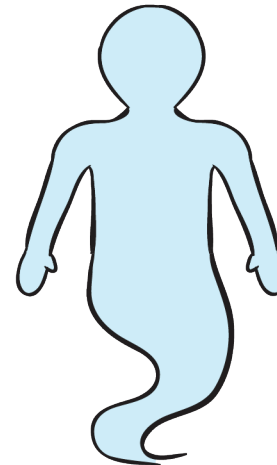
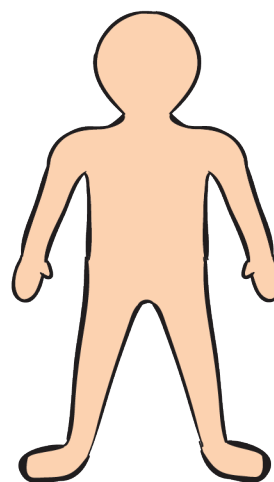
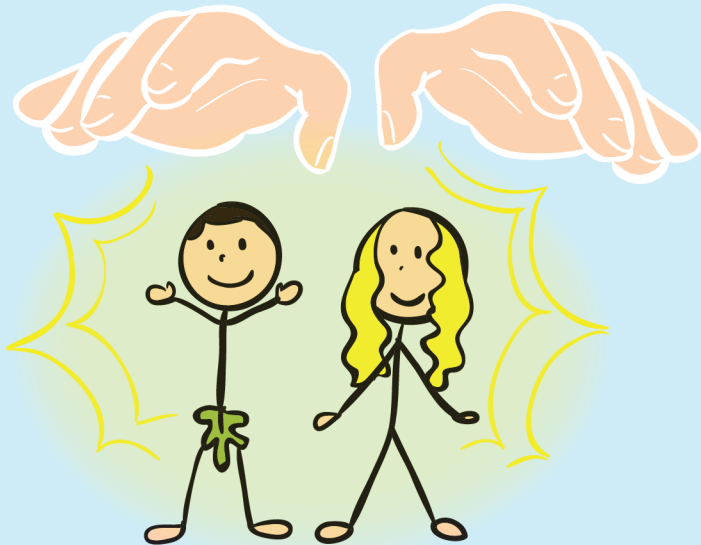




Why Did God Create Us?

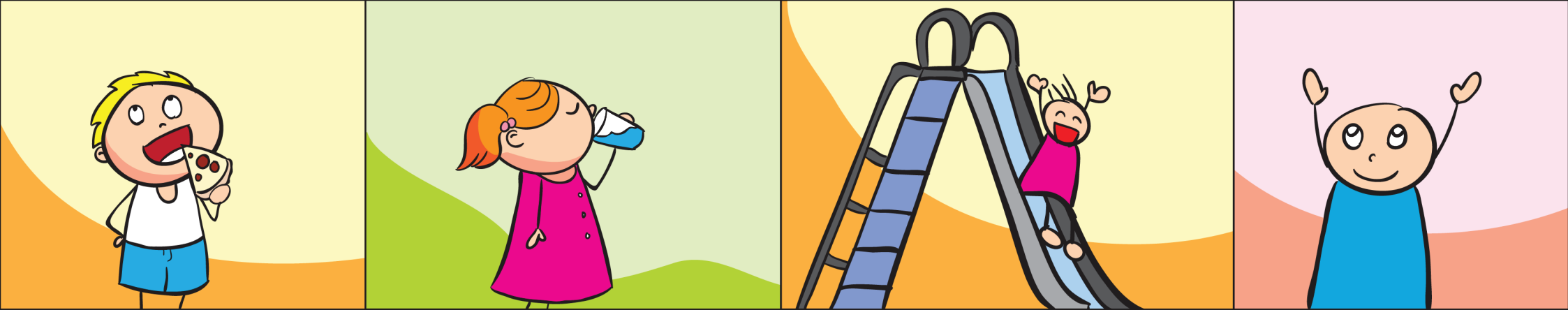
Have you ever wondered why God made humans, and what our purpose might be? The Bible says that God created humankind for His glory. “Everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made” (Isaiah 43:7 ESV).

That simple statement tells us that our lives are meant to glorify God. What does it mean to glorify God? “Glorify” used in this way, describes the honor and praise which should be given to God. The Word says that whatever we do, we should do it to the glory of God. It also instructs us to glorify God in our body and in our spirit.



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So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 ESV).

You were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:20 NKJV).

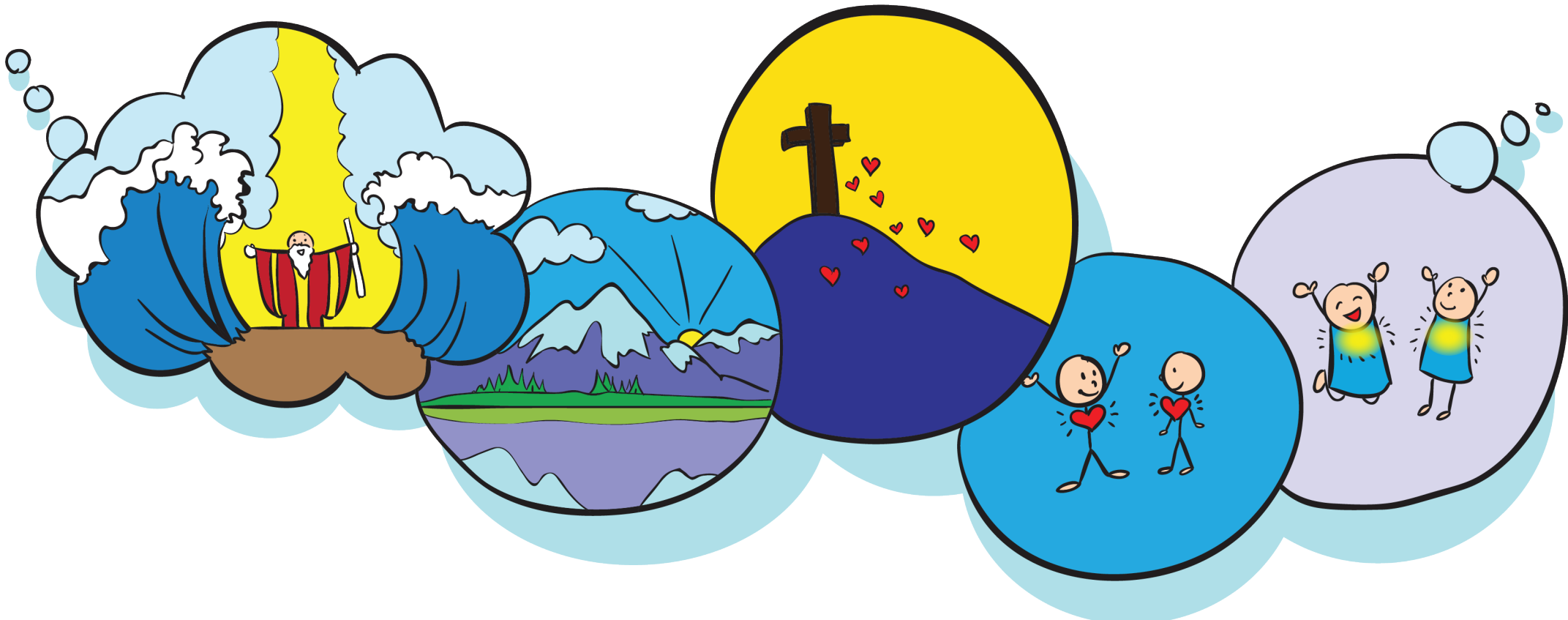
When Scripture tells us that we should glorify God in body and spirit, it can be seen as guidance to glorify Him with all of our being—both in our inner lives and in our outer lives, both physically and spiritually.



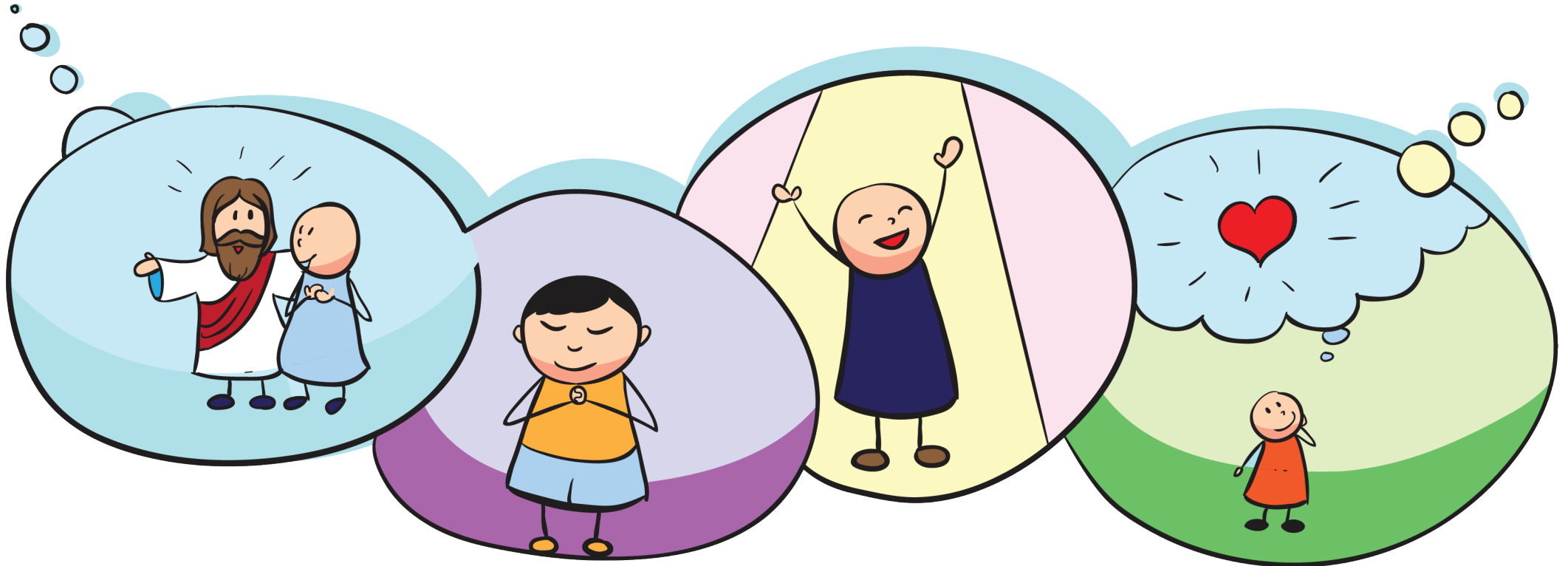
What are some of the ways we can do this?

In our inner lives we can glorify God when we...

- take time to think about God and all that He is and has done.
- reflect on His power and His love.
- look at and admire His incredible creation and its beauty and magnificence.
- appreciate the goodness and love He has shown to all people.
- be in awe of the grace and mercy He has given us through salvation.
- rejoice that we are part of His family through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.
- humbly appreciate the awesomeness of how the Holy Spirit dwells with us.



- understand that He is personal and desires us to have a relationship with Him.
- show our thanks, communicate with Him in prayer, and listen to Him through the various ways in which He communicates with us.
- praise Him and express our admiration, gratitude, awe, appreciation, and love, realizing what an awesome, wonderful, and loving God He is.
- glorify God by always remembering that He is God, and what that means.— That He is the Supreme Being who has made us, who knows everything about us and everything else; and who, as majestic as He is, loves us and wants to have a personal relationship with us.

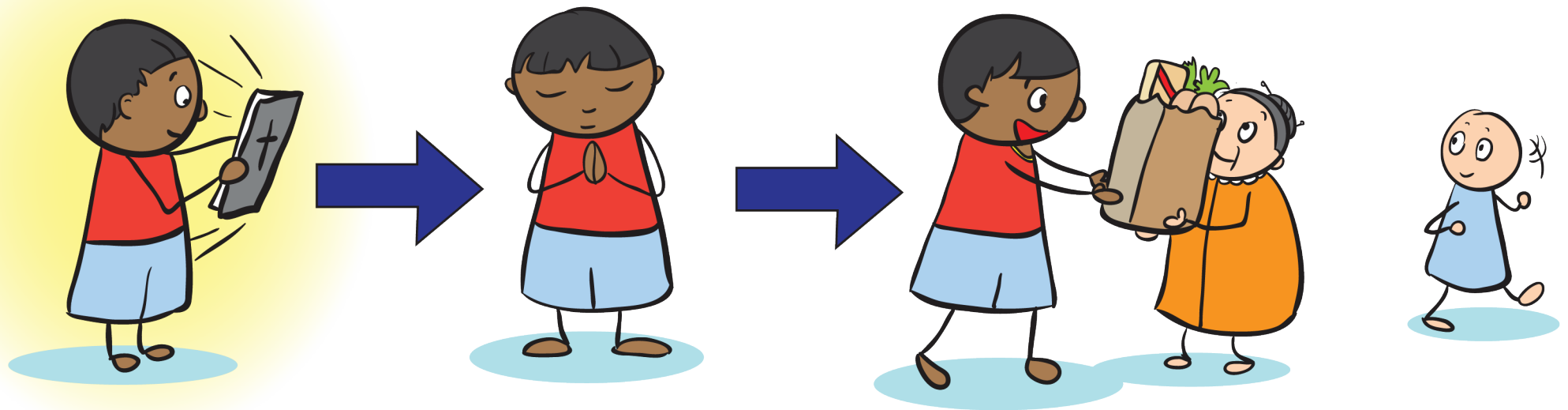


When Jesus was asked what was the most important commandment, or looked at in different words, what is the most important thing that humans are supposed to do in our lives, He said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30 ESV).

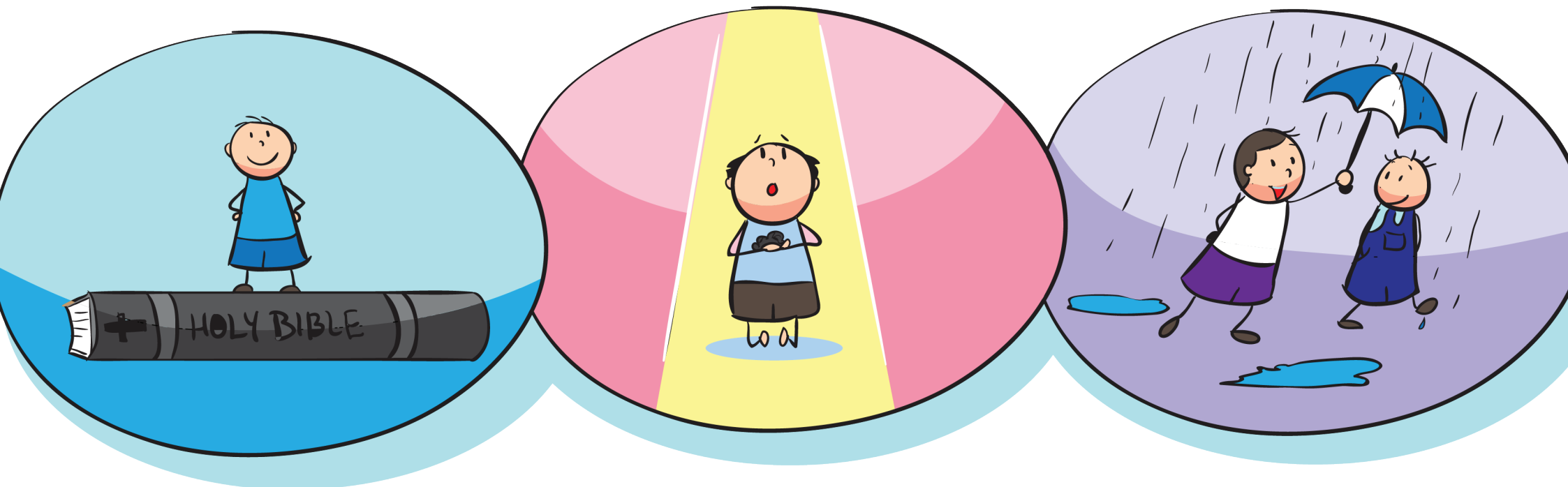


In our outer lives we can glorify God by...

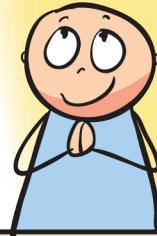
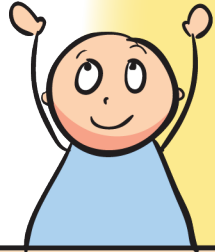
- following the principles found in *God's Word*.
- seeking His direction in prayer and doing those things He shows us.
- living our lives in a manner which reflects *God's love* and the principles of His Word. Our interactions with others, our living according to the principles of His Word, are seen by others and can affect them for good. People can feel *God's love* through our actions, and glorify Him because of it.
- helping those in need—giving of ourselves in ways that reflects *God's love* and concern for others.



- praying and asking Him for help for ourselves or others. When we claim His promises and stand on them, when we seek His guidance, we are acknowledging our belief in His care and concern for us, in the truth of His Word, and in the dependability of His promises.
- confessing our mistakes to Him, which honors Him by acknowledging that we have done wrong and are in need of His forgiveness.
- loving our neighbors as we love ourselves, doing to others as we'd have them do to us, and loving in deed and in truth.



Blessings



There are also blessings for those who glorify God.

You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore (Psalm 16:11 ESV).

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways! You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you (Psalm 128:1–2 ESV).

Your Father who sees in secret will reward you (Matthew 6:6 ESV).

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