

Totally impressed that you are ready for **Challenge #5!** God promises us that if we will really seek him with our whole heart, we can get to know him. Look it up **Jeremiah 29:13** and see for yourself!

Challenge #4 gave you a chance to get to know Jesus...check out these **two** trivia questions before we dig into this challenge.

What places did Jesus call 'home' while he walked and talked on the earth?


Born in _____	Matthew 2:1
Escaped to _____	Matthew 2:13
Grew up in _____	Matthew 2:23
As a man, moved to _____	Matthew 4:13

How did Jesus know what to say and what to do?

Check out what Jesus said:

John 5:19 and **John 12:49**

The book of John is one of the 'Good News' books, so start your search in the New Testament.

 **Jesus came to put the spotlight on God** with the words that he said and the things that he did. Jesus walked and talked on the earth to show us God's right way, to describe God's kingdom, so that we could see things with God's eyes. Most importantly, Jesus came to be the way to a forever-life with God. Jesus came to fix what we cannot fix for ourselves.

What needed fixing? What's been damaged? Our heart-to heart connection with God.

Sin, a 'me-before-God' attitude moves into our heart. A 'me-before-God' attitude convinces us that we know better than God knows, that we can choose for ourselves what is right. **Oh no!** That's the trick that Satan played on Adam and Eve! Rather than trusting God's love and goodness, we make choices that are outside of God's right way. Our holy God cannot be where sin is, just like light and darkness cannot exist at the same time. If we can't fix this broken heart-connection, who will?

God will! God doesn't change. The choice he made before he created the world is still the same. Ephesians 1:4-5

Do you remember what that choice is? God chose to love us and adopt us into his family through Jesus. God sends Jesus.

Jesus, being fully human, took on the sin of the **whole world** as though it was his. Being fully God, he was 'big enough' to do this. Jesus' death on a cross paid the price to fix the damage that sin had caused. Jesus' gift of forgiveness will wash our heart clean; now, when God sees our heart, he can see it as holy, just like Jesus' heart. Jesus' death on a cross made it possible for us to be 'at one' with God again! Our broken heart connection can be repaired and we can have a forever-life with God...the way God planned it to be!

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21 NLT

Jesus' gift of forgiveness is given to you...will you say 'yes'? It's easy to do, just talk to Jesus.

Dear Jesus,

I believe that you are God's son and that you took the punishment for my sin that leads to choices that go against God's right way. I know that I need your gift of forgiveness and I want your promise of a forever-life. I want to live with you in my life, leading me, so that with your help, I desire to live God's right way.

Amen.

John 3:16 is one of the most recognized verses in our Bible. This verse is the good news of God's love shown to us through Jesus. Memorize this verse together as a family so that you carry its message wherever you are!

Challenge

Submit a picture, video, or a description of how your family enjoyed learning this verse to cokesburykids@cokesbury.tv

Some ideas to get your creative juices flowing...

- Take a 'selfie-video' as you have fun saying the verse together.
- Create a poster using whatever art supplies you might have at home.
- Play a game - Write 1-2 words of the verse on Post-it notes and stick in random order on a wall. How quickly can you put them in correct order? 123homeschoolforme.com