

Tonight's

passage – **1 Samuel 1. 21-28**

on each page
of the
worksheet!



theme – **Keeping your word!**



Colour in the picture below!



The LORD

His Word

Read
1 Samuel 1 and
verses **21-23**

²¹When her husband Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfil his vow, ²²Hannah did not go.

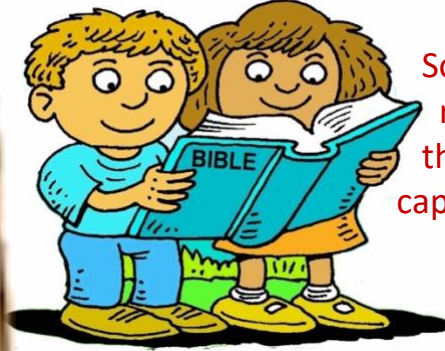
She said to her husband, 'After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.'

²³'Do what seems best to you,' her husband Elkanah told her.

'Stay here until you have weaned him; only **may the LORD make good His word.**'

So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

The LORD ..



Sometimes when you're reading the Bible you'll see that the word **LORD** is in capital letters.

Ever wondered why?

It's because that's the name God said He was to be known by when He promised to be the God of His people and to help them always.

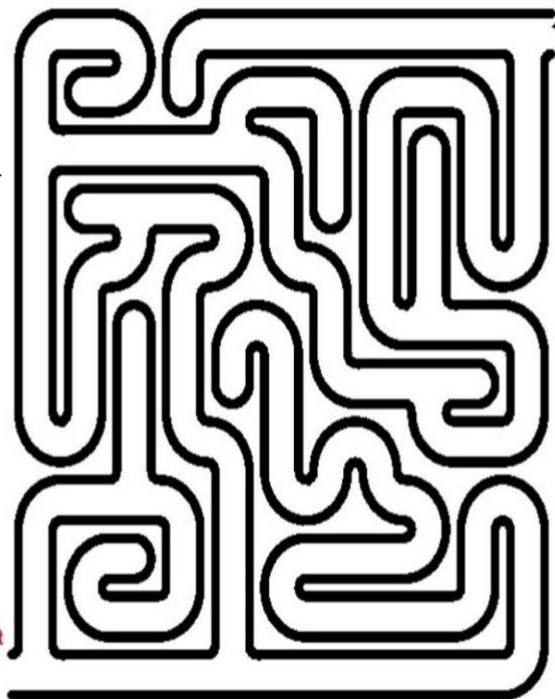
It's what's known as His 'covenant' Name (a 'covenant' is a special promise): when this name (the LORD) is used it's a reminder to His people that

He makes promises: and He keeps His promises!

See if you can make your way to God's Word
(the Bible) in this maze!



start



finish

.. and His WORD

May the Lord 'make good His Word'

You

The whole book of 1 Samuel is about God 'making good His word' – bringing His promises to pass and ensuring that His Word was again at the centre of the people's lives.



keeping your word

God always keeps *His* promises!

That's how He means us to live as well.

Hannah had promised God that if God gave her a son she would "give him to the Lord for all the days of his life."

You can read about that in 1 Samuel 1 v.11.

And God gave her a son (they called him Samuel). It was for Hannah now to do what she'd said she'd do.

When we say to Jesus, "I will trust You and follow You always" – that is a promise which we are to be very careful to keep, even when it hurts.

.. even
when it
hurts

Have a look at the £10 note below.

You'd be pretty chuffed if you were given this!

Its value, though, lies in the fact that this note from the bank is essentially a **promise**.

Circle the bit which shows you that it's a promise.



Read Psalm 15 verses 1-5

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

² The one whose way of life is blameless,

who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;

³ whose tongue utters no slander,

who does no wrong to a neighbour,

and casts no slur on others;

⁴ who despises a vile person but honours those who fear the Lord;

who **keeps an oath even when it hurts**, and does not change their mind;

⁵ who lends money to the poor without interest;

who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

Read
1 Sam.1
verses 24-28

²⁴After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh.

²⁵When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶and she said to him, 'Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he shall be given over to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

Hannah

gave her son to the LORD

offering the LORD our best

Hannah had waited a long time for the gift of a son.

She must have loved him so much.

But she did what she'd promised to do and gave her son to the LORD to serve Him all his days.

think . .

How might you thank the LORD for all His goodness and show Him that you love Him more than anything?



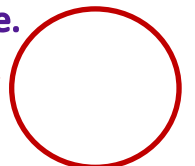
The LORD

gave His Son for us!

Tonight's passage (vv.21-28) is more about the LORD than it is about Hannah and the gift of her son to God.

Count up how many times the phrase 'the LORD' appears in the 8 verses of tonight's passage.

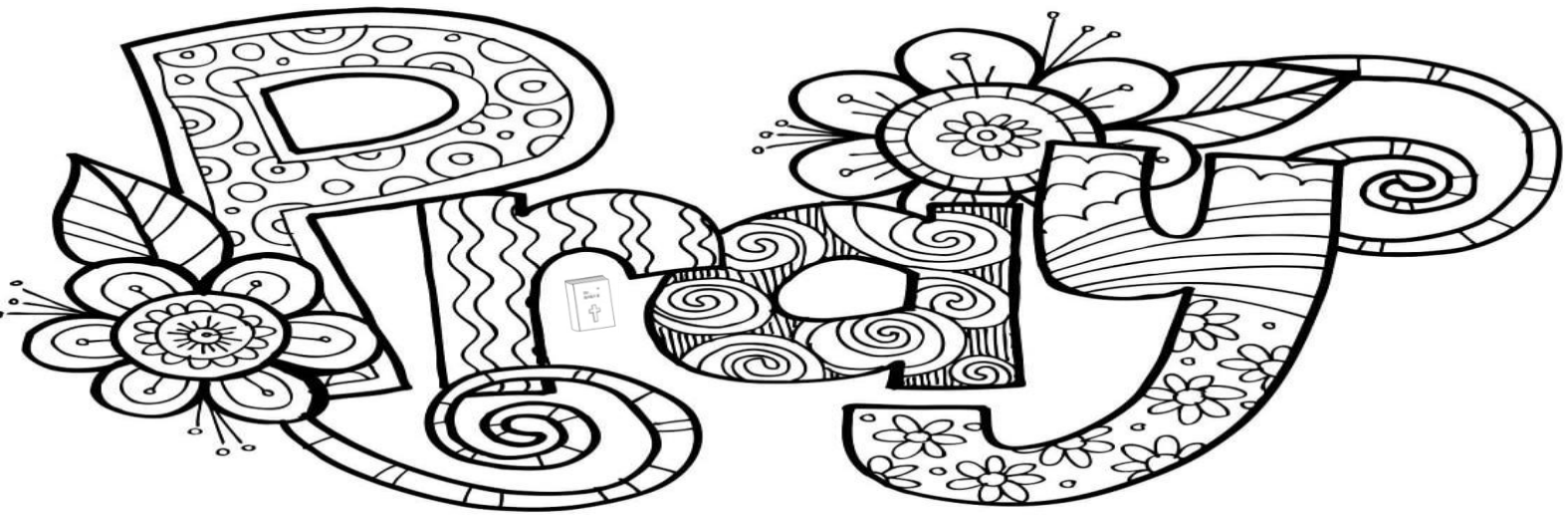
Your answer →



And do the maths! It's all about *Him*!

What Hannah did was a pointer to what the LORD would one day do: God would give His own Son, Jesus, promising that all who trusted in Him would have eternal life. *This* gift of a Son is the best gift of all!

FOR GOD SO
"LOVED"
THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN
SON JOHN 3:16



Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Speak to God about what you've learned: if you want, use this prayer to help you

What an amazing story, Lord!

I love hearing how You hear the prayers of Your people and how wonderful Your answers to their prayers prove to be.

I love that You're so faithful and Your people can trust You always to come good on Your promises. That makes me feel really safe with You!

And it's great to read about people like Hannah who know that they can trust You, and who want to show how much they love You by giving You their best.

**That's very challenging!
Help me to keep my word and to do what I've said I'll do.**

Help me always to remember, too, that all we can ever give to You is only because You first have given Your best for us! You're the best!



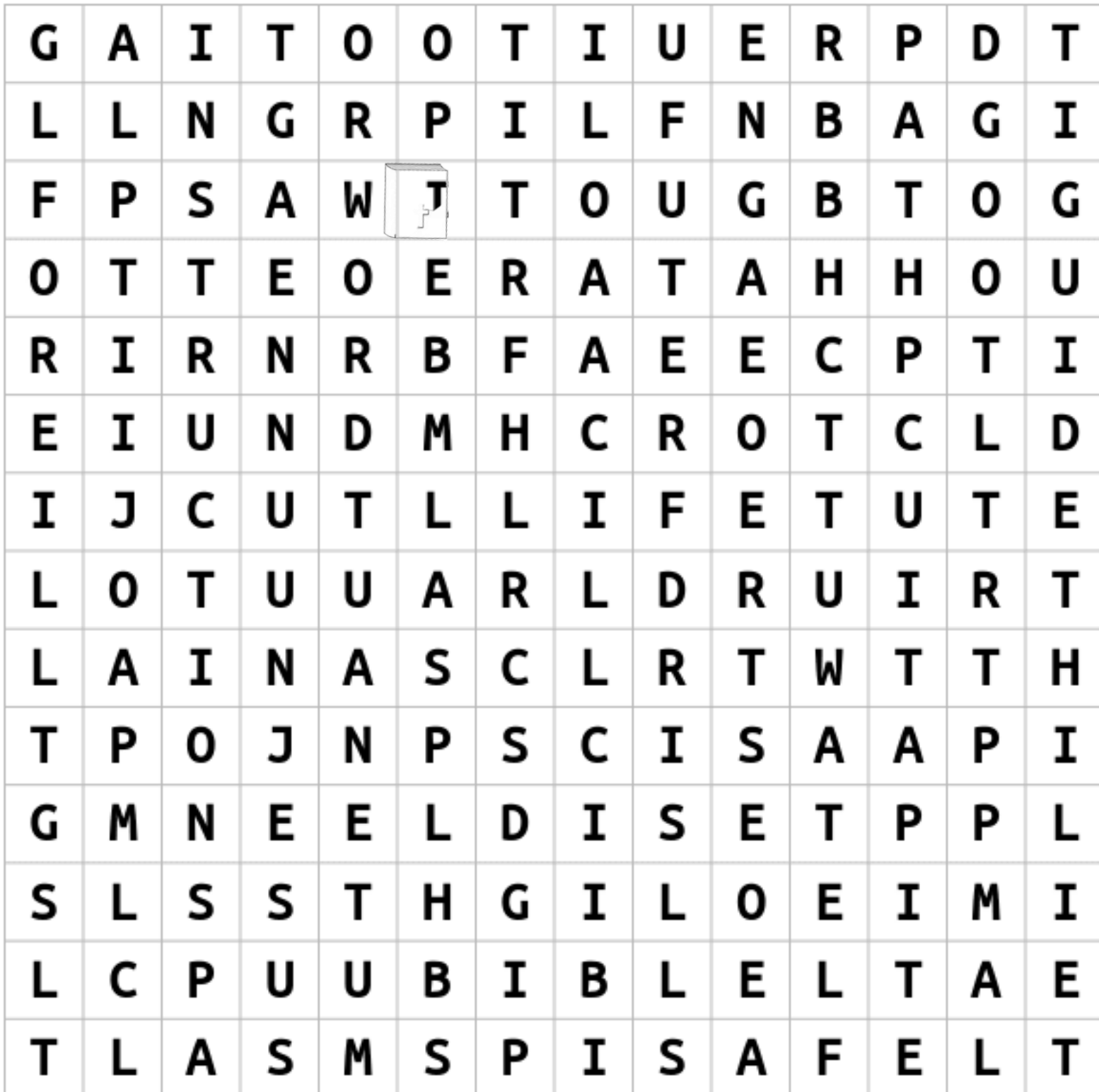
Today's verse for you to try and remember!



"May the LORD make
good His Word"
(1 Sam.1.23)

Wordsearch

The Wordsearch is about the Bible as God's Word. See if you can find all the words!



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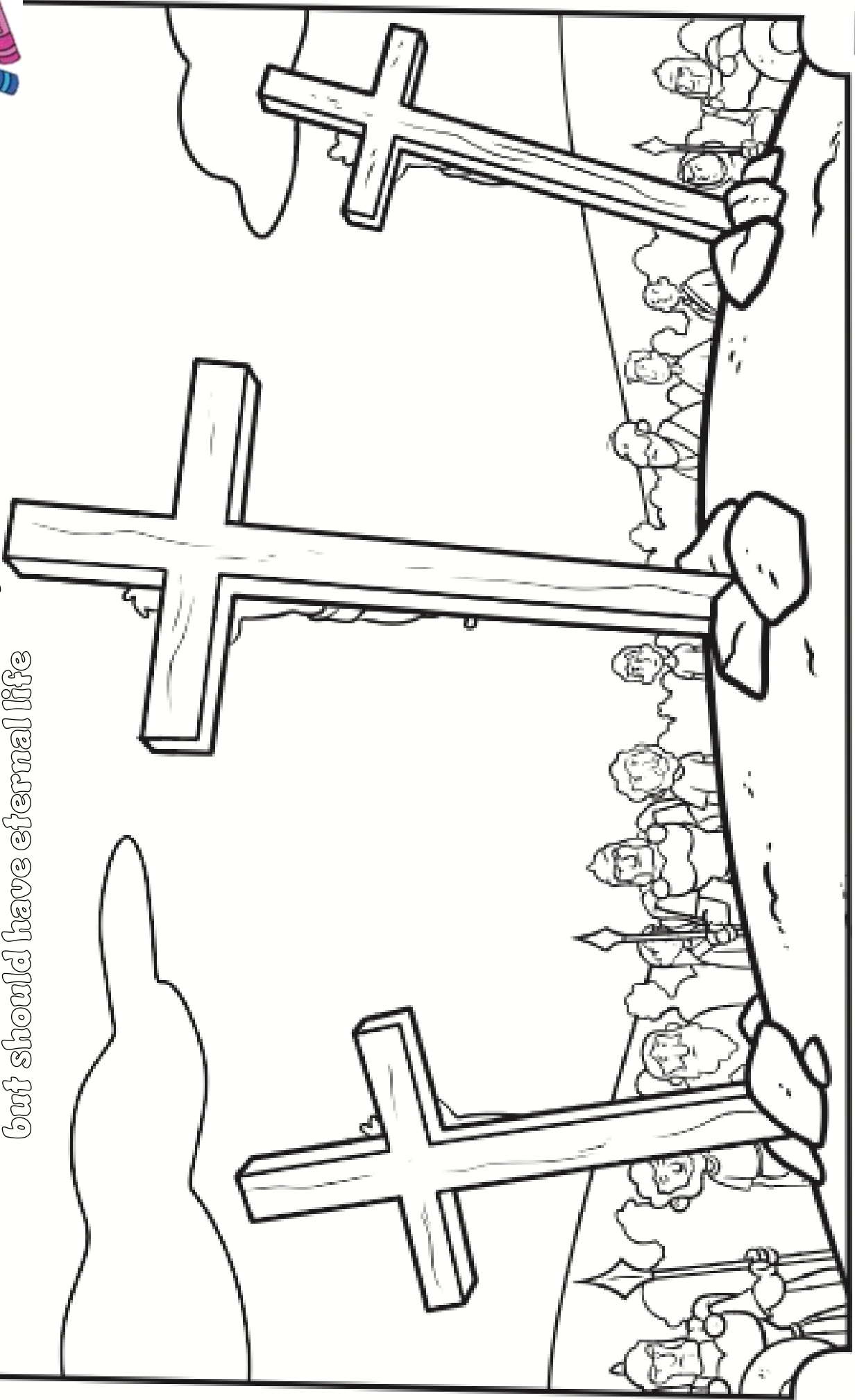
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JESUS

COLOUR in the picture



God so loved the world that He gave His only Son
that whoever believes in Him should not perish
but should have eternal life



Jesus died to save a world that was covered in sin - He took the punishment for the sin of the world, so that we could all be a part of the Kingdom of God. Mark 15:33-39

