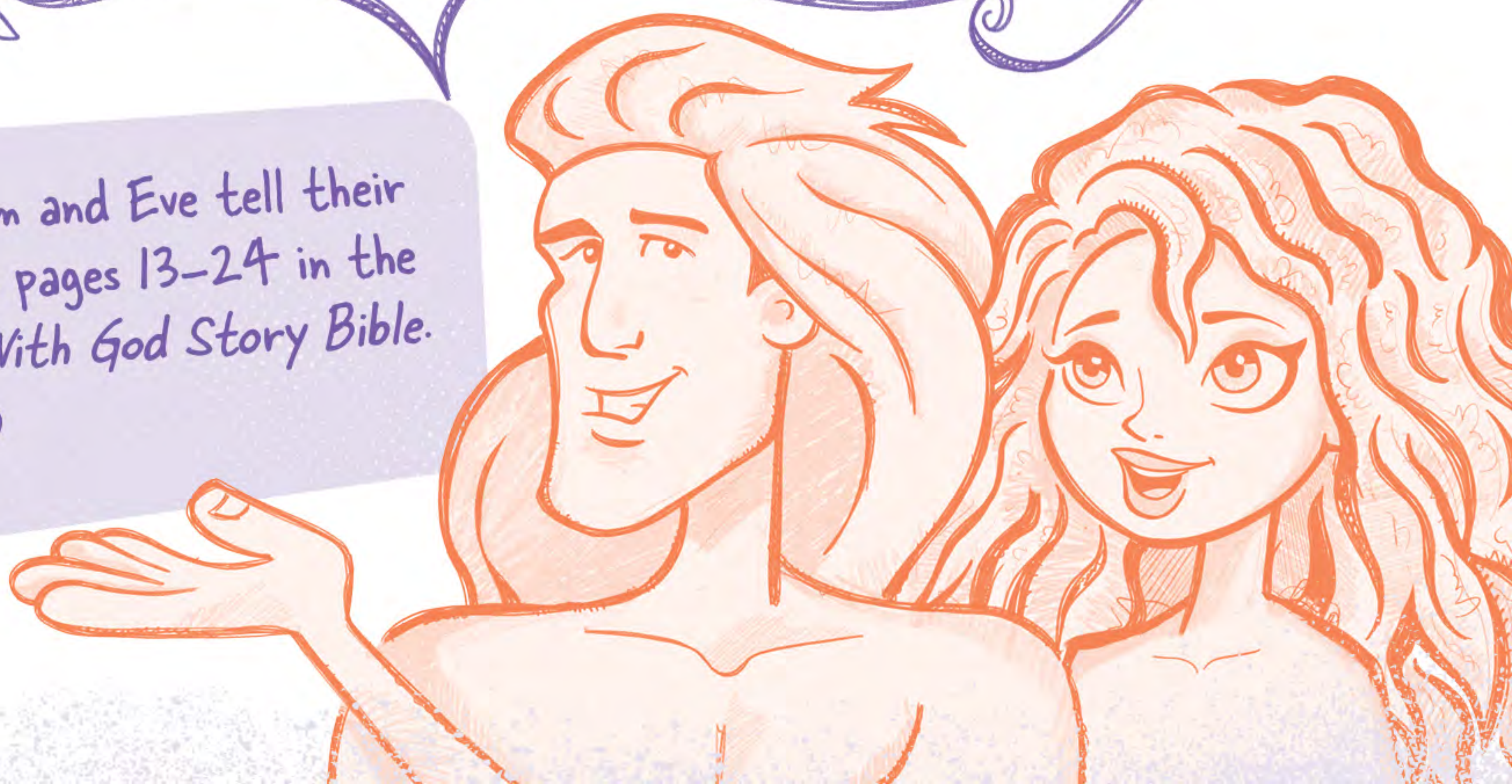
But we made a *big* mistake. A *bad* choice. Instead of doing what God wanted, we chose to do what *we* wanted. That's called sin. We did the wrong thing when we ate the fruit from the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden.

God doesn't make mistakes. He created the best possible world for us to live in. All we had to do was take care of it. How could we go wrong when we're God's friends?

God did *not* make a mistake when he made you, either. God made you just the way he wanted to. You have talents and gifts. You're beautiful and smart. And that's just the way God wants it.

In this journal, you're going to be exploring a lot about you and God. One really good way of getting to know people is to find out their favorite things. Write or draw your answers to the questions on the next page.

Hear Adam and Eve tell their stories on pages 13–24 in the *Friends With God Story Bible*.
(Genesis 1–3)



What's your favorite thing God made about you?

What's one mistake you've made?

What's one thing you learned from your mistake?

Three Epic Epiphanies

1. God is your perfect friend and doesn't make mistakes.
2. God loves you just the way he made you.
3. "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (Ephesians 2:10).

GOD Sticks With YOU

My name is Noah. I like to think I'm a good guy. There was a time when I was the *only* good guy in a world full of bad guys. So I was very glad when God said he would save me and my family from a *giant flood* that would destroy everything in the world.

I got a second chance because I was God's friend. I love God and do things that make God happy. And God has stuck with me, just like a true friend.

You are God's friend, too. And, like a loyal, loving friend, God will always stick with you. He does that because of his grace, which is a word that means being given something good even though you don't deserve it.

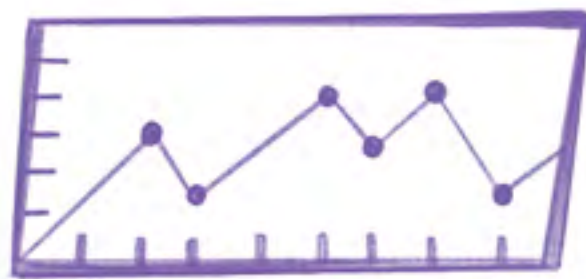
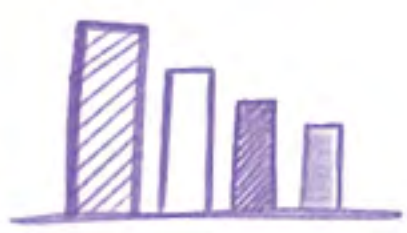
God loves you and helps you, even when you mess up. God is the kind of friend who lets you try again when you fail. God never gives up on you!



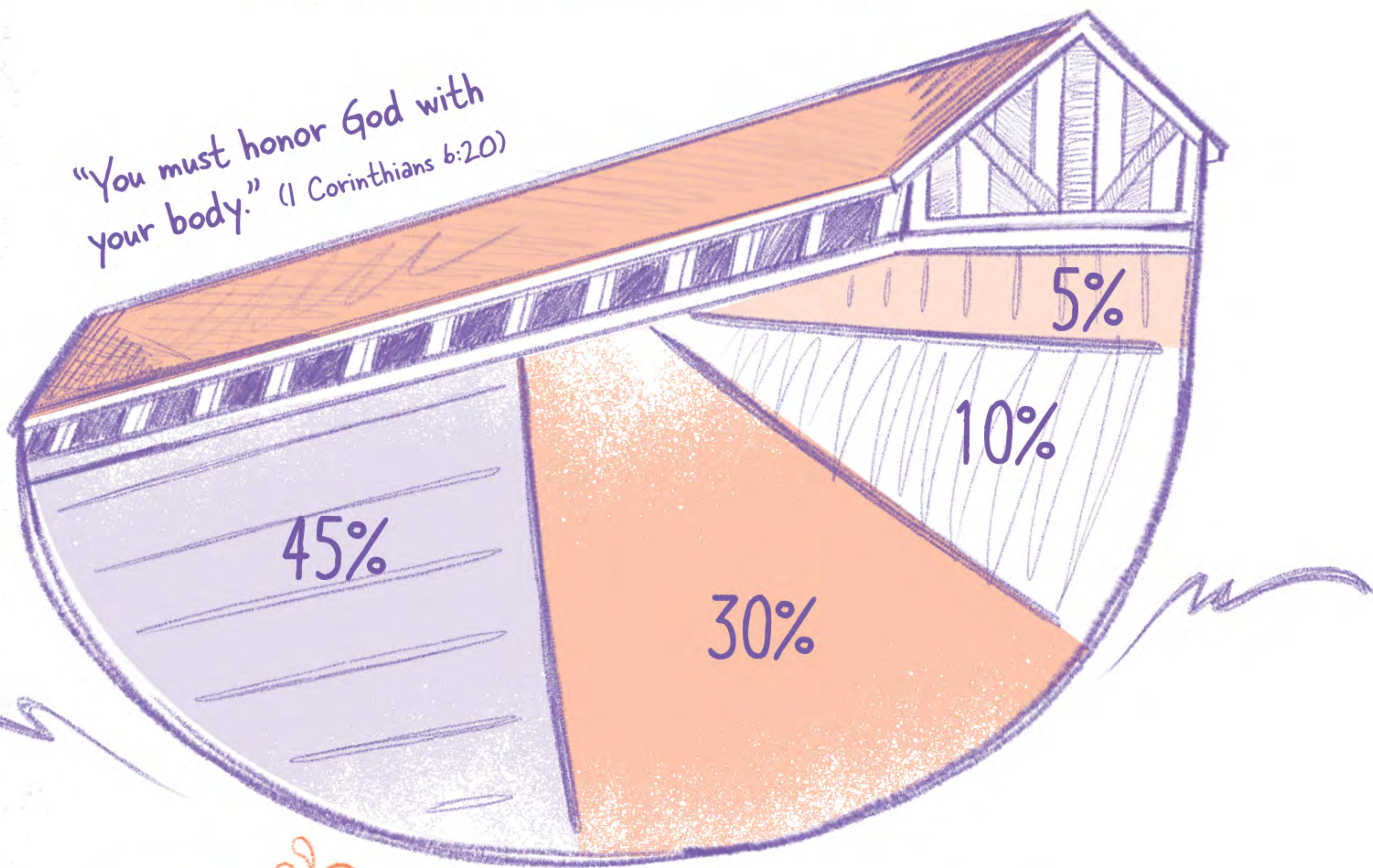
Hear Noah tell his story
on page 25 in the Friends
With God Story Bible.
(Genesis 6:9-9:17)

My Life in P.I.E.

(Personal Identity Enhancement)



"You must honor God with your body." (1 Corinthians 6:20)



How Noah Might Have Spent His Day on the Ark

- 45% Feeding the animals
- 30% Sleeping
- 10% Checking for leaks
- 5% Eating

PIP QUIZ!

Describe what you think it means to be "thirsty" for God.

Things I Like to Do With Water



Draw the activities you like—and how much you like them—in your P.I.E. chart:

Drink it

Swim in it

Take a bath in it

Shower in it

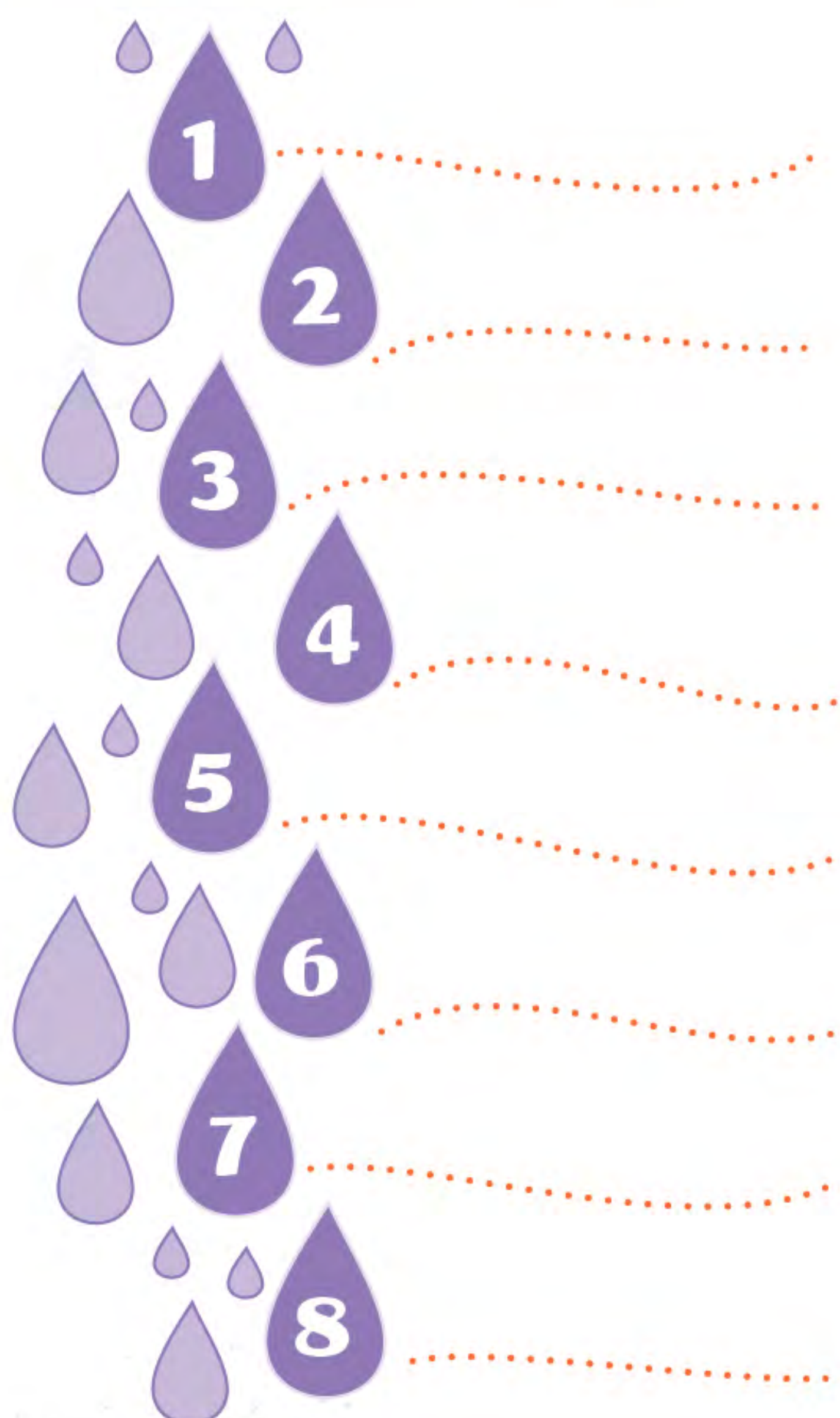
Ski on it

Sail on it

Fish in it

Jump into it

Something else:



My Favorite Bible Stories About Water

Rank how much you like each of these Bible stories:

Noah and the flood (*Genesis 6-9*)

Moses parting the Red Sea (*Exodus 14*)

Jonah and the big fish (*Jonah 1-4*)

John the Baptist baptizing Jesus (*John 1:19-34*)

Jesus turning water into wine (*John 2:1-11*)

Peter walking on the water (*Matthew 14:22-33*)

Jesus washing his disciples' feet (*John 13:1-17*)

Something else:



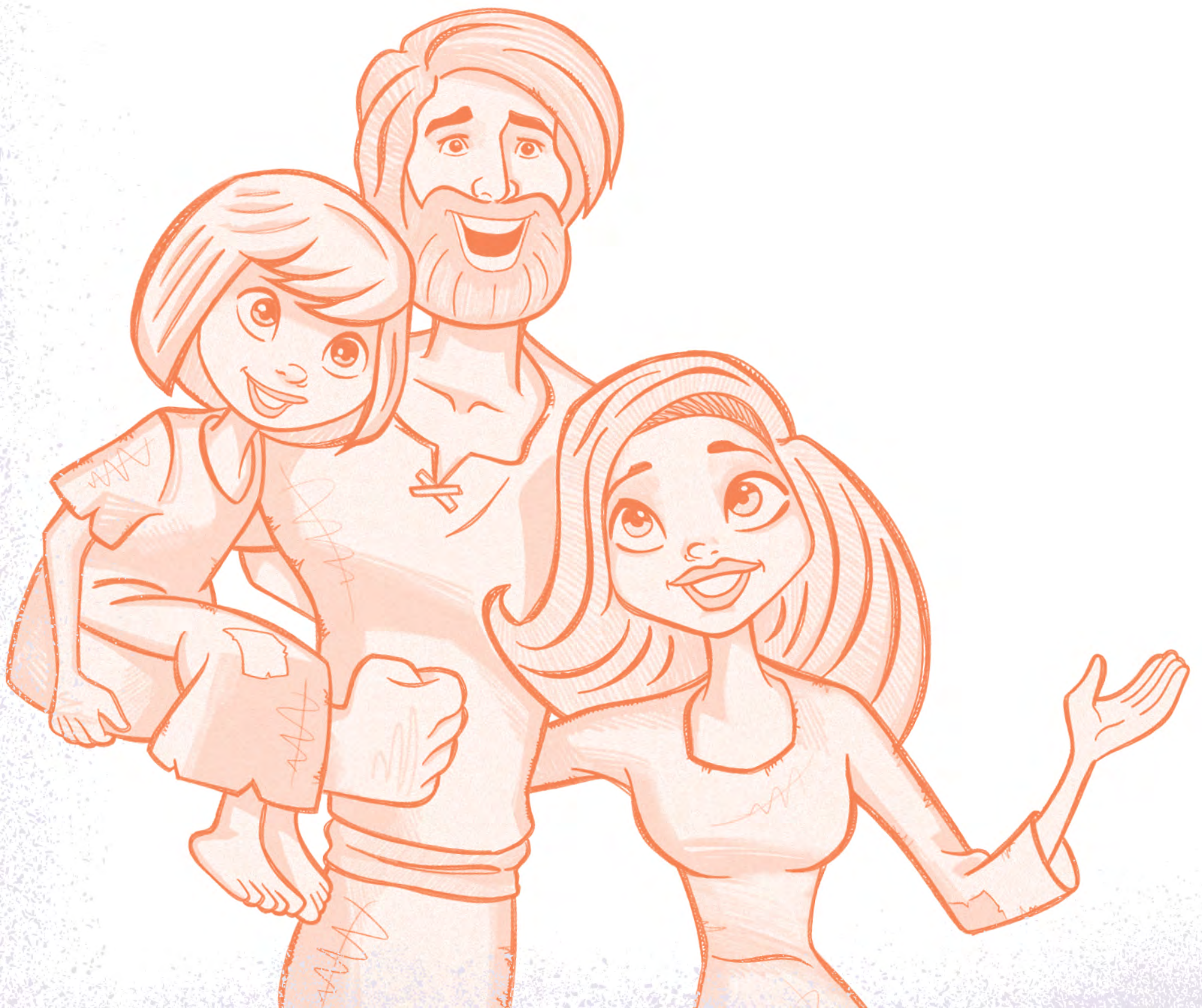
Love It!



Like It.



Loathe It...



What can't you get enough of? What is just okay?
What do you never want to see again?
Circle your answers below.



Sports

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Football
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Soccer
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Hockey
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Volleyball
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Baseball
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Basketball
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Swimming



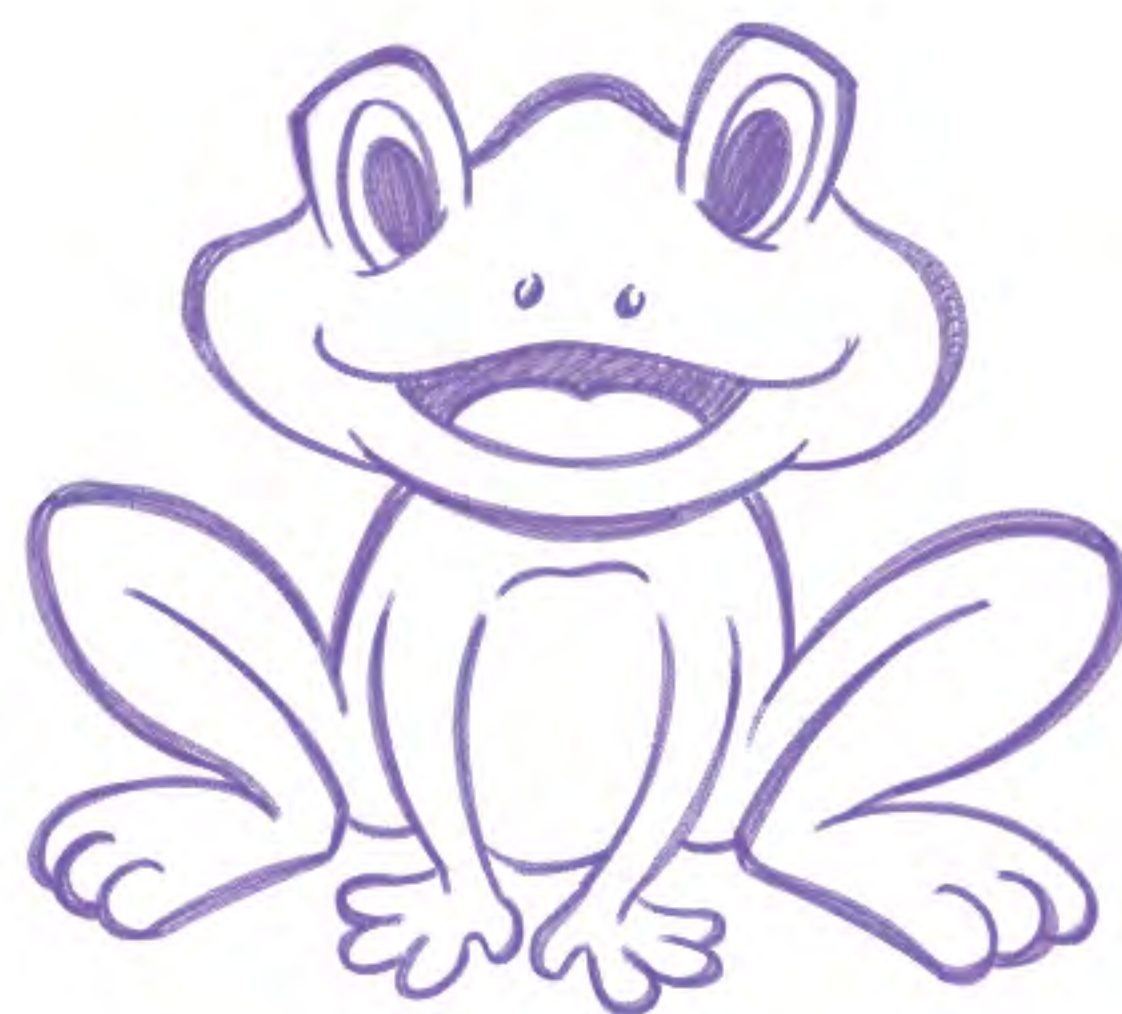
Things That Start With B

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Balloons
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Beaches
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Bubble gum
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Bugs
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Burping
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Butter



Days of the Week

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Monday
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Thursday
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Friday
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Saturday
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Sunday



Things That Start With F

- ☐ ☐ ☐ Farms
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Figure skating
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Fireworks
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Fishing
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Flannel pajamas
- ☐ ☐ ☐ French toast
- ☐ ☐ ☐ Frogs

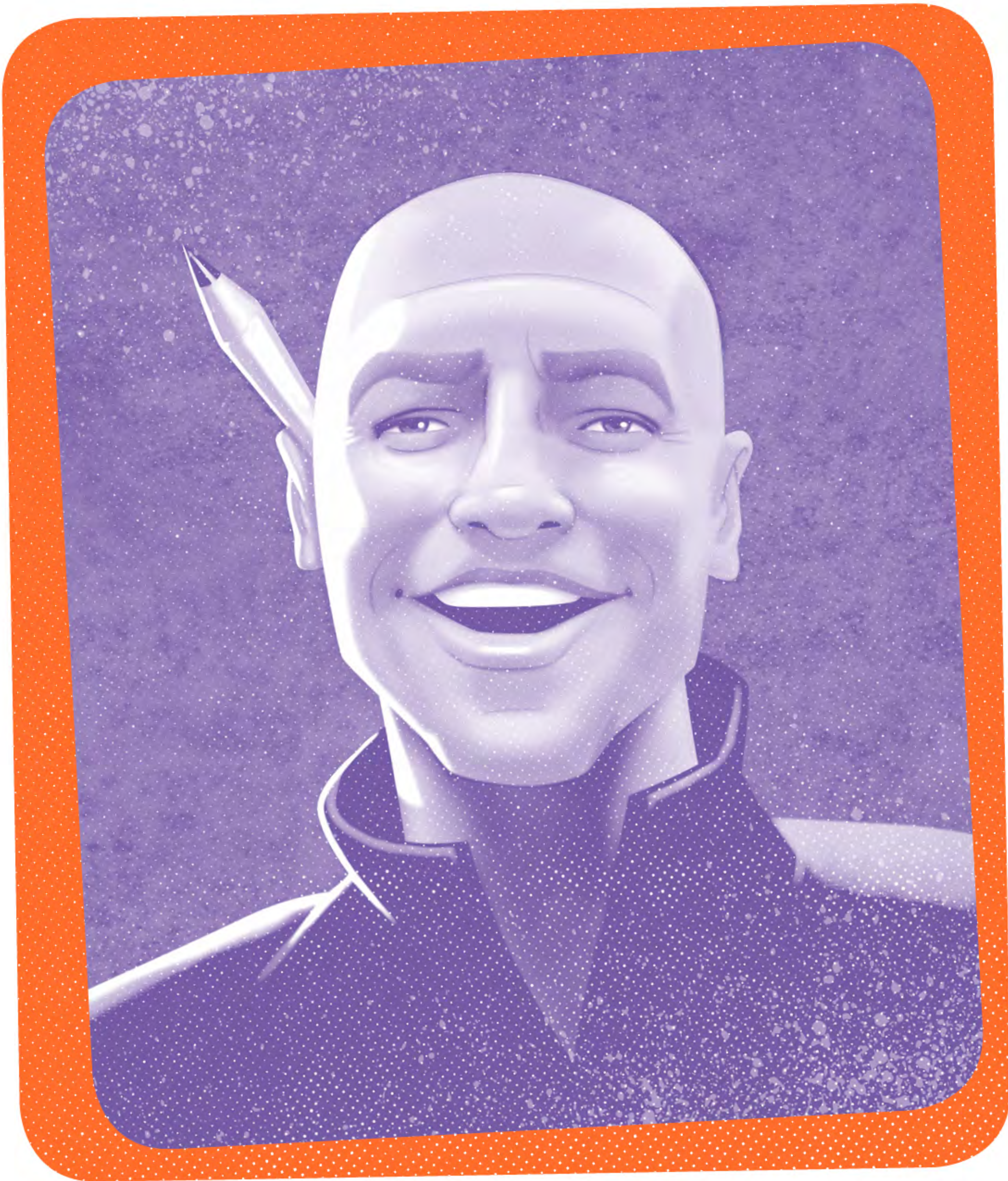
My Top Fives

Top Five Cereals

Top Five Things to Put in My Lunchbox

PIP QUIZ!

God is with you all the time, including when you eat your lunch. How do you feel about God sitting with you at mealtimes? (Read Matthew 28:20 and Hebrews 13:5 for clues.)



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