

'Even though our wrong-doing makes God angry we can be forgiven - just as Jade forgave Dylan and Josh. That's because God's Son, the Lord Jesus died for us on the Cross of Calvary...'

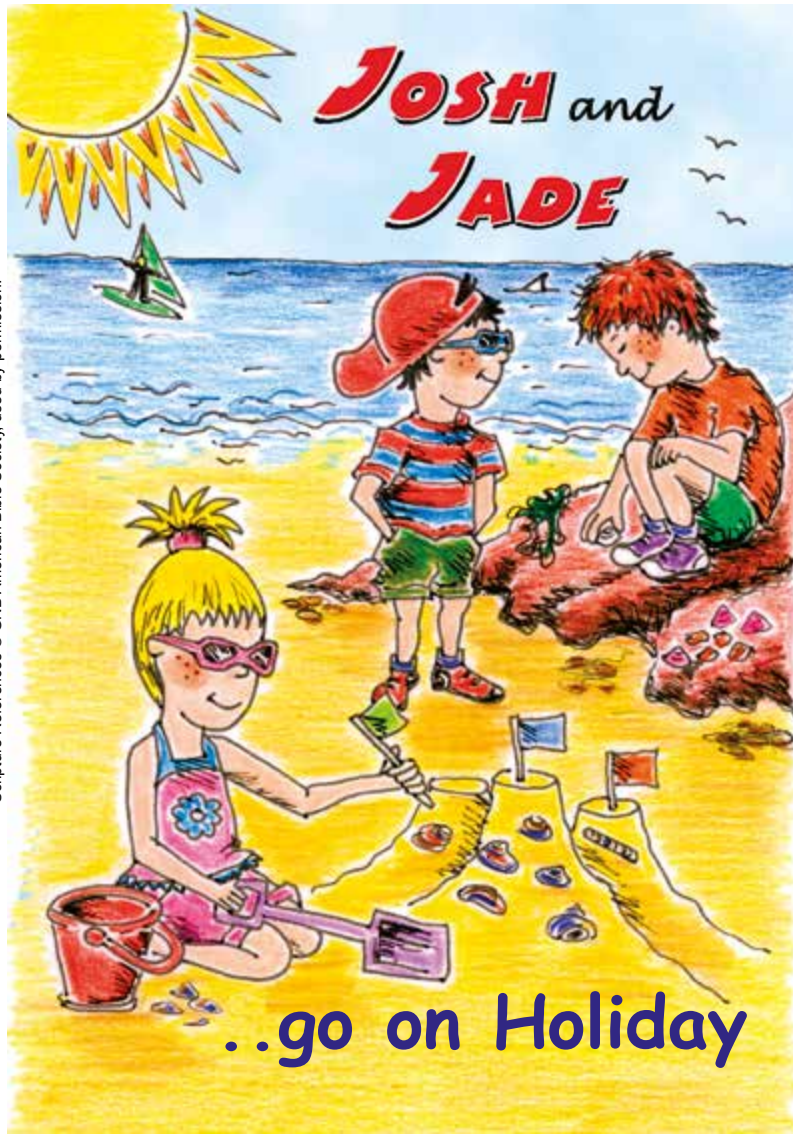
...God has shown us how much He loves us - it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!

Romans 5:8

'And when we try our best not to do naughty things, the risen Lord Jesus helps us... and when we ask Him to forgive us, He becomes our special friend.'



If you want to know more about God's love, speak to your church leader.



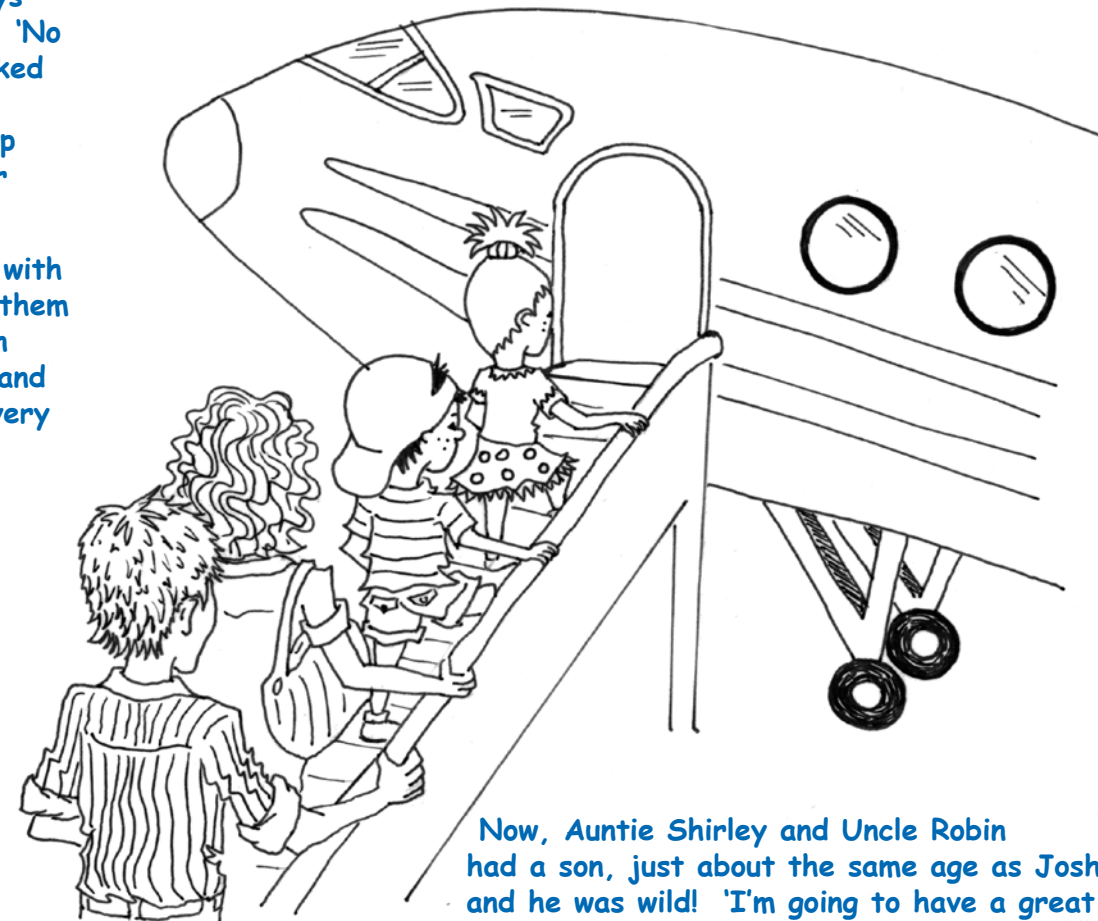
..go on Holiday

The summer holidays were here at last. 'No more school,' shrieked Josh as he and his sister Jade leapt up early to finish their packing.

Mum had arranged with Auntie Shirley for them to have a holiday in Northern Ireland, and the children were very excited.

Soon they were on the plane and off to Belfast.

Colour the picture

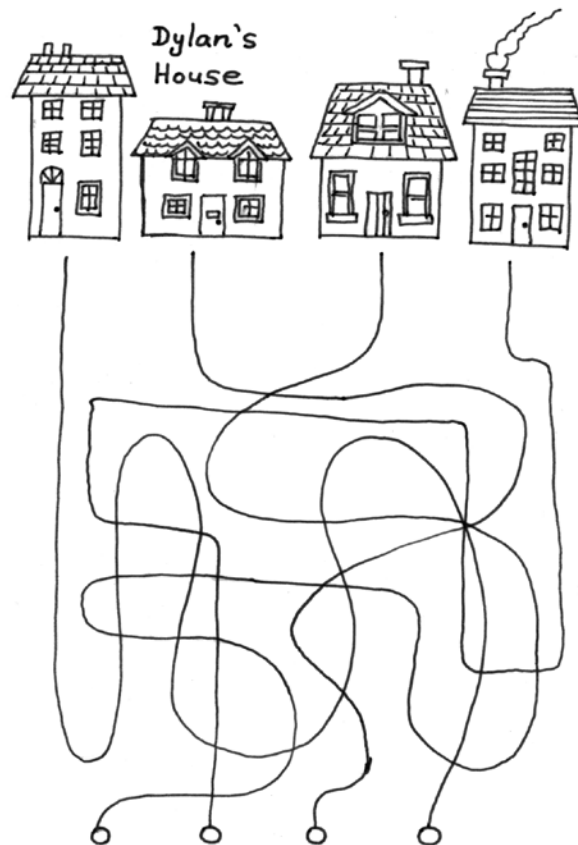


Now, Auntie Shirley and Uncle Robin had a son, just about the same age as Josh, and he was wild! 'I'm going to have a great time with Dylan,' Josh told Jade.

It wasn't long before the plane landed at the airport and there was Dylan and his mum and dad waiting to meet them. They lived in a place called Newcastle which had a lovely beach.



As they drove down to where they were going to stay, Josh made sure that he sat next to his cousin and they began to chat and giggle together. Already Jade was beginning to feel a bit left out.



Which road leads to Dylan's house?

As they unpacked and began to get settled in, Mum and Dad tried to encourage Josh to include his sister Jade in their games. But cousin Dylan didn't have much time for girls, he thought they were just boring wimps.

How many things can you find beginning with B?

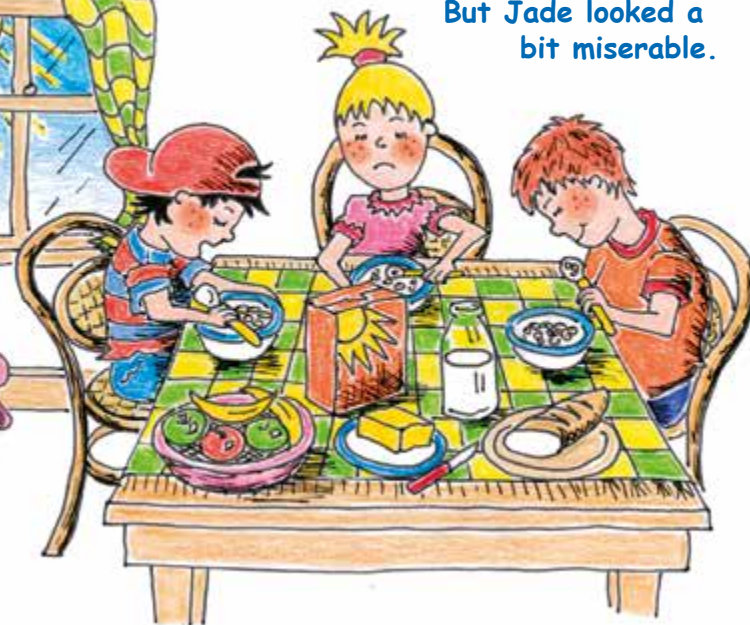


Josh was sleeping in Dylan's bedroom on the top bunk whilst Jade slept on a camp bed beside her mum and dad. 'It's not fair!' grumbled Jade.

Next day the sun was shining, and the children were up early. It was a day for the beach.

As they sat at the breakfast table eating their Coco Pops, Josh and Dylan were whispering and laughing together.

But Jade looked a bit miserable.



'Now children, you must all play together down at the beach,' Dad reminded them.

After breakfast they rushed to get their buckets and spades. Jade was keen to build a sandcastle, but Josh said scornfully, 'We're going to find crabs in the rock pools.' 'I like pulling their legs off,' Dylan boasted.

But Mum and Dad reminded the children that God had made even crabs, and that He expects us to look after them, just as He wants us to take care of everything He has made.

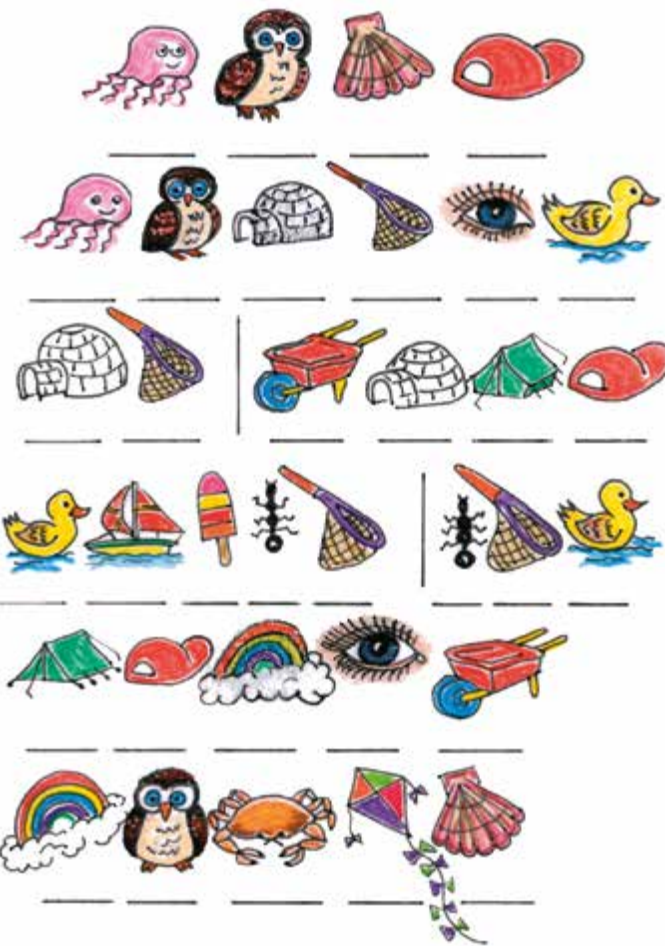
The world and all that is in it belong to the LORD; the earth and all who live on it are his.

Psalm 24 v1



How many of these tiny creatures can you name?

Crack the code to find out what Josh did.



The beach was very near the house and the children couldn't wait to get there. 'Remember not to speak to strangers,' said Mum, 'We'll be there in a few minutes.'

Josh and Dylan ran off to the rock pools whilst Jade began to build her sandcastle.

'Let's crush these crabs with stones,' urged Dylan. But Josh wasn't so sure this was a good thing to do. Yet he didn't want his cousin to think that he was also a wimp. So he joined in.



Wordsearch



DYLAN	SANDCASTLE	WORLD	SHELL
CRABS	BREAKFAST	BUCKETS	SHARP
COUSIN	CREATURES	AIRPORT	PAIN
POOLS	LORD	PLANE	MADE

Jade had made a friend, a girl called Gillian who was about her age, and together they built a beautiful castle covered in shells.

The boys could see it in the distance. 'Let's run and jump on it!' said Dylan. But again, Josh wasn't sure that this was the right thing to do. However, they both began to run towards the sandcastle, with Josh trailing behind a little.

Grinning, Dylan made an enormous leap and landed right in the middle of the castle. Then he gave a loud yell. He had cut his foot on a sharp shell and began hopping around in great pain.

And when he saw the blood he began to cry for his mum.



What should Jade do?

- ☐ Slap Dylan on the face.
- ☐ Burst out crying
- ☐ Shout at Josh for not trying to stop Dylan.
- ☐ Help Dylan because he's hurt his foot.
- ☐ Say, 'Serves you right!' to Dylan.
- ☐ Run back to the house to tell Mum and Dad.
- ☐ Stomp off in a huff

Right away Jade and Gillian ran to the sea to get some water to wash Dylan's foot. And Jade tied her clean handkerchief round the cut to keep it clean.

Just then, Josh and Jade's parents arrived having seen all that had happened from the bedroom window.

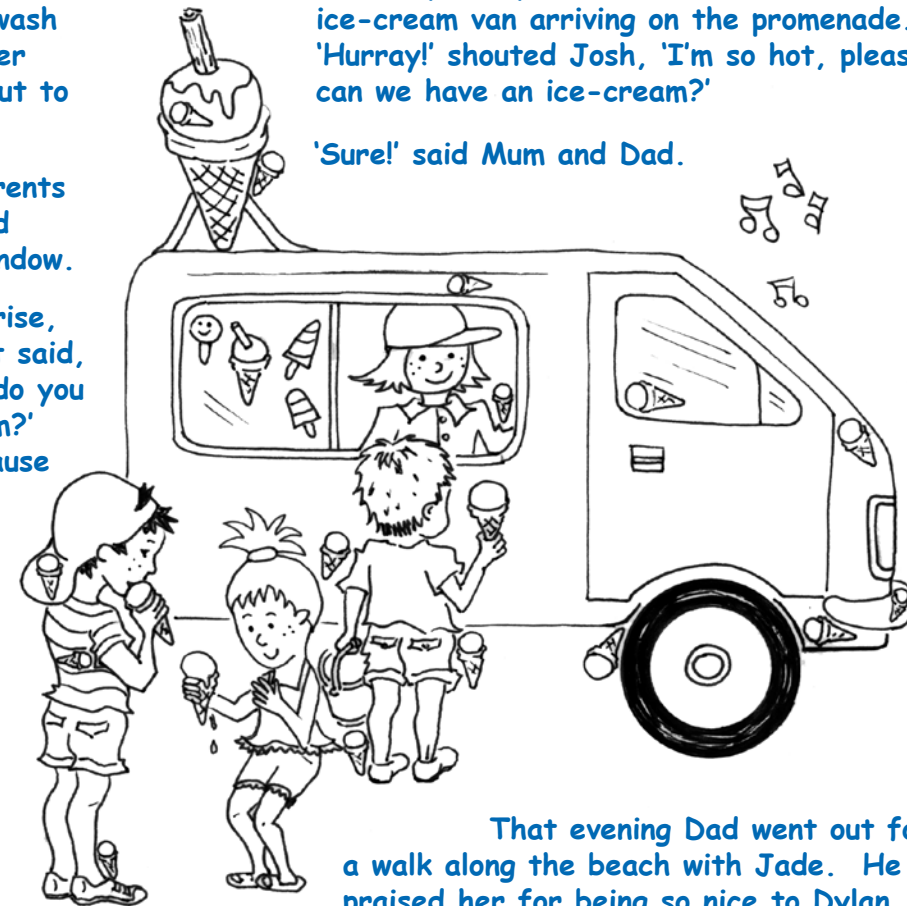
However, much to Dylan's surprise, Jade did not tell tales and just said, 'Dylan cut his foot on a shell, do you have any plasters with you Mum?' Dylan cried all the harder because Jade was being so nice when he had been so horrible. 'I'm sorry, Jade,' he whimpered. 'I shouldn't have smashed up your castle.'

'Never mind,' said Jade, 'We can build an even bigger one together with a moat around it too.'

Count the cones
and colour the picture

Suddenly, they heard the sound of an ice-cream van arriving on the promenade. 'Hurray!' shouted Josh, 'I'm so hot, please can we have an ice-cream?'

'Sure!' said Mum and Dad.



That evening Dad went out for a walk along the beach with Jade. He praised her for being so nice to Dylan after he had been so horrible to her.