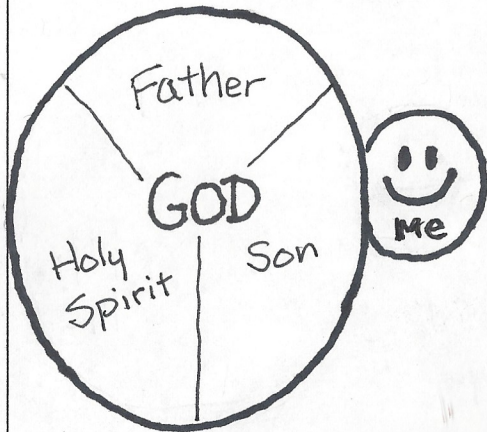


# Cross & Resurrection – What happened

## God made us!

We were very happy and loved being close!



**God:** I love being with you!

**Me:** I love being with you!!

**God:** Enjoy my beautiful world!

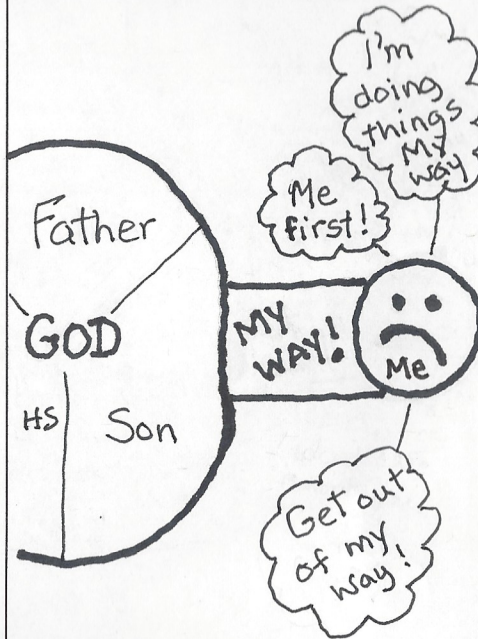
**Me:** It's fantastic! Especially this Garden!

**God:** Blessings! SHALOM!



## We chose to sin

and that became a wall between God and us.



**God:** I'm heartbroken we are not close anymore.

**Me:** Well I think MY way is better. Adiós!

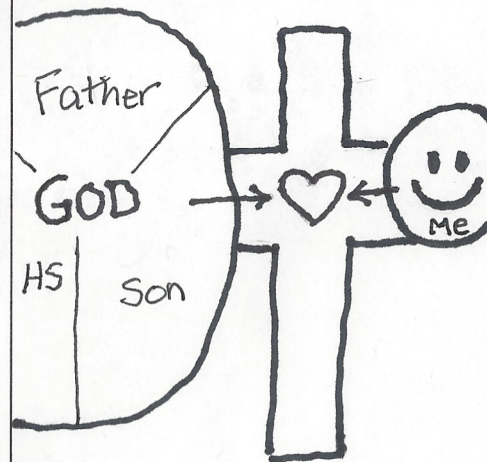
**God:** Even though you don't care, I will still love you anyway.

**Me:** Whatever; I'm good. Off to party!

**God:** You will not be at your best without me. Someday I will send a Savior so we can be close again.

## Jesus died to pay

the penalty of our sins and to get rid of that wall!



**Jesus:** I took the punishment for you.

**Me:** Oh thank you but why? You didn't do anything wrong!

**Jesus:** Oh I know. But I want you to be close again to God. It was the only way.

**Me:** But now you're dead! Evil has won, ugh.

**Jesus:** It looks like that, doesn't it? But wait 3 days...

## God raised Jesus

from the dead! Jesus is alive even now!



**Angel:** Jesus is risen, just as he said!

**Me:** What? I won't believe until I see the nail marks in Jesus' hands!

**Jesus:** Thomas already tried that. BTW do you have anything to eat?

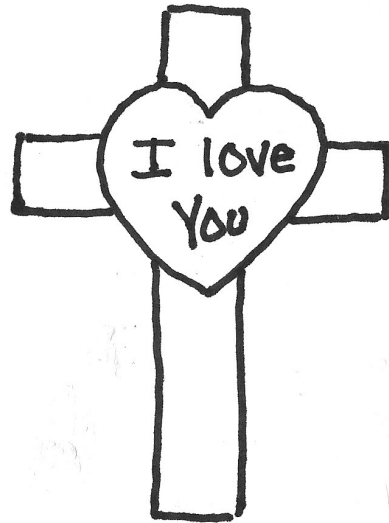
**Me:** Yes, here's a fish. But wait, how did this happen?

**Jesus:** Evil does have power, but God has *much* more. And God has a bigger plan happening ...

# Cross & Resurrection – What it means!

## God loves me

so much that he died to free me from the guilt and power of my sins



**Jesus:** When I came back from the dead, *that's* how you knew your sins were forgiven.

**Me:** NO ONE thought you were going to rise from the dead.

**Jesus:** I know! The Father, Son – and Holy Spirit loved you before the beginning of the world – and have good things planned for you.

**Me:** Really? I'm just a kid.

**Jesus:** Keep following Me and you will see!

## God is powerful

and stronger than anything. Nothing will keep us apart!



**God:** My power is greater than any unjust or evil power, even death.

**Me:** I've always been a little scared of stuff like that.

**God:** It's OK. If you feel like you're about to slip out of my grasp, don't worry because I will never let go of you.

**Me:** Even after I die?

**God:** Even then. And you will have a body just like Jesus did when he came back from the dead. Heaven will be *wonderful!*

## God changes me

on the inside through his love and power.



**God:** I'm giving you a new power to show the world what it is like to live a life with Me at the center.

**Me:** Cool - like a Superhero?

**God:** No. The way it works is that the Holy Spirit will remind you of my ways and give you courage.

**Me:** Oh so I can't turn water into Sprite...

**God:** Good try. But you will become appreciated by all: a person who loves God and is kind, wise, and strong towards people.

## Got a new job!

to share God's love and bring light into the darkness.



**God:** Someday Jesus will bring Heaven to earth! But for now I have a wonderful job for you!

**Me:** Sure! Wait, what is it?

**God:** Go into the world and share my love and bring light into dark places.

**Me:** Sounds cool but also kind of hard...

**God:** I will be with you always! Get ready for an awesome adventure!