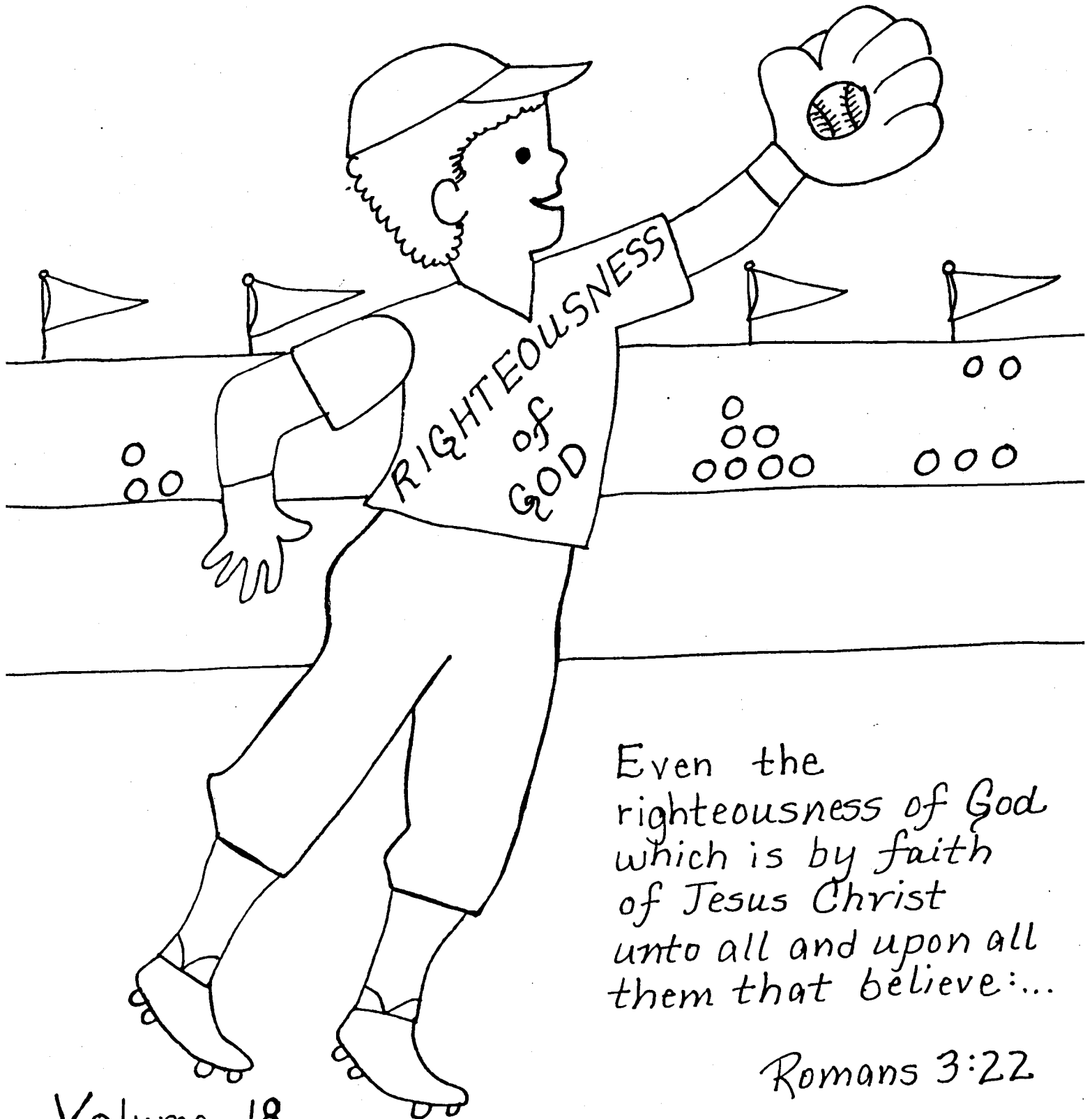


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~THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD~



Even the
righteousness of God
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of Jesus Christ
unto all and upon all
them that believe:...

Romans 3:22

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Bobby came in from his baseball game, threw his glove on the floor, and ran into the kitchen to get a big drink. Thirsty! His Dad asked, "So how did your game go?" Then all that could be heard was some gulping down of Gatorade. Finally, Bobby said, "The first part was terrible, but the last part was great! We won! I'll tell you what happened. Our team was not very excited today. I think we were down on ourselves, because the last game was so bad. Then today we just couldn't get a break. So we were getting more down. I was thinking about putting my power to work, but I didn't even feel like it. Then something really cool happened. The coach had a talk with us. He started telling us we were really special players, and he was glad he was our coach. Then he said he believed in us, that he was pulling for us. Then this blew my mind! He said that if we didn't win it was okay - just to do our best. He said we'd still be his special team whatever happened. He even said to have a good time! Then I felt like putting my power to work! Then we pulled out and won! So cool!"

Bobby's Dad said, "That's pretty special. Why do you think that happened?" Bobby answered, "Well, I know we all felt different after that talk." His Dad asked, "How did you feel?" He answered, "Dad, I didn't feel down on myself or like anyone else was down on me. I felt really up! I was excited to play that game my best! And have a good time! I wanted to put my power to work, too!" Then his Dad asked, "Bobby, did you feel right and not wrong, although the last game was so bad?" He answered, "Yeah - I did. I felt right. I felt like I could stand up out there on that ballfield and be proud of myself and my team in front of anyone. It was great!"

Then Bobby's Dad said, "Do you want to hear something really great? When you became God's son, He put something in you that is always right! It's what God is! It's holy spirit! It's God in Christ in you! It's always right, no matter what happens around you! It's always right, no matter what people do or say! It's always right, no matter how you feel! It's always right, even if you make mistakes! It can't be wrong, and it can't go away. It's the very special gift of holy spirit. It's always there and it's always right. It's called the righteousness of God. It's one of the special privileges God gives His sons. It means you can stand before God without feeling guilty or condemned or down on yourself. You always have the righteousness of God. Isn't that a special privilege?"

"Wow, Dad, that is a special privilege! To be able to stand before God, who is so big, without feeling guilty or condemned or down on myself - all the time! How did I get something so special?"

"Well, do you remember how you became God's son?"

"Uh, I believed Romans 10:9 and 10!"

"That's right! Let's say Romans 10:9:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Okay, now say the next verse, Romans 10:10."

"Here goes:

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

"Hey, Bobby, pretty good! Did you notice that verse says you believe unto righteousness?"

"Oh, Dad, I get it! I believed and God just gave it to me when I became His son!"

"That's right! Because of what Jesus Christ did, and because God raised him up, and because you believed, you got that special privilege! Listen to Romans 3:22:

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:...

See, you just believe, become God's son, and He gives you that special privilege. You didn't have to do a whole bunch of good things to have God's righteousness. Isn't that a loving God? And, Bobby, once you have it, you don't have to do a whole bunch of good things to keep it. Isn't that a loving God?"

"Dad, that reminds me of our coach. He said we'd be his special team, whatever happened. We didn't have to win the ballgame. We could still stand before him and be proud of ourselves!"

"Bobby, you're really seeing righteousness! You guys believed your coach's words when he told you that you were really special players and that he was pulling for you! You guys believed your coach's words when he said you'd be his special team no matter what happened! Then you acted like it! You had a good time and put your power to work! Now you just believe God your Father like you believed your coach. You just believe God's Word that you are His special son, and that He is always pulling for you. You just believe God's Word that you are His special son no matter what happens. Then you act like it! You have a good time and put your power to work!"

"Dad, I just love knowing that I can stand before God and be proud of myself as His son."

"Bobby, just think, your righteousness will always be true. It will never change. See, winning ballgames can change. The weather can change. The guys on your team can change. Your kind coach could even change! But God and His Word and your righteousness, which is of God, never changes. They are always true."

"Dad, this is exciting! My games are going to be a good time. No matter if I'm winning or losing, I can stand up out there on that ballfield, in front of God and everyone around, and have the righteousness of God!"

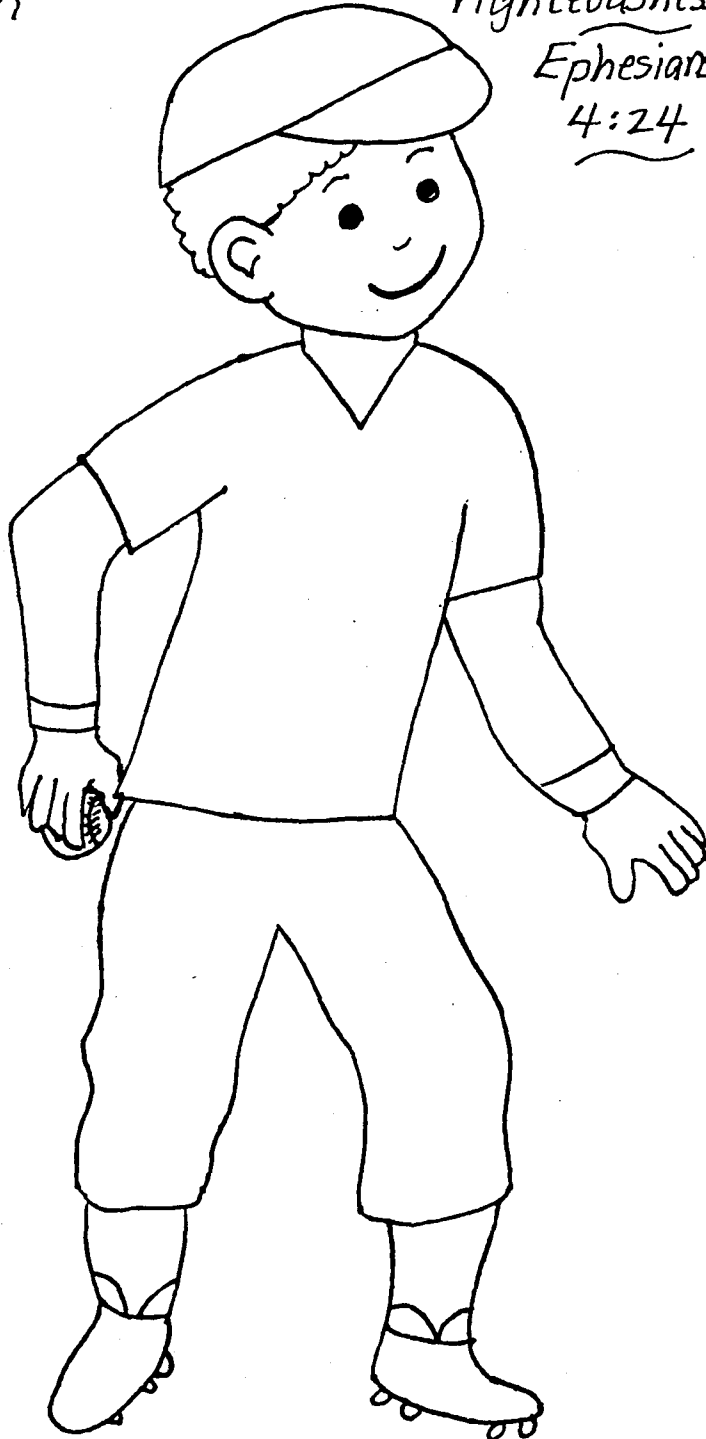
"Bobby, you're right-on!"

Putting on the "new man" is like putting on clothes.
You decide what to wear and then put it on. You
decide what to believe and then put it on.
Help these sons of God put on their "new man"

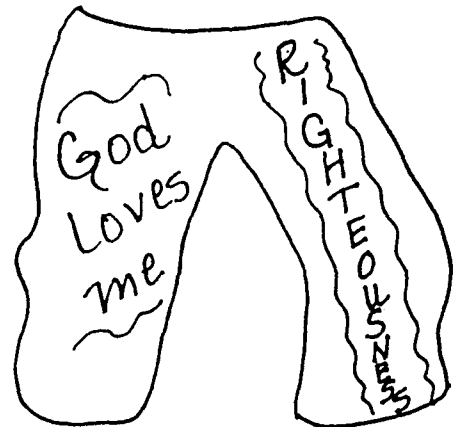
clothes! Color the
"new man" clothes.
Then cut them out.
Then paste them on
the matching places.
Then color the rest.

put on the new man
which after God is created
in righteousness

Ephesians
4:24



Christ
in me!
S.I.T.



Cut out the big
rectangles for a mobile!