

## BIBLE ADVENTURE 7:

### SALVATION - Do I Have to Earn Salvation?

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**Ephesians 2:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

#### Discovery Treasures:

If you've ever asked the question, “Do I have to earn my salvation with Jesus?” I have great news...the answer is a resounding NO! You don't have to earn it, it is a gift from God! Jesus died for us so that we may have salvation with eternal life with Him. Believe, receive, and achieve...it's that simple. (John 3:16) There's no mention about “working your way” into heaven or “working your way to salvation,” though God does require that we work *for* Him, which we will cover later in this Adventure.

Being “saved” means you have salvation. Have you ever heard someone say, “I'm saved by grace,” and wondered who Grace was? I know when I was a kiddo, I didn't know anyone named Grace, so it was a bit confusing until my Sunday School teacher made it clear. I was elated when I found out that Grace wasn't a “who” but rather a “what!” And what a “what” it is!

The word grace is found 131 times in the NIV (New International Version) Bible. It breaks down like this; the word grace appears 8 times in the Old Testament, and 123 in the New Testament! So, do you think Jesus is a big part of this grace? I'll let you decide.

**GRACE:** A disposition to show kindness or compassion. Unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration. A virtue coming from God. A state of sanctification enjoyed through divine assistance.

**1 John 5:11** brings proof of you being saved by grace, not by what you do. It reads, *And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son (Jesus).* Wrap your head around this; God has **GIVEN** us eternal life. That means first off that salvation (eternal life in Heaven with God and Jesus) is a **GIFT**, it is not something you “earn,” it is something you accept from God! Secondly, the gift of eternal life, or salvation, is found **IN** Jesus, God's Son! Gifts are something that are given freely to us from someone that loves us deeply. Because God deeply loves us, He gave us His Son, Jesus, who is the gift of salvation; Again, all we have to do is believe, receive, and achieve! (John 3:16)

Salvation itself is a free gift you cannot earn, only accept. This doesn't mean since we have

salvation that we still don't need to do good works for God. Titus 3:8 brings confirmation of this as it says, *This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.*

As God begins to help you understand grace, you'll begin to understand the cost that Jesus paid for you on the cross, and why He was willing to pay it. A pastor once shared with me how they best remember what grace is all about. Here ya go...



G-od's  
R-iches (*salvation/eternal life in Heaven*)  
A-t  
C-hrist's  
E-xpense (*the cross*)

And that spells **GRACE** - you can't work for your salvation, but you can do good works for the Lord and accept His grace and gift of salvation through faith.

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## SALVATION ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES:

**Memorize: Ephesians 2:8**

Connect the dots! (see extra sheets titled **CONNECT THE DOTS**)

Coloring time! Grab your crayons or markers or color pencils and get busy coloring! (see extra sheets titled **COLORING TIME**)

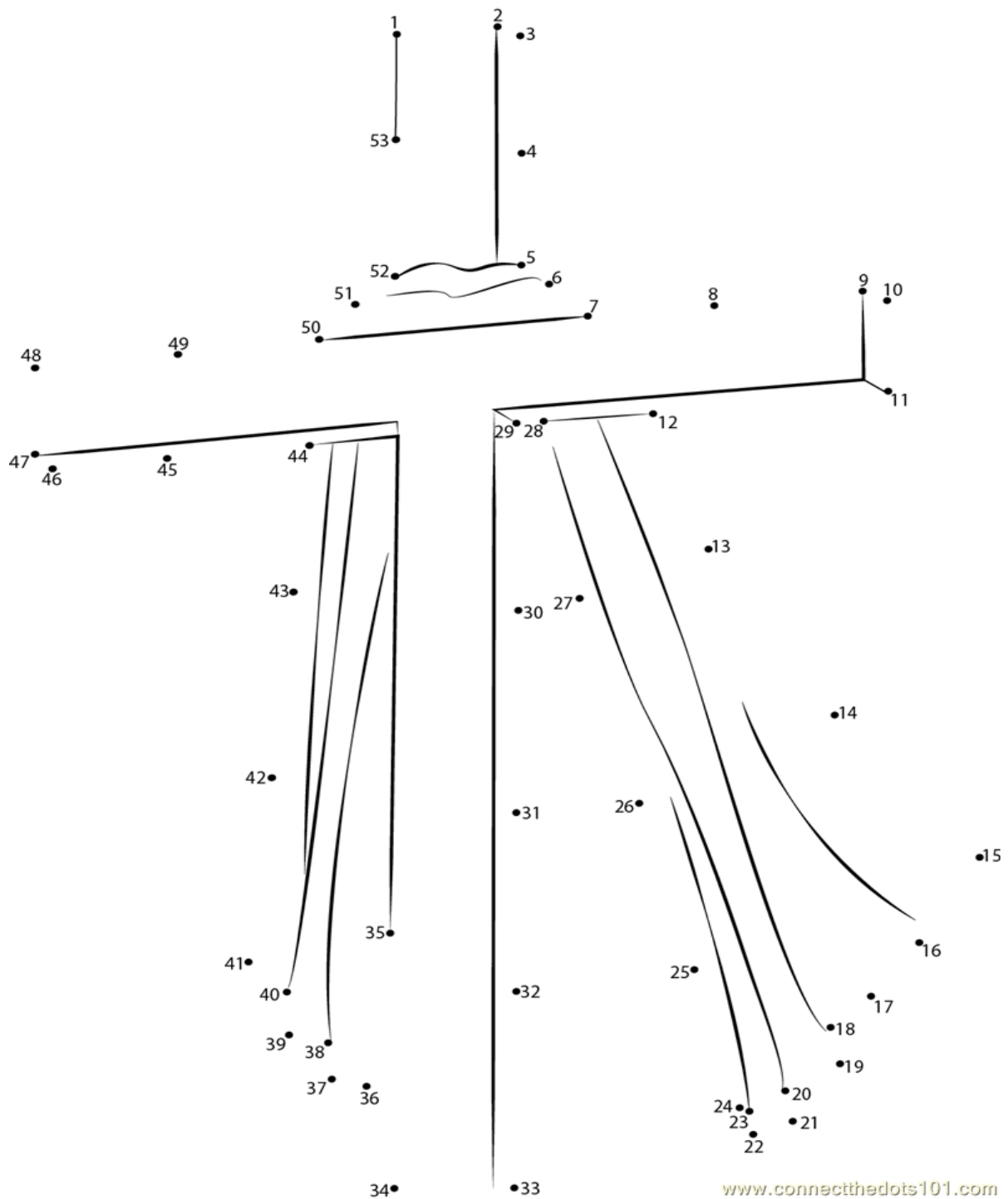
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## TIME TO TALK TO GOD:

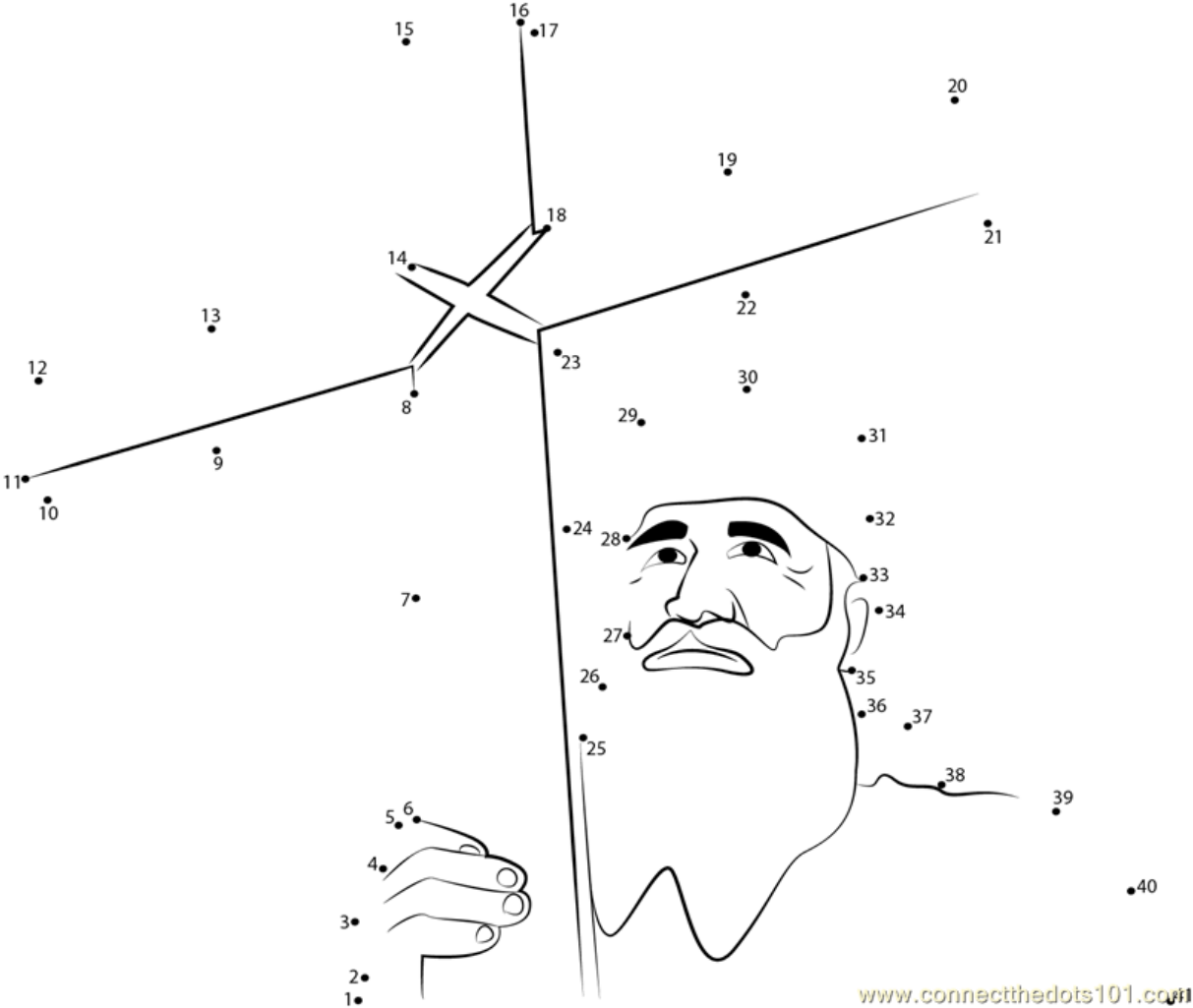
As a family, or with your friends, join hands and say the following prayer out loud to God. He will listen...I guarantee!

**PRAYER:** Dear God, I am thankful for Your Son, Jesus, who I believe died on the cross for my sins and rose to life again. I am thankful for Your gift of eternal life - the free gift of salvation, a gift that I accept through grace, by faith. I am so thankful for Your grace. Continue to keep me aware of the fact that You deeply love me, and that I don't have to work my way to salvation. Guide me and give me strength to do Your will. Amen.

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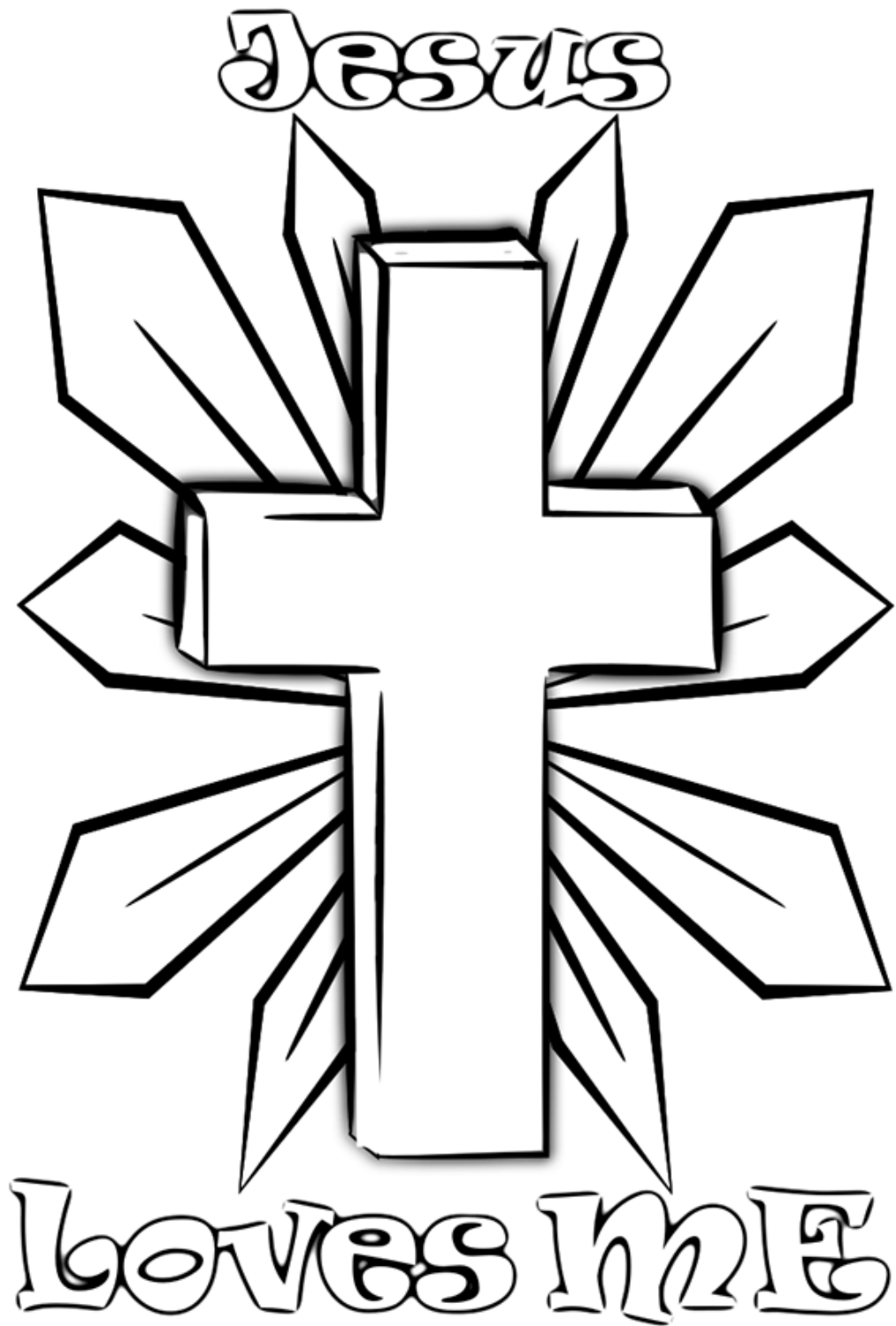
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### Helmet of Salvation Connect the Dots

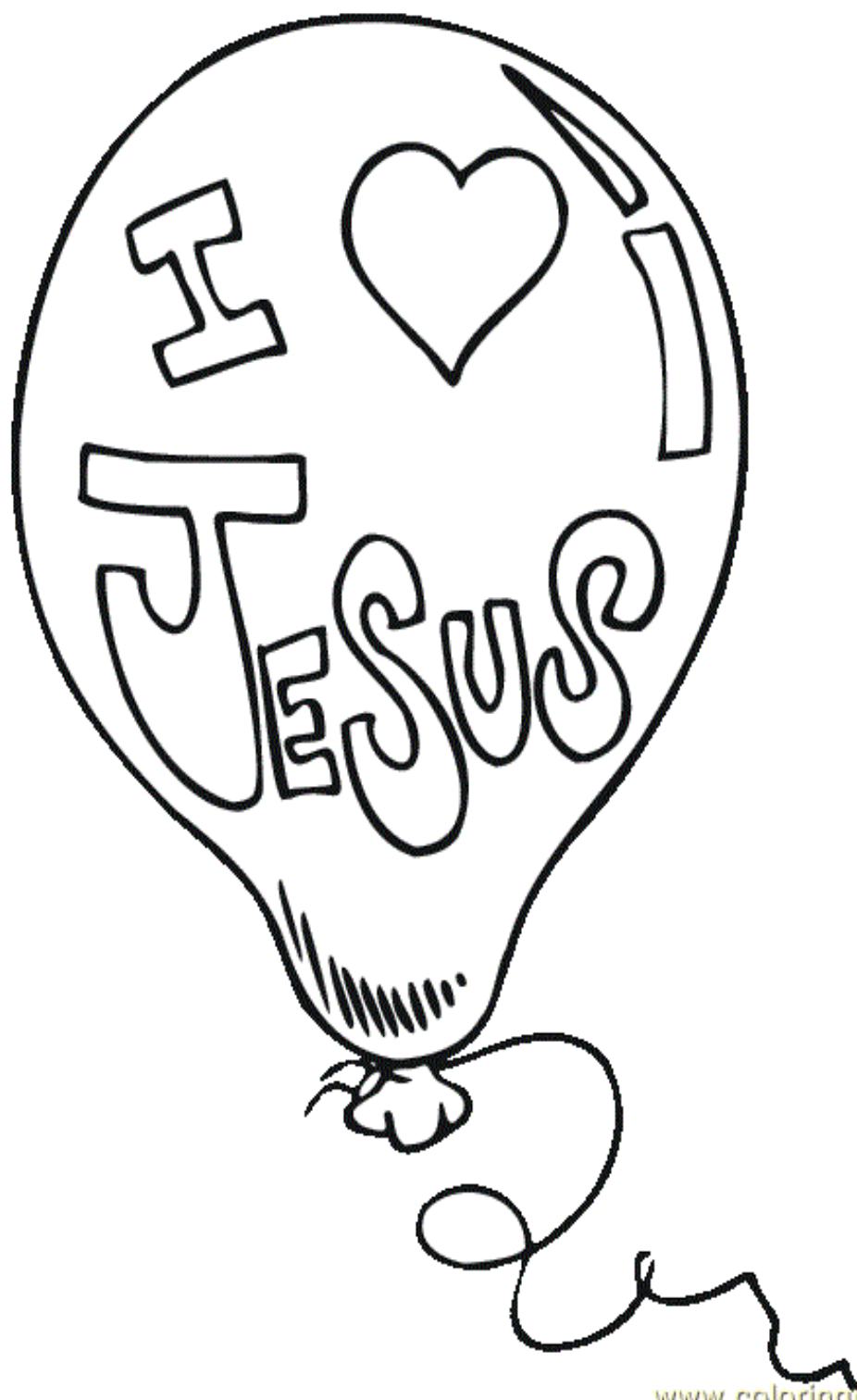
Connect the dots to complete the helmet.



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