

ROMANS COLORING BIBLE

Chapters 1-6

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Every Verse **Chpts 1 to 6**

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A verse by verse coloring book of the Bible that illustrates "Paul's Letter to the Romans" without skipping any of the verses!

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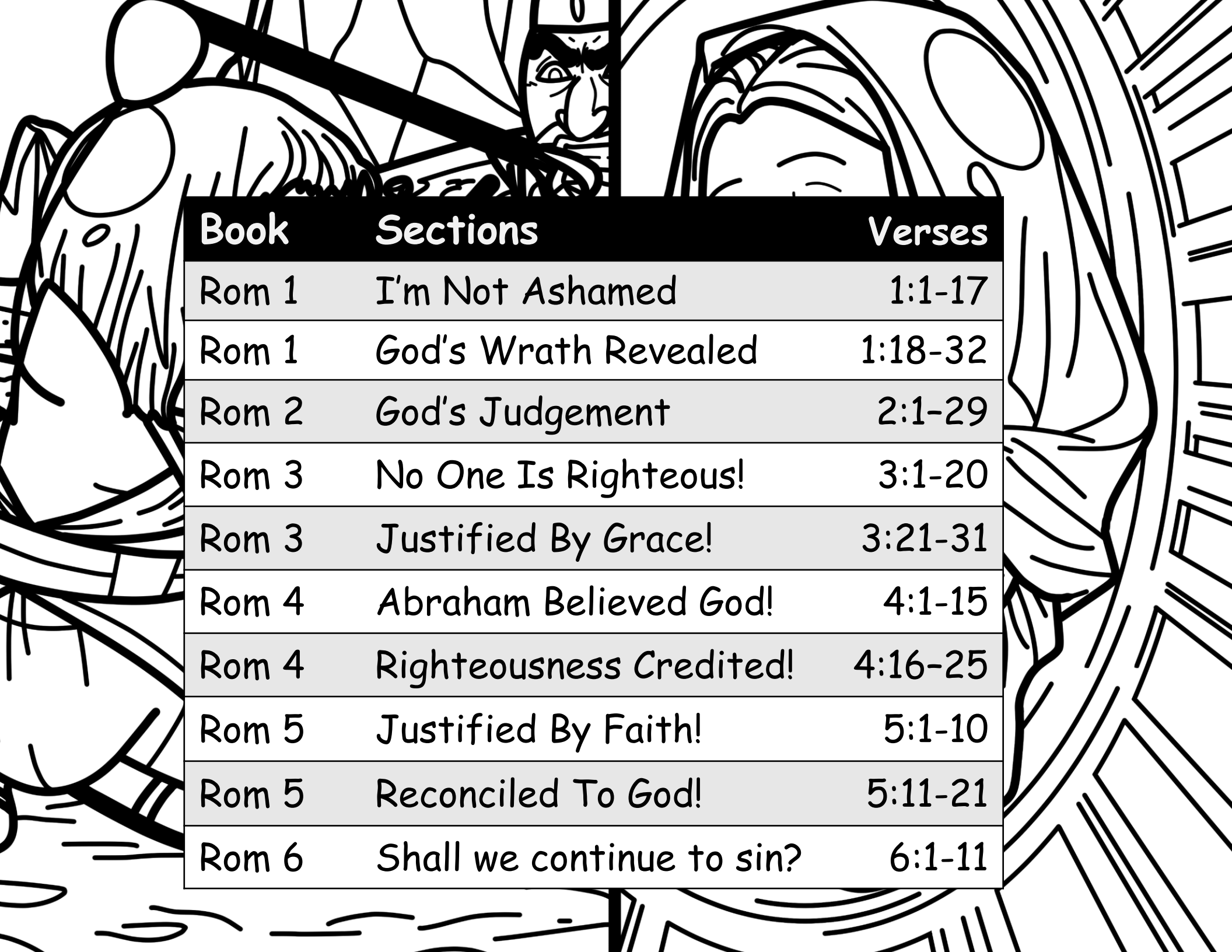
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I'm Not Ashamed

Romans 1:1-17

Background:

Paul "the Apostle" was a violent Jewish religious pharisee until the risen Jesus Christ confronted him and called him to a new mission of preaching the good news of the gospel to the Gentiles.

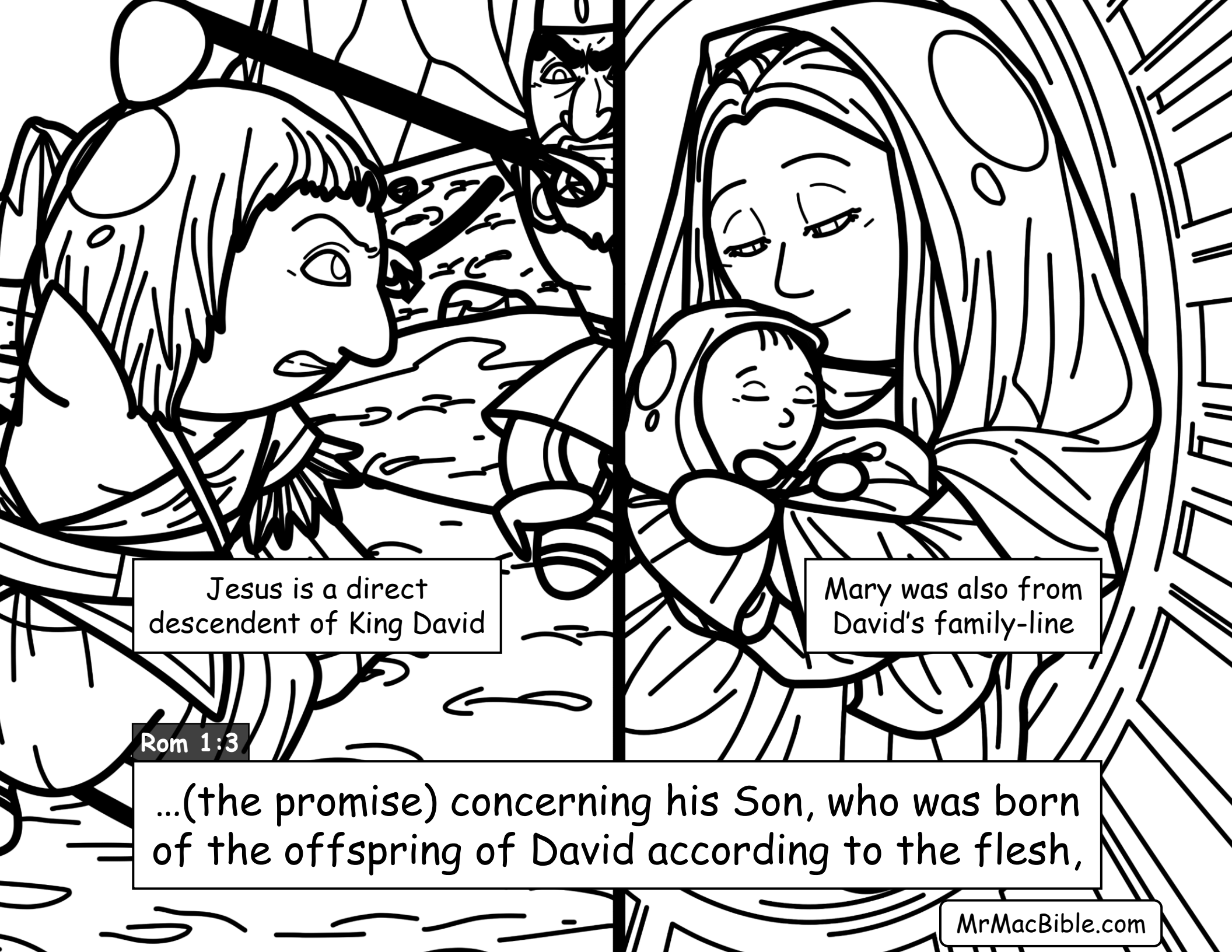
After 20 years of missionary work, Paul is now writing this letter to the Romans.



Paul is confronted and called by
the risen Jesus in Acts Chapter 9

Rom 1:1-2

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be
an apostle, set apart for the Good News of
God, which he promised before through his
prophets in the holy Scriptures,

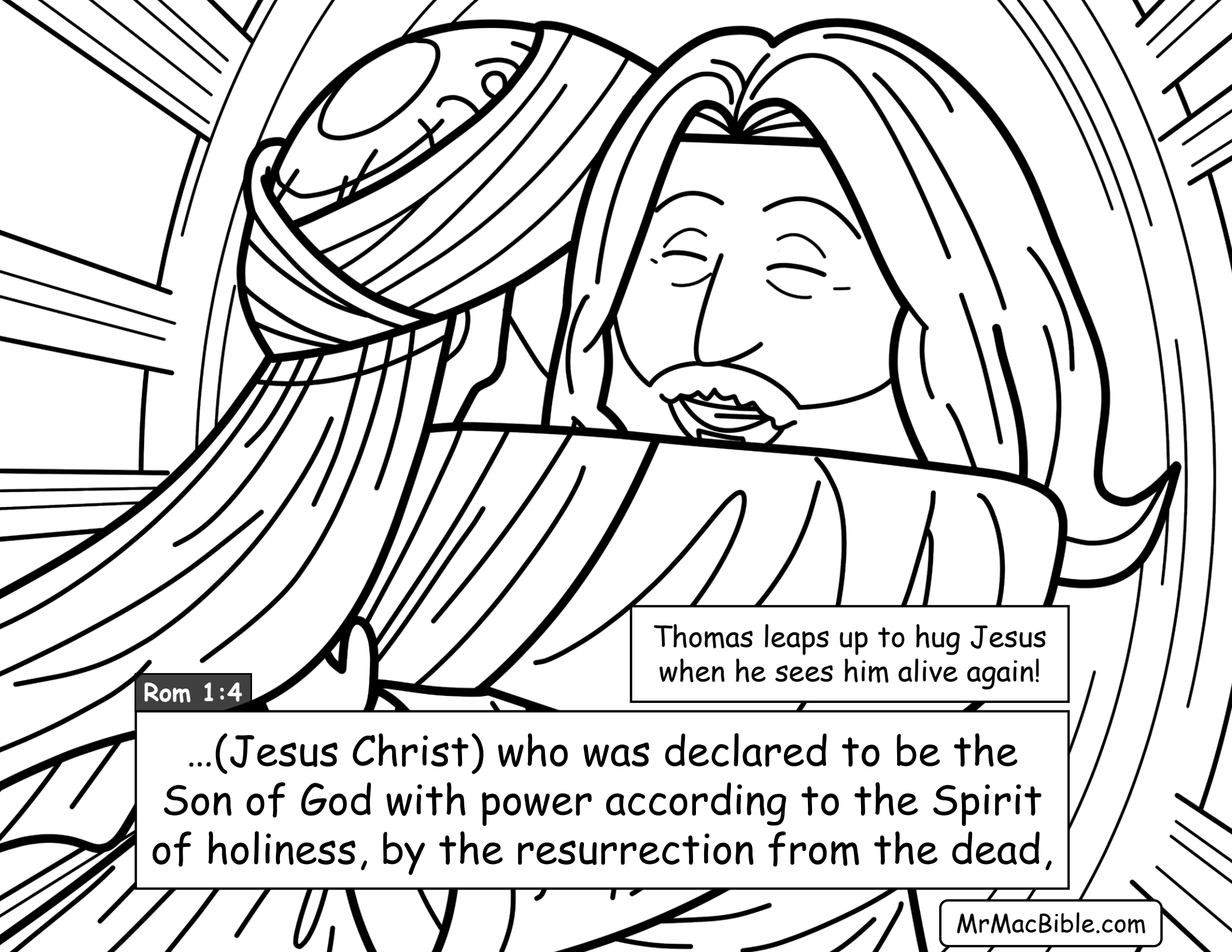


Jesus is a direct
descendent of King David

Mary was also from
David's family-line

Rom 1:3

...(the promise) concerning his Son, who was born
of the offspring of David according to the flesh,



Thomas leaps up to hug Jesus
when he sees him alive again!

Rom 1:4

...(Jesus Christ) who was declared to be the
Son of God with power according to the Spirit
of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead,



Rom 1:5

Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith amongst all the nations for his name's sake;

Jesus often called his closest followers to obey him no matter what the cost



Hundreds are "eyewitnesses" of Jesus' death, resurrection and his ascension to Heaven!

Rom 1:6

...amongst whom (among these nations) you are also called to belong to Jesus Christ;



...to all who are in Rome, beloved
of God, called to be saints:

Rom 1:7



Rom 1:7

Paul often wrote his letters from jail.

Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Rom 1:8

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.

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Rom 1:9

For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit
in the Good News of his Son, how unceasingly I
make mention of you always in my prayers,




Rom 1:10

...(in my prayers) requesting, if by any means now at last I may be prospered by the will of God to come to you.



Rom 1:11


For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, to the end that you may be established;



Not everyone was happy with Paul's preaching about Jesus.

Rom 1:12

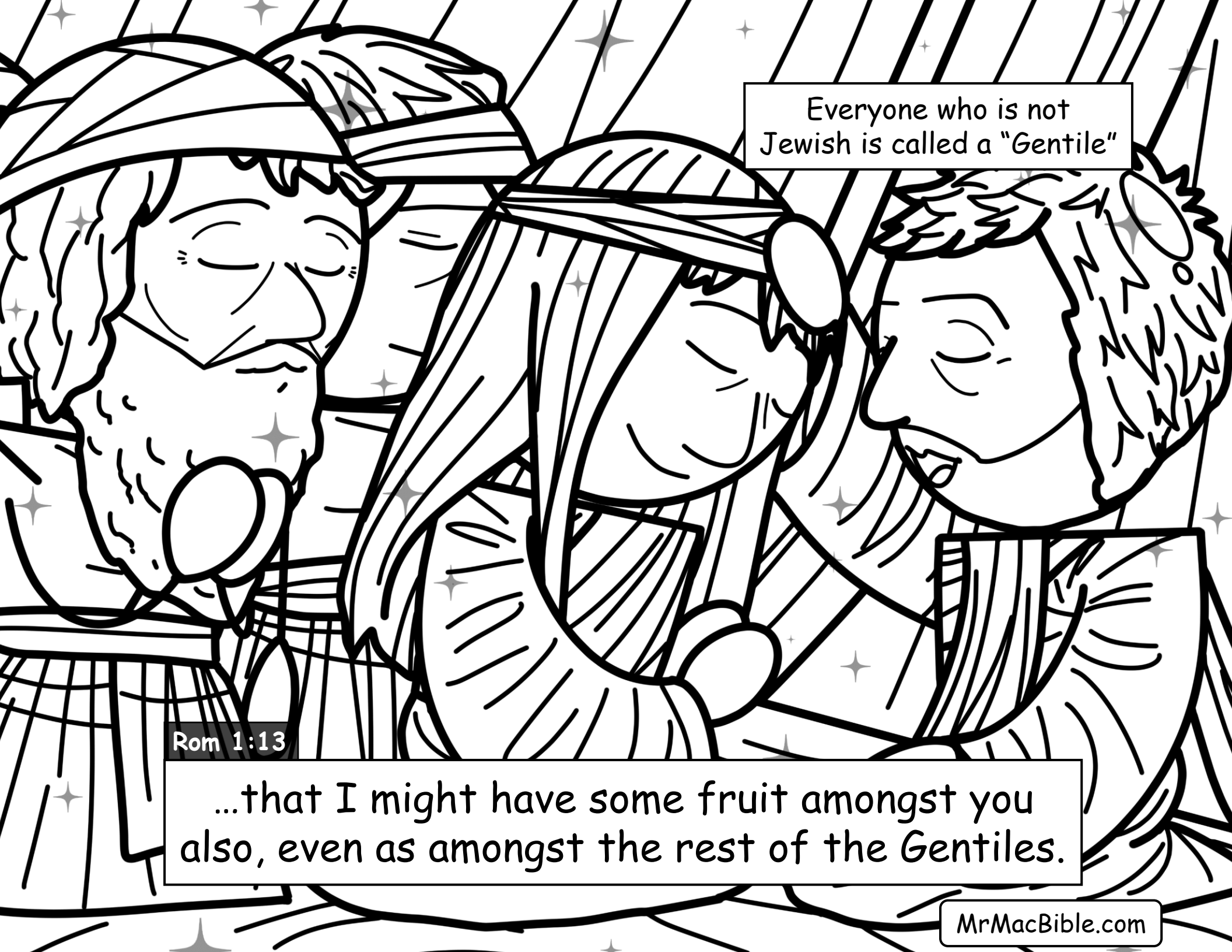
...that is, that I with you may be encouraged in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.



Read about Paul's shipwrecks in ACTS

Rom 1:13

Now I don't desire to have you unaware, brothers, that I often planned to come to you (and was hindered so far)



Everyone who is not
Jewish is called a "Gentile"

Rom 1:13

...that I might have some fruit amongst you
also, even as amongst the rest of the Gentiles.



Rom 1:14

I am debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners,
both to the wise and to the foolish.



Rom 1:15


So as much as is in me, I am eager to preach
the Good News to you also who are in Rome.



Paul preached in the face of danger.

Rom 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, because it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek.



Paul told everyone to trust in Jesus alone to save them from the penalty of their own sin.

Rom 1:17

For in it [the message of the Gospel] is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith."

THINK ABOUT IT...

Do you know someone who is
not ashamed of the Good
News [Gospel]?

Share their story:



God's Wrath Revealed

Romans 1:18-32

Background:

During Paul's travels, Rome is being ruled by Caesar Nero who is sexually impure, he worships other gods, he's a liar and he's full of hatred and violence for Jews and Christians... and soon Paul will be standing before him in his royal court to be judged.

Caesar Nero is ruler of the Roman Empire



Rom 1:18

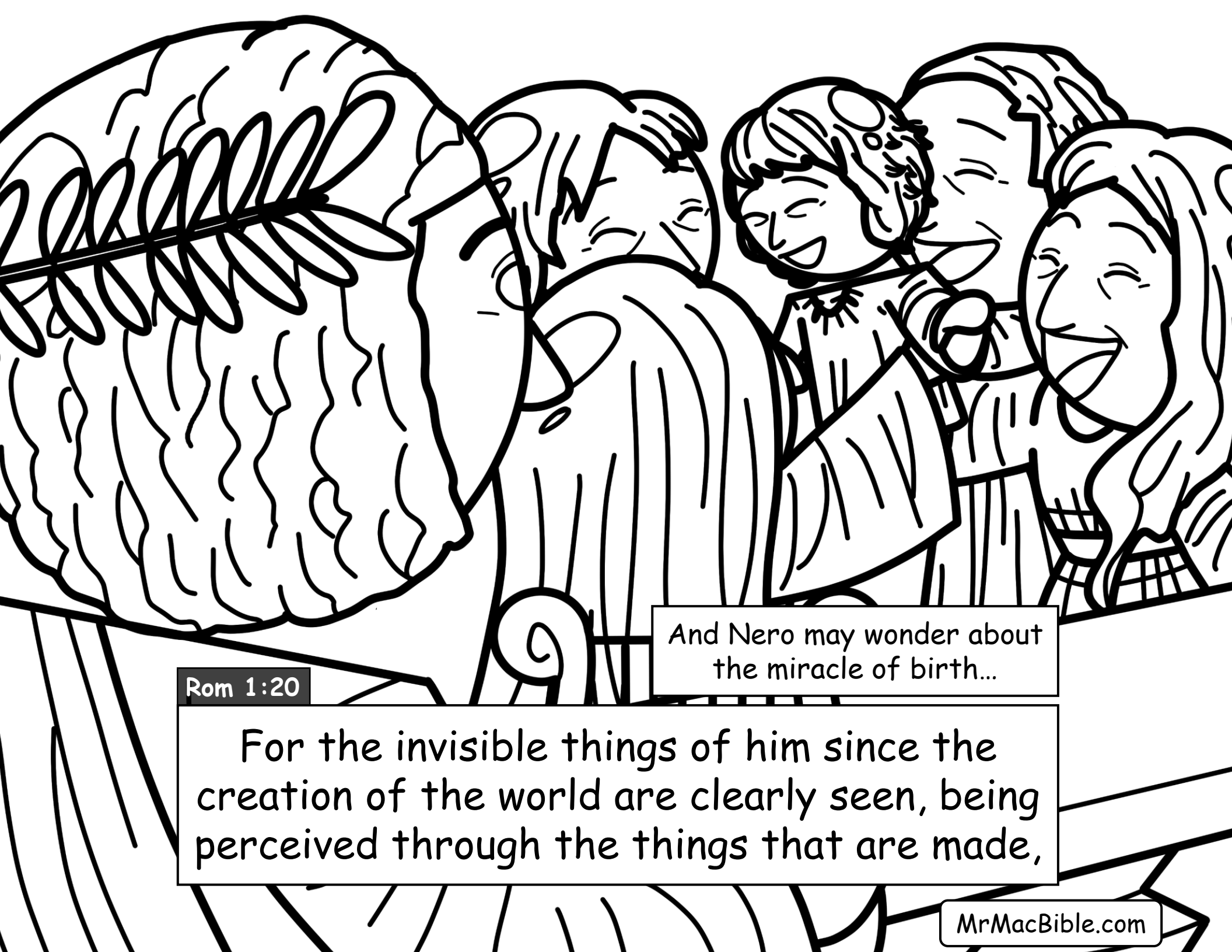
For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,



Nero may wonder about the CREATOR...

Rom 1:19

...because that which is known of God is revealed in them, for God revealed it to them.



And Nero may wonder about
the miracle of birth...

Rom 1:20

For the invisible things of him since the
creation of the world are clearly seen, being
perceived through the things that are made,



Rom 1:20

Could there be one true Creator?

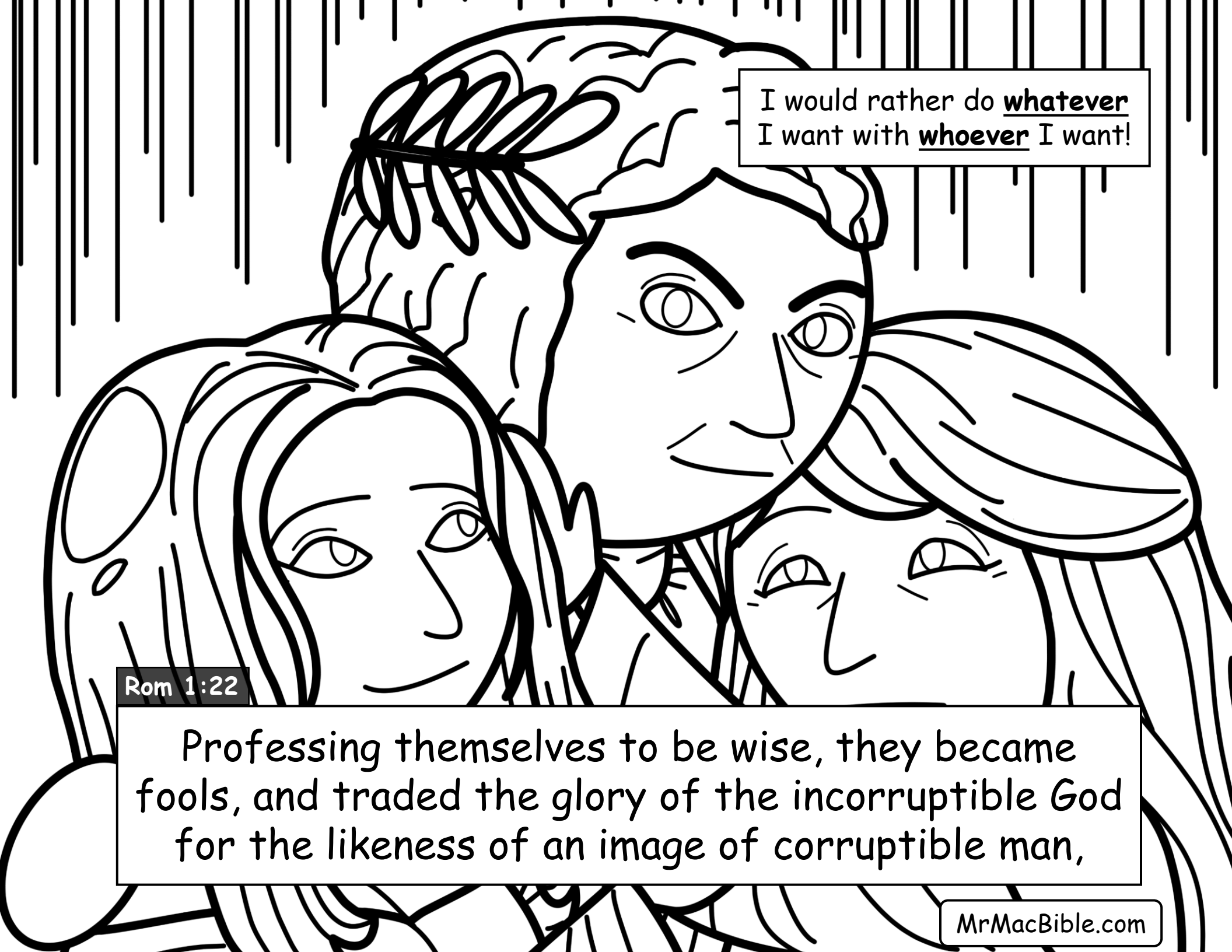
...even his everlasting power and divinity,
that they may be without excuse.



I don't like the idea of a Creator...

Rom 1:21


Because knowing God, they didn't glorify him as God, and didn't give thanks, but became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened.



I would rather do whatever
I want with whoever I want!

Rom 1:22


Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and traded the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man,



...I want to worship myself,
my power and my lusts!

Rom 1:23

...and of birds, four-footed
animals, and creeping things.



What Nero is doing
is wicked and gross!

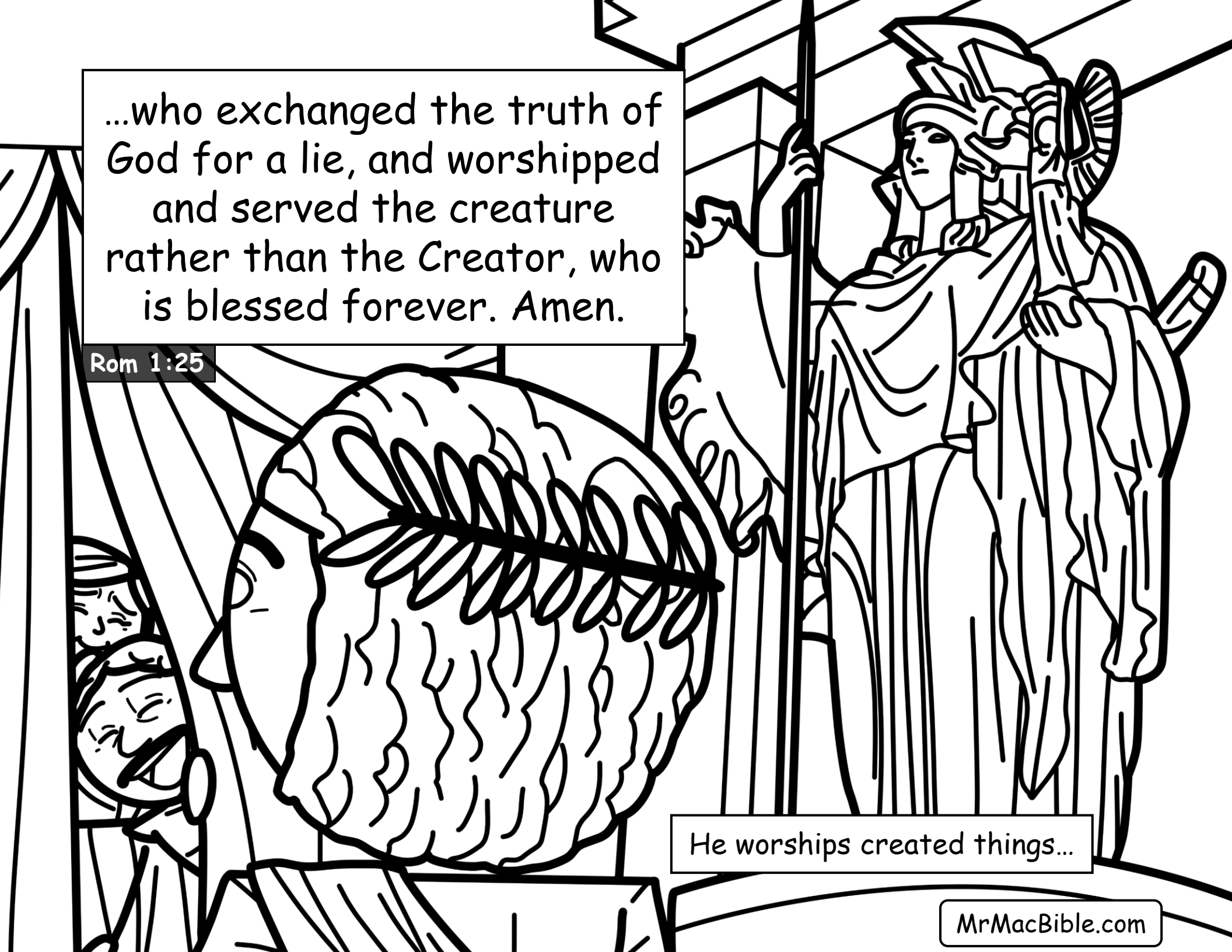
Rom 1:24

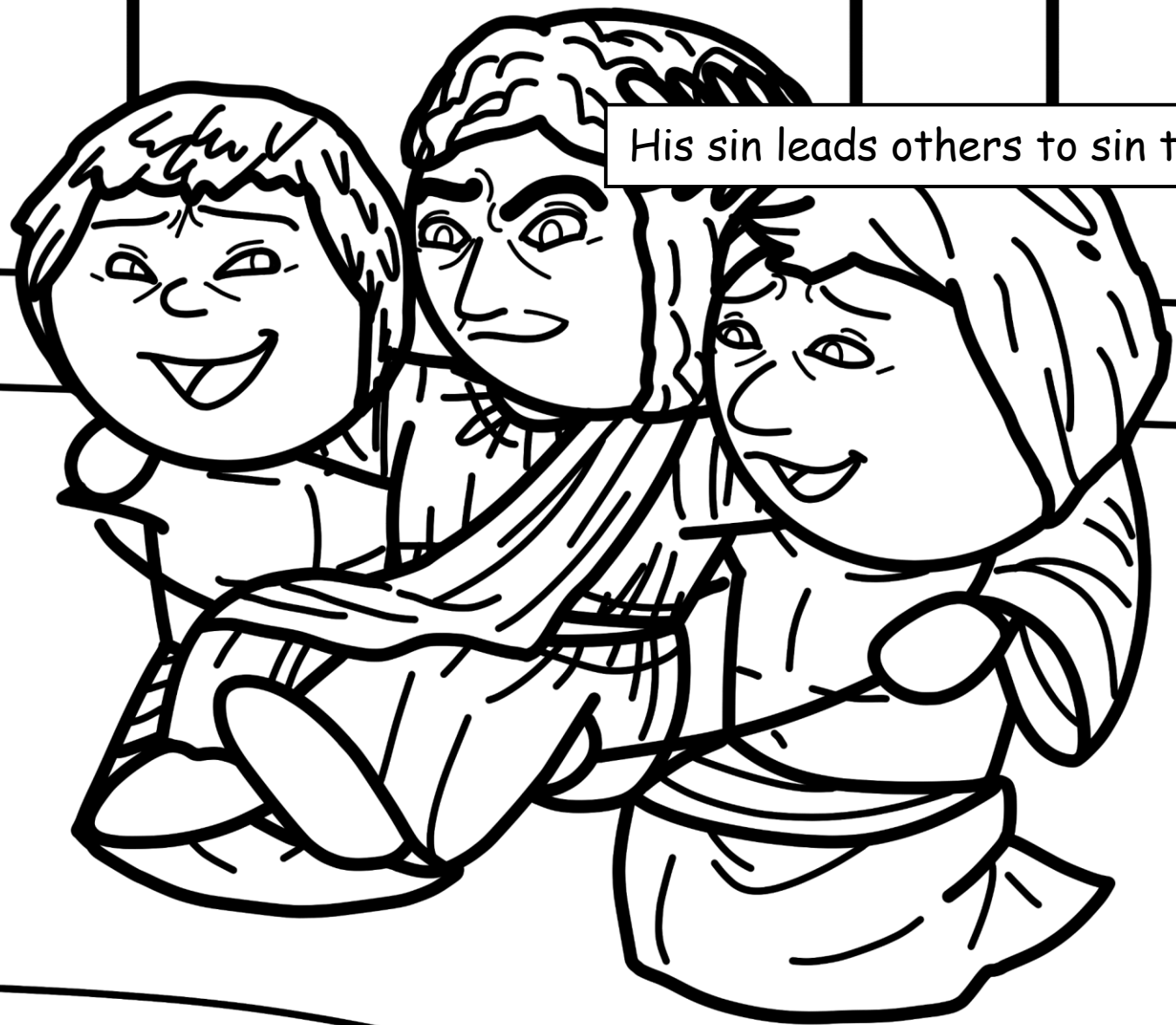
Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of
their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies
should be dishonoured amongst themselves;

...who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:25

He worships created things...

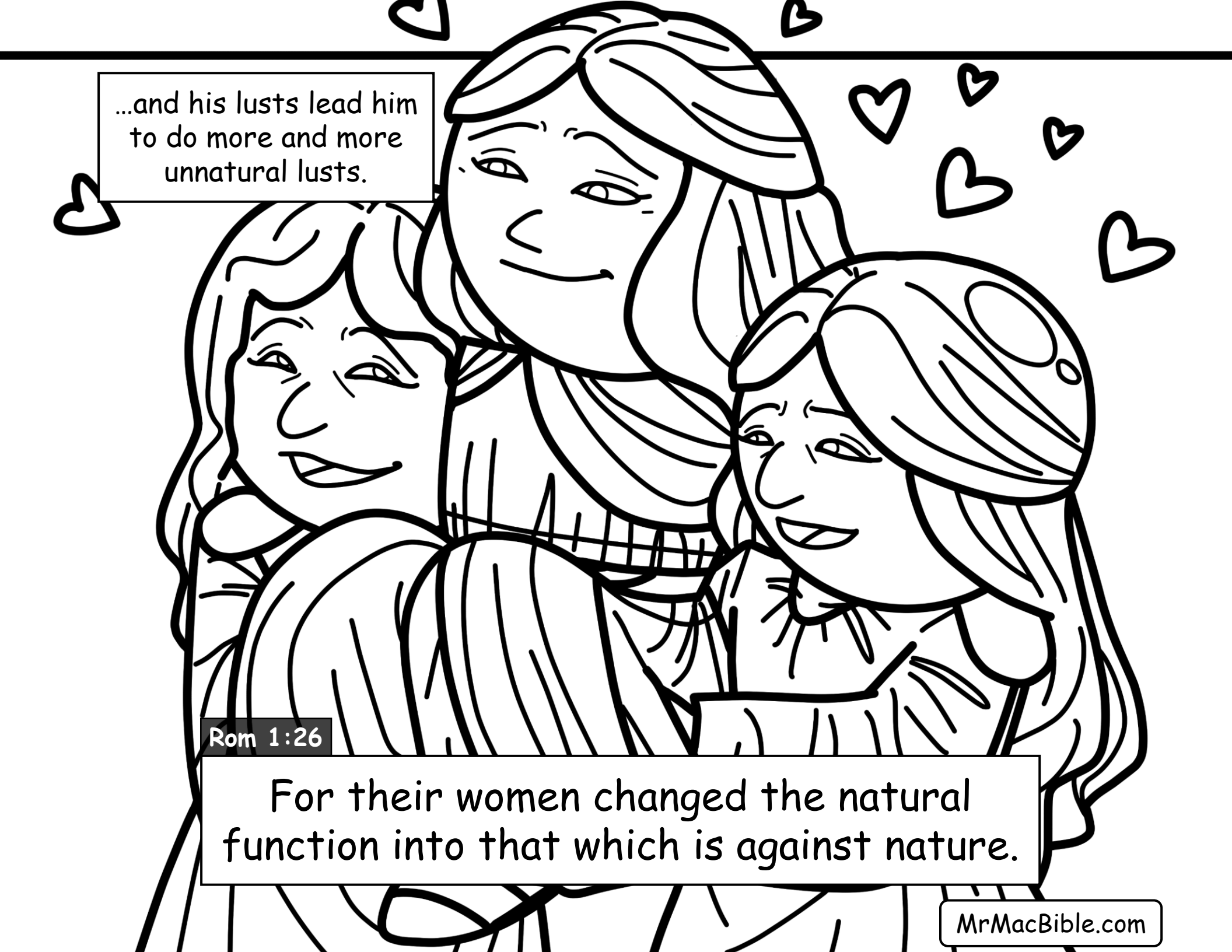




His sin leads others to sin too!

Rom 1:26

For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions.



...and his lusts lead him
to do more and more
unnatural lusts.

Rom 1:26

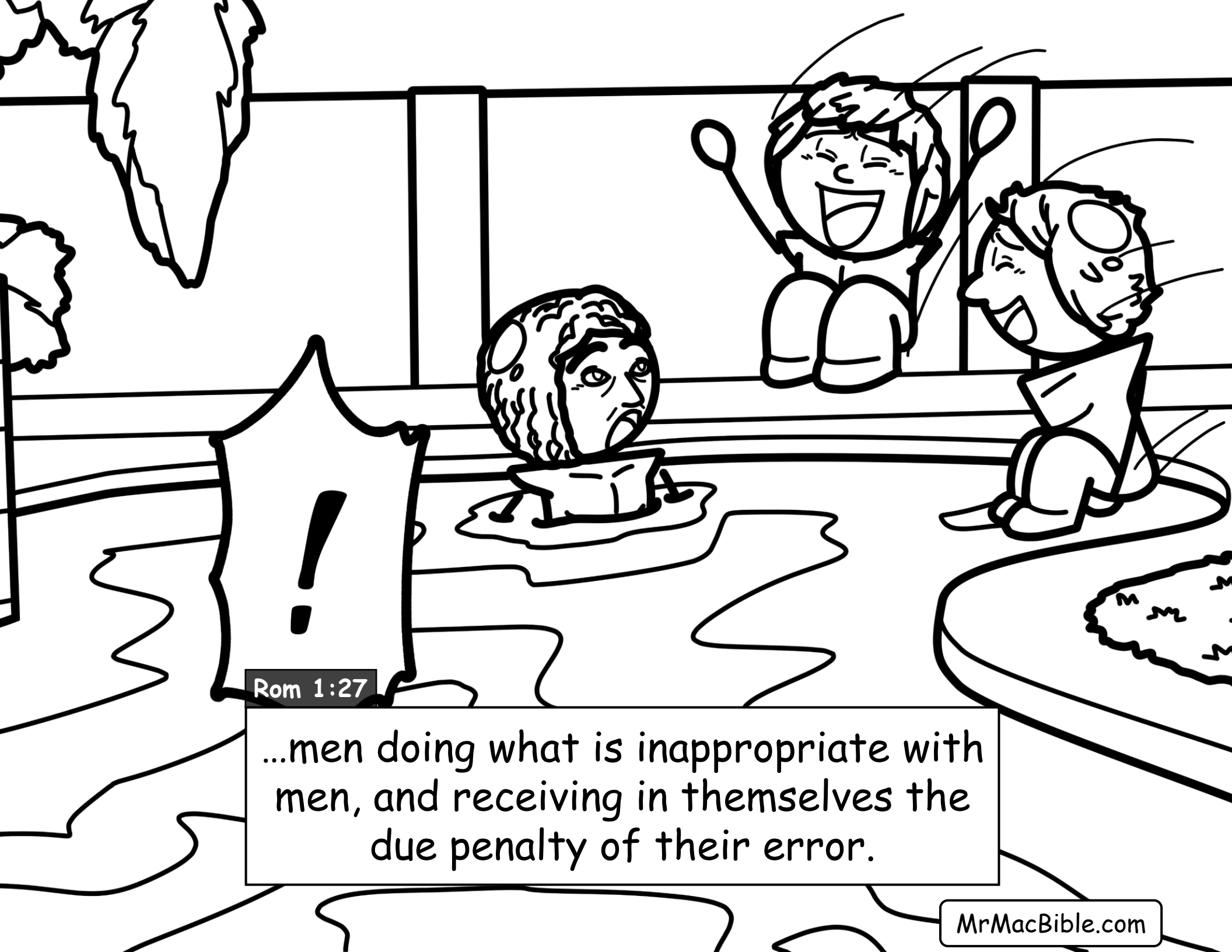
For their women changed the natural
function into that which is against nature.



Rom 1:27

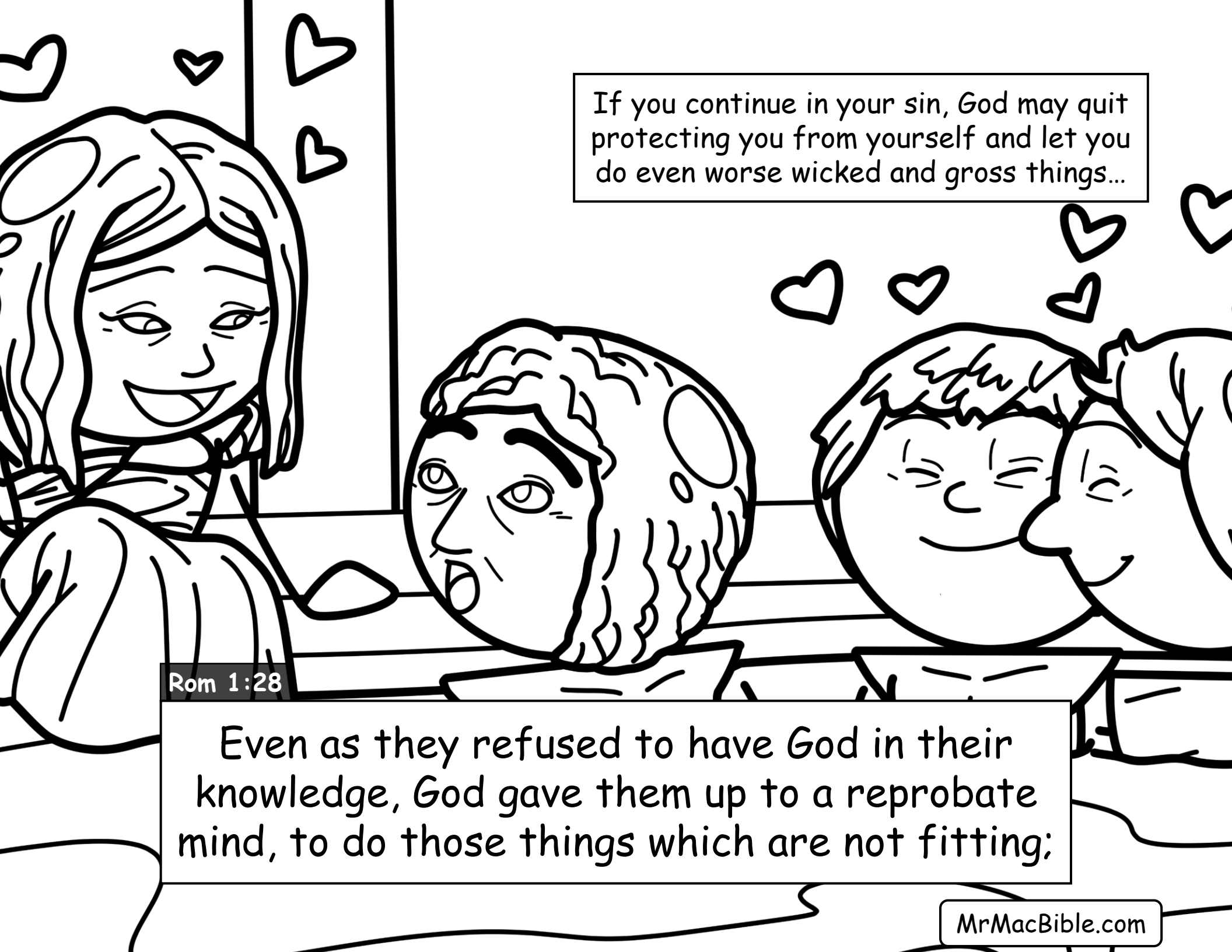
His sin might promise fun times...

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burnt in their lust towards one another,



Rom 1:27

...men doing what is inappropriate with men, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error.



If you continue in your sin, God may quit protecting you from yourself and let you do even worse wicked and gross things...


Rom 1:28

Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;



Rom 1:29

...being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, malice;

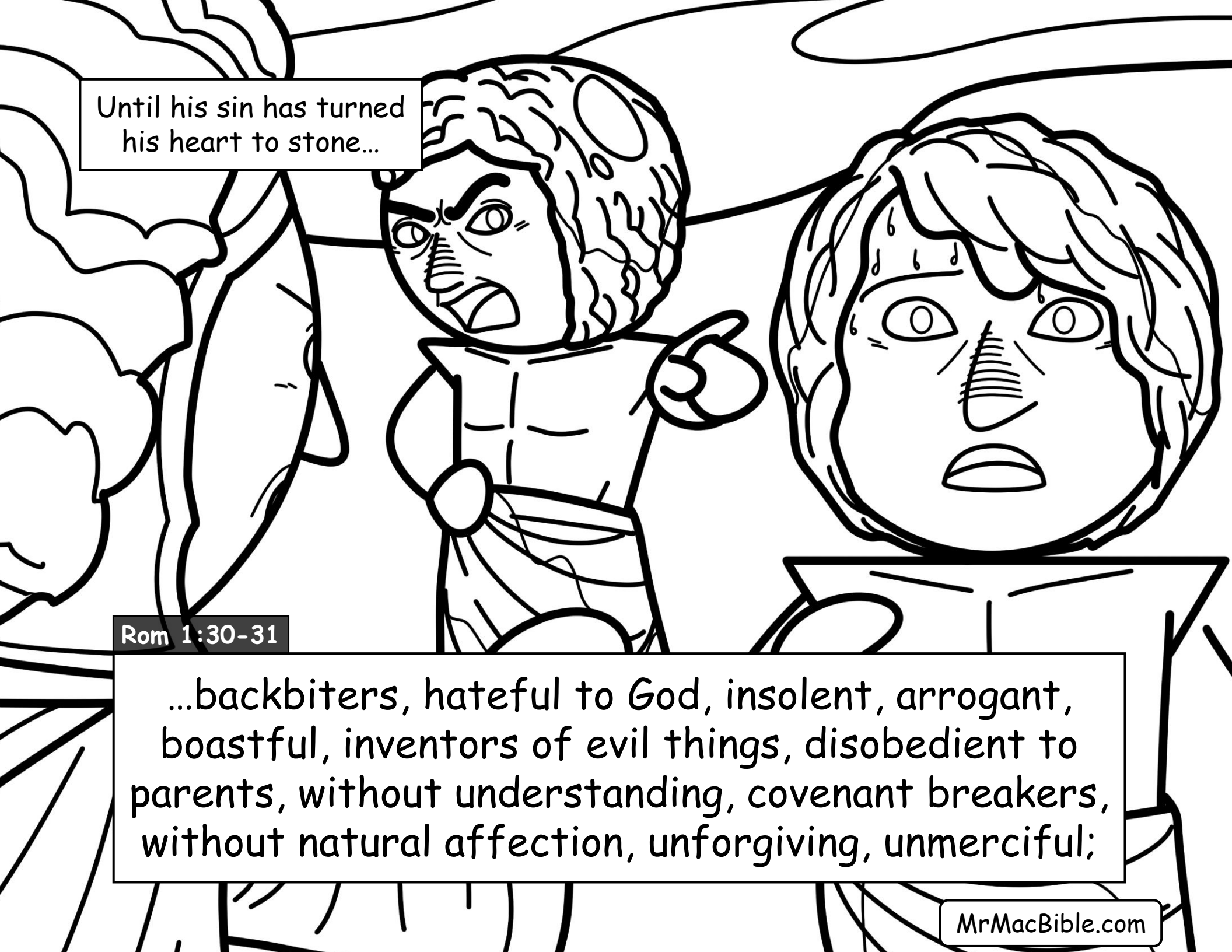


...full of envy, murder, strife, deceit,
evil habits, secret slanderers,

Rom 1:29

Fart!

Nero's pride
leads to hate...



Until his sin has turned
his heart to stone...

Rom 1:30-31

...backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant,
boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to
parents, without understanding, covenant breakers,
without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful;



And his sin makes him
feel **self-righteous**...

Rom 1:32

...who, knowing the ordinance of God, that those
who practise such things are worthy of death,



And slowly turn him into a hypocrite!

Rom 1:32

...not only do the same, but also
approve of those who practise them.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Have you ever been tempted
to worship and serve created
things above your Creator?

Can you tell us your story?



God's Judgement

Romans 2:1-29

Background:

Paul explains that many of us are quick to judge others, without realizing that we may be failing (or sinning) in the same way! Nero, the emperor of Rome was like that...



Nero judges and
condemns people less
wicked than himself...

Rom 2:1


Therefore you are
without excuse, O
man, whoever you
are who judge.



Nero never judges himself
by his own standards...

Rom 2:1

For in that which you judge another,
you condemn yourself. For you who
judge practise the same things.



...And he tells himself that
his sins are not so bad!

Rom 2:2

We know that the judgement of
God is according to truth against
those who practise such things.



Rom 2:3

Does Nero fear God?

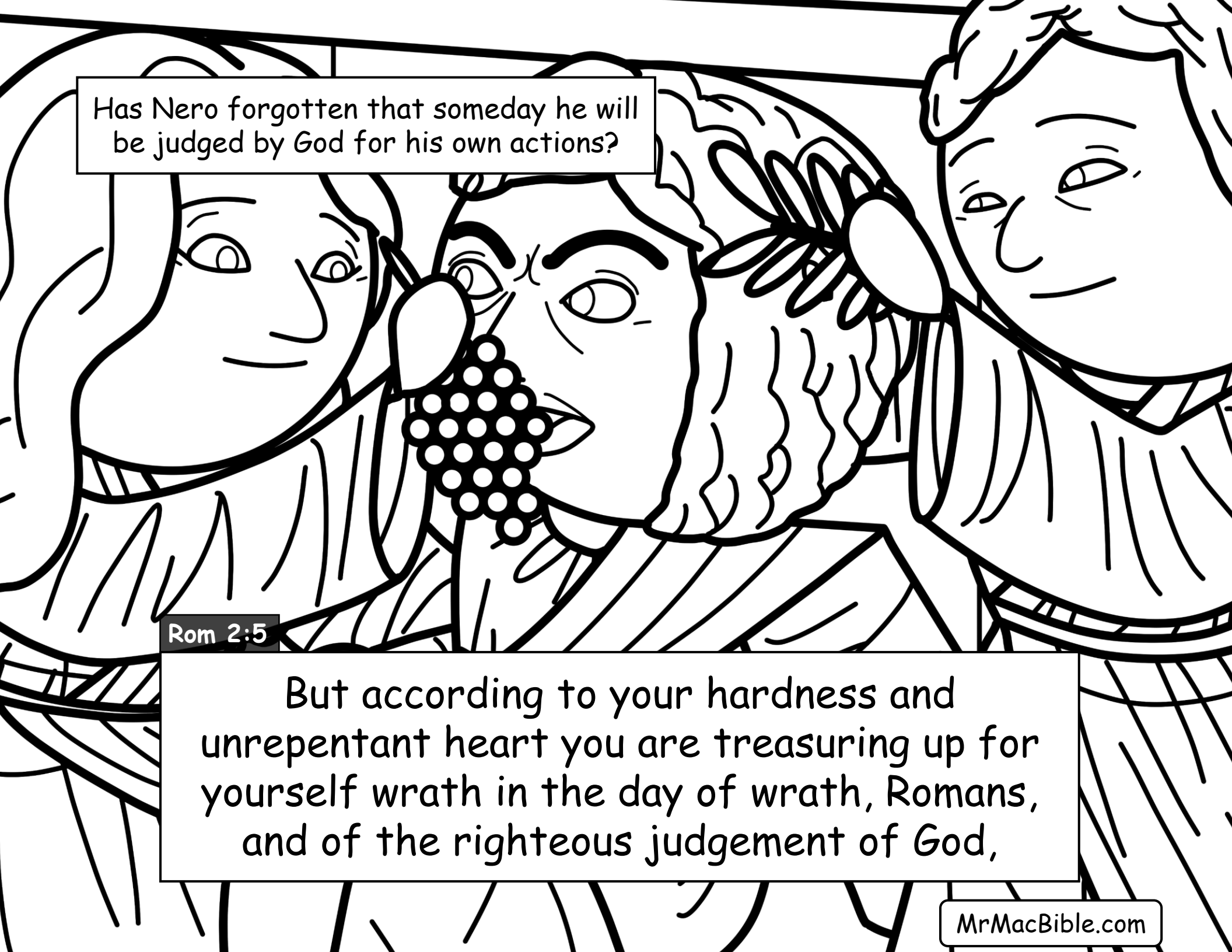
Do you think this, O man who judges those who practise such things, and do the same, that you will escape the judgement of God?



Rom 2:4

God wants us all to repent and turn from our sins..., and not just "pretend" to be his servant.


Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?



Has Nero forgotten that someday he will
be judged by God for his own actions?

Rom 2:5

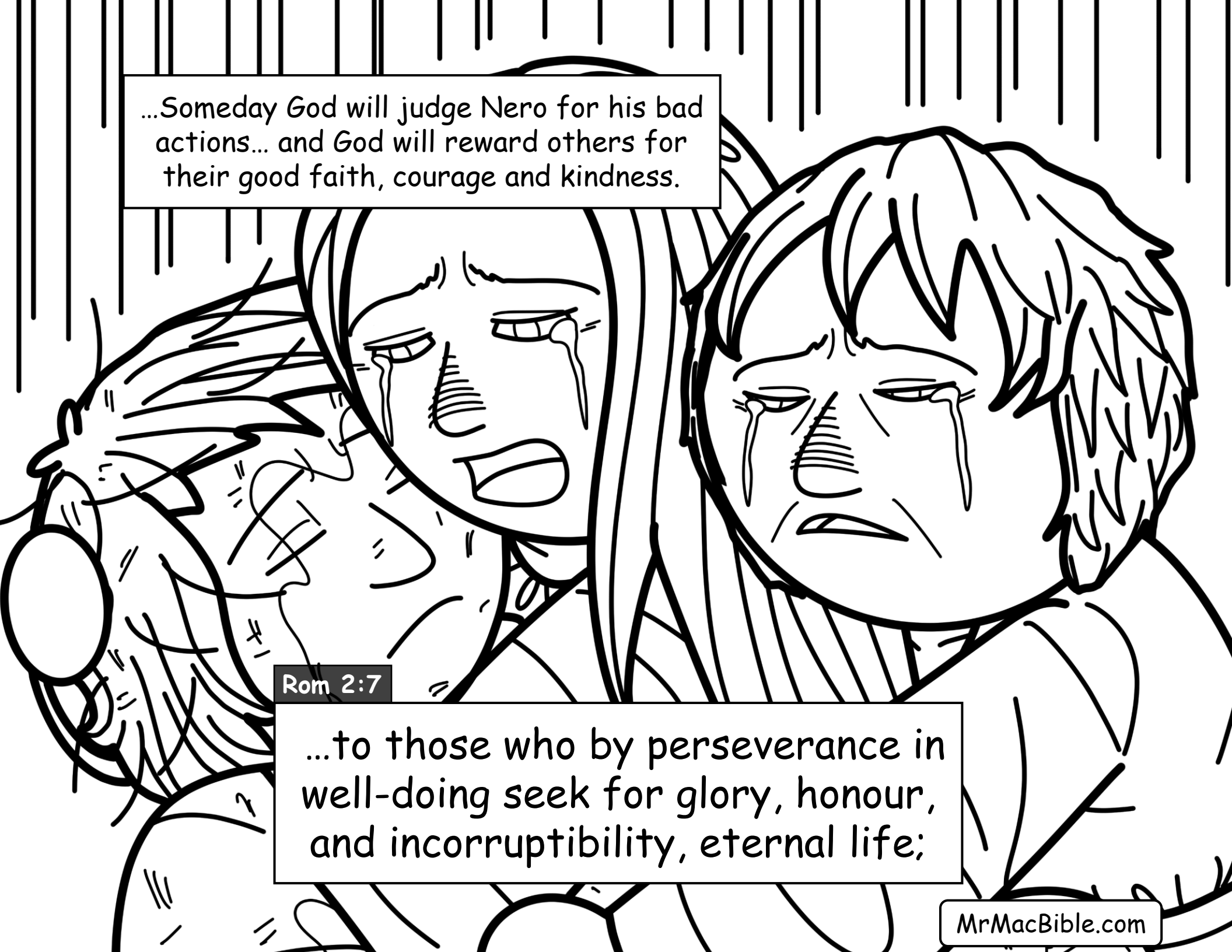
But according to your hardness and
unrepentant heart you are treasuring up for
yourself wrath in the day of wrath, Romans,
and of the righteous judgement of God,



Doesn't he know that he could
choke and die anytime?

Rom 2:6

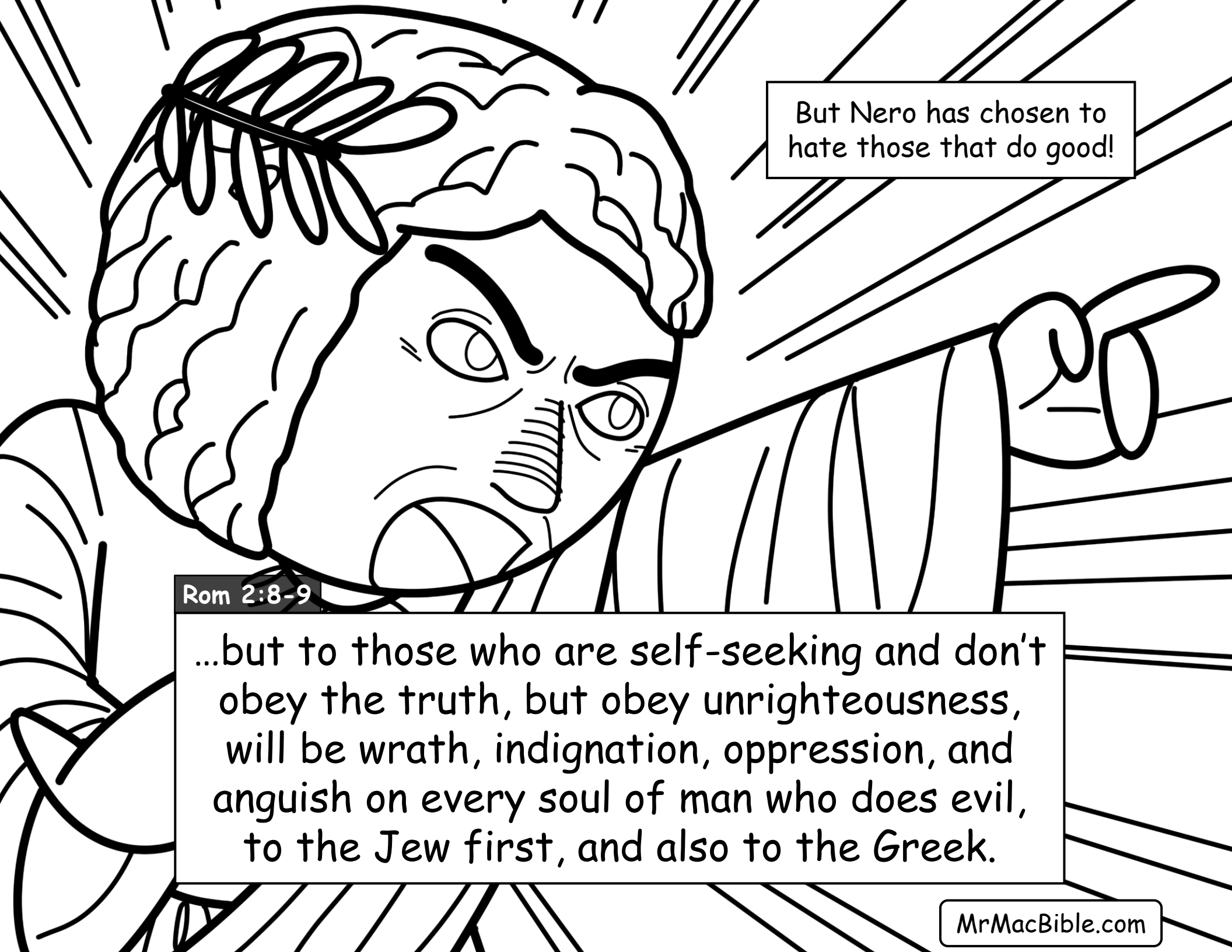
[God] ...who "will pay back to
everyone according to their works:"



...Someday God will judge Nero for his bad actions... and God will reward others for their good faith, courage and kindness.

Rom 2:7


...to those who by perseverance in well-doing seek for glory, honour, and incorruptibility, eternal life;



But Nero has chosen to
hate those that do good!

Rom 2:8-9


...but to those who are self-seeking and don't obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, will be wrath, indignation, oppression, and anguish on every soul of man who does evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

A black and white comic panel featuring three characters in the foreground, all sweating profusely with large droplets on their faces and hair. The character on the left has curly hair and a wide-eyed, fearful expression. The middle character has long, straight hair and a shocked expression with an open mouth. The character on the right has short, wavy hair and a similar shocked expression. In the background, there are simple line drawings of buildings, some with ladders leaning against them. A speech bubble is positioned at the top left, and a text box is at the bottom center.

While others feel too afraid to stand for faith and goodness...

Rom 2:10

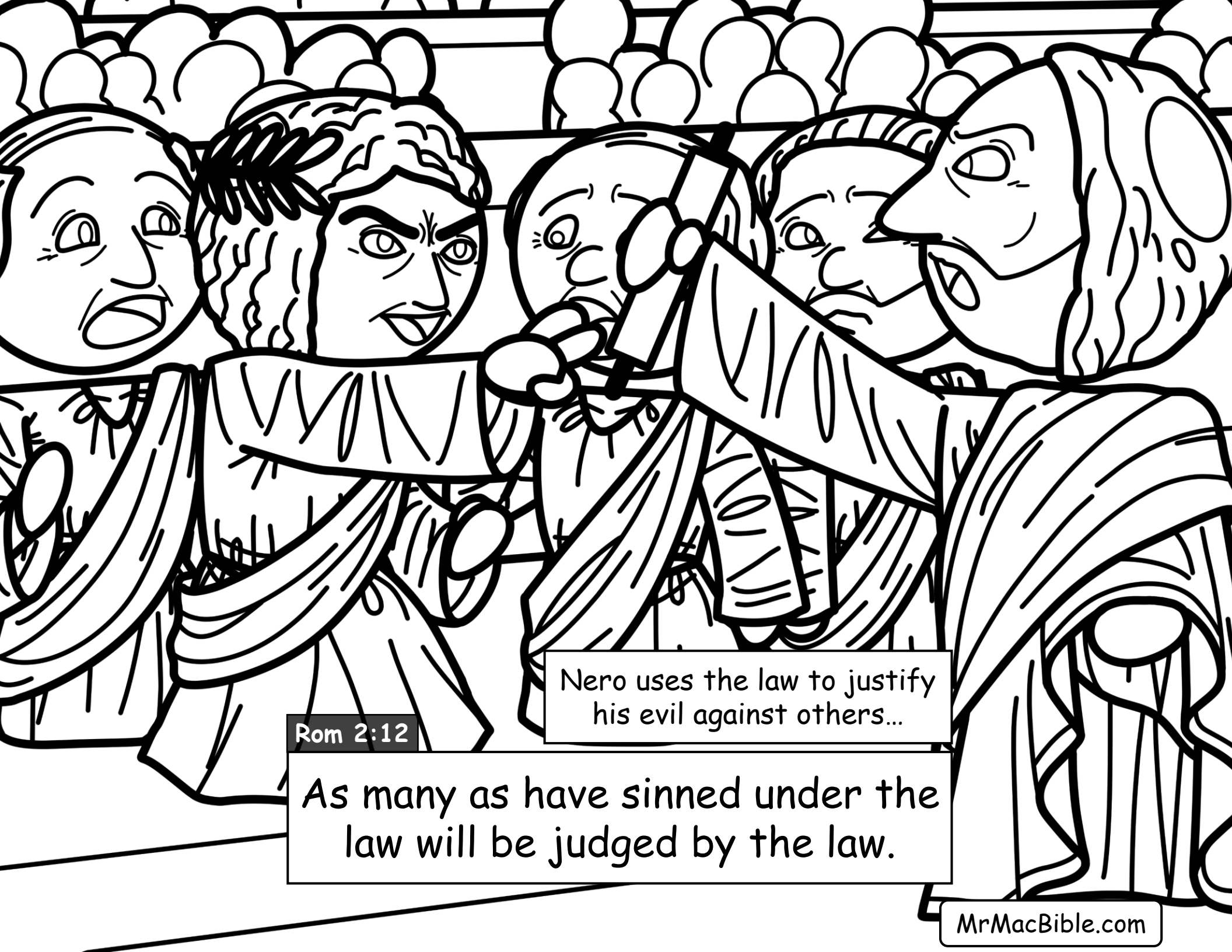
But glory, honour, and peace go to every man who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.



This family is not afraid to die for their faith in Jesus.

Rom 2:11-12


For there is no partiality with God. For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law.



Nero uses the law to justify
his evil against others...

Rom 2:12

As many as have sinned under the
law will be judged by the law.



Nero uses his laws to
harm the faithful...

Rom 2:13

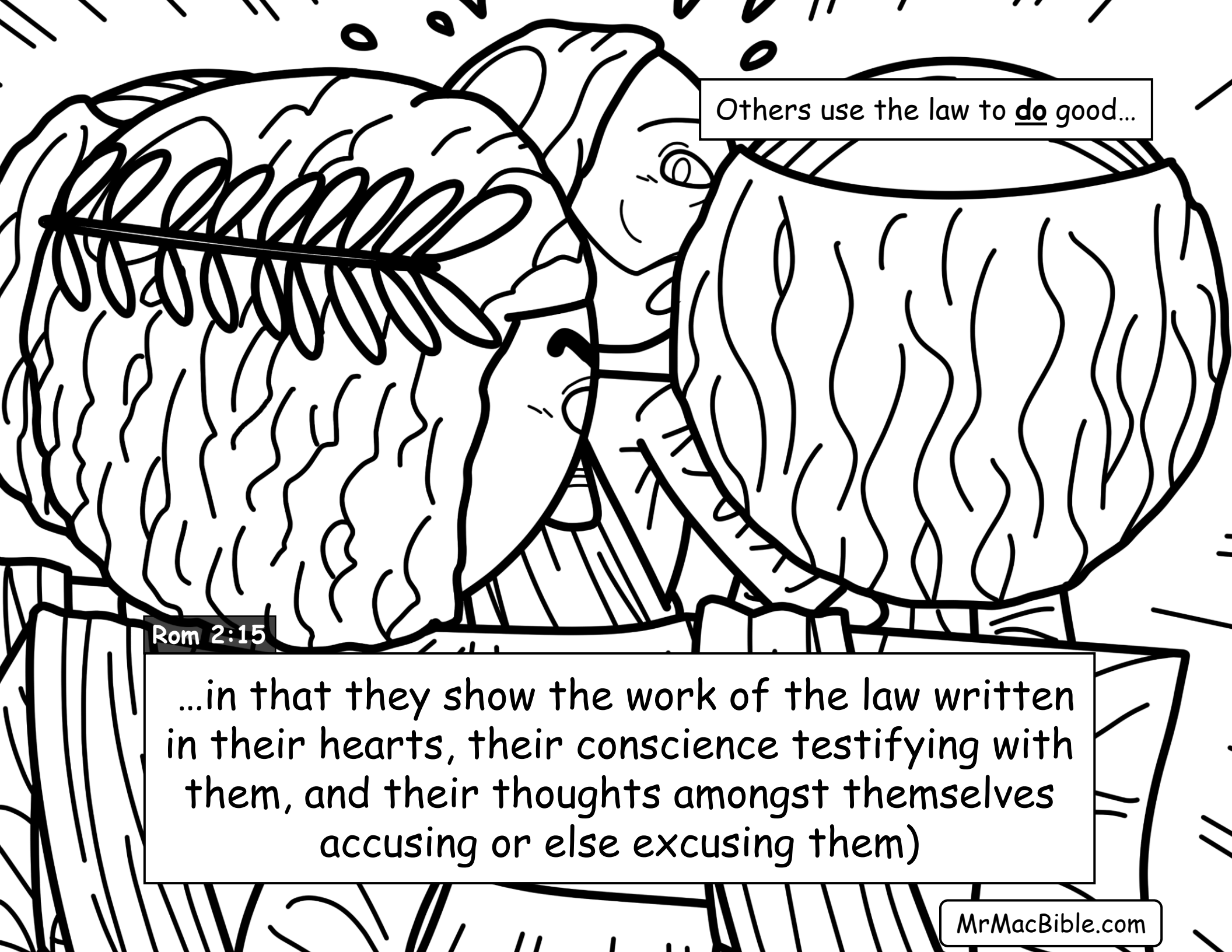
For it isn't the hearers of the law who
are righteous before God, but the
doers of the law will be justified...



Nero doesn't care who he hurts!

Rom 2:14

(for when Gentiles who don't have the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law to themselves...



Others use the law to do good...

Rom 2:15

...in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying with them, and their thoughts amongst themselves accusing or else excusing them)



Jesus will judge each of us...

Rom 2:16

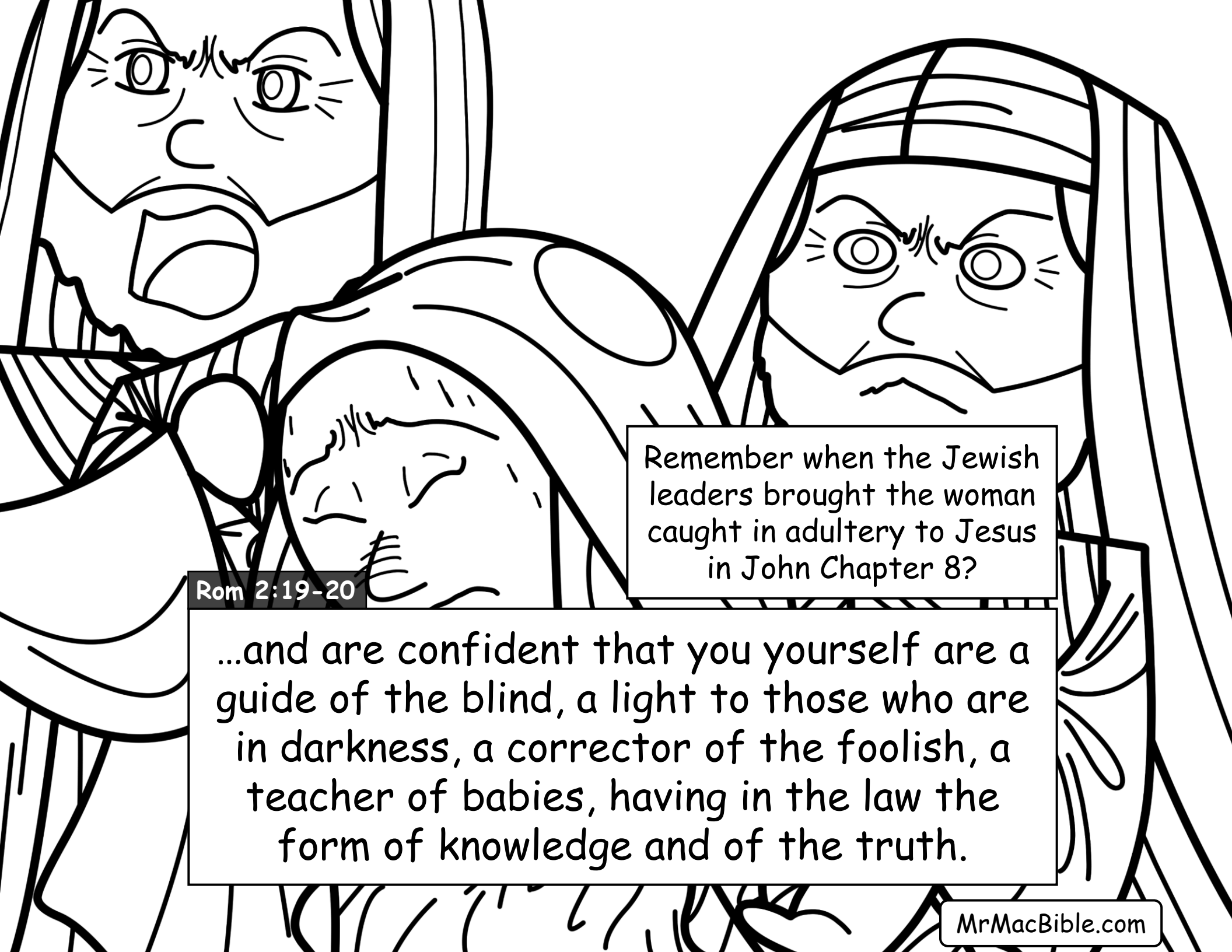
...in the day when God will judge
the secrets of men, according to
my Good News, by Jesus Christ.



The Gospel came to the Jews first...

Rom 2:17-18

Indeed you bear the name of a Jew, rest on the law, glory in God, know his will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law,



Remember when the Jewish leaders brought the woman caught in adultery to Jesus in John Chapter 8?

Rom 2:19-20


...and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babies, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth.



Rom 2:21

How did Jesus respond
to the Jewish leaders?

You therefore who teach another,
don't you teach yourself?



You who preach that a man
shouldn't steal, do you steal?

Rom 2:21


Are we sometimes a hypocrite?



Do we always practise what we preach?

Rom 2:22

You who say a man shouldn't commit adultery, do you commit adultery?



Remember when Jesus threw out the
money changer from the temple?

Rom 2:23

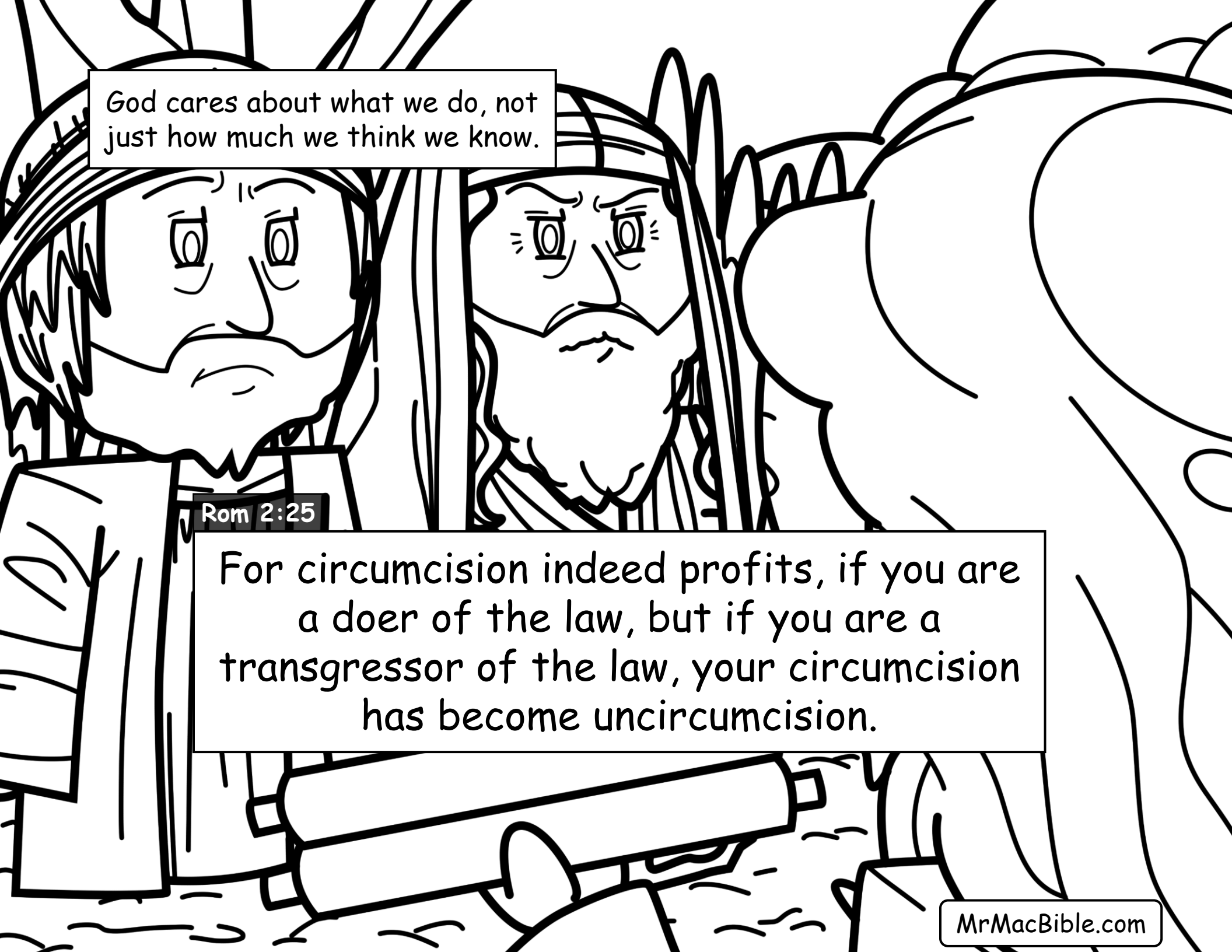
You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?
You who glory in the law, do you
dishonour God by disobeying the law?



Do our actions and attitudes
sometimes make God "look bad"?

Rom 2:24

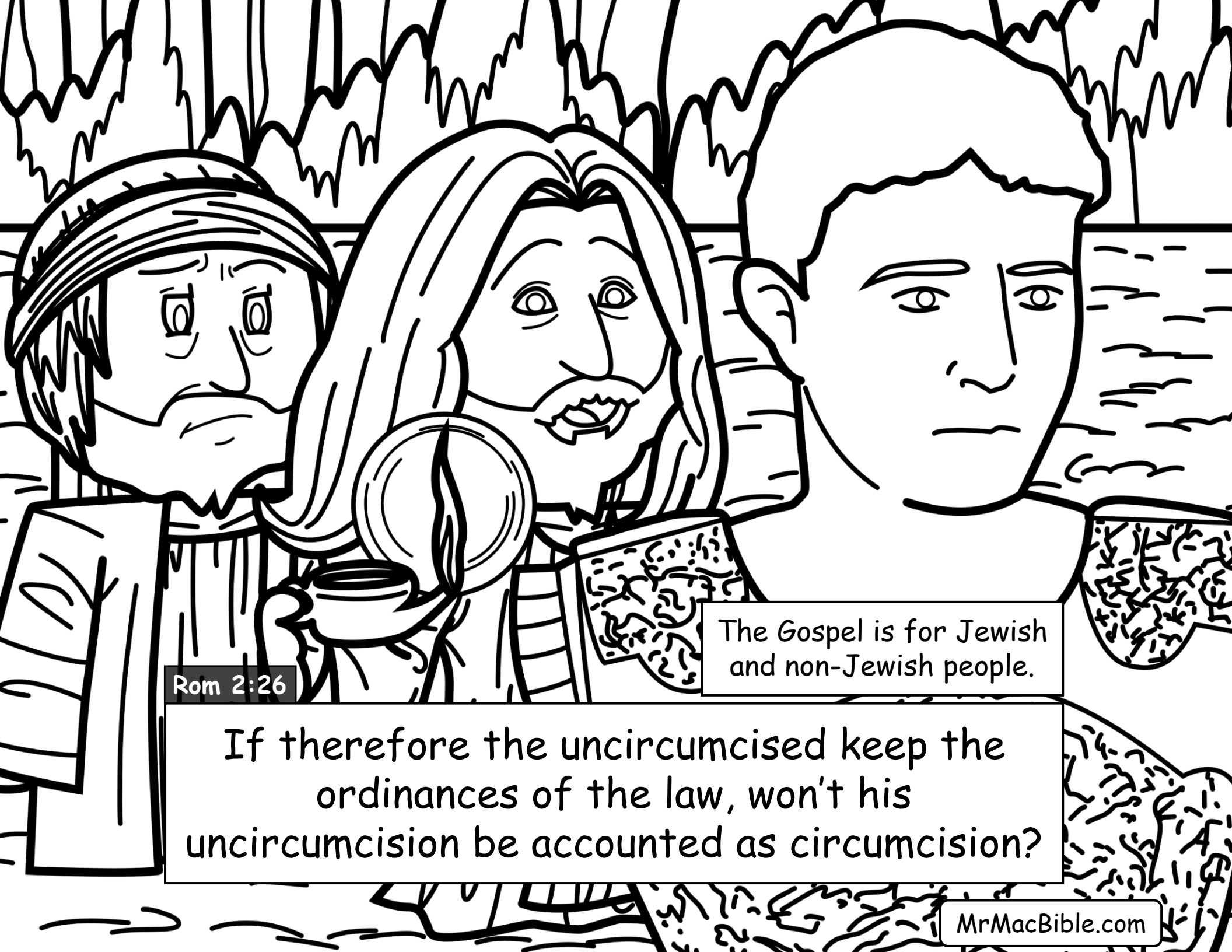
For "the name of God is blasphemed
amongst the Gentiles because of you,"
just as it is written.



God cares about what we do, not
just how much we think we know.

Rom 2:25


For circumcision indeed profits, if you are
a doer of the law, but if you are a
transgressor of the law, your circumcision
has become uncircumcision.



Rom 2:26

The Gospel is for Jewish
and non-Jewish people.

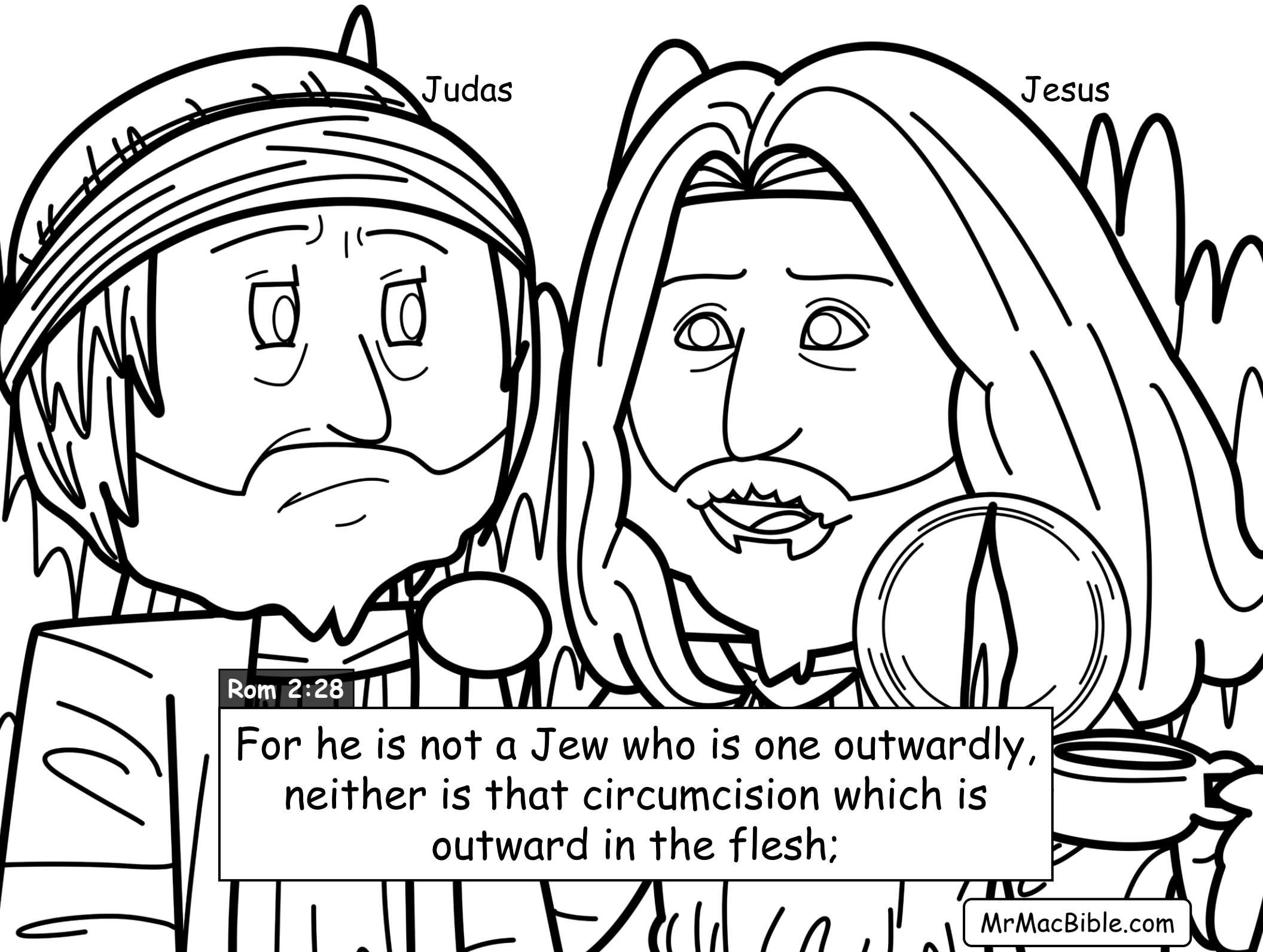
If therefore the uncircumcised keep the
ordinances of the law, won't his
uncircumcision be accounted as circumcision?



Judas was an example of someone who
"looked like" they were following the
law, but he didn't trust in Jesus...

Rom 2:27

Won't those who are physically
uncircumcised, but fulfil the law, judge
you, who with the letter and circumcision
are a transgressor of the law?



Judas

Jesus

Rom 2:28

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly,
neither is that circumcision which is
outward in the flesh;




Rom 2:29

...but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Do you know someone who
criticizes other people for
their bad behavior while they
do things just as bad?




No One Is Righteous!

Rom 3:1-20

Background:

Abraham (the father of the Jewish story) heard promises directly from God.

Paul will now explain that religious Jewish people have an advantage in life because they were "the first" to be given the Bible. But even if our family has the Bible, we are all born sinners and separated from God...



Abraham learned the rules about
circumcision by God himself.

Rom 3:1


Then what advantage does the Jew have?
Or what is the profit of circumcision?



Moses and the Jews were given the Ten Commandments by God at Mt. Sinai.

Rom 3:2

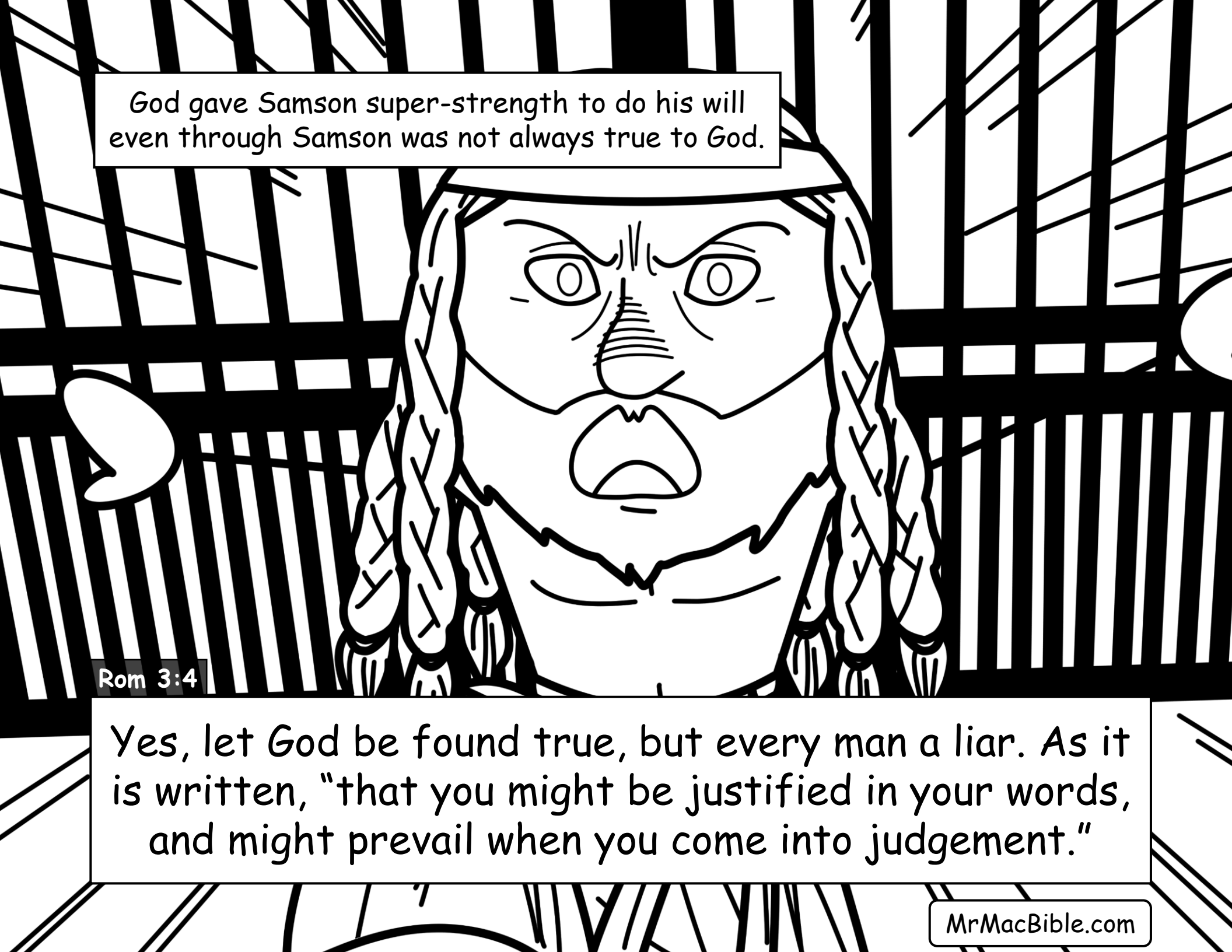
Much in every way! Because first of all, they were entrusted with the revelations of God.



God's promises are always true... even when we don't believe or obey his word.

Rom 3:3

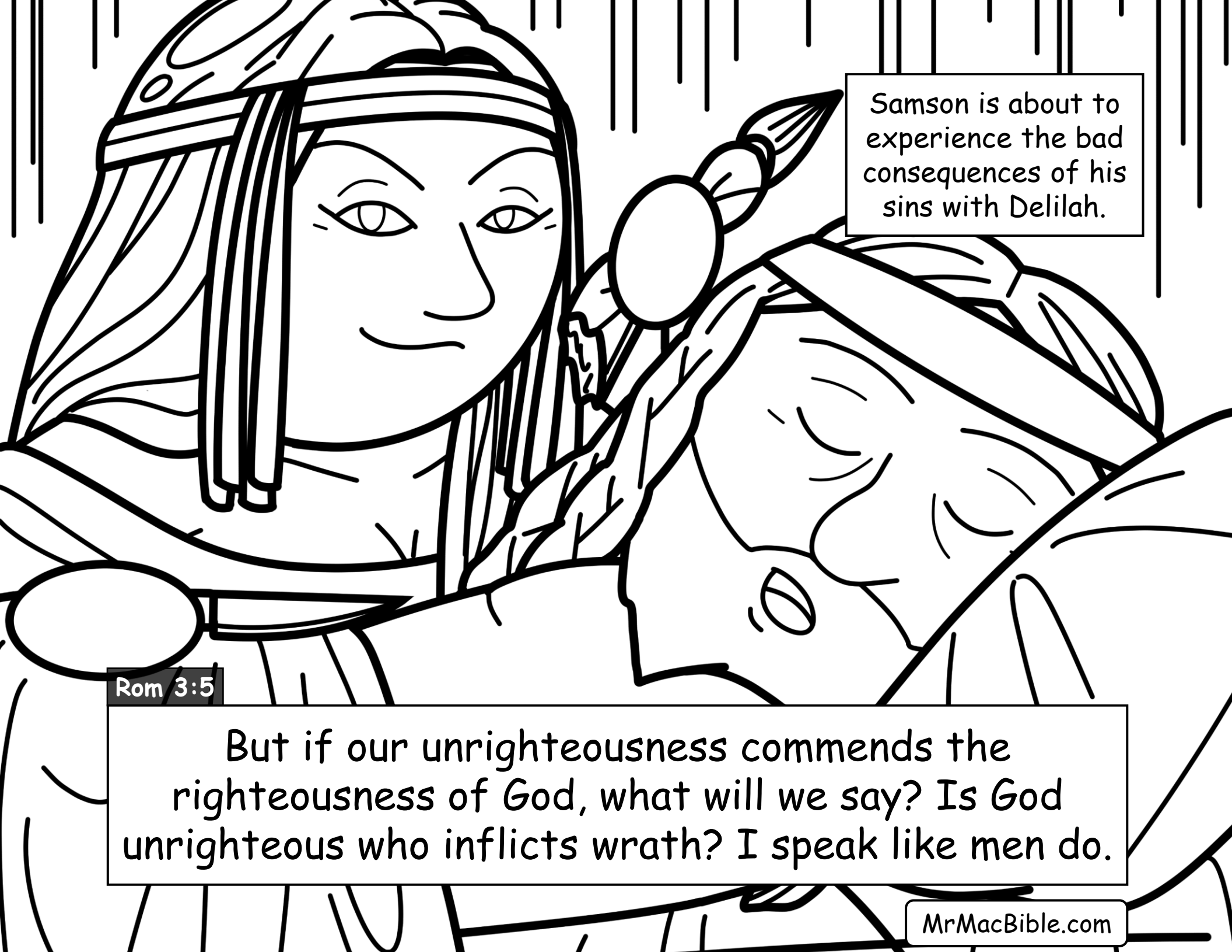
For what if some were without faith?
Will their lack of faith nullify the
faithfulness of God? May it never be!



God gave Samson super-strength to do his will even through Samson was not always true to God.

Rom 3:4


Yes, let God be found true, but every man a liar. As it is written, "that you might be justified in your words, and might prevail when you come into judgement."



Samson is about to experience the bad consequences of his sins with Delilah.

Rom 3:5

But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what will we say? Is God unrighteous who inflicts wrath? I speak like men do.



Even as a prisoner of the Philistines,
God is not done using Samson!

PAK!

Rom 3:6

May it never be! For then
how will God judge the world?



God gets the glory as Samson completes his mission against God's enemies!

Rom 3:7

For if the truth of God through my lie abounded to his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?



Why not (as we are slanderously reported,
and as some affirm that we say),

Paul remembers when he used to
use violence against Christians


Rom 3:8

"Let's do evil, that good may come?"
Those who say so are justly condemned.



Rom 3:9

What then? Are we better than they? No, in no way.



Paul preaches Jesus and repentance
to both Jews and non-Jews...

Rom 3:10

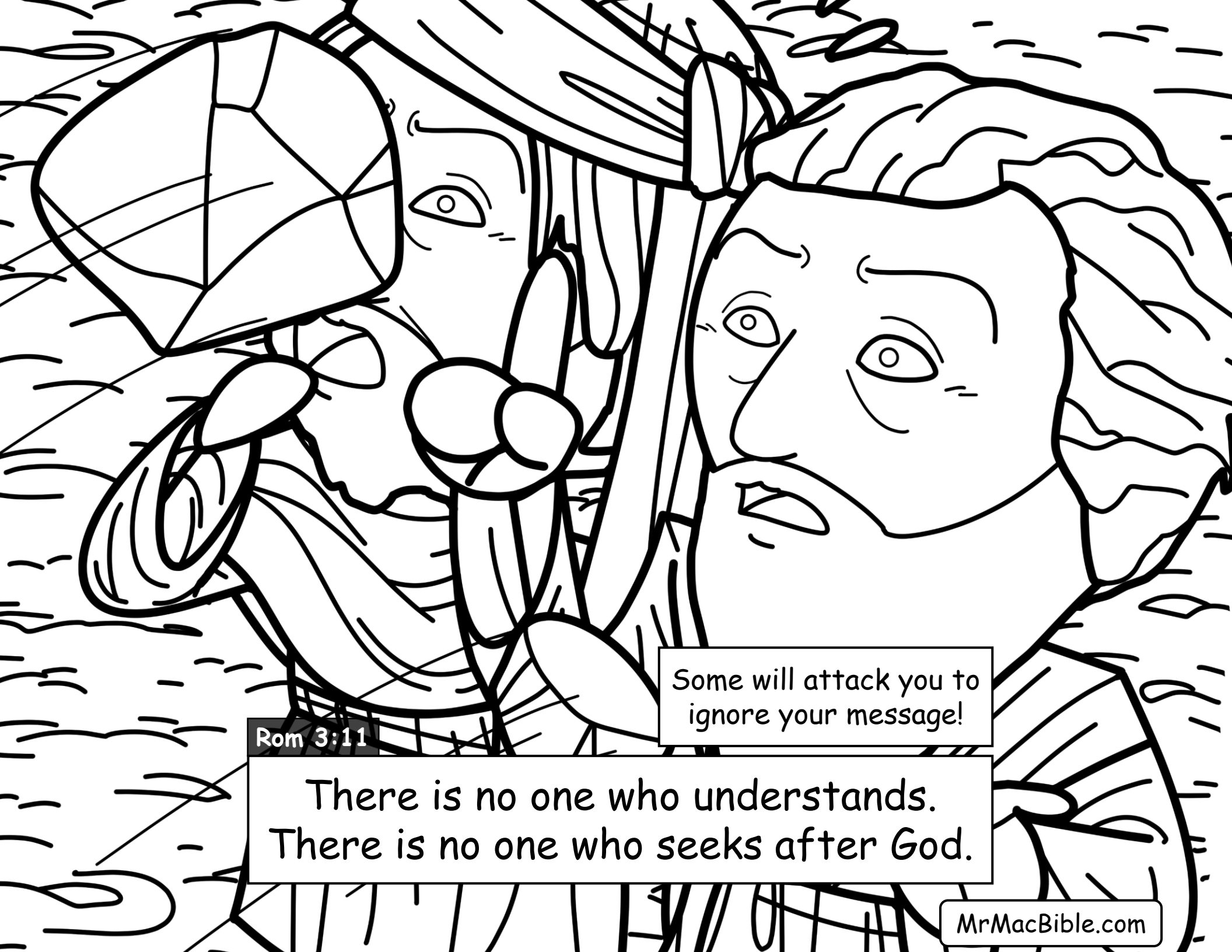
For we previously warned both Jews
and Greeks that they are all under sin.



No one will be saved by
their own "goodness".

Rom 3:10

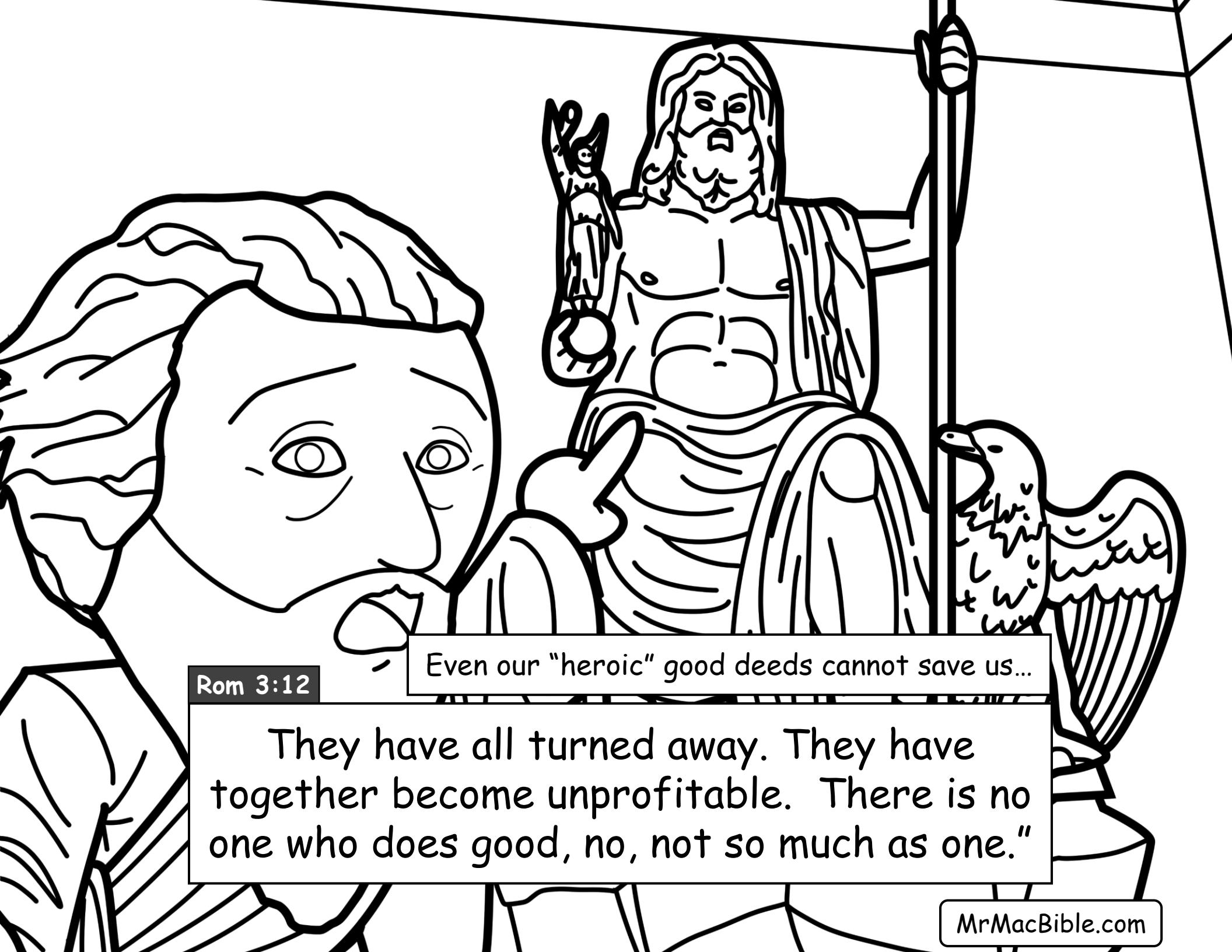
As it is written, "There is no
one righteous; no, not one".



Rom 3:11

Some will attack you to
ignore your message!


There is no one who understands.
There is no one who seeks after God.



Even our "heroic" good deeds cannot save us...

Rom 3:12

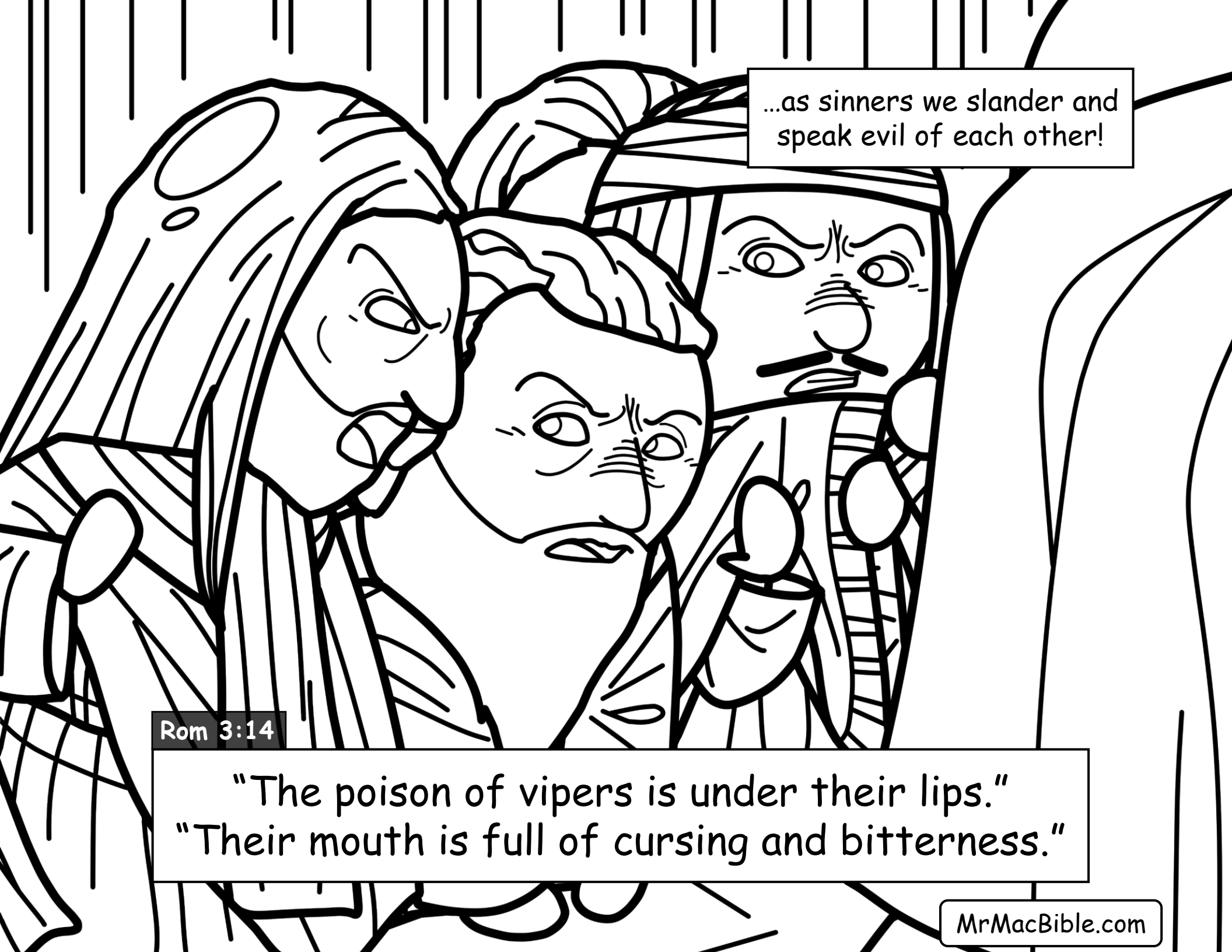
They have all turned away. They have together become unprofitable. There is no one who does good, no, not so much as one."



As sinners, sometimes we
use our lies like weapons!

Rom 3:13


"Their throat is an open tomb. With
their tongues they have used deceit."



...as sinners we slander and
speak evil of each other!

Rom 3:14


"The poison of vipers is under their lips."
"Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."



As sinners, many of us have even threatened the messengers of Jesus with hate and violence!

Rom 3:15

"Their feet are swift to shed blood.
Destruction and misery are in their ways."



The way of peace, they haven't known."
"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Rom 3:17-18

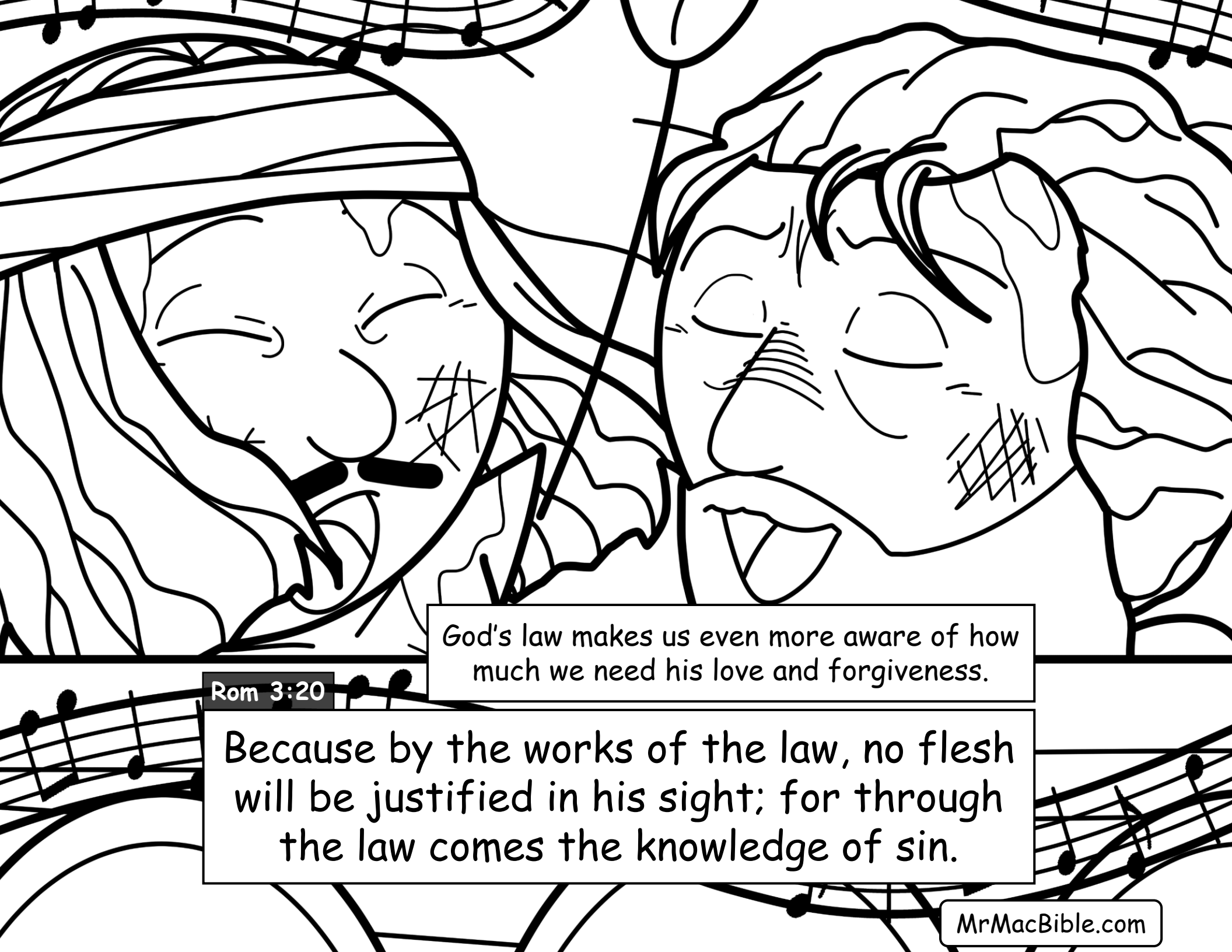
Do we think God will never pay
back sinners for their evil deeds?



But we preach the Gospel to Jews and non-Jews!

Rom 3:19

Now we know that whatever things the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may be brought under the judgement of God.



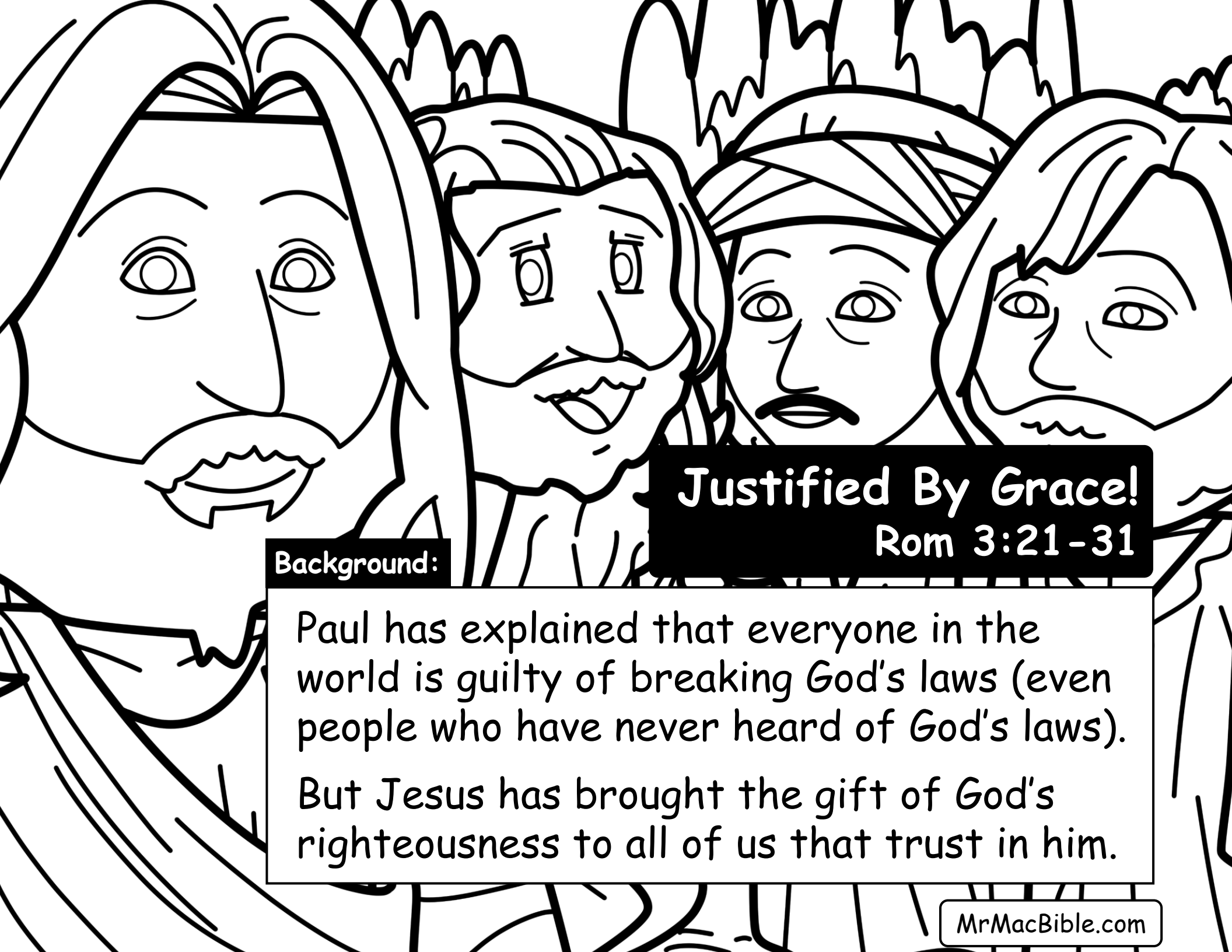
God's law makes us even more aware of how much we need his love and forgiveness.

Rom 3:20

Because by the works of the law, no flesh will be justified in his sight; for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Which laws of God have you
"never" broken... even in your
heart?

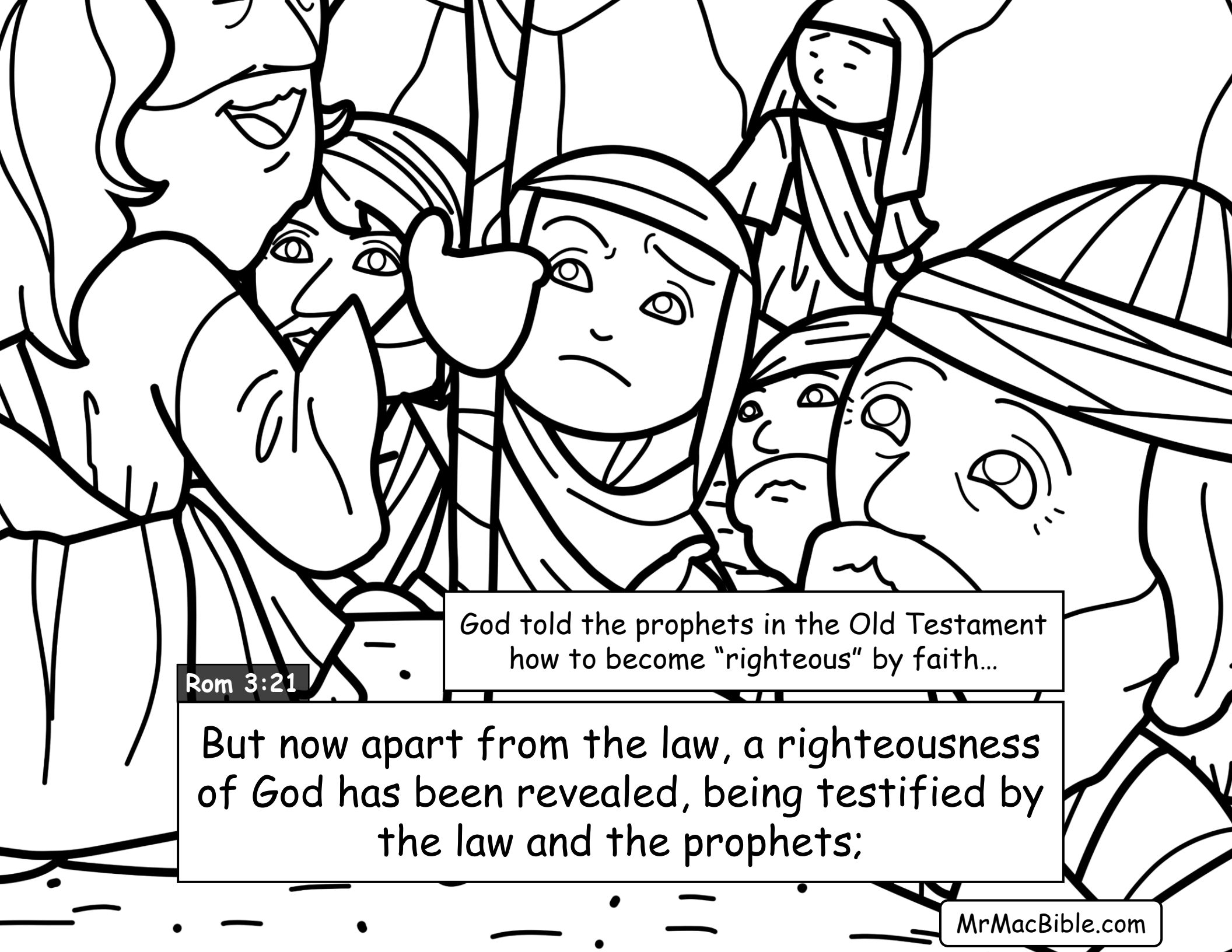


Justified By Grace!

Rom 3:21-31

Background:

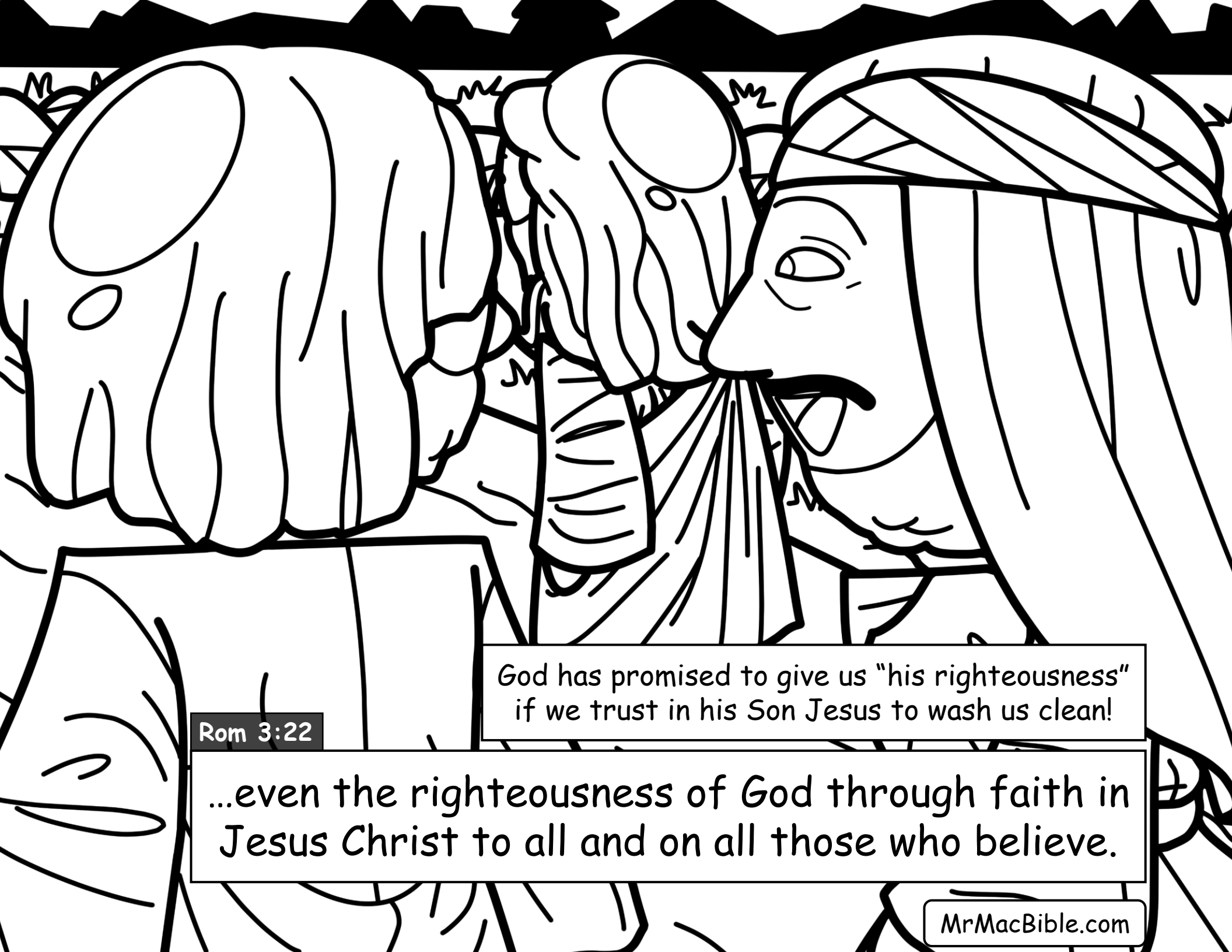
Paul has explained that everyone in the world is guilty of breaking God's laws (even people who have never heard of God's laws). But Jesus has brought the gift of God's righteousness to all of us that trust in him.



Rom 3:21

God told the prophets in the Old Testament
how to become "righteous" by faith...


But now apart from the law, a righteousness
of God has been revealed, being testified by
the law and the prophets;



Rom 3:22

God has promised to give us "his righteousness" if we trust in his Son Jesus to wash us clean!

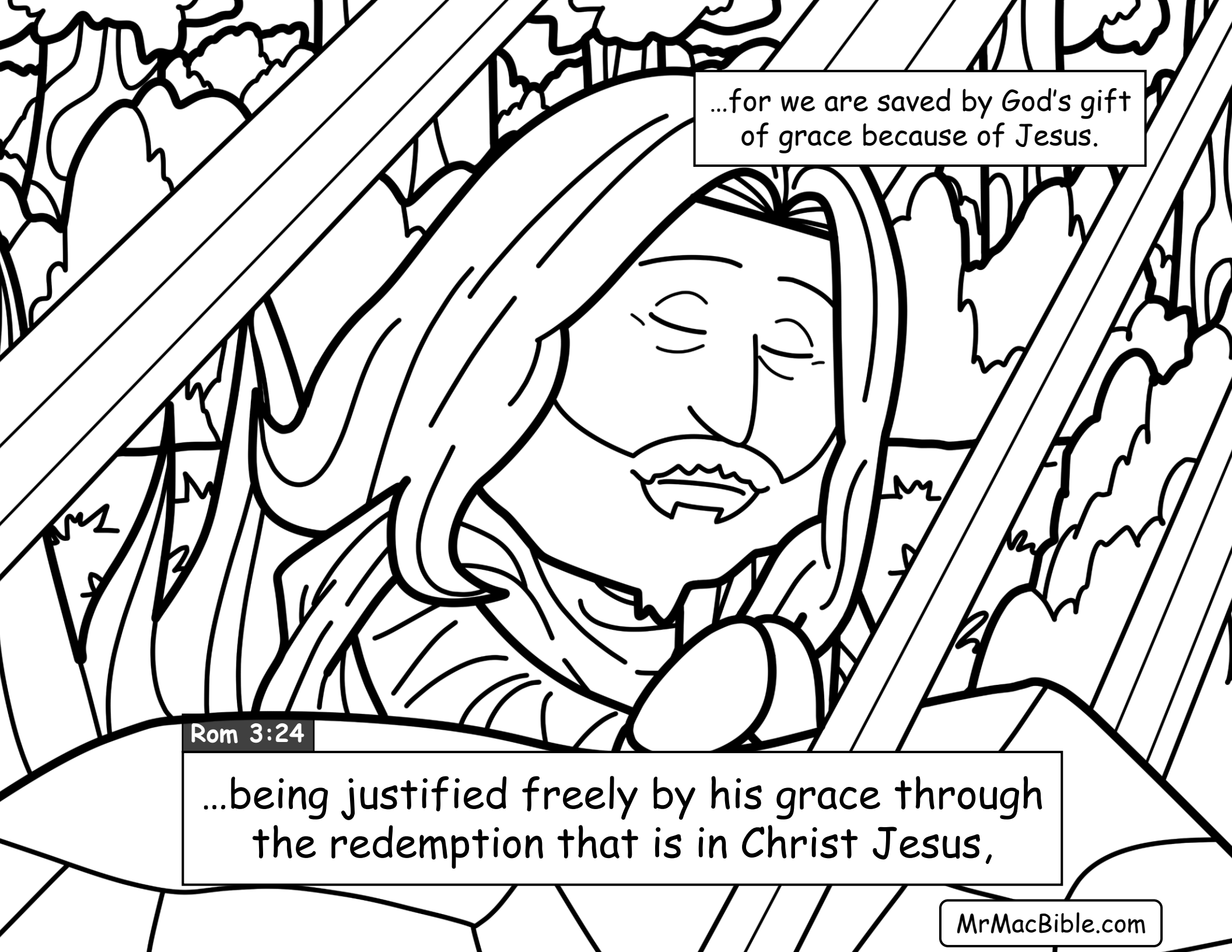
...even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all those who believe.



John explains that "no one" is good-enough
on their own to bring glory to God...

Rom 3:23

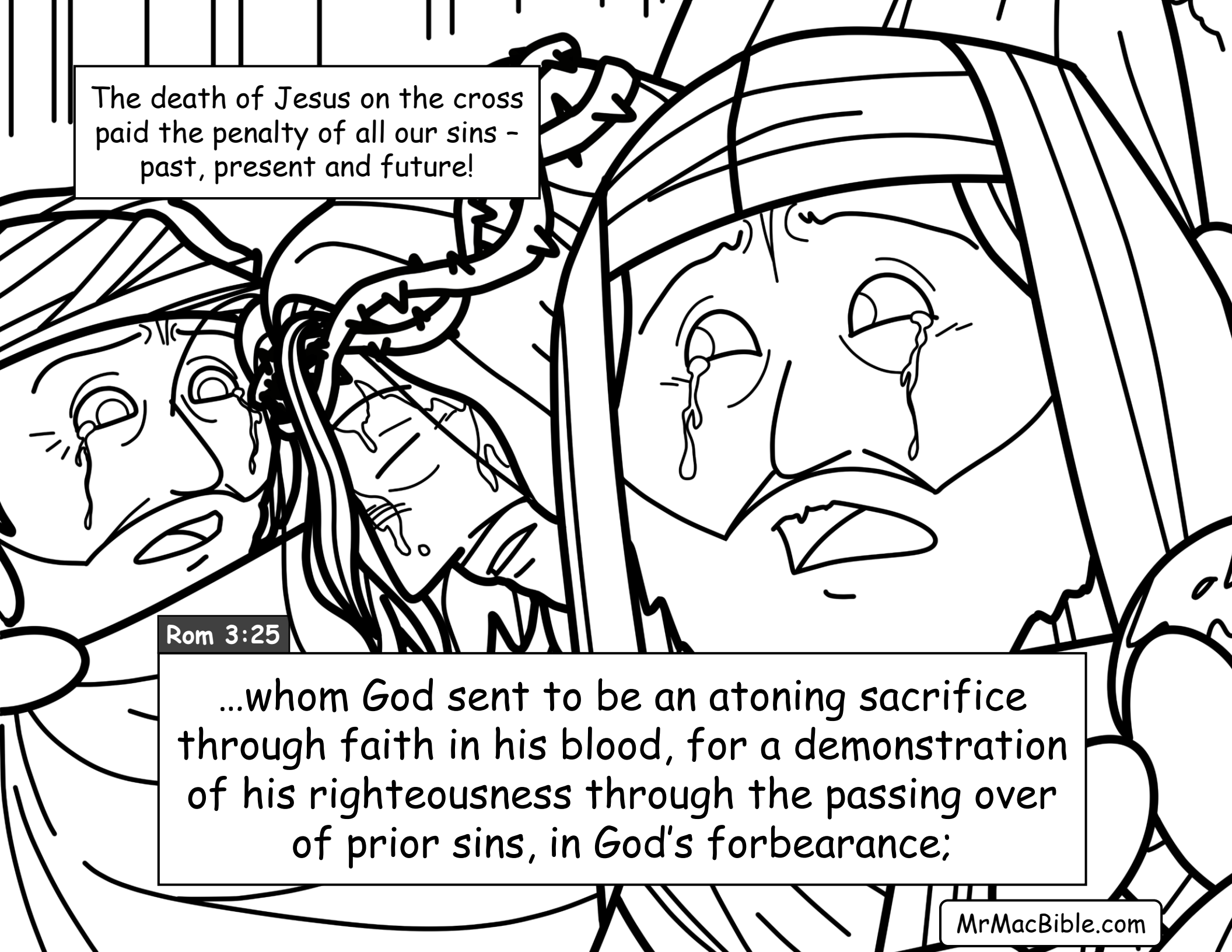
For there is no distinction, for all have
sinned, and fall short of the glory of God;



...for we are saved by God's gift
of grace because of Jesus.

Rom 3:24

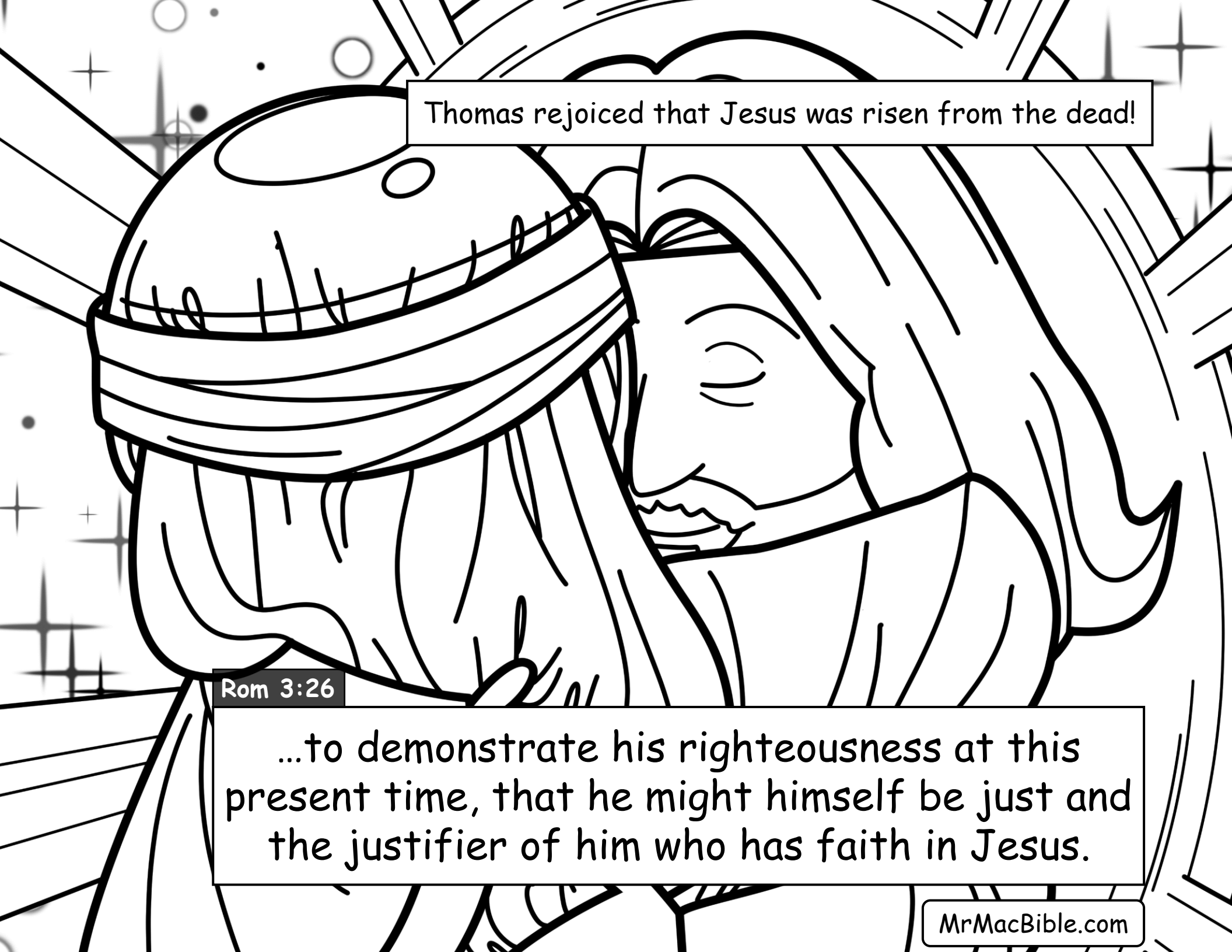
...being justified freely by his grace through
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,



The death of Jesus on the cross
paid the penalty of all our sins -
past, present and future!

Rom 3:25

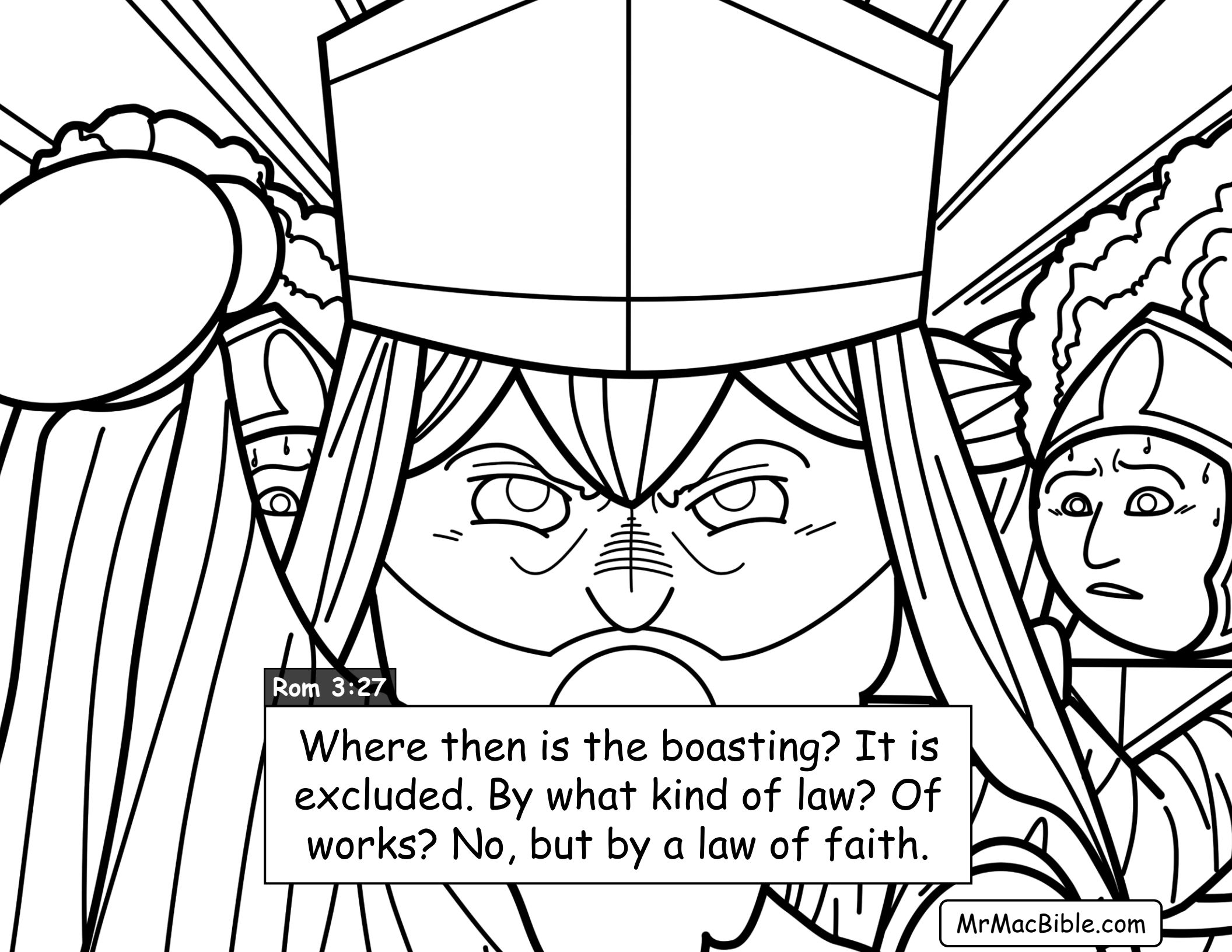
...whom God sent to be an atoning sacrifice
through faith in his blood, for a demonstration
of his righteousness through the passing over
of prior sins, in God's forbearance;



Thomas rejoiced that Jesus was risen from the dead!

Rom 3:26

...to demonstrate his righteousness at this present time, that he might himself be just and the justifier of him who has faith in Jesus.



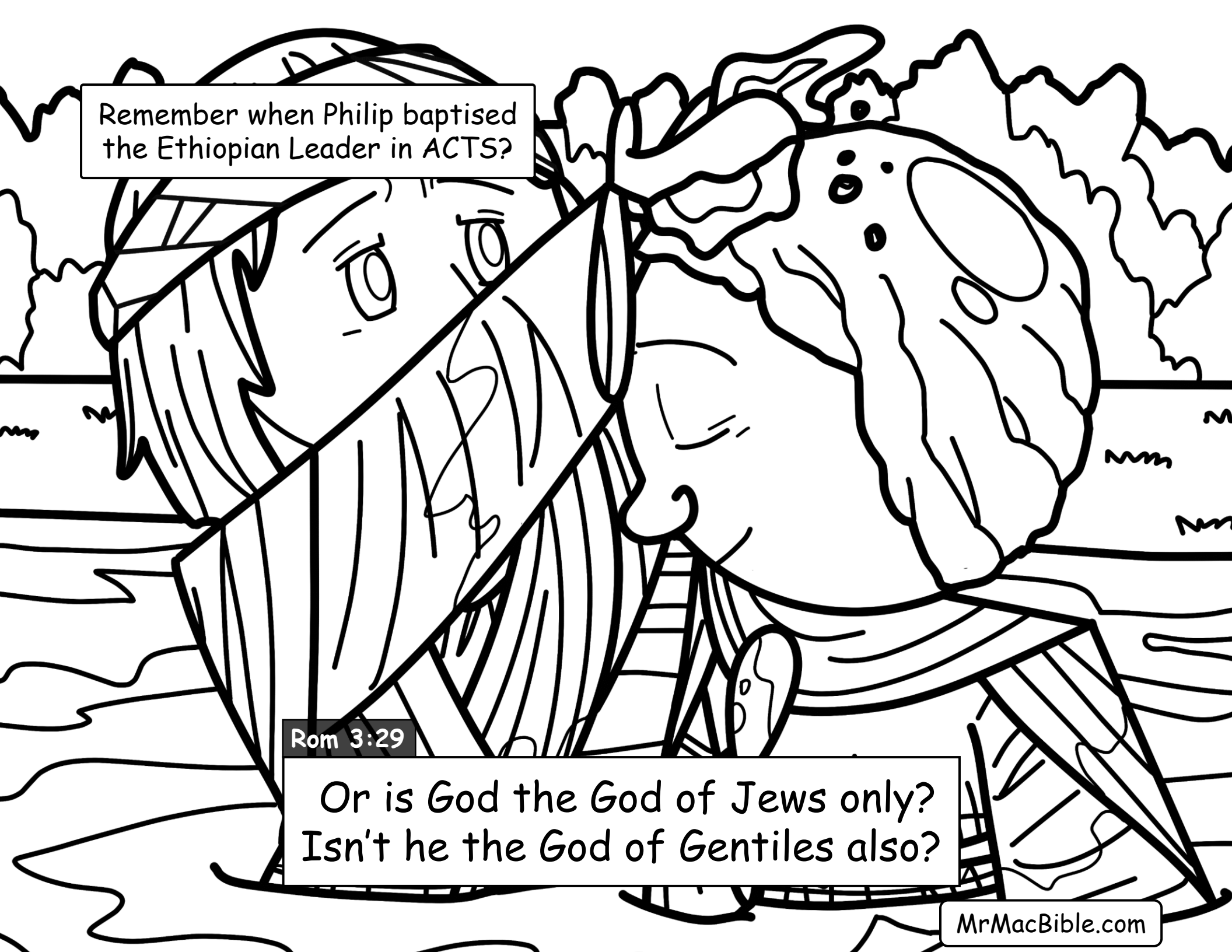
Rom 3:27

Where then is the boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

We maintain therefore that a man is justified
by faith apart from the works of the law.

Rom 3:28

Jesus showed his friends the
marks from his crucifixion.



Remember when Philip baptised
the Ethiopian Leader in ACTS?

Rom 3:29

Or is God the God of Jews only?
Isn't he the God of Gentiles also?



Even Romans and Greeks
were trusting in Jesus!

Rom 3:30

Yes, of Gentiles also, since indeed there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.



Rom 3:31

Faith in Jesus gives us forgiveness
and the power to do good!

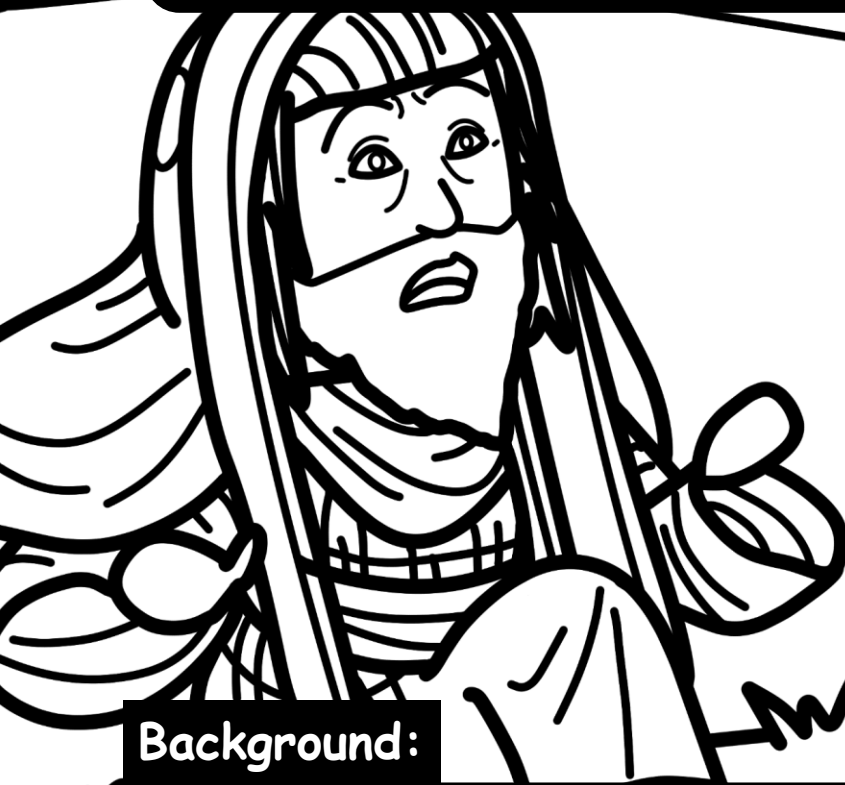
Do we then nullify the law through faith?
May it never be! No, we establish the law.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Describe a time when your
faith and love for Jesus gave
you his special power to say
“no” to sin and do good
instead?

Abraham Believed God!

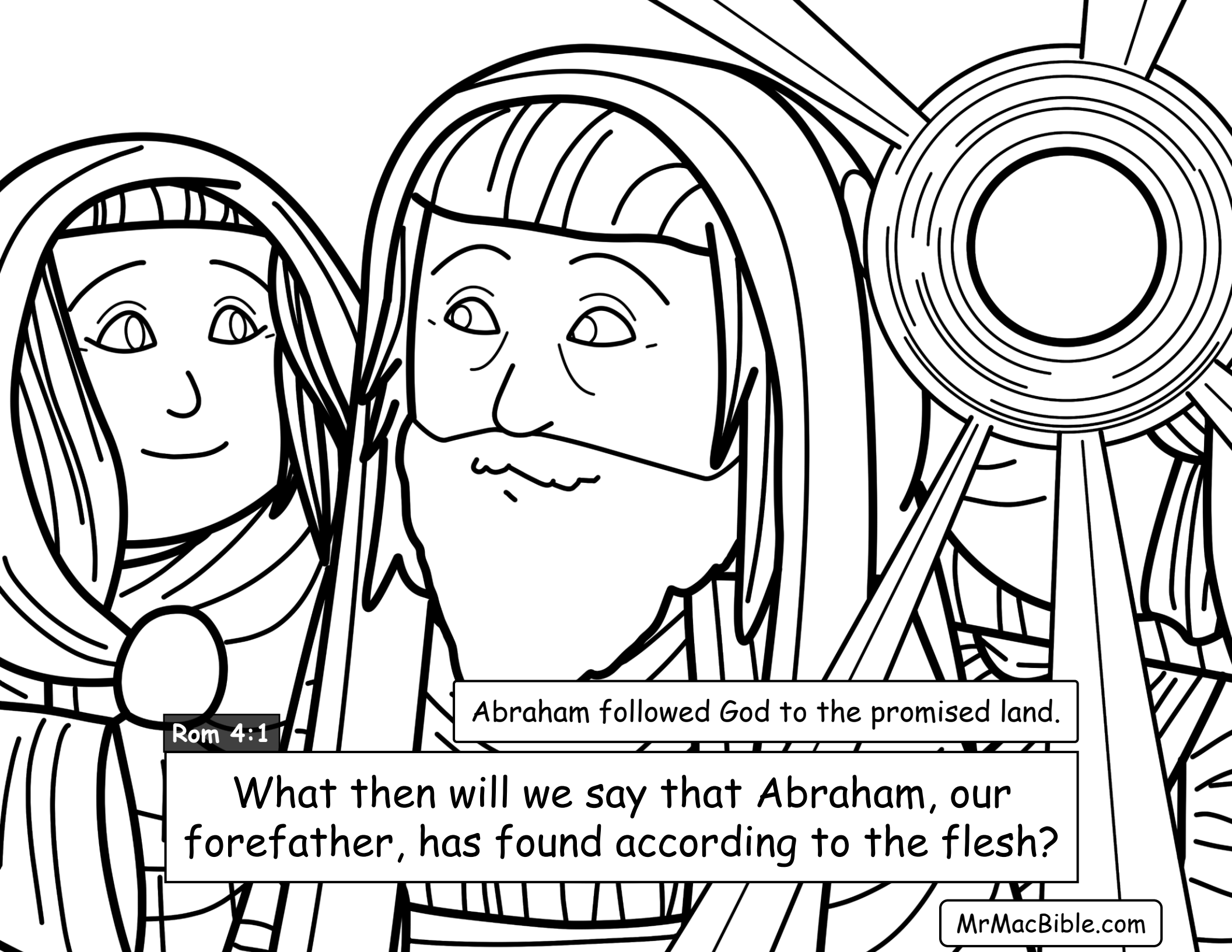
Rom 4:1-15



Background:

Abraham meets God

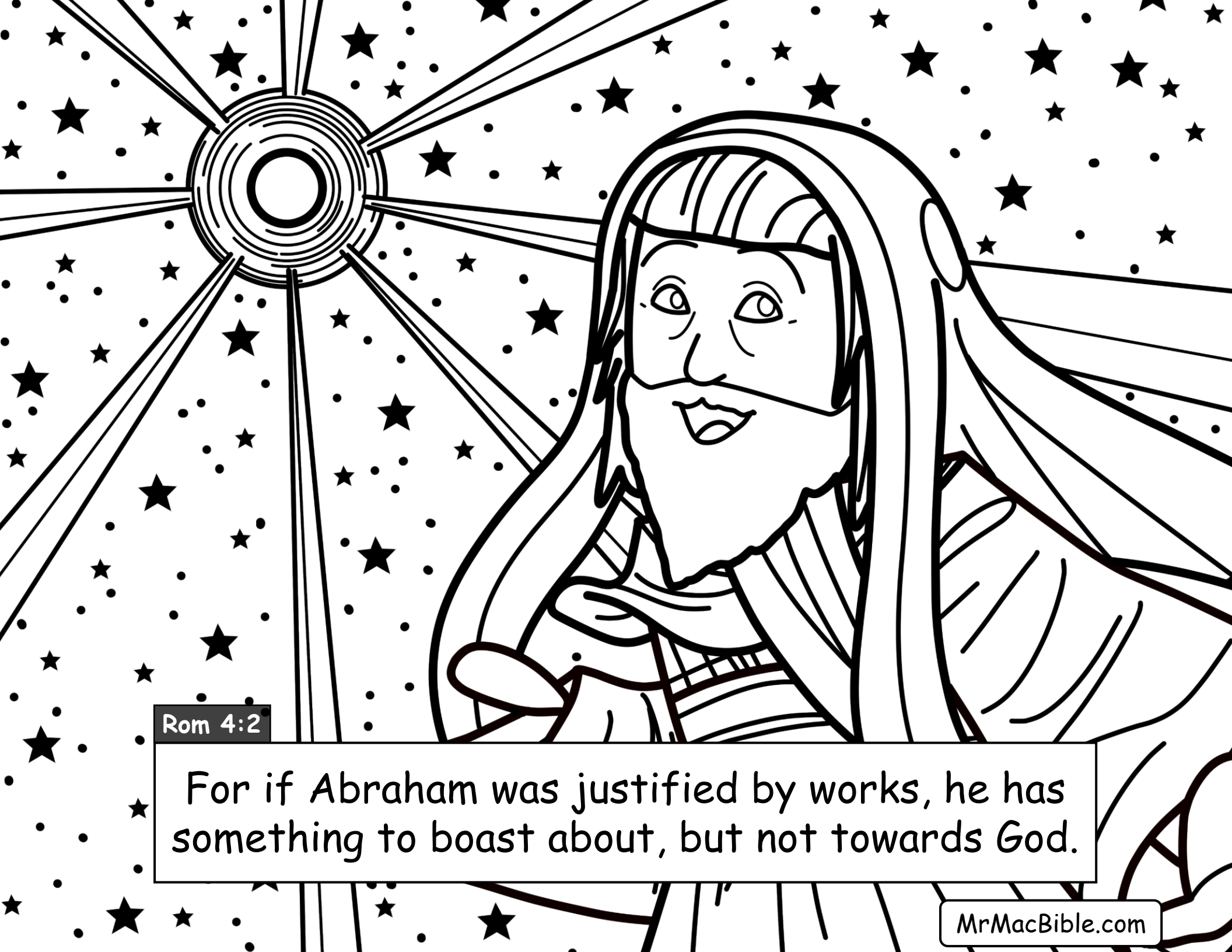
Since Paul is writing to Jews in Rome who know the stories of the Old Testament, he will now explain how God's message of faith really began at the beginning of the Bible with the promises given to Abraham.



Rom 4:1

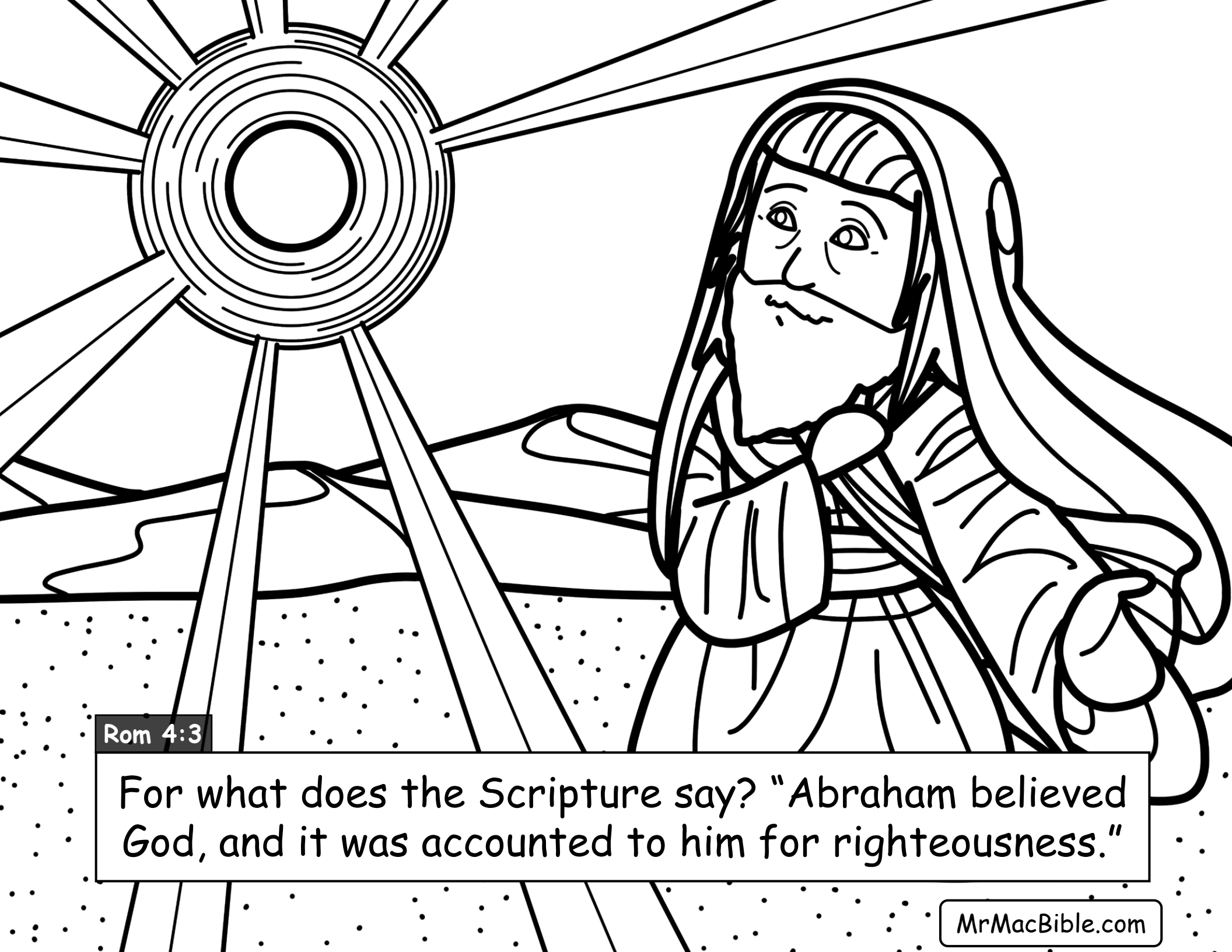
Abraham followed God to the promised land.

What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, has found according to the flesh?




Rom 4:2

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not towards God.



Rom 4:3

For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."



Did Abraham earn his righteousness by being good?... Or by believing God's promise?

Rom 4:4

Now to him who works, the reward is not counted as grace, but as something owed.



Rom 4:5

But to him who doesn't work, but believes
in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith
is accounted for righteousness.



God's promises were
given to King David too!

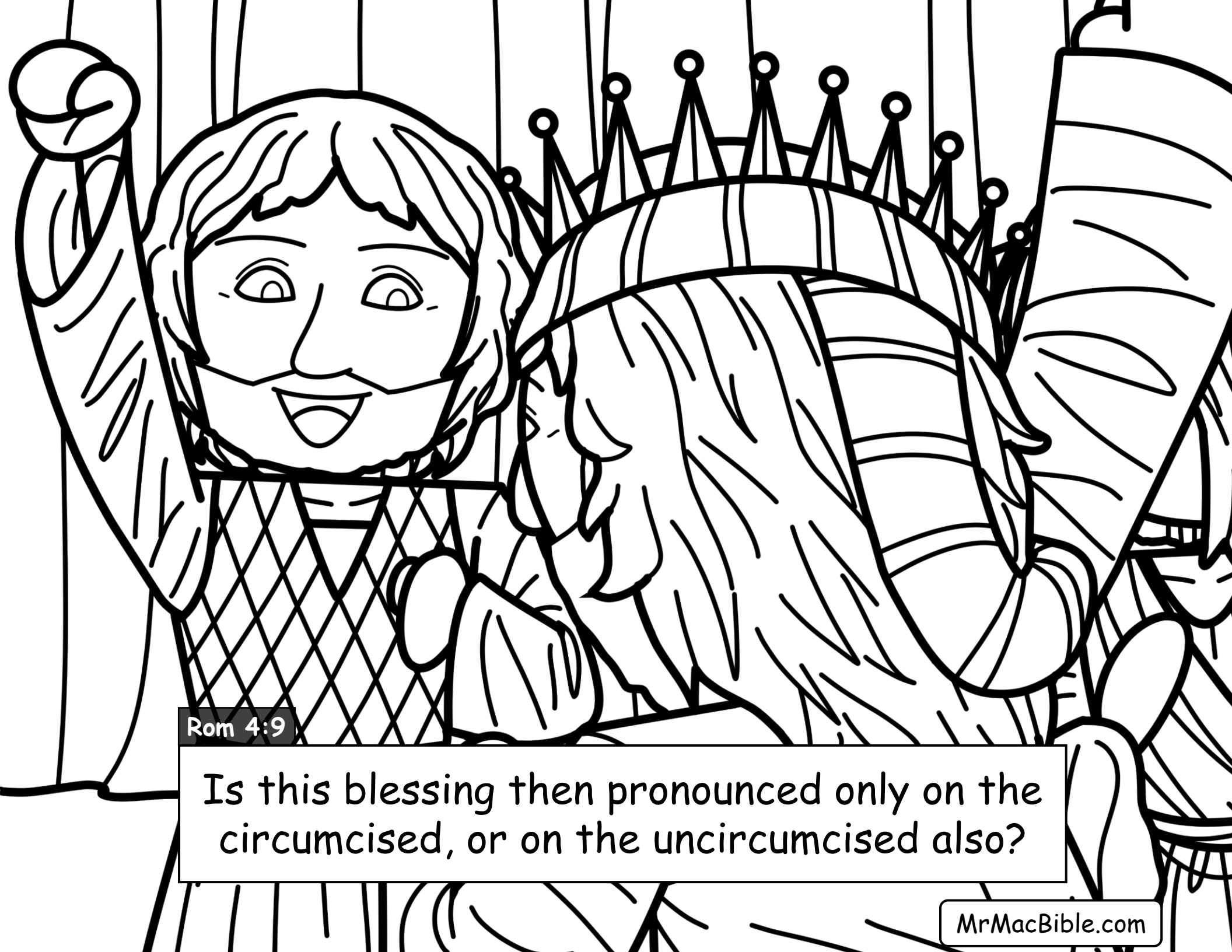
Rom 4:6

Even as David also pronounces blessing
on the man to whom God counts
righteousness apart from works:



Rom 4:7-8

[From the Psalm of David]: "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whom the Lord will by no means charge with sin."




Rom 4:9

Is this blessing then pronounced only on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also?



Rom 4:9

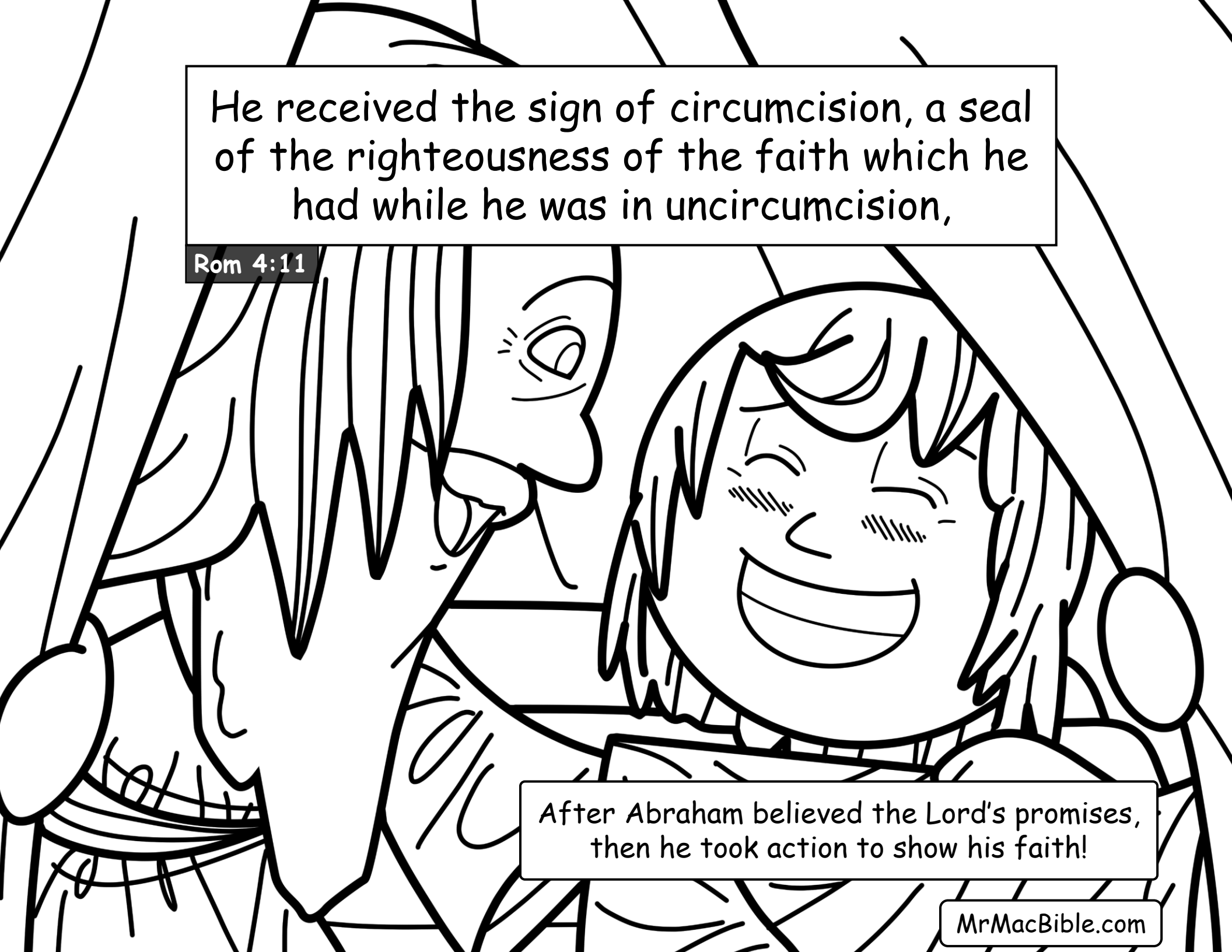
For we say that faith was accounted
to Abraham for righteousness.



God declared Abraham righteous
through his faith [Genesis 15:5]
before he obeyed any of God's laws.

Rom 4:10

How then was it counted? When he was
in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not
in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.



He received the sign of circumcision, a seal
of the righteousness of the faith which he
had while he was in uncircumcision,

Rom 4:11

After Abraham believed the Lord's promises,
then he took action to show his faith!



Rom 4:11

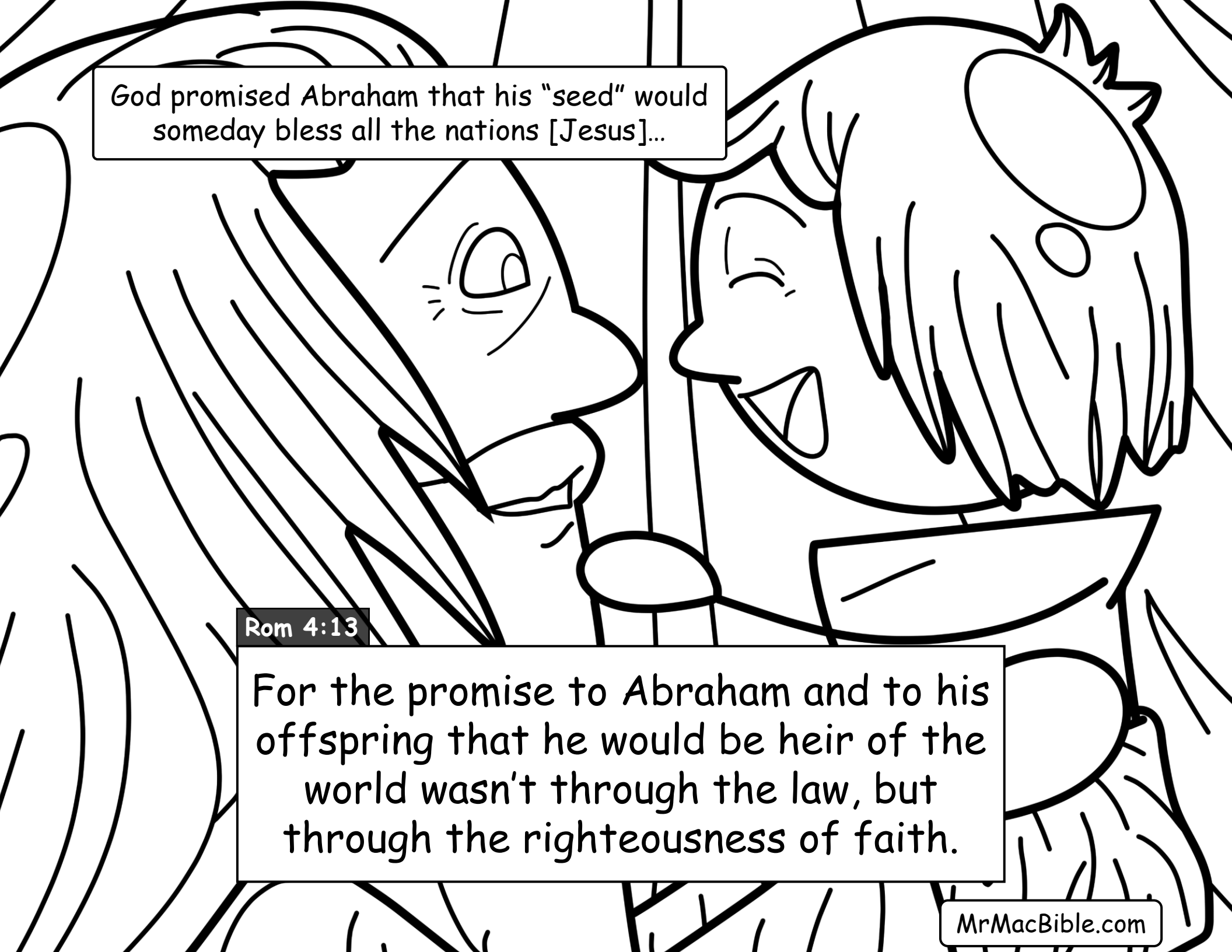
...that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they might be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might also be accounted to them.



If we believe God's promises, then
Abraham is our father in the faith too!

Rom 4:12


He is the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision.



God promised Abraham that his "seed" would someday bless all the nations [Jesus]...

Rom 4:13

For the promise to Abraham and to his offspring that he would be heir of the world wasn't through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.



Paul often uses the story of Abraham's servant Hagar and her son Ishmael as a metaphor for the kinds of people who try to get righteousness without faith in God's promises.

Rom 4:14

For if those who are of the law are heirs,
faith is made void, and the promise is
made of no effect.



After the "promised" child Isaac was born, Sarah ordered Hagar and her son Ismael to leave the family!

Rom 4:15

For the law produces wrath; for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Can you think of a time
when your faith in Jesus
helped you obey Him?

Tell us about that:



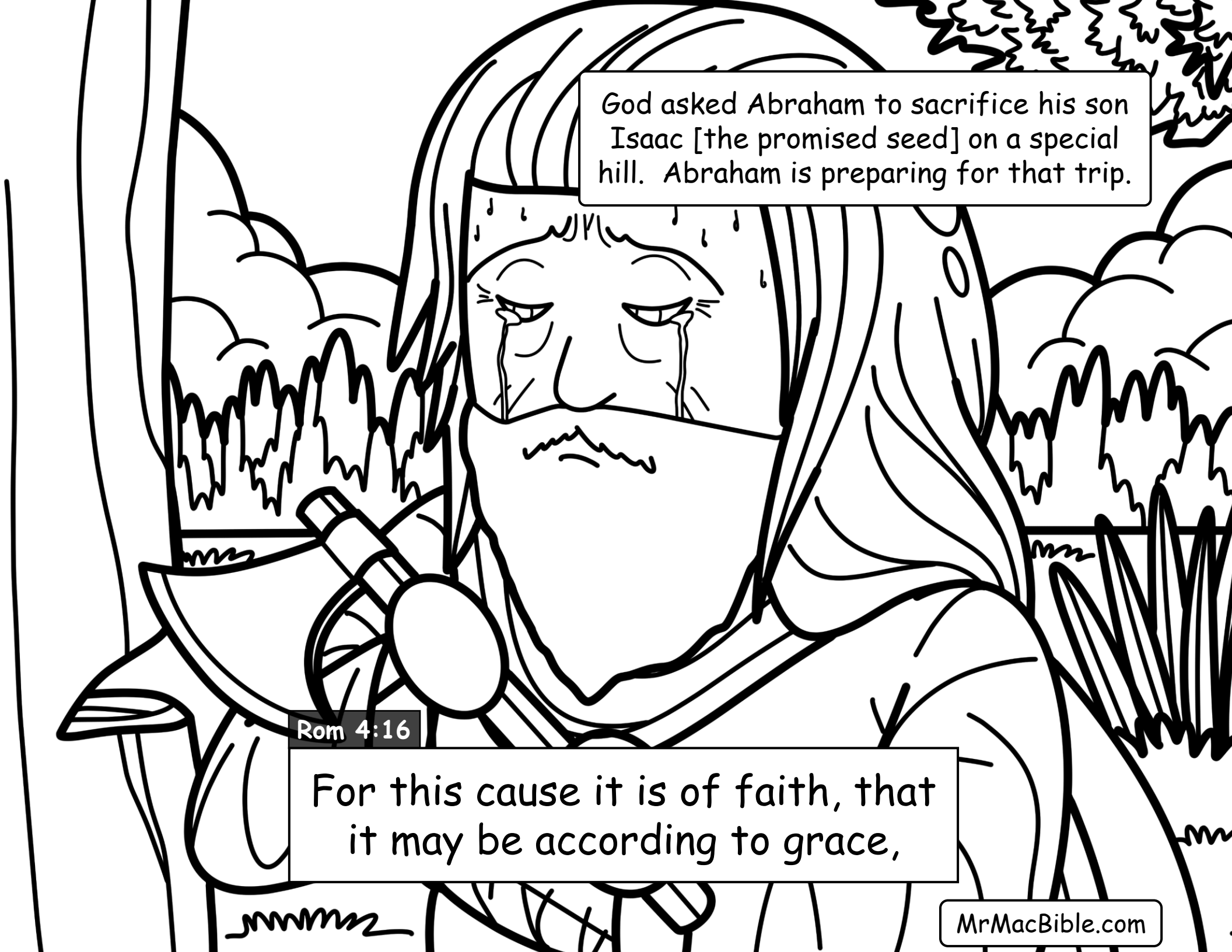
Righteousness Credited!

Rom 4:16-25

Background:

Paul continues to explain that God's righteousness comes to us by believing in the promised "seed" [Jesus].

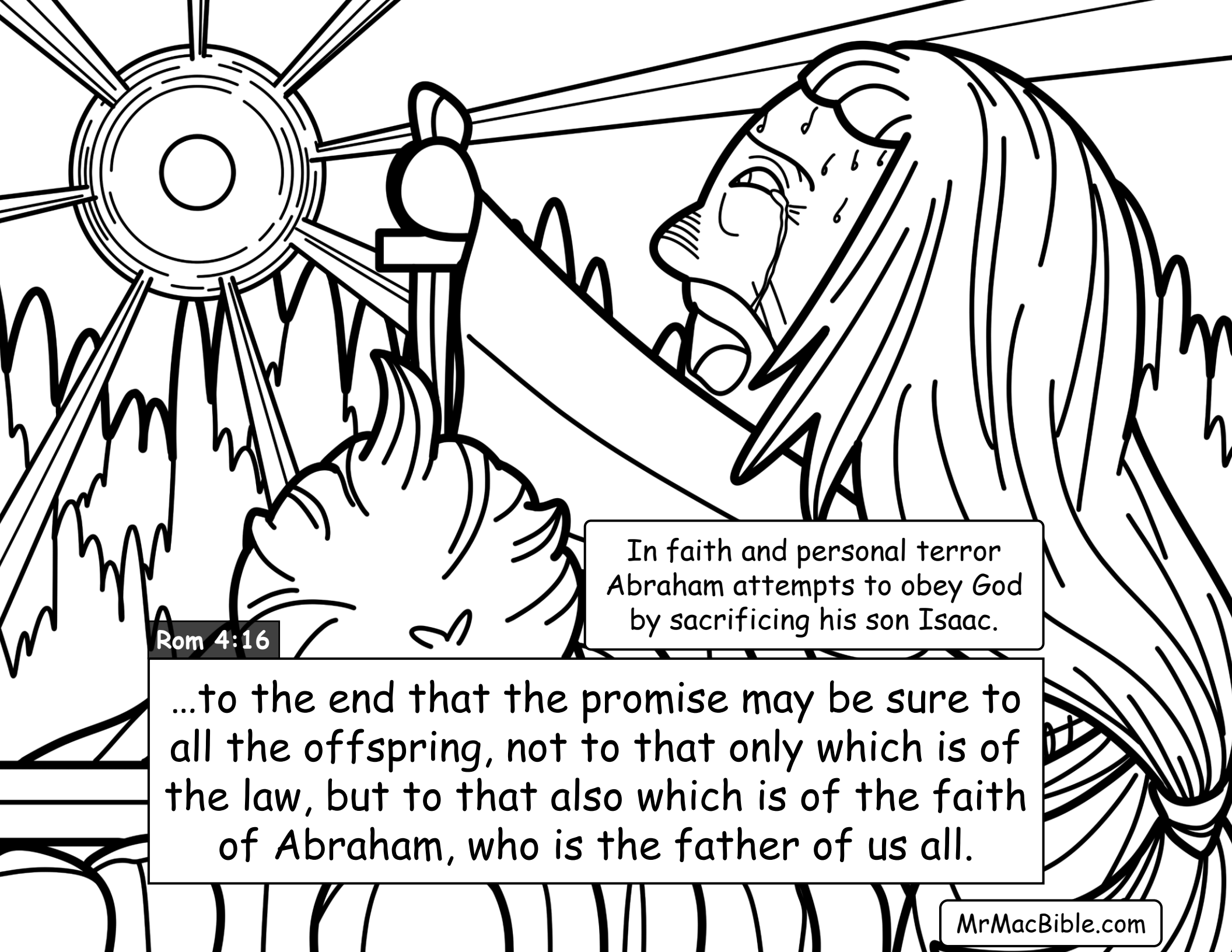
Righteousness does not come by just trying to "be good" on our own.



God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac [the promised seed] on a special hill. Abraham is preparing for that trip.

Rom 4:16

For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace,



Rom 4:16

In faith and personal terror
Abraham attempts to obey God
by sacrificing his son Isaac.


...to the end that the promise may be sure to
all the offspring, not to that only which is of
the law, but to that also which is of the faith
of Abraham, who is the father of us all.



God stops Abraham...

Rom 4:17

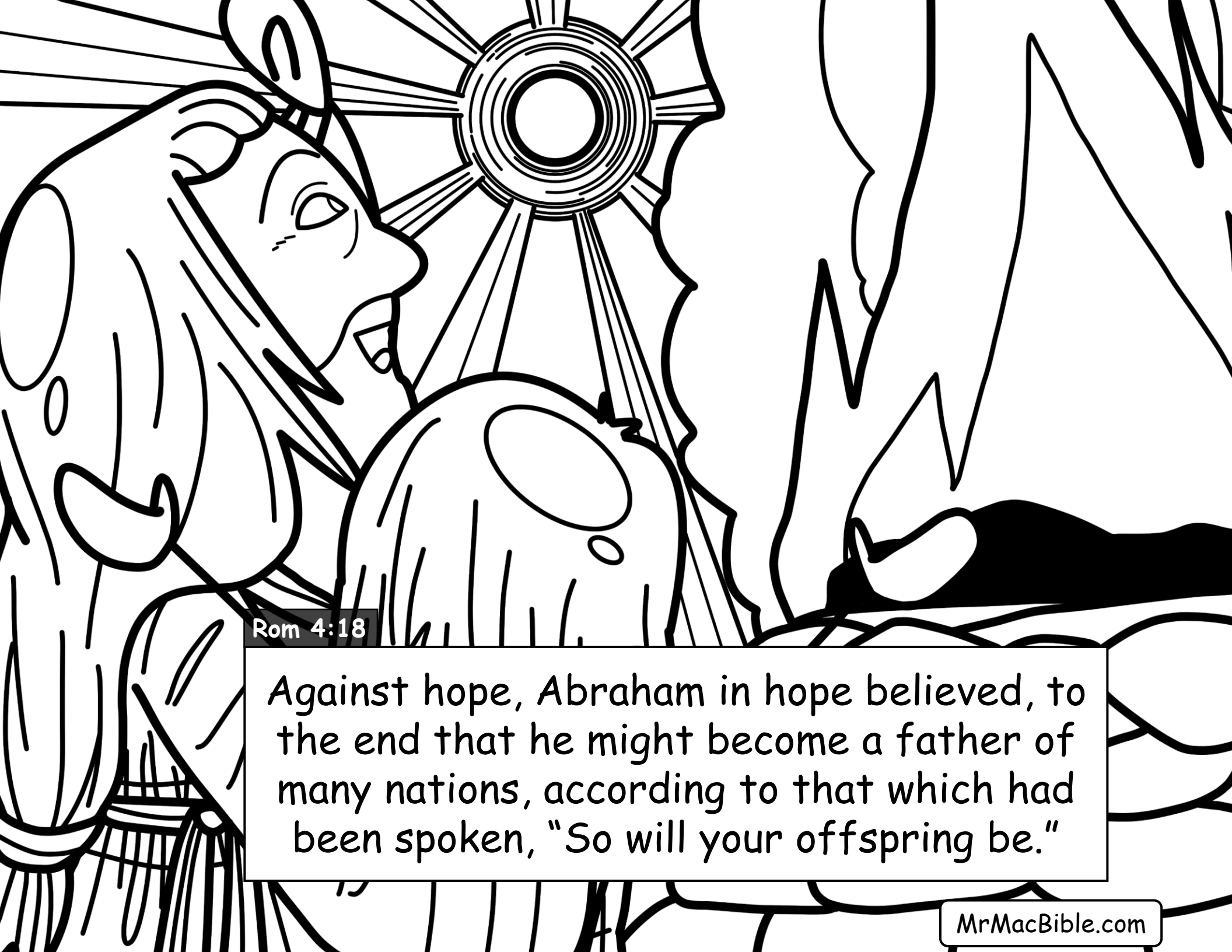
As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations."



God provided a substitution
for the sacrifice of his son.

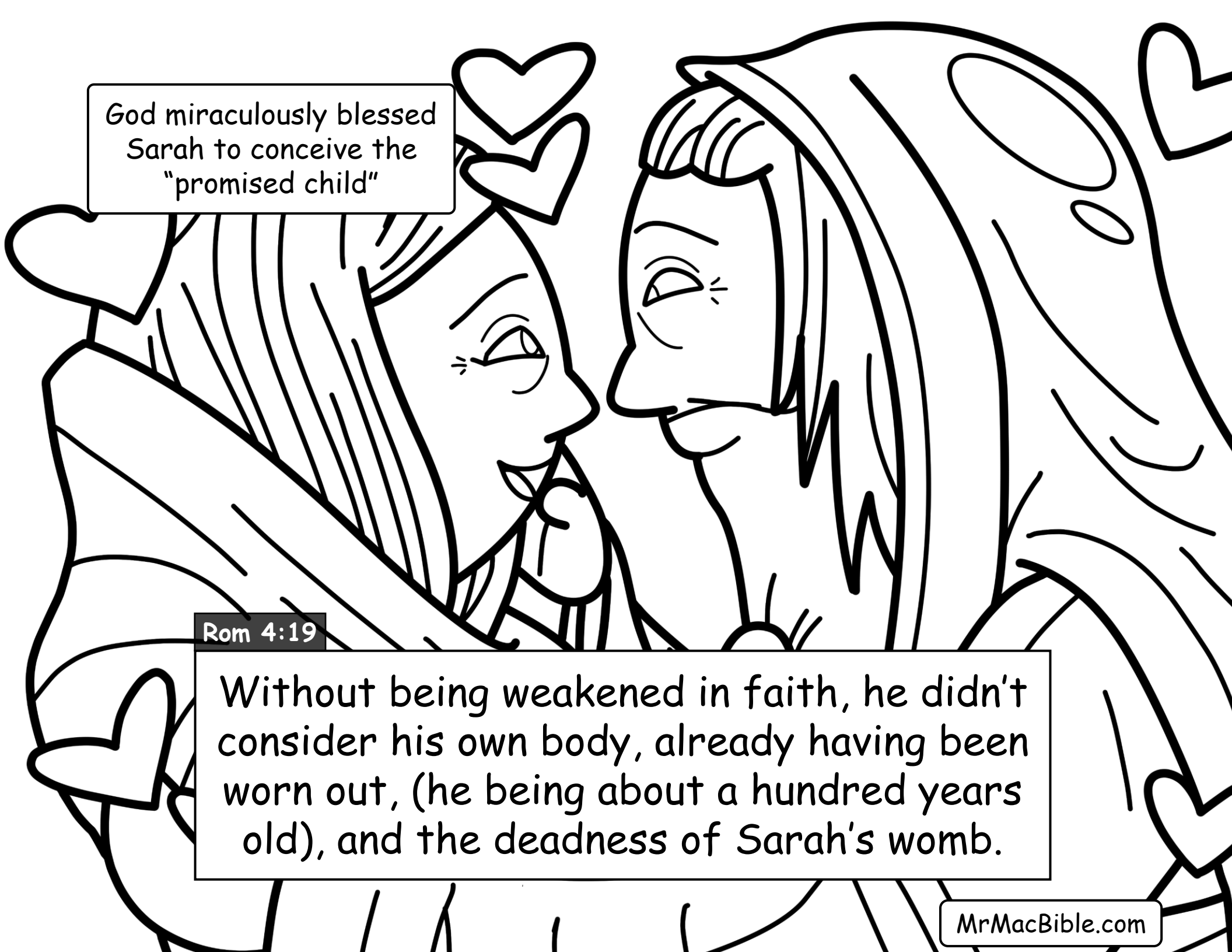
Rom 4:17

This is in the presence of him whom he believed:
God, who gives life to the dead, and calls the
things that are not, as though they were.



Rom 4:18

Against hope, Abraham in hope believed, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "So will your offspring be."



God miraculously blessed
Sarah to conceive the
"promised child"

Rom 4:19

Without being weakened in faith, he didn't consider his own body, already having been worn out, (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.



Isaac is the "promised" child!

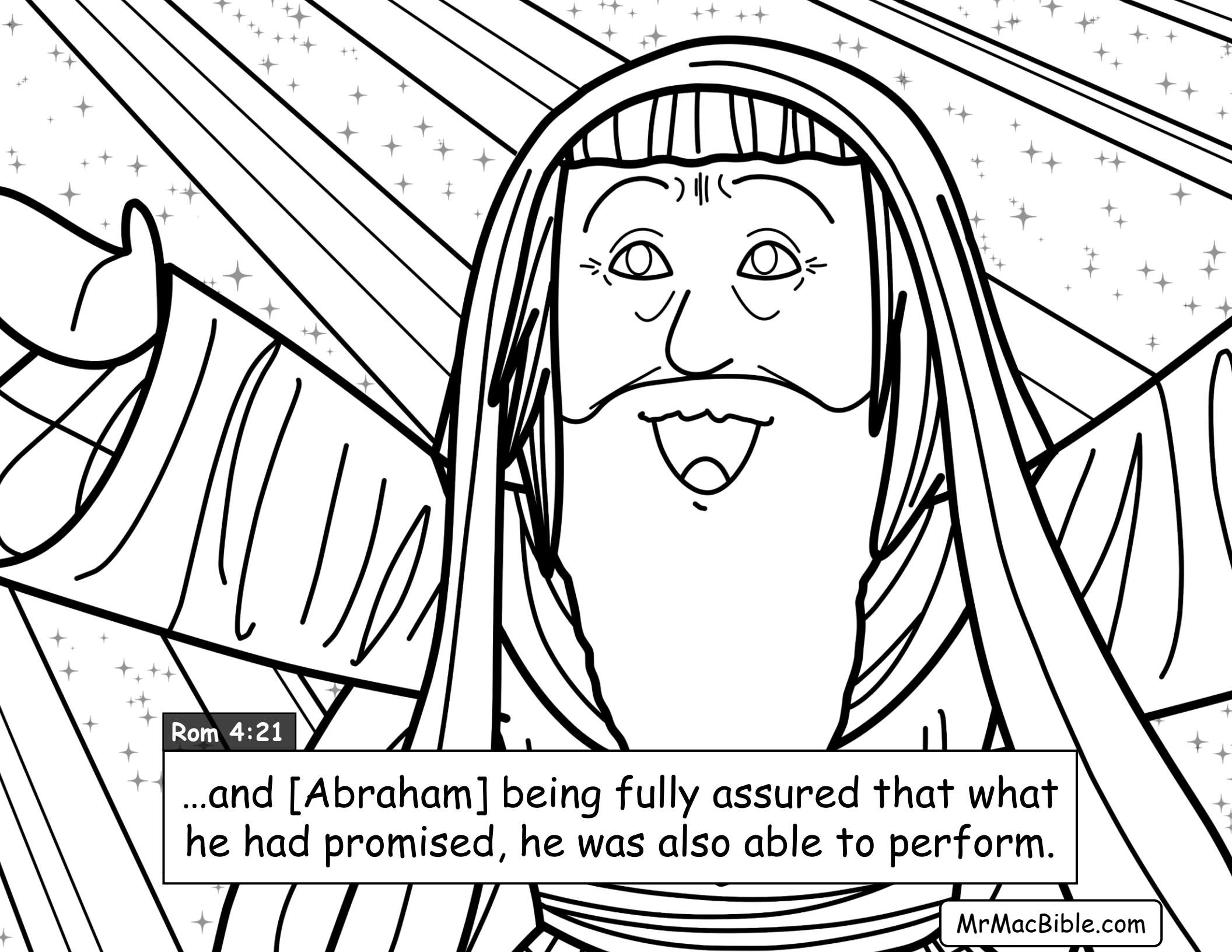
Rom 4:20

Yet, looking to the promise of God,
he didn't waver through unbelief,




Rom 4:20

...but [Abraham] grew strong
through faith, giving glory to God,



Rom 4:21


...and [Abraham] being fully assured that what he had promised, he was also able to perform.



Abraham believed the promise
that someday his "seed" would
bless the nations [Jesus]...

Rom 4:22

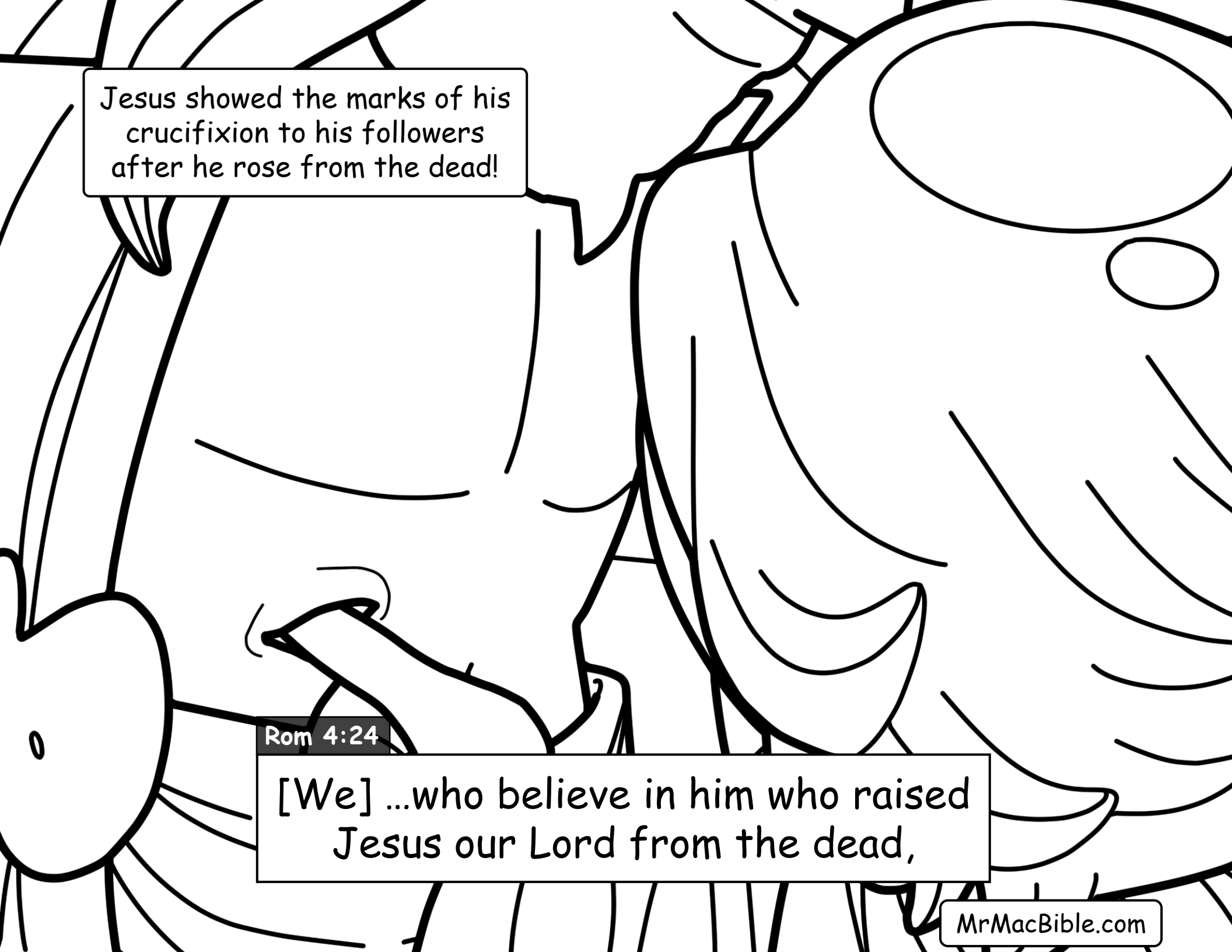
Therefore it also was "credited
to him for righteousness."



Jesus, is the promised "seed" of Abraham to bless the nations... when God would sacrifice his own son to save us!

Rom 4:23


Now it was not written that it was accounted to him for his sake alone, but for our sake also, to whom it will be accounted,



Jesus showed the marks of his
crucifixion to his followers
after he rose from the dead!

Rom 4:24

[We] ...who believe in him who raised
Jesus our Lord from the dead,



Governor Pilate hurt
Jesus as he brought him
to trial before the Jews...

Rom 4:25

[Jesus] ...who was delivered
up for our trespasses,



But death could not hold Jesus!

Rom 4:25

...and [Jesus] was raised for our justification.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If one of your friends said they thought they could go to heaven by just by being good... what could you say to them about their need for believing in Jesus, the promised "seed" of Abraham?




Justified By Faith!

Rom 5:1-10

Background:

Paul uses the story of Abraham to explain how believing in God's promised "seed" [Jesus] gives us God's righteousness.

Next, Paul tells how to put our faith into action!



When God's righteousness is given
to us through our faith, we are no
longer enemies in trouble with God.

Rom 5:1

Being therefore justified by faith, we have
peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;



...Now we can talk to God with confidence!

Rom 5:2

...through whom [Jesus] we also have our access
by faith into this grace in which we stand.



...and God's joy fills us with his strength!

Rom 5:2

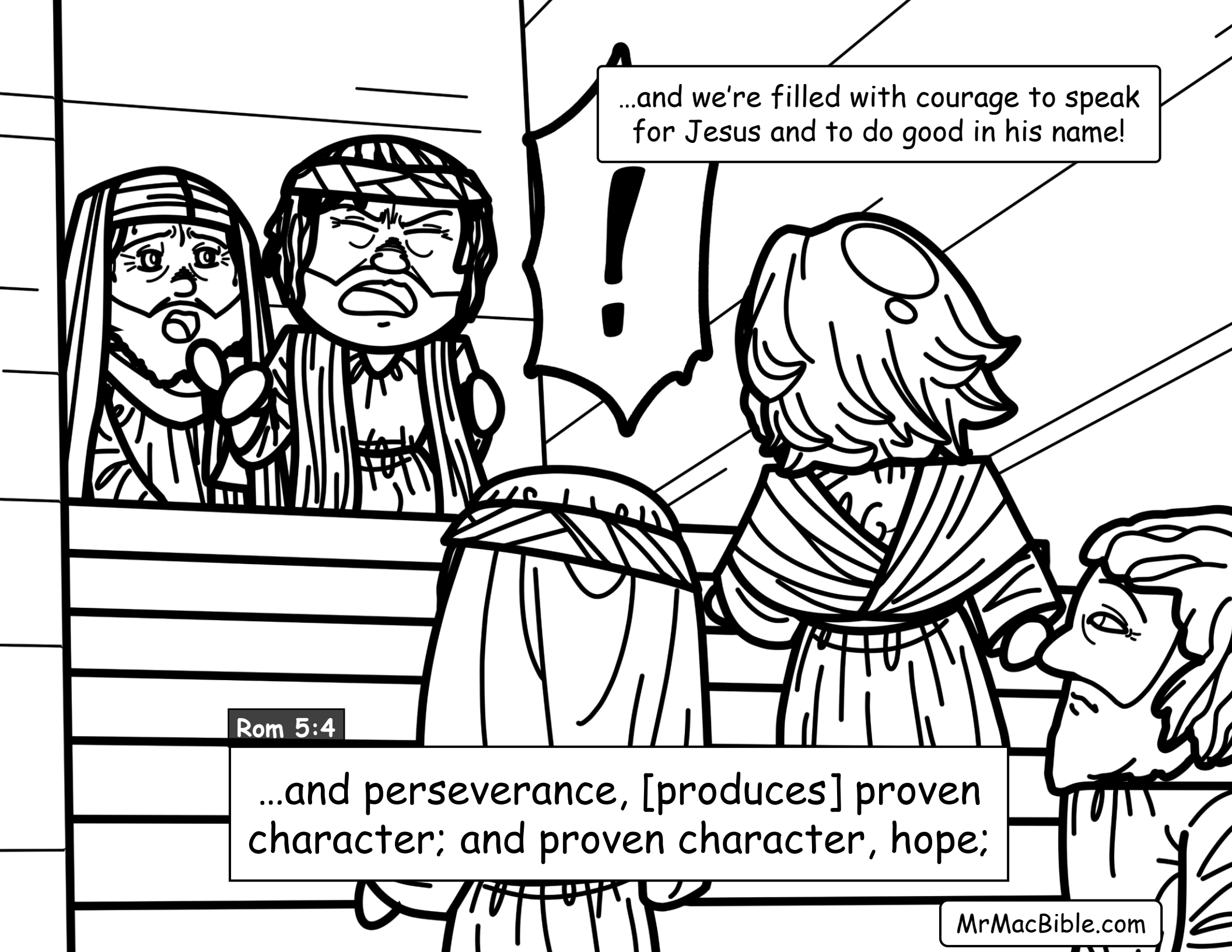
We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.



...So that we have confidence even when suffering for Jesus!

Rom 5:3

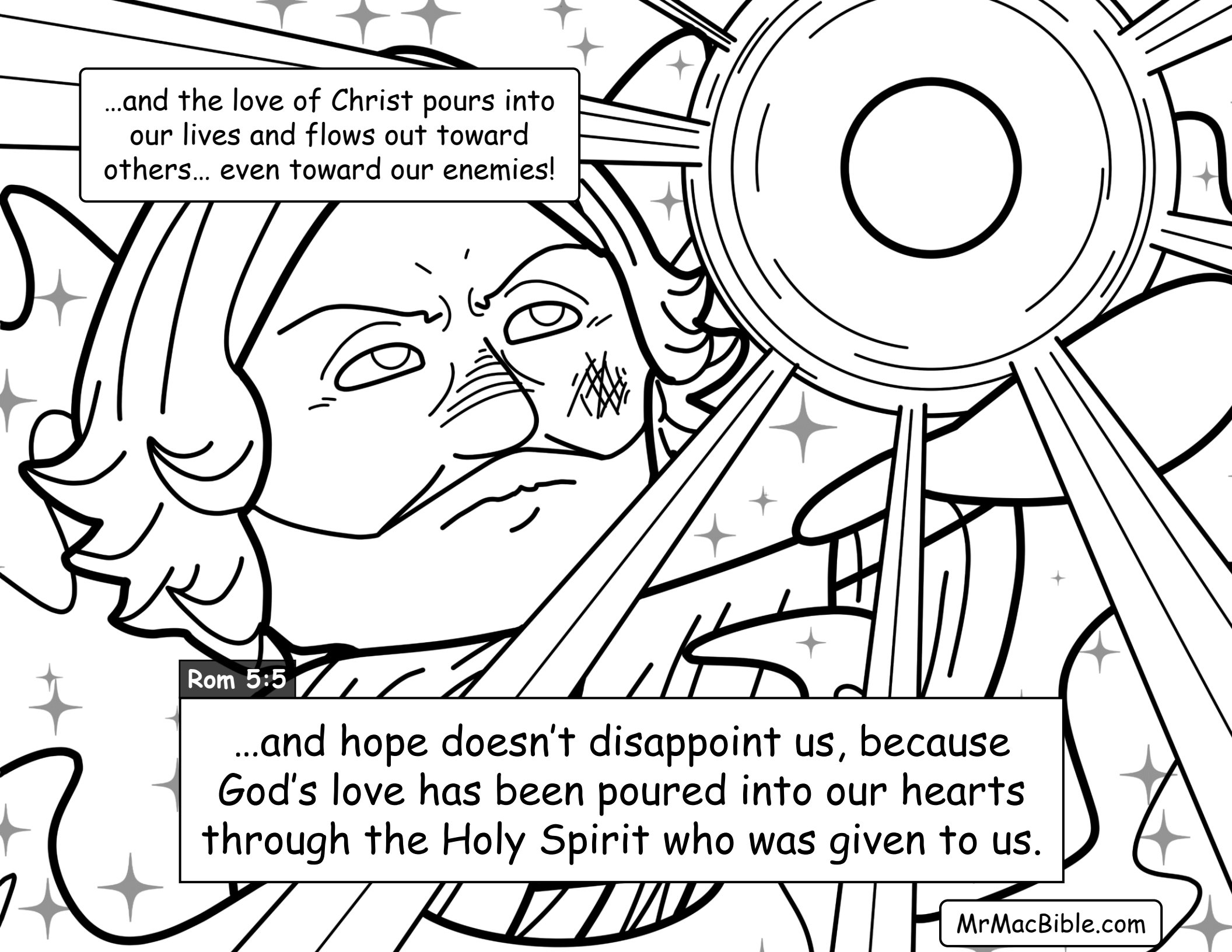
Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance;



...and we're filled with courage to speak
for Jesus and to do good in his name!

Rom 5:4

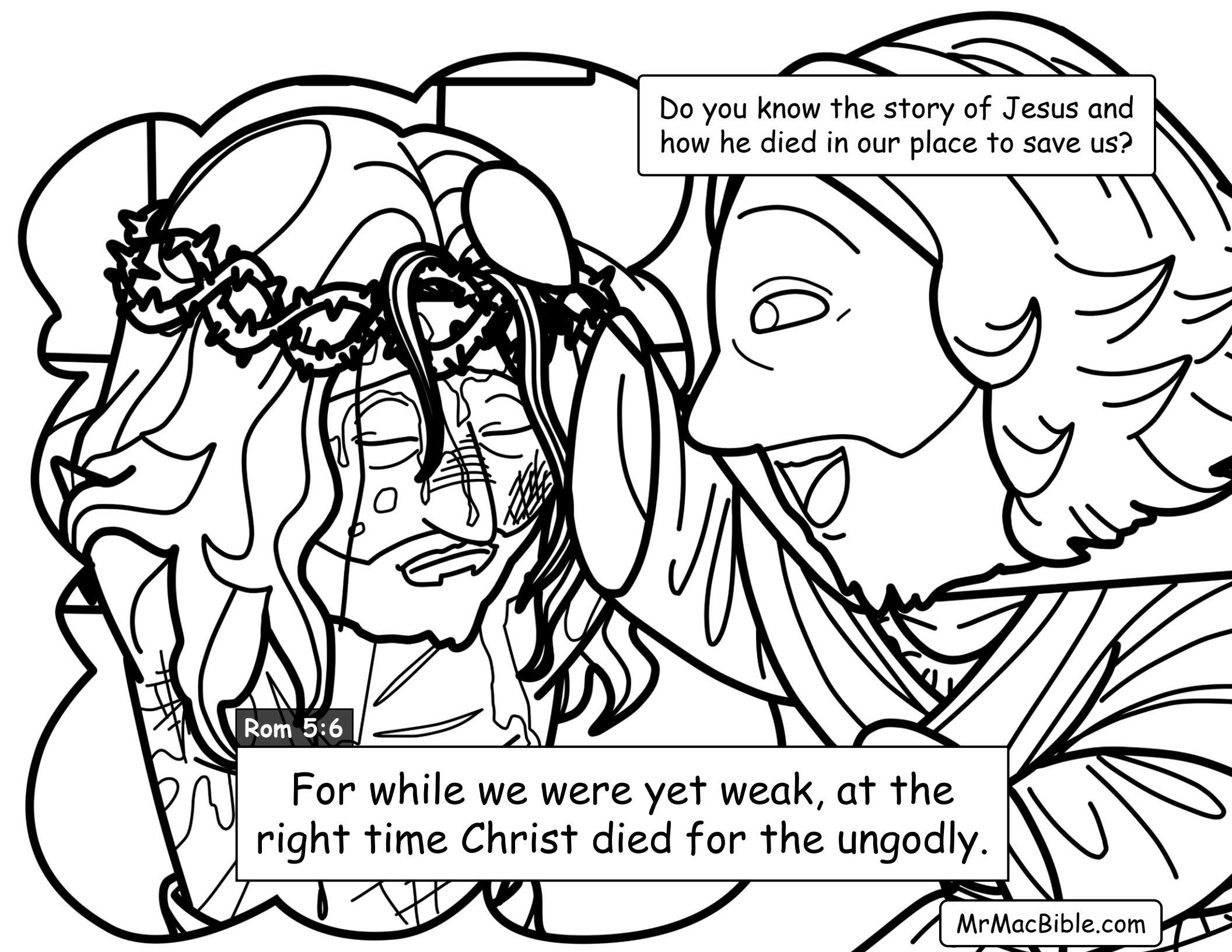
...and perseverance, [produces] proven
character; and proven character, hope;



...and the love of Christ pours into
our lives and flows out toward
others... even toward our enemies!

Rom 5:5

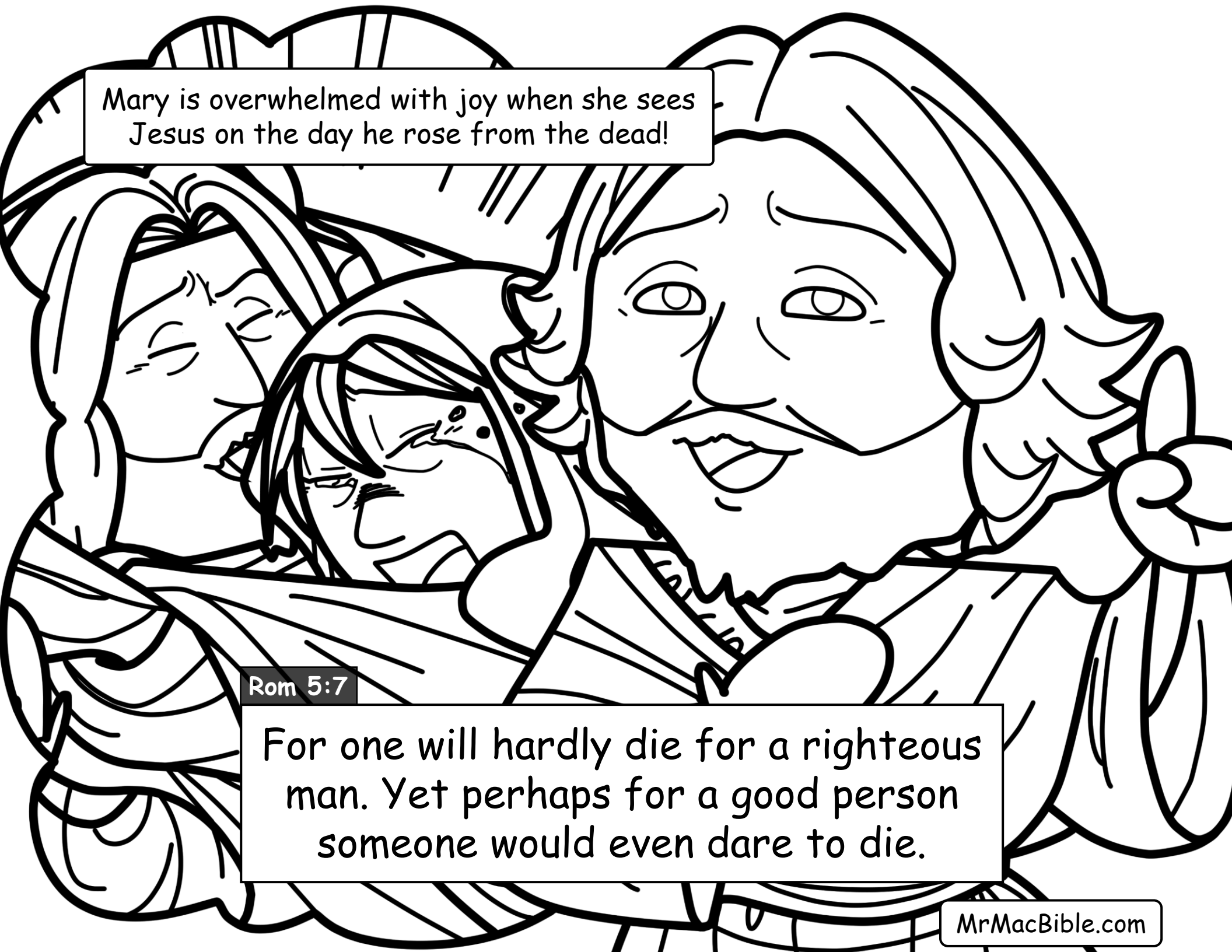
...and hope doesn't disappoint us, because
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.



Do you know the story of Jesus and how he died in our place to save us?

Rom 5:6

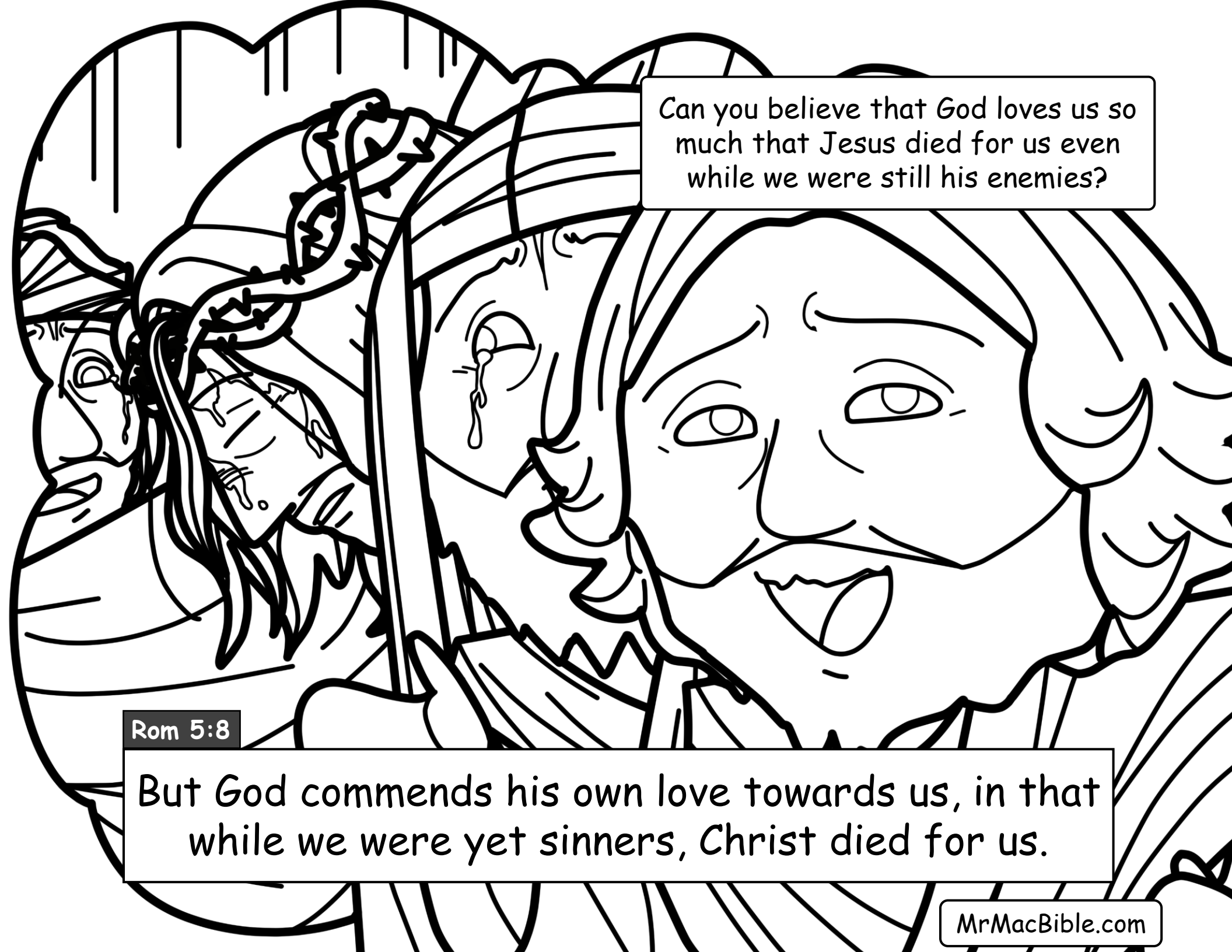
For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.



Mary is overwhelmed with joy when she sees Jesus on the day he rose from the dead!

Rom 5:7

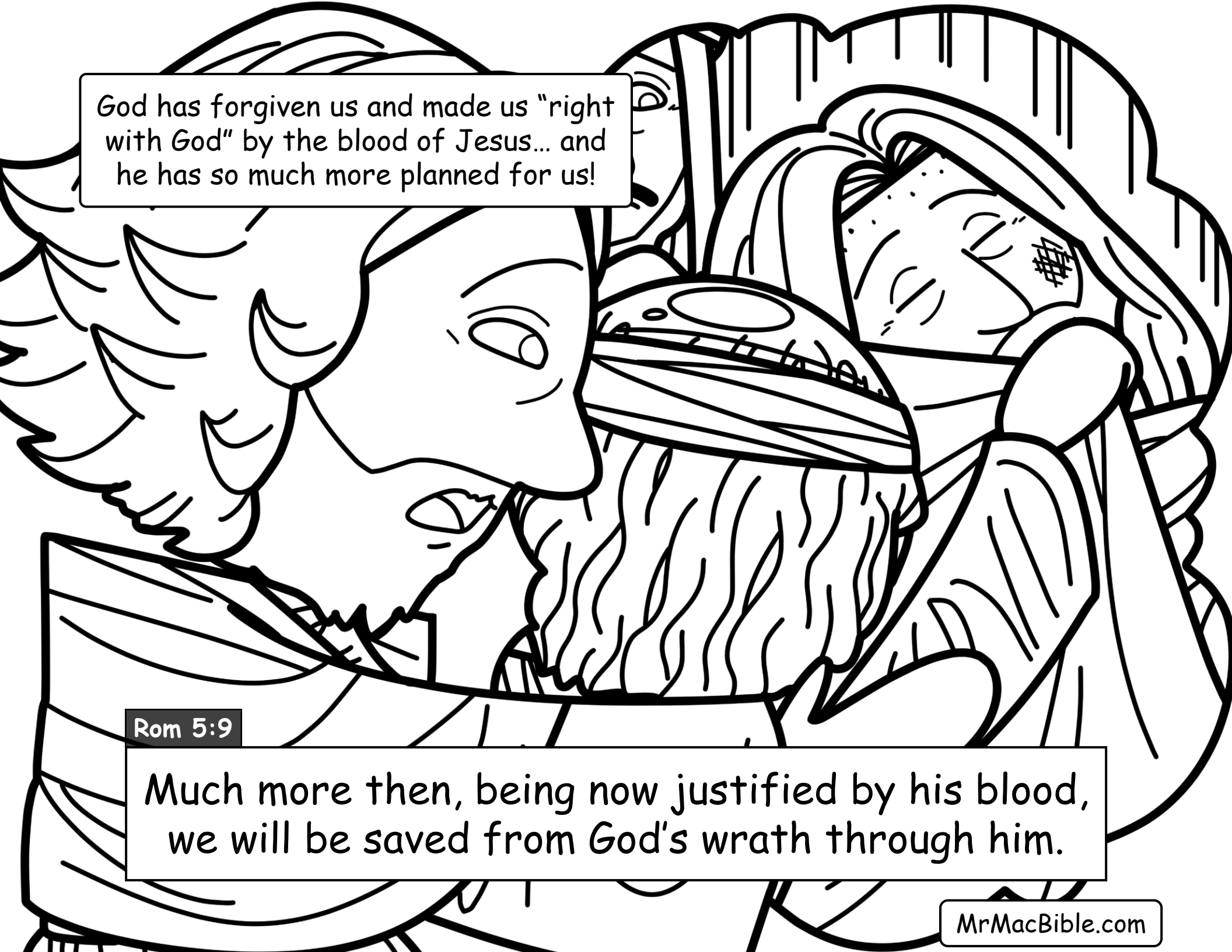
For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a good person someone would even dare to die.



Can you believe that God loves us so much that Jesus died for us even while we were still his enemies?

Rom 5:8

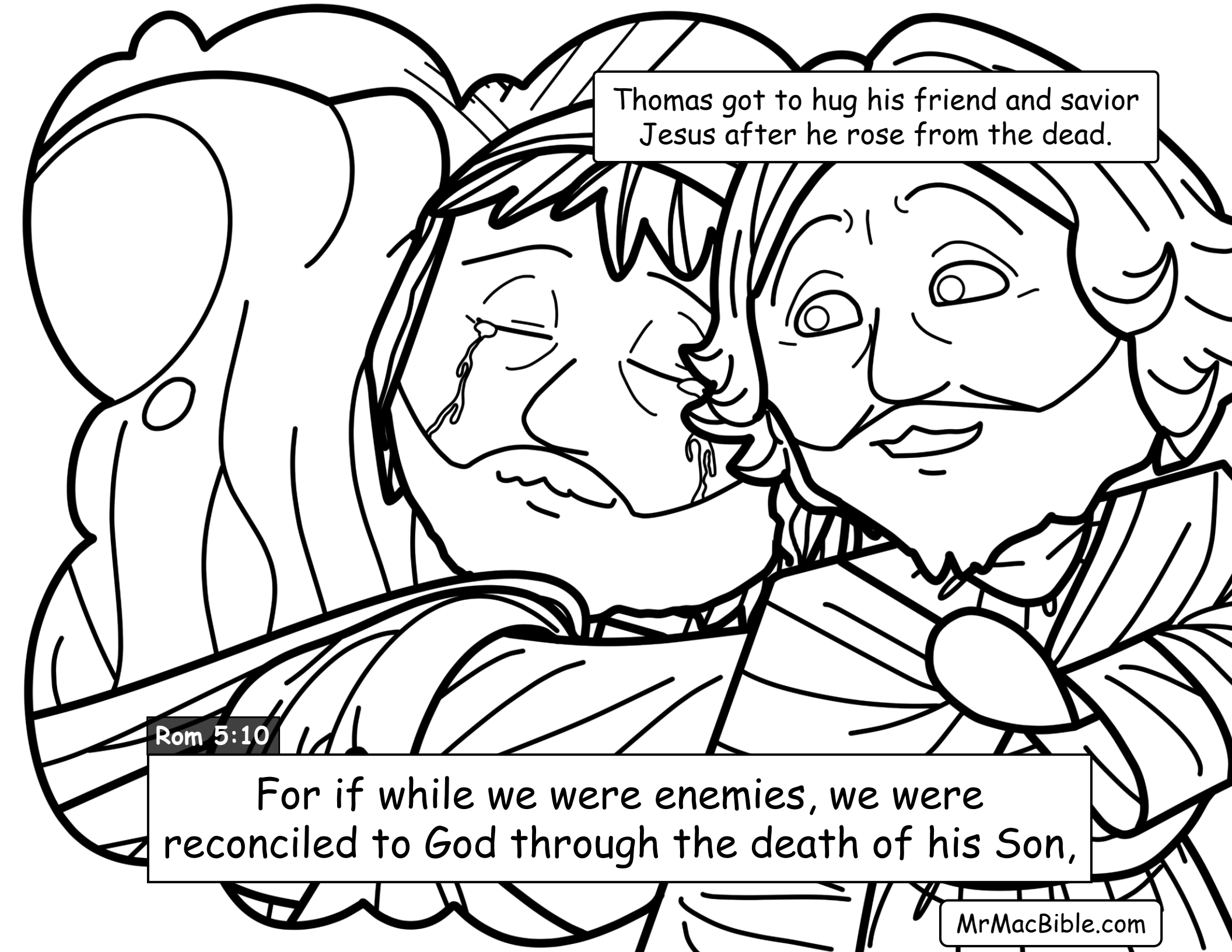
But God commends his own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



God has forgiven us and made us "right with God" by the blood of Jesus... and he has so much more planned for us!

Rom 5:9

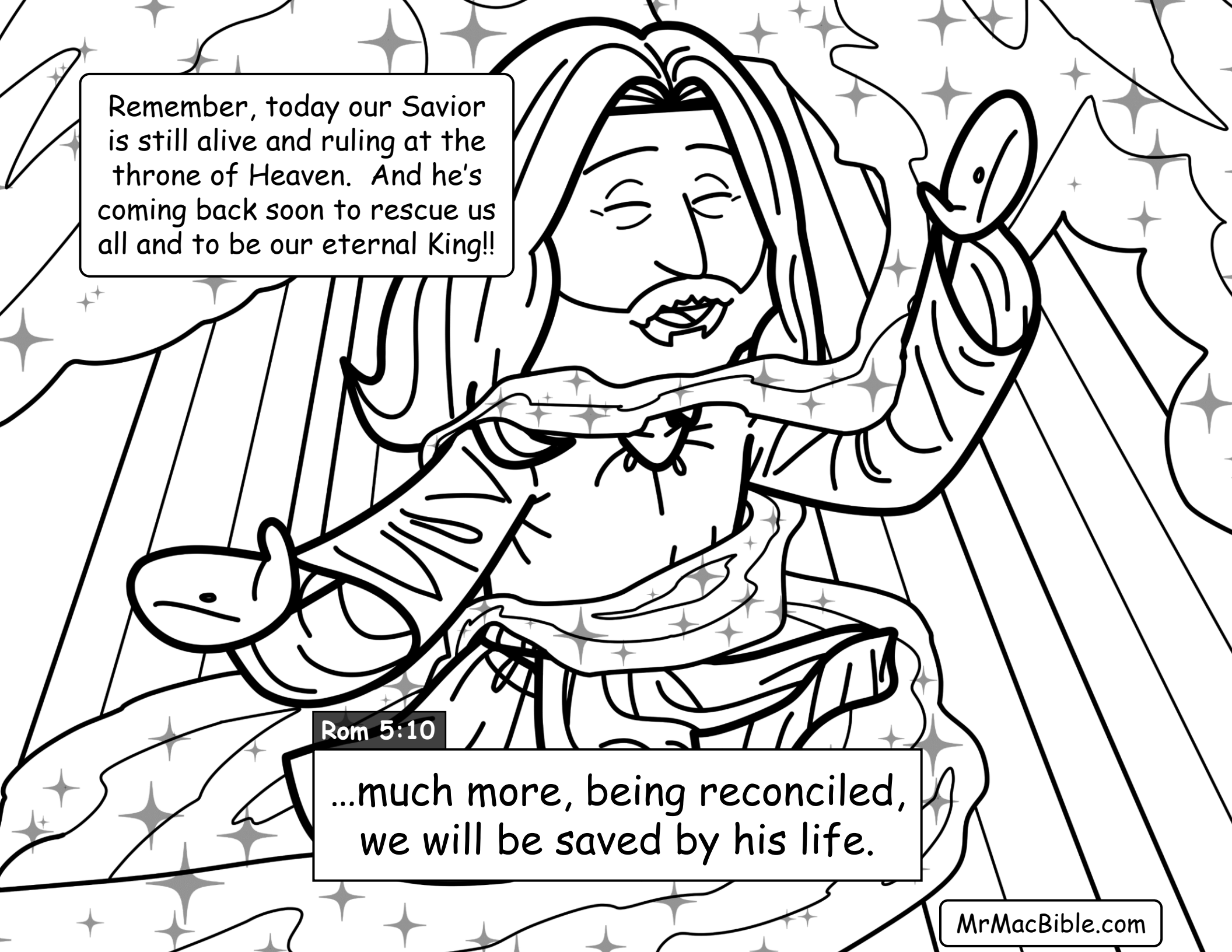
Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him.



Thomas got to hug his friend and savior
Jesus after he rose from the dead.

Rom 5:10

For if while we were enemies, we were
reconciled to God through the death of his Son,



Remember, today our Savior
is still alive and ruling at the
throne of Heaven. And he's
coming back soon to rescue us
all and to be our eternal King!!

Rom 5:10

...much more, being reconciled,
we will be saved by his life.

THINK ABOUT IT...

Have you ever suffered
something so difficult that
you cried out to God to give
you strength?

Tell us about it...




Reconciled To God!

Rom 5:11-21

Background:

What could the world be like if mankind never sinned against God in the Garden of Eden?


Paul will discuss how we can now return to God ("be reconciled") through our Savior Jesus!



To be "reconciled" means to be
"brought back together as friends"

Rom 5:11


Not only so, but we also rejoice in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom
we have now received the reconciliation.



Adam and Eve rebelled against God's law and fell from their life of perfection with God.

Rom 5:12

Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one man,



And we have all suffered from
the consequences of their sin.

Rom 5:12

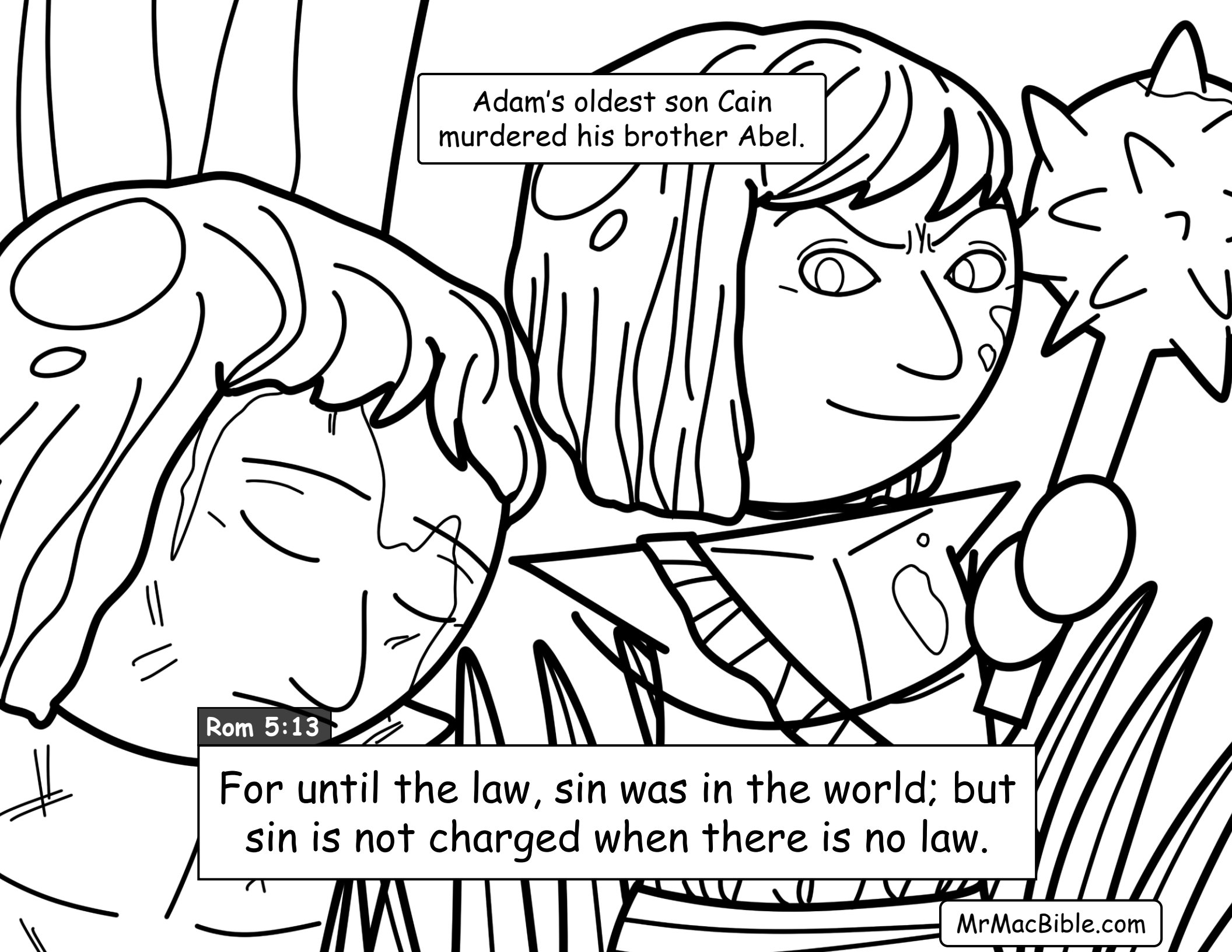
...and death through sin,



...and now all of mankind experiences death as they wait for their final judgement by God. Who will save us?!

Rom 5:12

...so death passed to all men because all sinned.



Adam's oldest son Cain
murdered his brother Abel.

Rom 5:13

For until the law, sin was in the world; but
sin is not charged when there is no law.

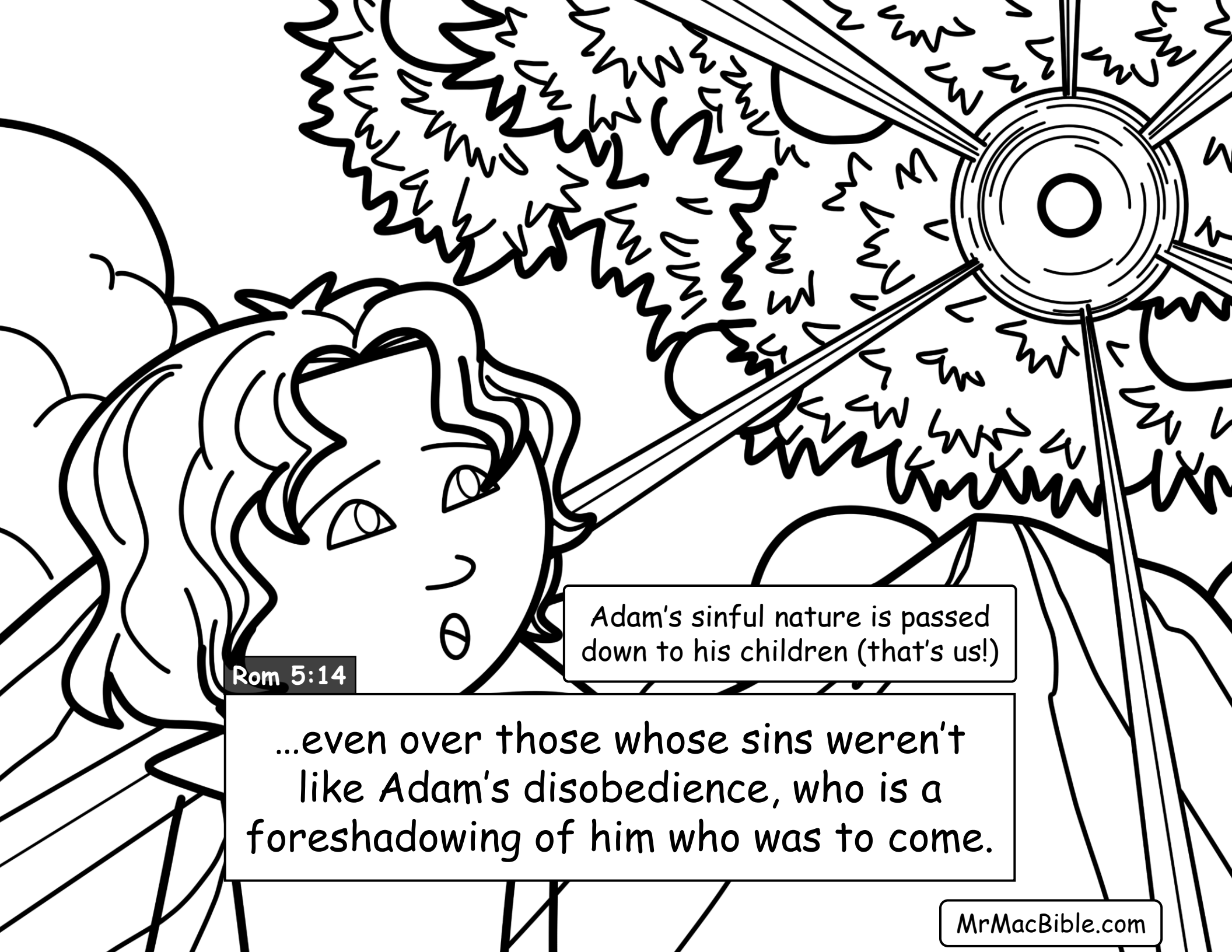


Moses was given God's law
for the Jews to follow.

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Rom 5:14

Nevertheless death reigned
from Adam until Moses,



Rom 5:14

Adam's sinful nature is passed down to his children (that's us!)

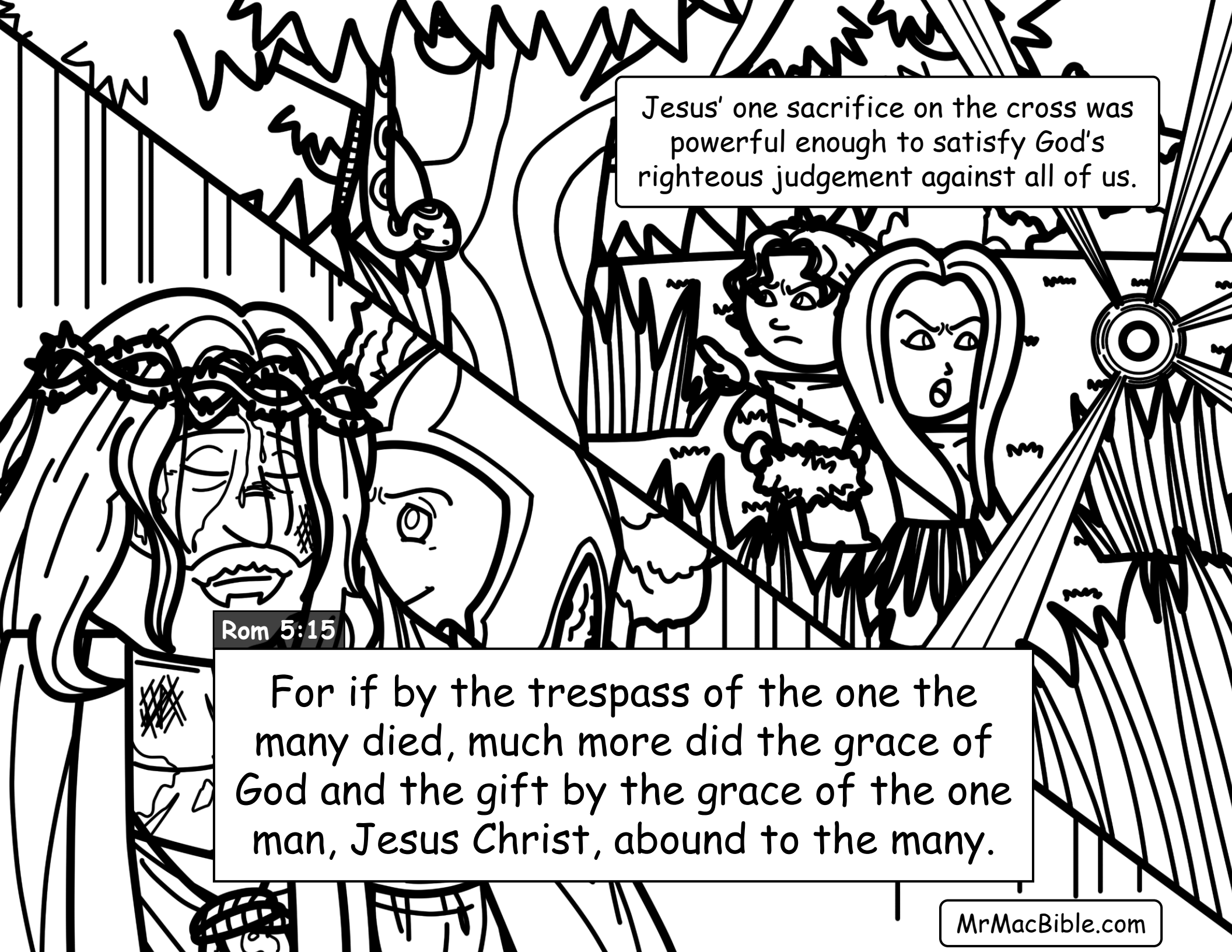
...even over those whose sins weren't like Adam's disobedience, who is a foreshadowing of him who was to come.



Jesus' body and blood would pay the
debt of punishment for all of us!

Rom 5:15

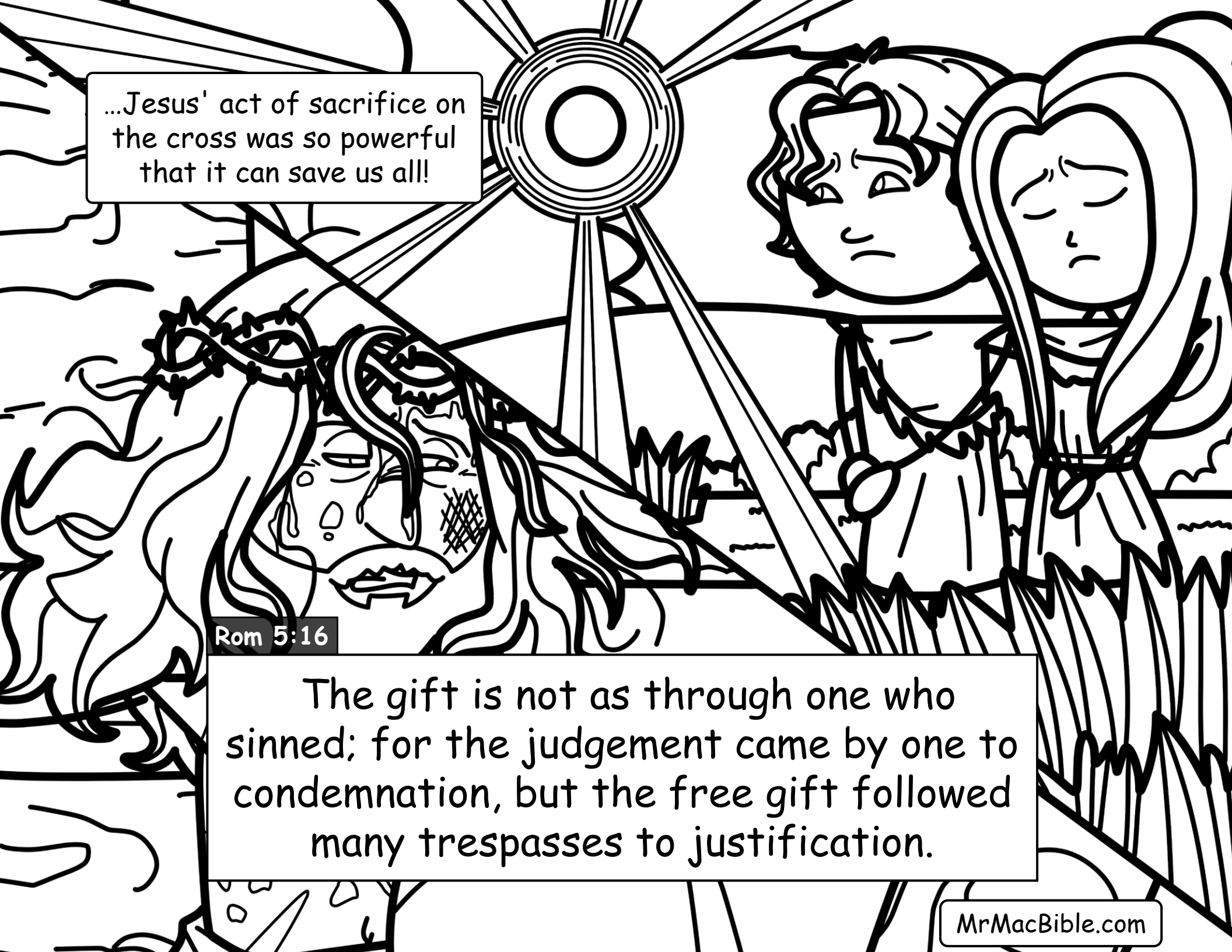
But the free gift isn't like the trespass.



Jesus' one sacrifice on the cross was powerful enough to satisfy God's righteous judgement against all of us.

Rom 5:15


For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.



...Jesus' act of sacrifice on
the cross was so powerful
that it can save us all!

Rom 5:16

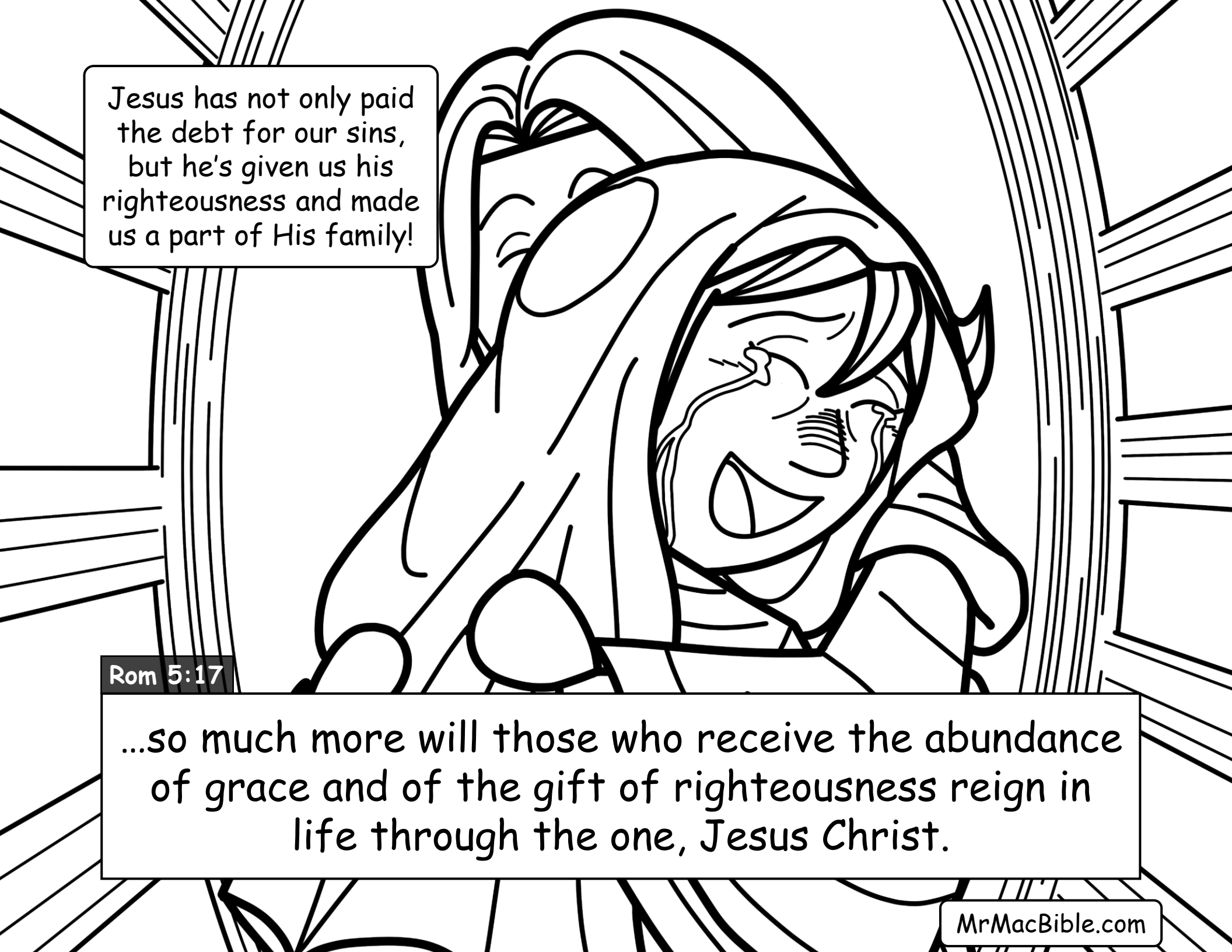
The gift is not as through one who
sinned; for the judgement came by one to
condemnation, but the free gift followed
many trespasses to justification.



The sin of Adam and Eve was passed down to us by our birth... and so we all share in their punishments and curses.

Rom 5:17

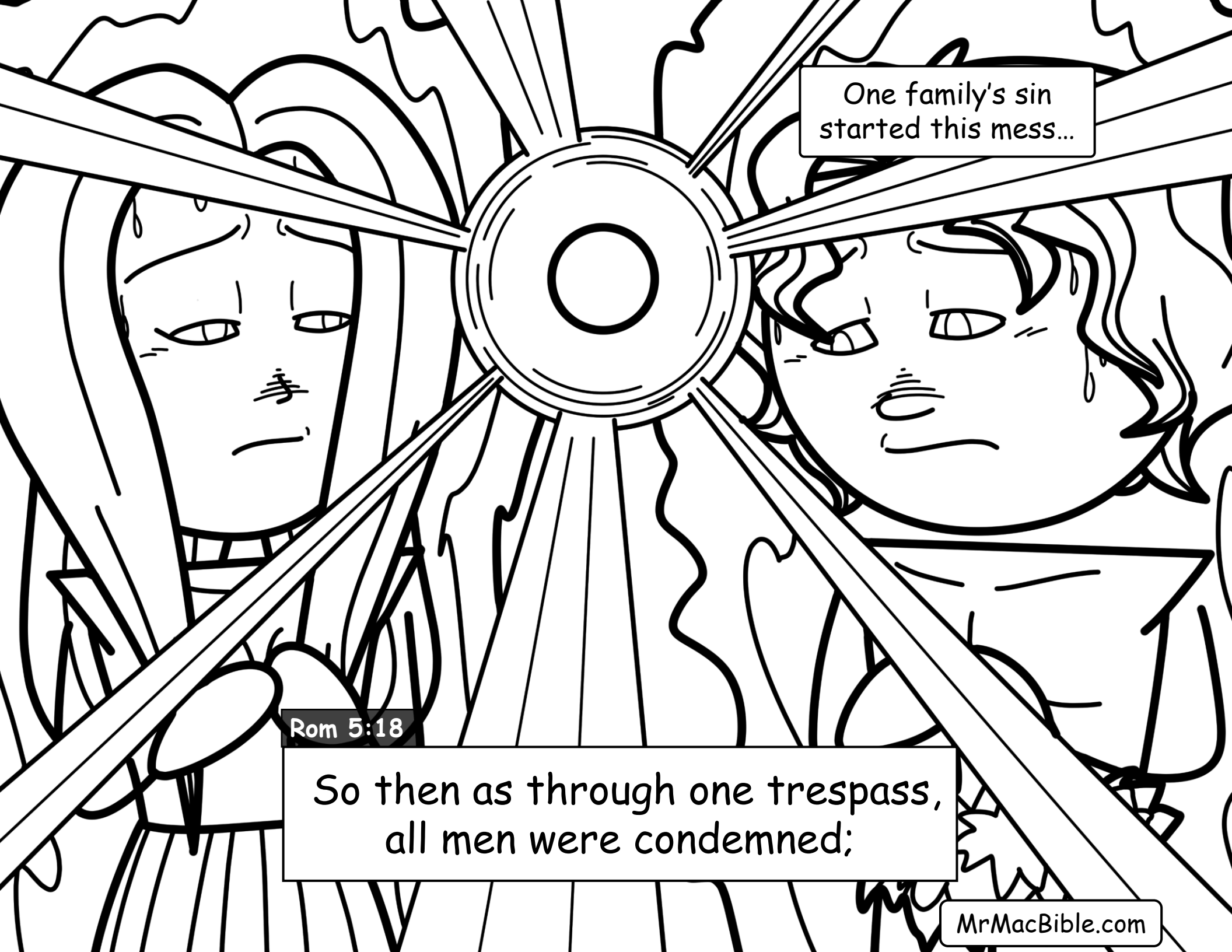
For if by the trespass of the one,
death reigned through the one;



Jesus has not only paid
the debt for our sins,
but he's given us his
righteousness and made
us a part of His family!

Rom 5:17

...so much more will those who receive the abundance
of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in
life through the one, Jesus Christ.



One family's sin
started this mess...

Rom 5:18

So then as through one trespass,
all men were condemned;



One Savior's sacrifice and victory has saved us all!

Rom 5:18


...even so through one act of righteousness,
all men were justified to life.



Rom 5:19

For as through the one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

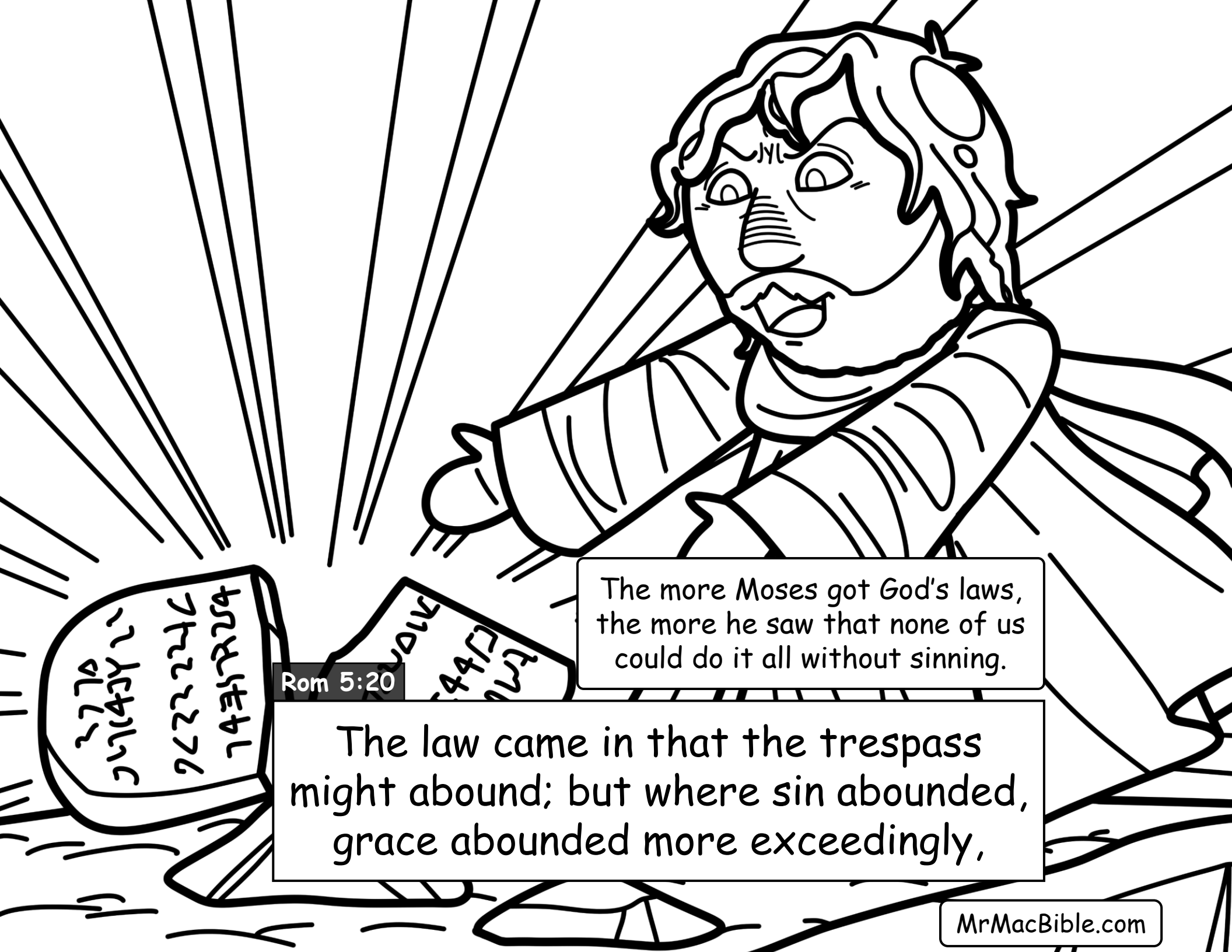
We remember how sin was ruining all of mankind during the days of Noah...



Even Governor Pilate couldn't understand why Jesus didn't try to stop his own crucifixion.

Rom 5:19

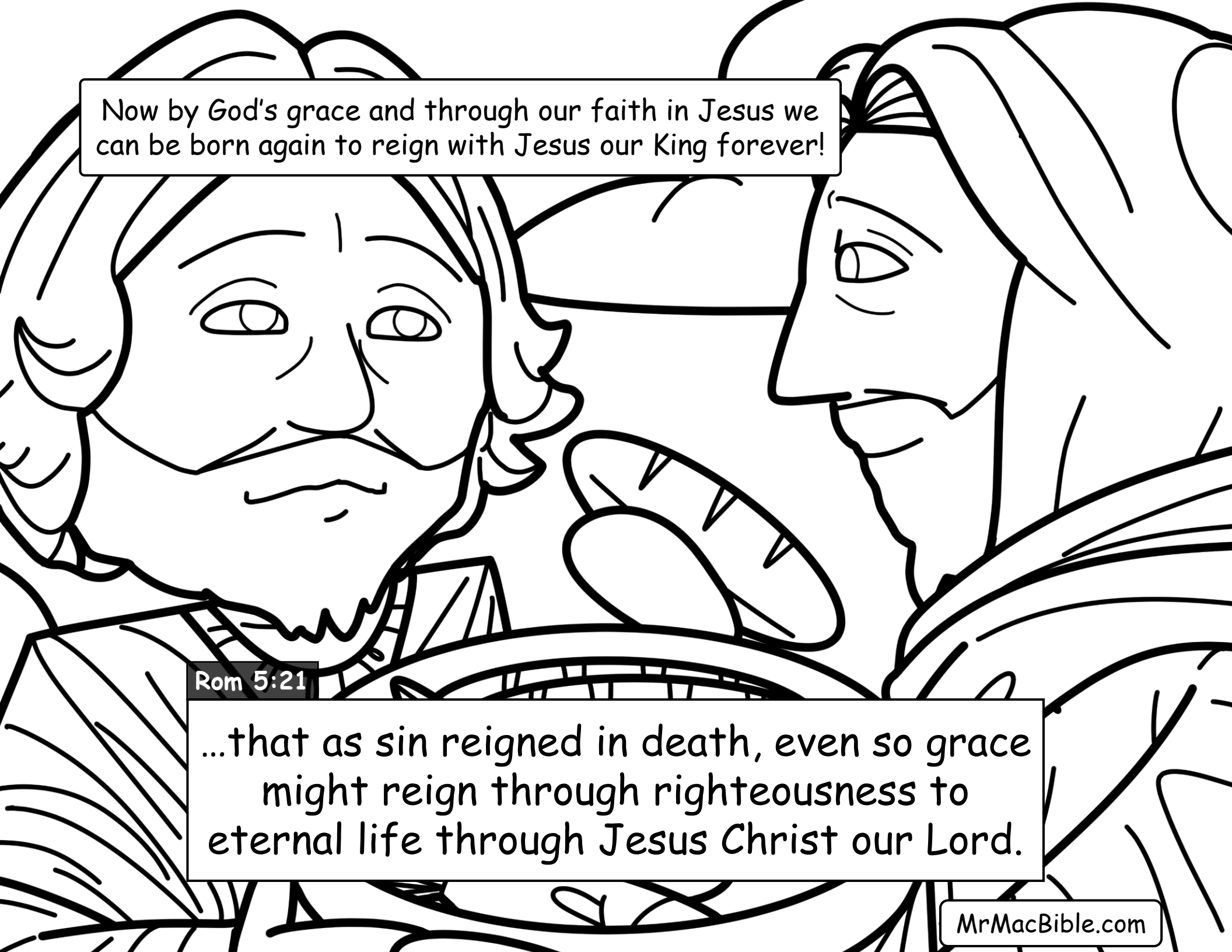
...even so through the obedience of the one, many will be made righteous.



The more Moses got God's laws,
the more he saw that none of us
could do it all without sinning.

Rom 5:20

The law came in that the trespass
might abound; but where sin abounded,
grace abounded more exceedingly,



Now by God's grace and through our faith in Jesus we can be born again to reign with Jesus our King forever!

Rom 5:21

...that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THINK ABOUT IT...

How happy and grateful
should we be to God for his
grace to send his son Jesus
to save us?

Do you feel that happiness?




Shall we continue to sin?

Rom 6:1-11

Background:

Paul speaks against the BAD teaching that "it's ok to sin since God will forgive us".


This story of the "bank robber Christian" will help us bring Paul's message to life.



Since we believe that God forgives us,
why not just do whatever we want?

Rom 6:1


What shall we say then? Shall we
continue in sin, that grace may abound?



Can we just say we believe in Jesus and then become Christian bank robbers?

Rom 6:2

May it never be! We who died to sin,
how could we live in it any longer?

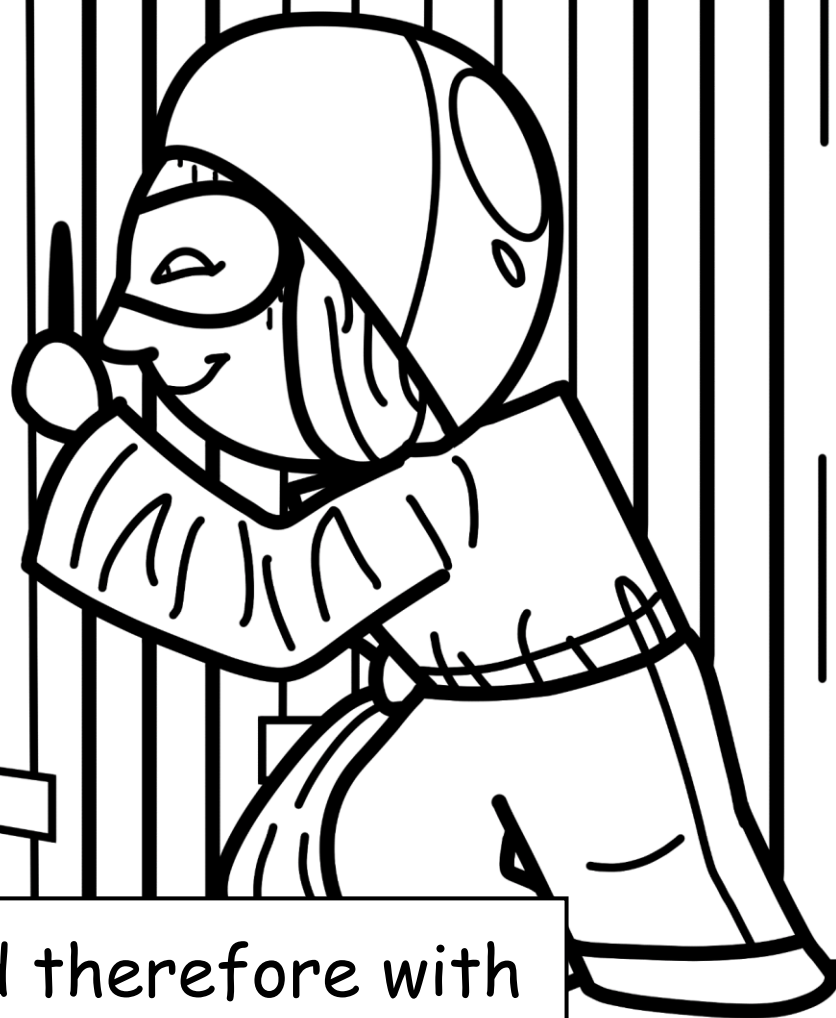


Or don't you know that all of us who
were baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death?

Rom 6:3

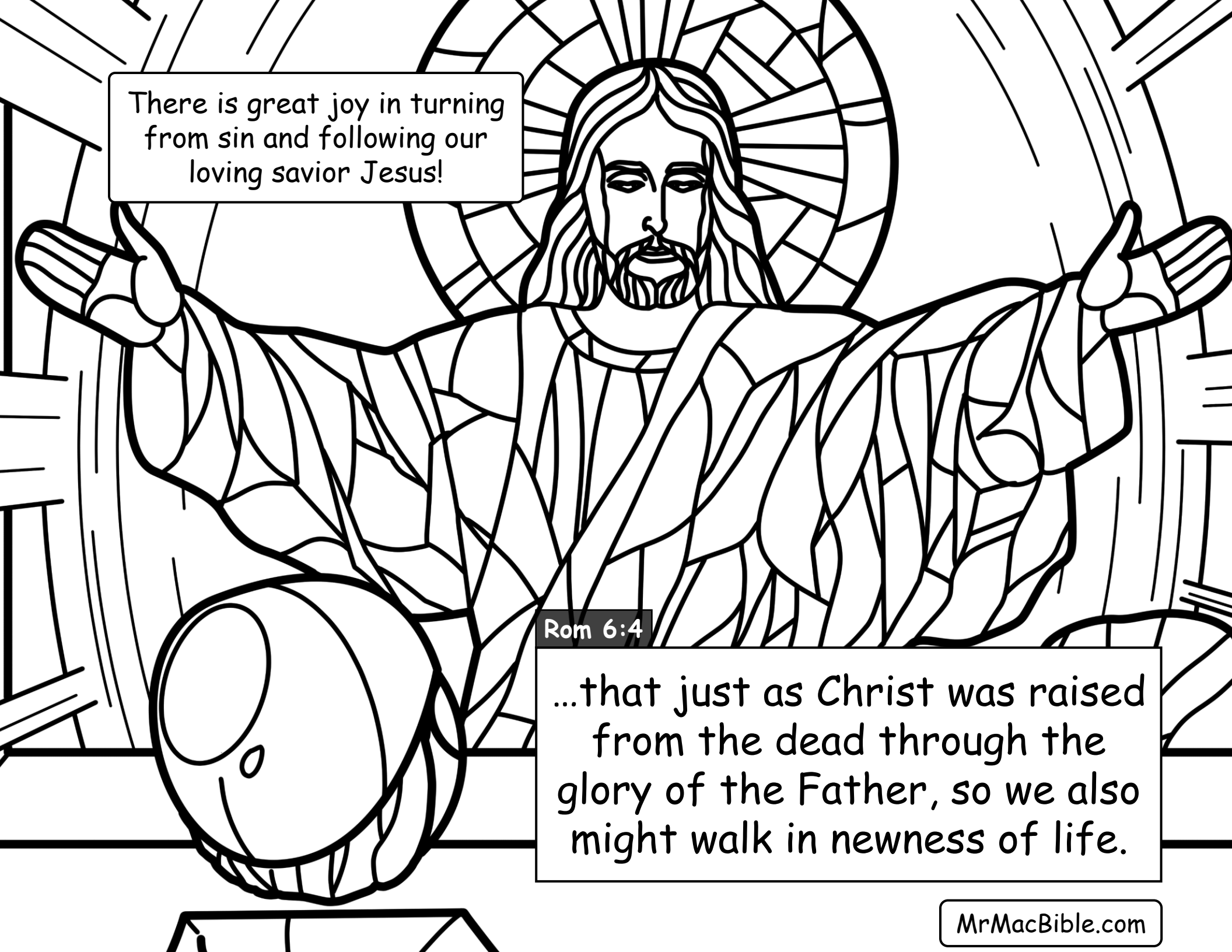
You might remember that
Jesus asked us to "follow him".

Does stealing, lying, lusting and hating sound like following Jesus?



Rom 6:4

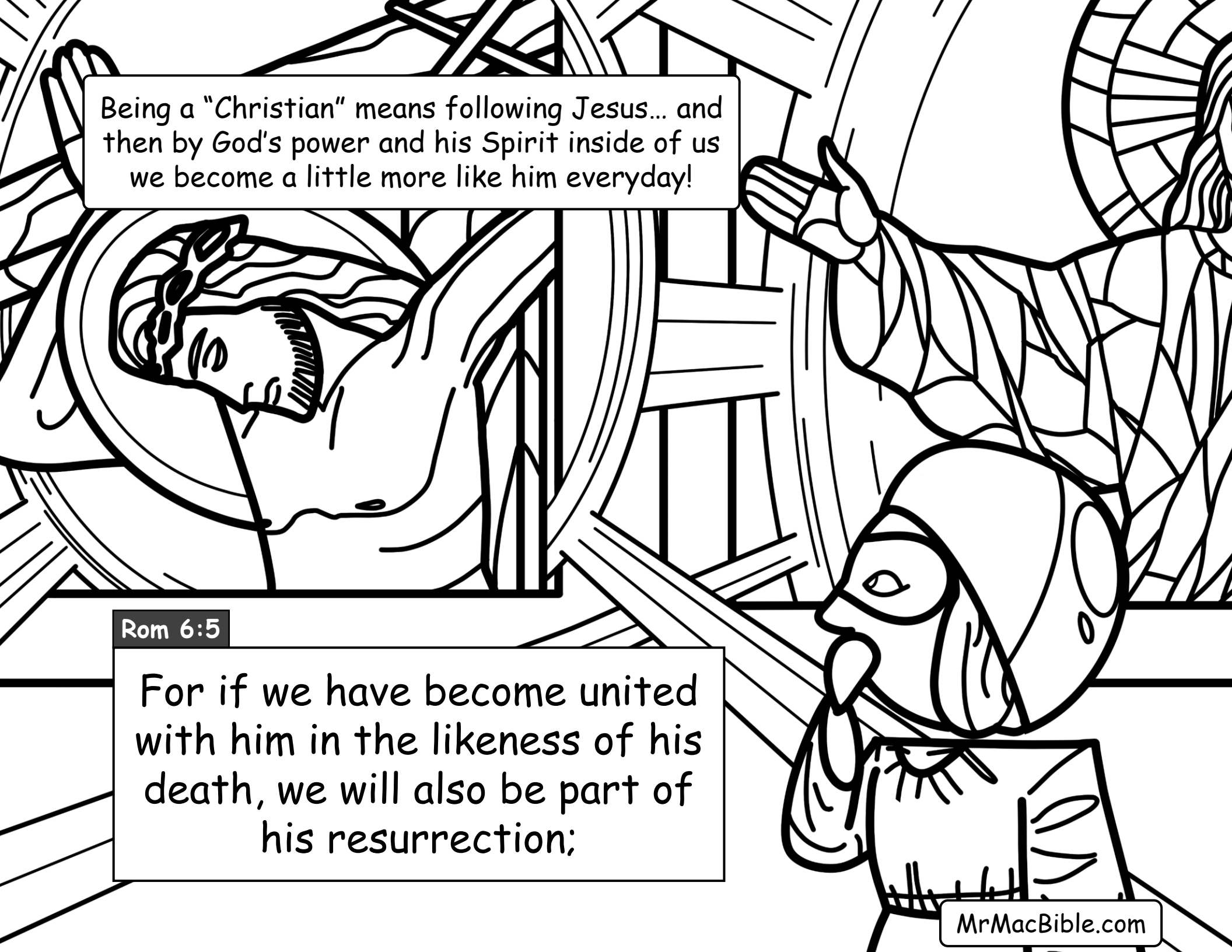
We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death,



There is great joy in turning
from sin and following our
loving savior Jesus!

Rom 6:4


...that just as Christ was raised
from the dead through the
glory of the Father, so we also
might walk in newness of life.



Being a "Christian" means following Jesus... and then by God's power and his Spirit inside of us we become a little more like him everyday!

Rom 6:5


For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection;



...knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage to sin.

Rom 6:6

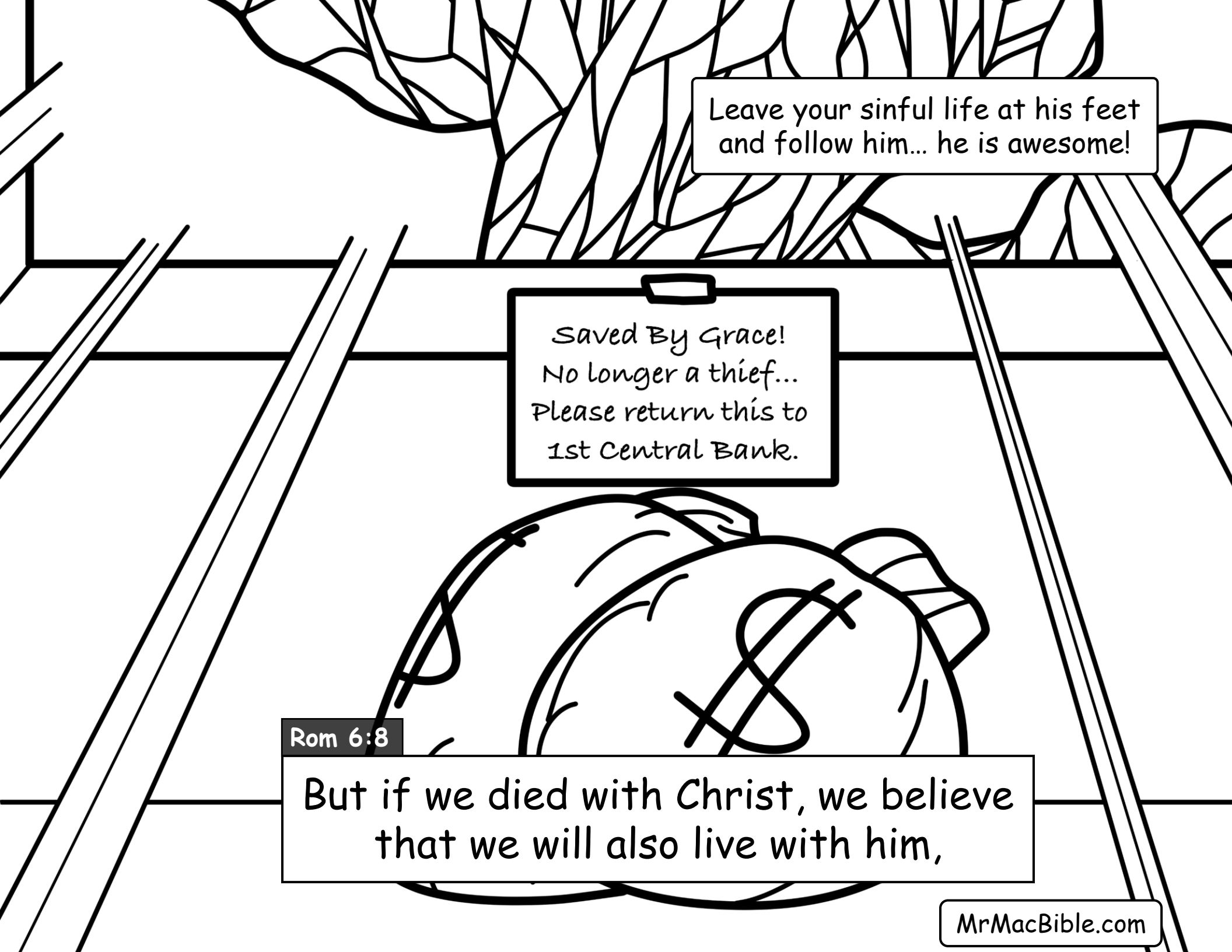
Our "Christian Bank Robber" is ready to repent.



Are you ready to give him your
mask and to turn from evil?

Rom 6:7

For he who has died has been freed from sin.


A black and white line drawing of a scene. In the background, there are some trees or bushes. In the foreground, there is a sign on a clipboard that says "Saved By Grace! No longer a thief... Please return this to 1st Central Bank." Below the sign is a large money bag with a dollar sign on it. The scene is framed by several diagonal lines, possibly representing a window or a frame.

Leave your sinful life at his feet
and follow him... he is awesome!

Saved By Grace!
No longer a thief...
Please return this to
1st Central Bank.

Rom 6:8

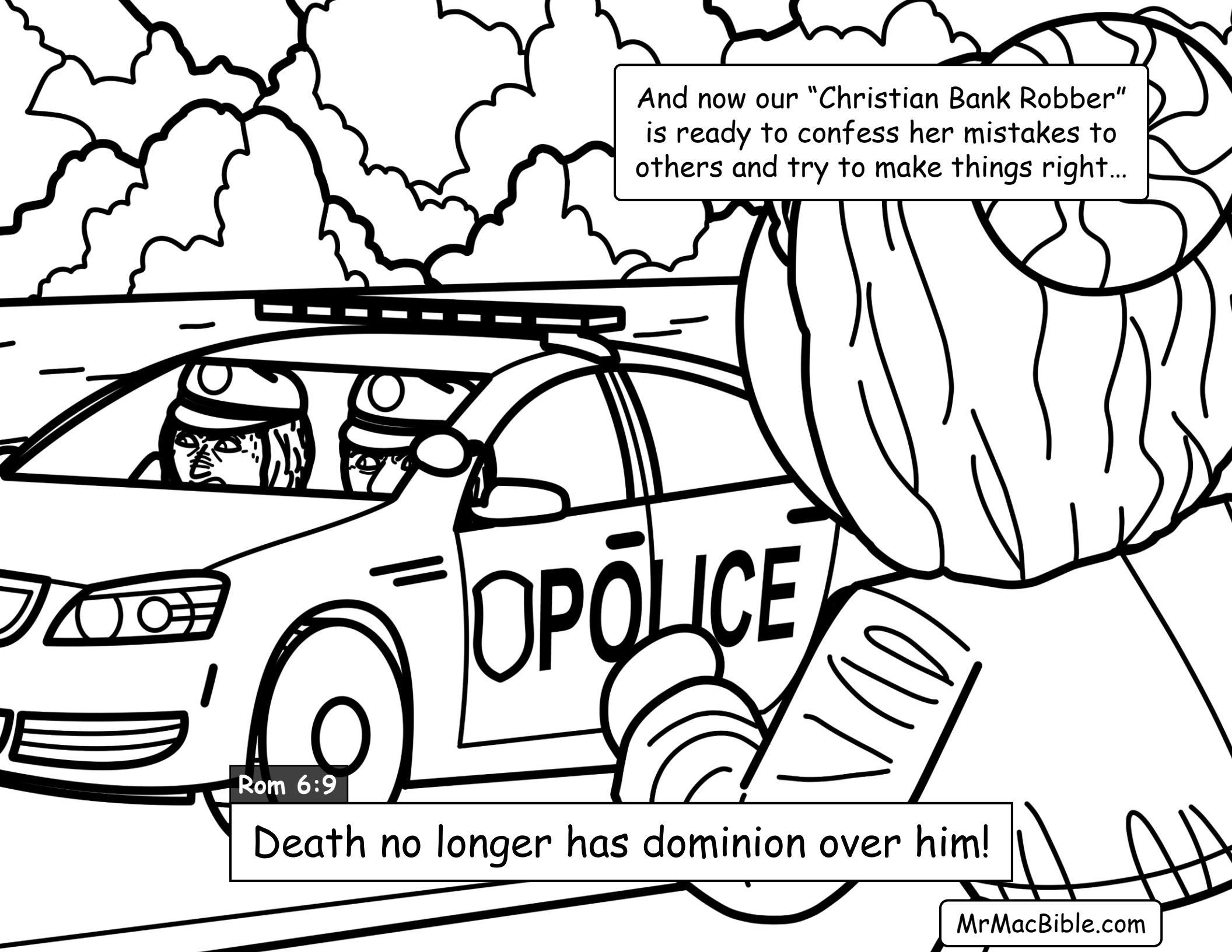
But if we died with Christ, we believe
that we will also live with him,



And God himself will guide
you as you follow Jesus...
even when life gets hard.

Rom 6:9

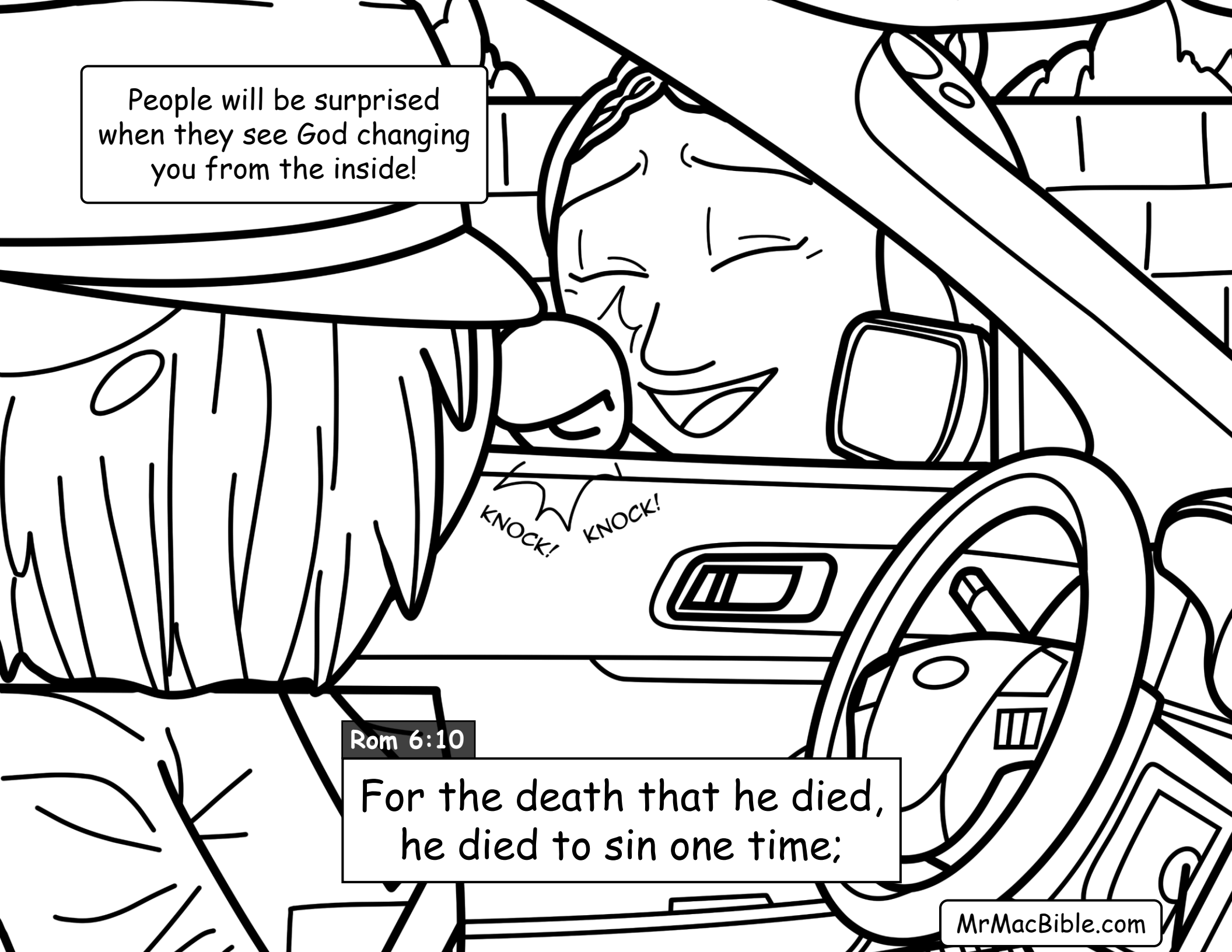
...knowing that Christ, being raised
from the dead, dies no more.



And now our "Christian Bank Robber"
is ready to confess her mistakes to
others and try to make things right...

Rom 6:9

Death no longer has dominion over him!



People will be surprised
when they see God changing
you from the inside!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

Rom 6:10


For the death that he died,
he died to sin one time;



Following Jesus and living for
God's glory takes courage,
and may cost you something...

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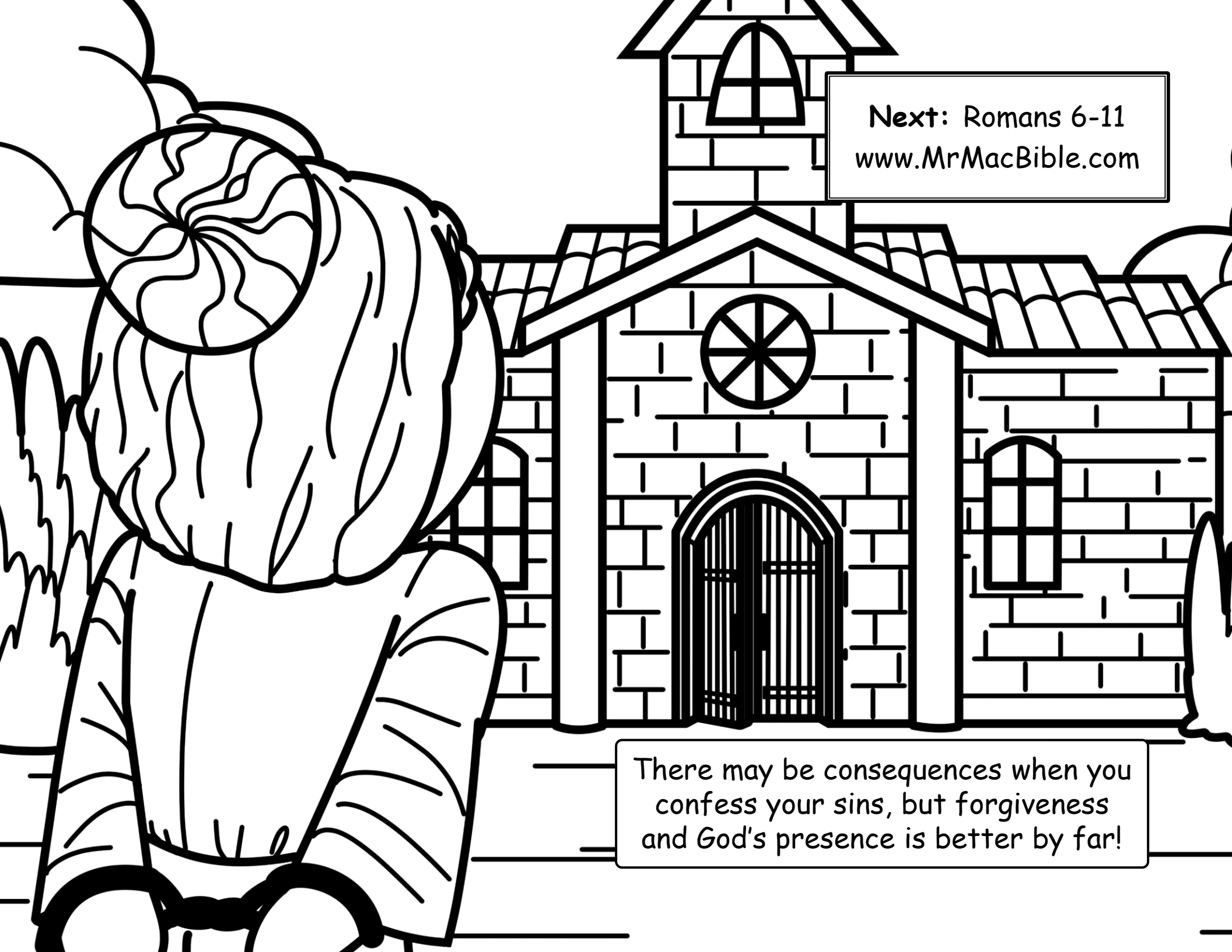
...but the life that he lives, he lives to God.



It's time to reject sinful actions,
and to find our identity and
purpose in the life only he can give!

Rom 6:11

Thus consider yourselves also to be dead to
sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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There may be consequences when you
confess your sins, but forgiveness
and God's presence is better by far!

Romans 1:1-16 1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Good News of God,

2 which he promised before through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

3 concerning his Son, who was born of the offspring of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

5 through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith amongst all the nations for his name's sake; 6 amongst whom you are also called to belong to Jesus Christ;

7 to all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the Good News of his Son,

how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers,

10 requesting, if by any means now at last I may be prospered by the will of God to come to you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, to the end that you may be established; 12 that is, that I with you may be encouraged in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 Now I don't desire to have you unaware, brothers, that I often planned to come to you (and was hindered so far), that I might have some fruit amongst you also, even as amongst the rest of the Gentiles.

14 I am debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15 So as much as is in me, I am eager to preach the Good News to you also who are in Rome.

16 For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Christ, because it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who

Rom 1:16-28 believes, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek.

17 For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith."

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known of God is revealed in them, for God revealed it to them.

20 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity, that they may be without excuse.

21 Because knowing God, they didn't glorify him as God, and didn't give thanks, but became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 and traded the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man,

and of birds, four-footed animals, and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonoured amongst themselves;

25 who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. For their women changed the natural function into that which is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burnt in their lust towards one another, men doing what is inappropriate with men, and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their error.

28 Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness,

Rom 1:29-2:12 ... covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, 30 backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful;

32 who, knowing the ordinance of God, that those who practise such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practise them.

2:1 Therefore you are without excuse, O man, whoever you are who judge. For in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you who judge practise the same things.

2 We know that the judgement of God is according to truth against those who practise such things.

3 Do you think this, O man who judges those who practise such things, and do the same, that you will escape the judgement of God? 4 Or do you despise

the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and patience, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath, revelation, and of the righteous judgement of God, 6 who "will pay back to everyone according to their works:"

7 to those who by perseverance in well-doing seek for glory, honour, and incorruptibility, eternal life;

8 but to those who are self-seeking and don't obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, will be wrath, indignation, 9 oppression, and anguish on every soul of man who does evil, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

10 But glory, honour, and peace go to every man who does good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law. As many as have sinned under

Rom 2:12-28 ...the law will be judged by the law.

13 For it isn't the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law will be justified

14 (for when Gentiles who don't have the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying with them, and their thoughts amongst themselves accusing or else excusing them) 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men, according to my Good News, by Jesus Christ.

17 Indeed you bear the name of a Jew, rest on the law, glory in God, 18 know his will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide of the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babies, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth.

21 You therefore who teach another,

... don't you teach yourself? You who preach that a man shouldn't steal, do you steal?

22 You who say a man shouldn't commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

23 You who glory in the law, do you dishonour God by disobeying the law?

24 For "the name of God is blasphemed amongst the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written.

25 For circumcision indeed profits, if you are a doer of the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

26 If therefore the uncircumcised keep the ordinances of the law, won't his uncircumcision be accounted as circumcision?

27 Won't those who are physically uncircumcised, but fulfil the law, judge you, who with the letter and circumcision are a transgressor of the law?

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision

Rom 2:28-3:13 ... which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men, but from God.

3:1 Then what advantage does the Jew have? Or what is the profit of circumcision?

2 Much in every way! Because first of all, they were entrusted with the revelations of God.

3 For what if some were without faith? Will their lack of faith nullify the faithfulness of God?

4 May it never be! Yes, let God be found true, but every man a liar. As it is written, "that you might be justified in your words, and might prevail when you come into judgement."

5 But if our unrighteousness commends the righteousness of God, what will we say? Is God unrighteous who inflicts wrath? I speak like men do.

6 May it never be! For then how will

...God judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God through my lie abounded to his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner?

8 Why not (as we are slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), "Let's do evil, that good may come?" Those who say so are justly condemned.

9 What then? Are we better than they? No, in no way. For we previously warned both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

10 As it is written, "There is no one righteous; no, not one.

11 There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after God.

12 They have all turned away. They have together become unprofitable. There is no one who does good, no, not so much as one."

13 "Their throat is an open tomb. With their tongues they have used deceit."

Rom 3:13-31 "The poison of
vipers is under their lips."

14 "Their mouth is full of cursing and
bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to
shed blood.

16 Destruction and misery are in their
ways. 17 The way of peace, they haven't
known." 18 "There is no fear of God
before their eyes."

19 Now we know that whatever things
the law says, it speaks to those who are
under the law, that every mouth may be
closed, and all the world may be brought
under the judgement of God.

20 Because by the works of the law, no
flesh will be justified in his sight; for
through the law comes the knowledge of
sin.

21 But now apart from the law, a
righteousness of God has been revealed,
being testified by the law and the
prophets; 22 even the righteousness of
God through faith in Jesus Christ to all
and on all those who believe.

For there is no distinction, 23 for all
...have sinned, and fall short of the glory

of God;

24 being justified freely by his grace
through the redemption that is in Christ
Jesus, 25 whom God sent to be an atoning
sacrifice through faith in his blood, for a
demonstration of his righteousness
through the passing over of prior sins, in
God's forbearance;

26 to demonstrate his righteousness at
this present time, that he might himself
be just and the justifier of him who has
faith in Jesus.

27 Where then is the boasting? It is
excluded. By what kind of law? Of works?
No, but by a law of faith.

28 We maintain therefore that a man is
justified by faith apart from the works of
the law.

29 Or is God the God of Jews only?
Isn't he the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of
Gentiles also, 30 since indeed there is one
God who will justify the circumcised by
faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then nullify the law through
faith? May it never be! No, we establish
the law.

Rom 4:1-14 What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, has found according to the flesh?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not towards God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

4 Now to him who works, the reward is not counted as grace, but as something owed.

5 But to him who doesn't work, but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.

6 Even as David also pronounces blessing on the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

7 "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man whom the Lord will by no means charge with sin."

9 Is this blessing then pronounced only on the circumcised, or on the

...uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness.

10 How then was it counted? When he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision.

11 He received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they might be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might also be accounted to them.

12 He is the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision.

13 For the promise to Abraham and to his offspring that he would be heir of the world wasn't through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

14 For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the

Rom 4:14-5:4 ...promise is made of no effect.

15 For the law produces wrath; for where there is no law, neither is there disobedience.

16 For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace, to the end that the promise may be sure to all the offspring, not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all.

17 As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations." This is in the presence of him whom he believed: God, who gives life to the dead, and calls the things that are not, as though they were.

18 Against hope, Abraham in hope believed, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, "So will your offspring be."

19 Without being weakened in faith, he didn't consider his own body, already having been worn out, (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 Yet, looking to the promise of God, he didn't waver through unbelief, but grew strong through faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was also able to perform.

22 Therefore it also was "credited to him for righteousness."

23 Now it was not written that it was accounted to him for his sake alone, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be accounted, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

5:1 Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; 2 through whom we also have our access by faith into this grace in which we stand. We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope;

Rom 5:5-17 ...and hope doesn't disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a good person someone would even dare to die.

8 But God commends his own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him.

10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

11 Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through

sin, so death passed to all men because all sinned.

13 For until the law, sin was in the world; but sin is not charged when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those whose sins weren't like Adam's disobedience, who is a foreshadowing of him who was to come.

15 But the free gift isn't like the trespass. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.

16 The gift is not as through one who sinned; for the judgement came by one to condemnation, but the free gift followed many trespasses to justification.

17 For if by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; so much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:18-6:11 So then as through one trespass, all men were condemned; even so through one act of righteousness, all men were justified to life.

19 For as through the one man's disobedience many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one, many will be made righteous.

20 The law came in that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace abounded more exceedingly, 21 that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 May it never be! We who died to sin, how could we live in it any longer?

3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?

4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death, that just as

Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we will also be part of his resurrection;

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be in bondage to sin.

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him, 9 knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over him!

10 For the death that he died, he died to sin one time; but the life that he lives, he lives to God.

11 Thus consider yourselves also to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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