

The Gospel



Before we get to the Gospel,
let us ask this question:
Are you a good person?

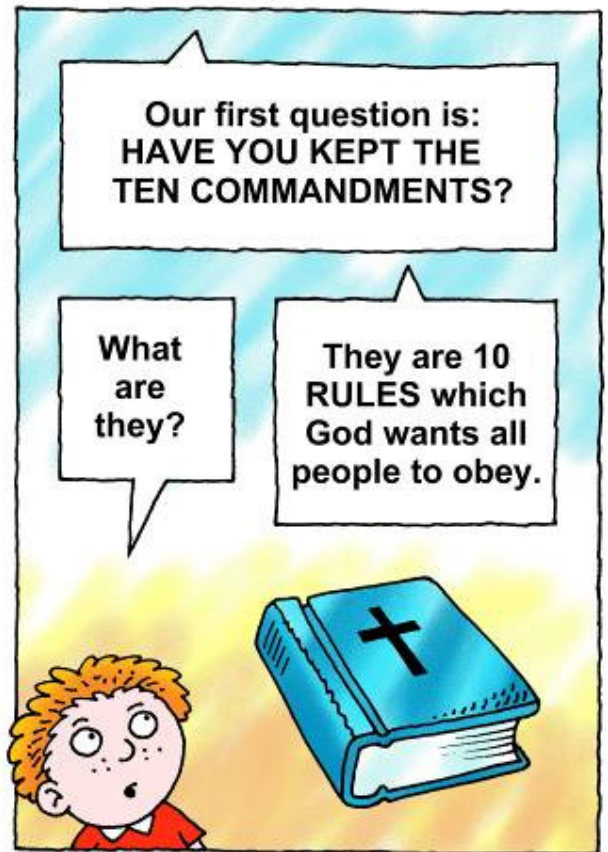


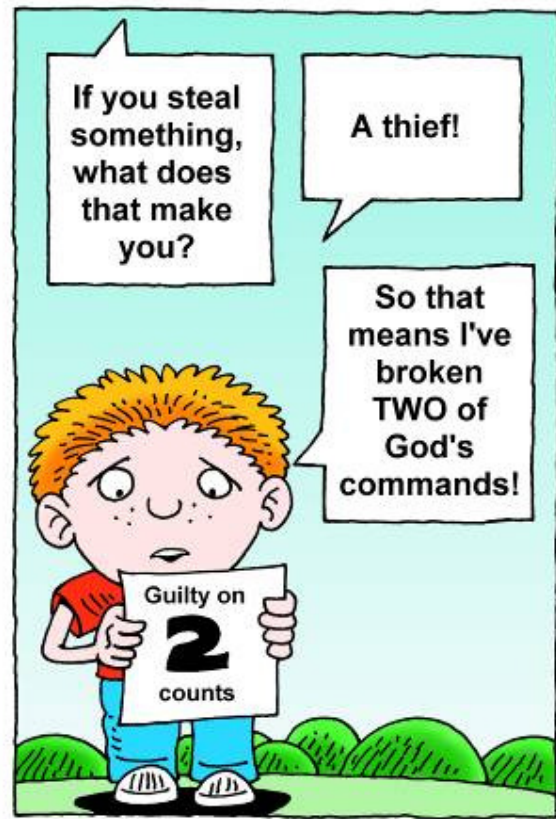
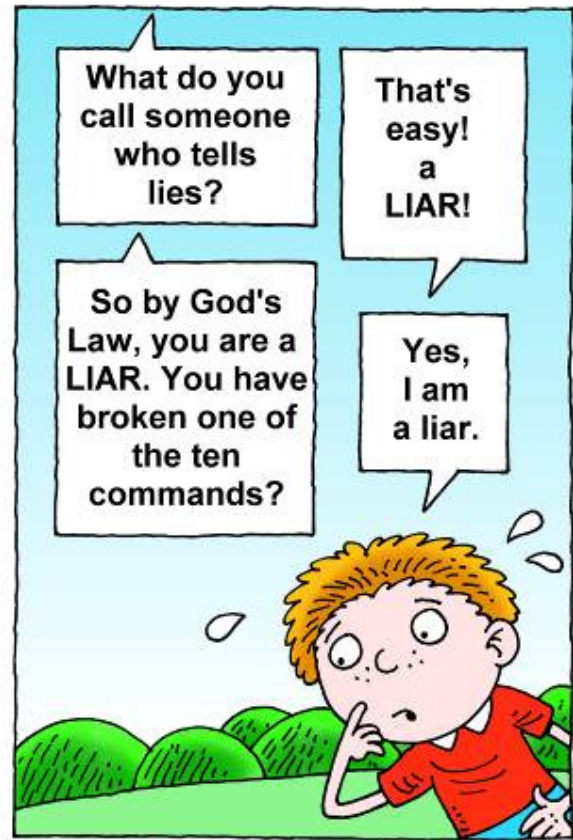
Here's someone
who thinks he's
good.
We'll call him
Mr. Nice.

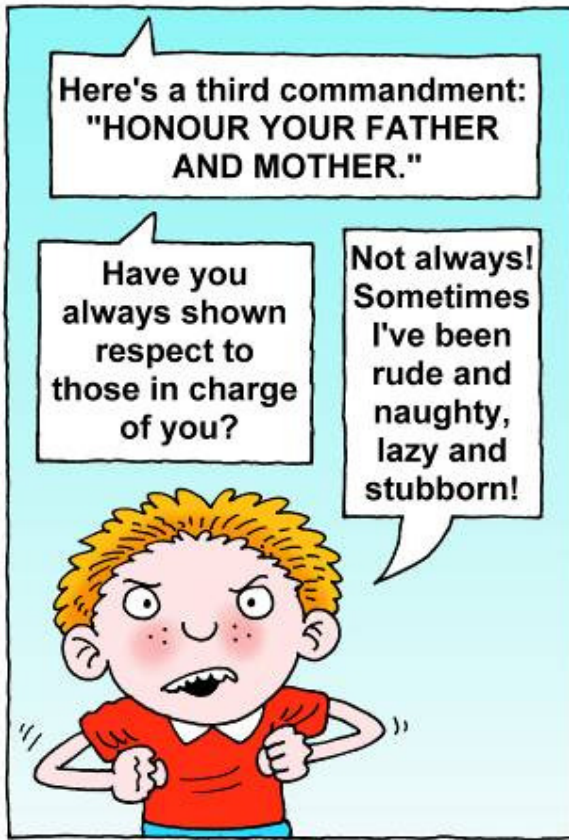
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Mr.
Nice!

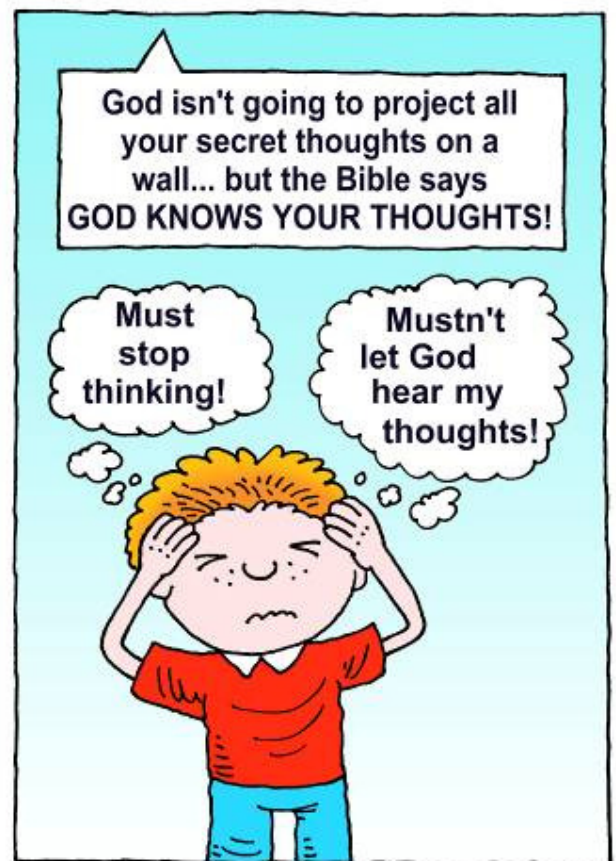
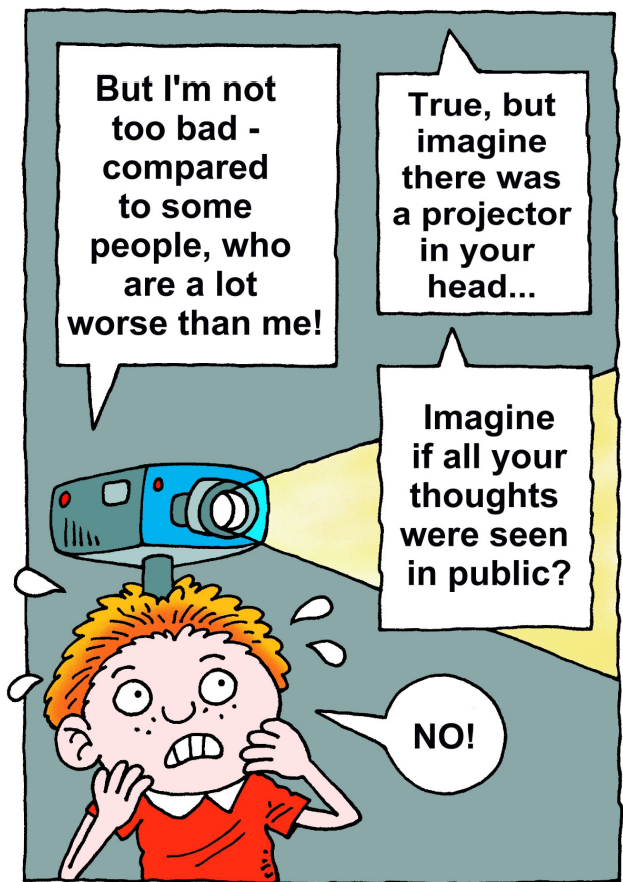
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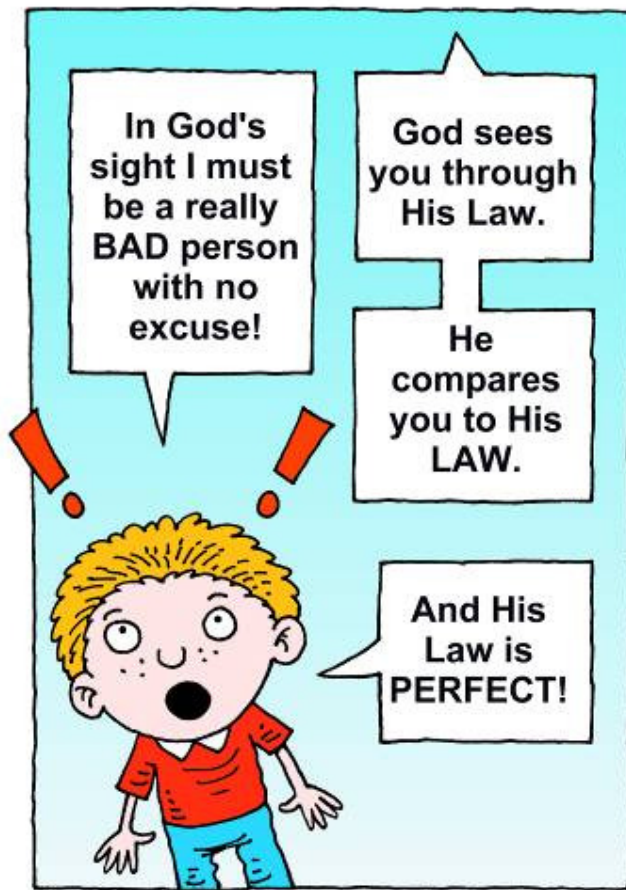












Exactly. God's Law is **PERFECT**, so no matter what you do, you'll **ALWAYS FALL SHORT OF HIS STANDARD**.

Here's what the Bible tells us:

- If you break just one of God's Commands, you sin.
- You only have to sin **ONCE** to qualify for hell.
- Nobody can escape hell by trying to be good.

Now let's do some Maths...

Suppose you sinned, in word, thought, or deed, only 5 times a day.

That would mean you'd sin 1825 times a year.

If you lived 70 years, that would mean more than 127,000 sins!

That's a lot of sinning, and remember, it takes only **ONE** sin to bar you from heaven.

Looks like I'm not such a "good" person at all!

The Bible says: "ALL people) have sinned..."

Romans 3:23

The Bible says God is a good, and righteous Judge.

He will not accept bribes.

He also cannot allow any guilty person (a sinner) to go unpunished.

Looks like I'll never go to heaven after all!

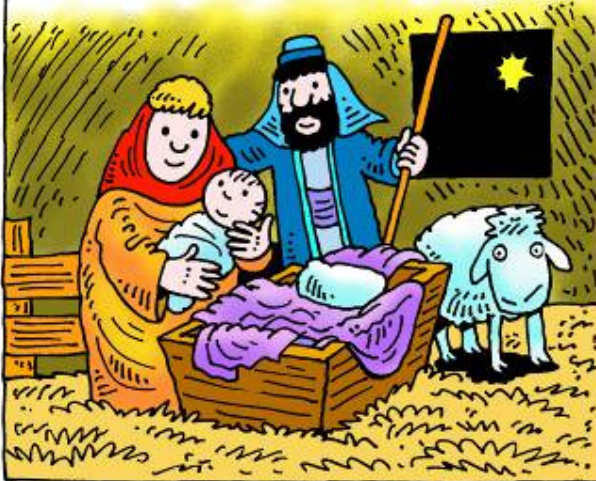
BUT WAIT - HERE COMES THE GOSPEL!

THE GOSPEL

is good news.
It is good news for
all who break God's Law.


Here's how it works:

About 2000 years ago, God's only Son Jesus came to Earth and was born as a human.



Jesus never sinned.
He never had a sinful thought,
never spoke a bad word,
and never did a sinful deed.
Jesus kept the Ten Commandments perfectly!


When you read the New Testament, you'll see that Jesus proved He was God's Son by:



- Doing miracles. He raised the dead, healed the sick, stilled a storm, walked on the sea, knew people's thoughts, predicted the future, and many more amazing things.

But then, in an act of **UTTERLY ASTOUNDING LOVE**, Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for all people who have broken God's Law!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) should not PERISH, but have everlasting LIFE!"
John 3:16




Jesus died for you, so you wouldn't have to go to hell.

On the cross, Jesus paid the price in full for your sins. He died in your place. He died for you, so you could have an opportunity to be forgiven all your sins.

This is how much God loves you!

So Jesus is my **ONLY** hope. What a Saviour!




When a sinner **REPENTS**, and **TURNS** from sin, and **ACCEPTS** Jesus as their Saviour...

God forgives them **ALL** their sins, (past, present and future). He also gives them a new heart, and washes them clean on the inside.

From then on that person is called to:

TRUST and **OBEY**



I believe the Gospel, and I trust in Jesus. Now what am I supposed to do?

Congratulations, Mr. Nice, you are now a Christian. Here's what God calls you to do now:

Trust in Jesus. Trust in the promises in the Bible.
OBEY Jesus. Do what He tells you to do in the Bible.



Show you love Jesus by your **OBEDIENCE** to Him.

Christian Essential Checklist

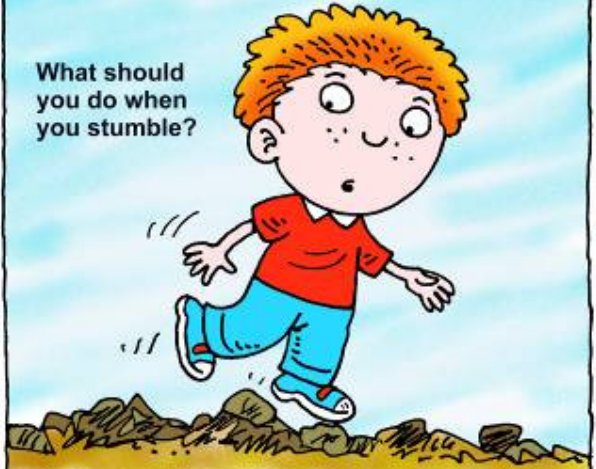
1. Read the Bible. Read it regularly, every day. Learn it.
2. Fellowship with other Christians. Keep in touch with strong, Bible-based Christians.
3. Tell other people the Gospel.

Salvation is just the first step. God wants you to grow and become confident and able and living in a way pleasing to Him.

As you pray, and fellowship, and learn, the Spirit of God will help you every step of the way. You have become a child of God.

The Christian Life

What should you do when you stumble?



Life is like a rough and bumpy road - there are easy bits and difficult bits. You will not always follow Jesus perfectly - you will stumble. There will be times when you fail to obey . . . what should you do when this happens?

God loves His children, and He knows they are not perfect! Here's what He says:

1. Remember that all your sins are all forgiven - for ever.
2. Acknowledge that the new sin in your life, and confess it to God.
3. The Bible says, if we confess our sins, God will instantly forgive us, because of what Jesus did for us on the cross.
4. God also gives us the Holy Spirit to help us resist and defeat sin when we are tempted.

God wants fellowship with you, but your sins can come between you and Him.

God is like a very strong, faithful Friend. You may sometimes let go of Him, but HE WILL NEVER LET GO OF YOU.



SOME BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORISE:



Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

John 6:35

Jesus said: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:32

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for His sheep."

John 10:11

SOME BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORISE:



Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live."

John 11:25

Jesus said: "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

John 12:25

Jesus said: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him - My word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

John 12:48

Jesus said: "By this will all (people) know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:35

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6