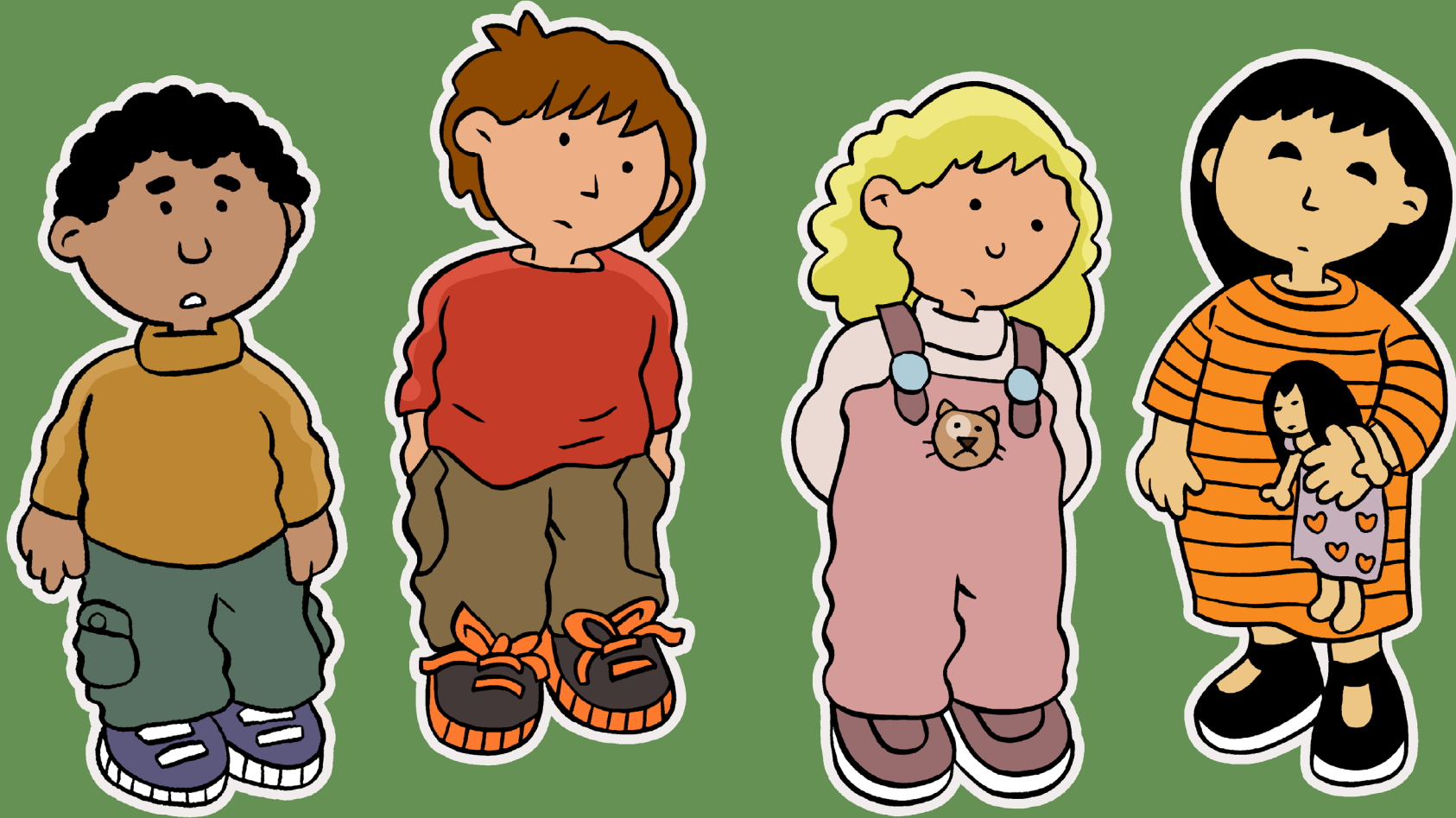


# God's Gift of Salvation

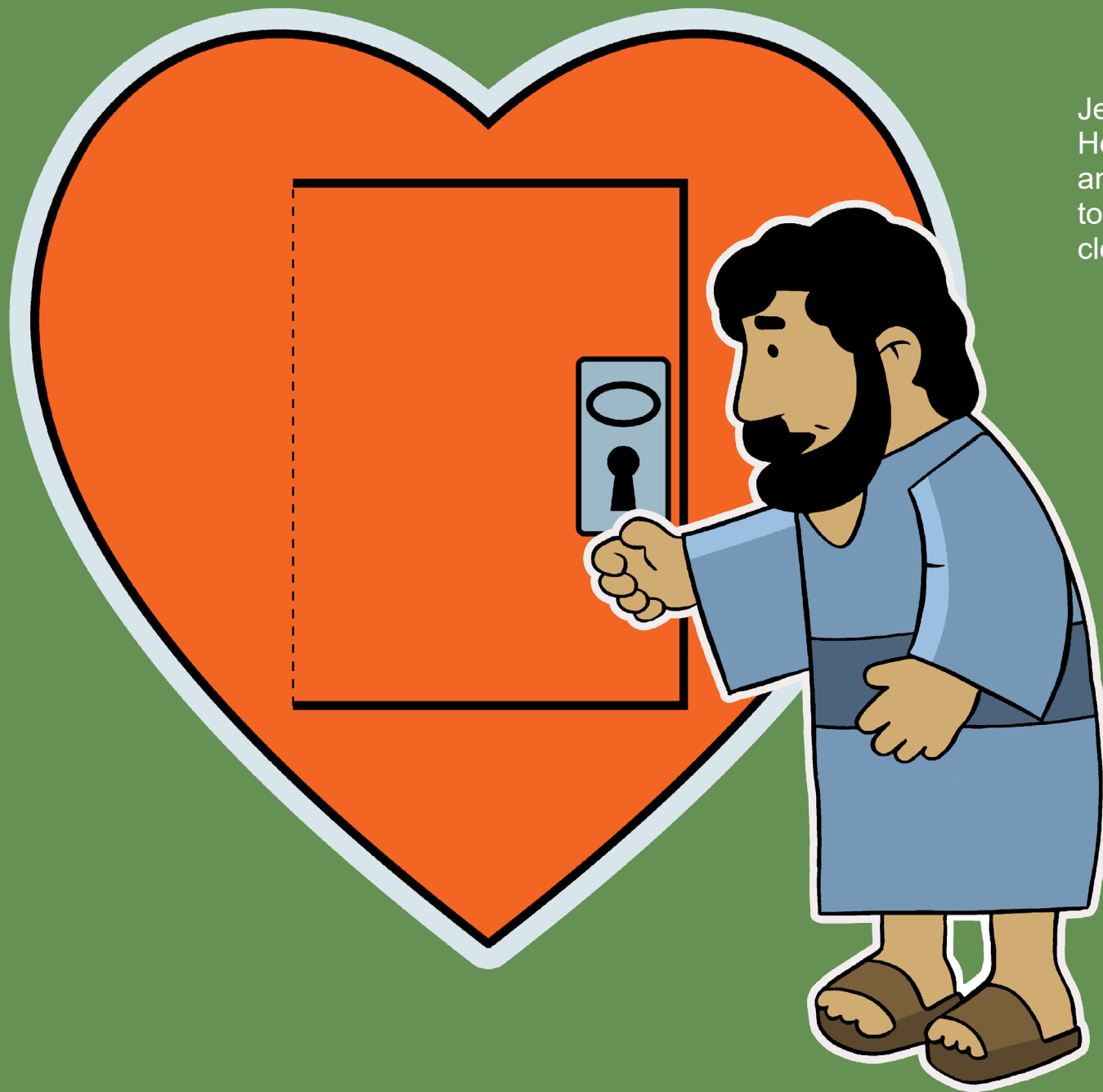
The Bible tells us that "all of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory."<sup>1</sup>  
At times we all do things that are wrong or hurtful or that make God sad.



God knew that we could never be perfect,  
and so He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to  
show us His love and forgiveness.

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us,  
that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world,  
that we might live through Him" (1 John 4:9 NKJV).

<sup>1</sup> Romans 3:23 CEV



Jesus wants to be a part of our lives. He knocks on the door of our hearts and asks if He can enter. He wants to live within us so that we can be closer to God like He is.

"Look! I have been standing at the door, and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me" (Revelation 3:20 TLB).

We need Jesus' help in our lives. We need His forgiveness for the wrong that we do.



"...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

When we admit that we have done wrong and ask God for His help, then He can do the work in our hearts to make us more like Him. Jesus wants to be our friend and helper.



"But if we confess our sins, God will forgive us. We can trust God to do this. He always does what is right. He will make us clean from all the wrong things we have done" (1 John 1:9 ERV).

When we ask Jesus to be a part of our lives, then He draws near to us. He fills our lives and heart with goodness.

Through Jesus we come to know God's love for us better. Jesus is with us always. His love is in us, and He is always there to help us when we need Him. God's love never fails.

"For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you'"  
(Hebrews 13:5 NLT).

