

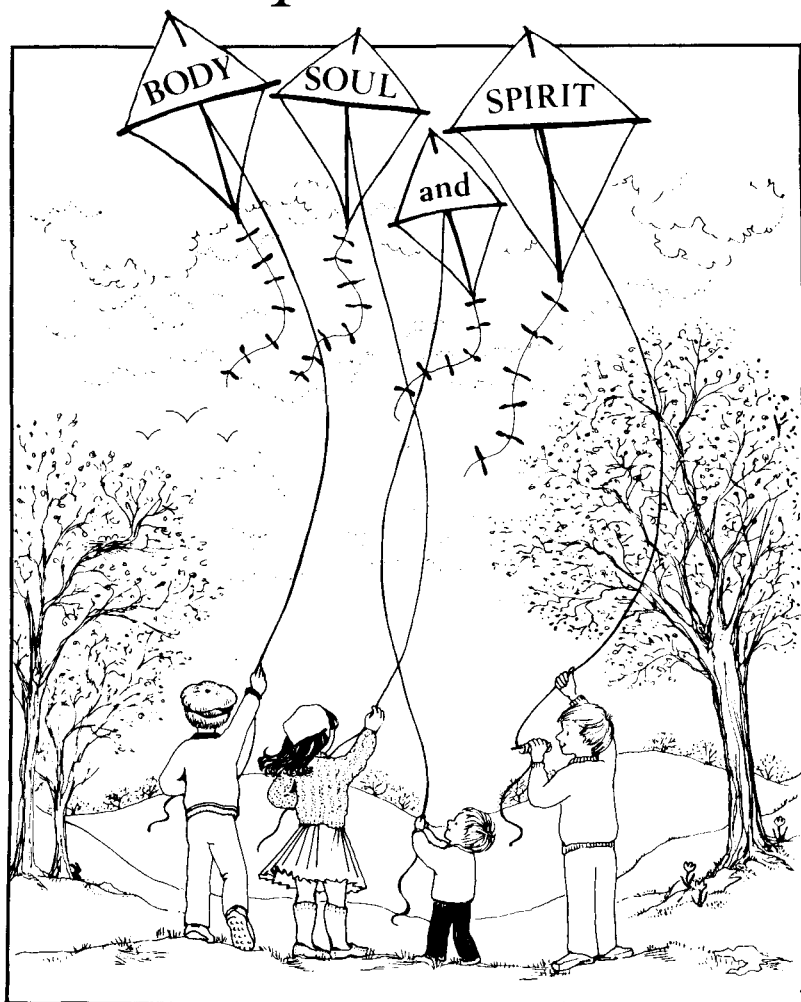
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The Completeness in Christ





Body, Soul and Spirit

Have you ever bought a model airplane kit and put it together? When you did, you wanted to be sure that all the parts were there that were supposed to be. If you put all the pieces together and discovered that one of the wings was missing, your plane would not be complete. In order for it to look and be the best, it needs to be complete. In the same way, if your dad had a power lawn mower and there were parts missing, it would not be complete either. It could not run properly. It could not do what it was designed to do, unless all the parts were there.

If something is complete, it means that no parts or sections are missing. Everything is there that is supposed to be. If a job is completed, it means everything is finished that you planned to do.

God desires that we be complete, too. Just as you would want your model airplane to be complete with all its parts, God desires that we be complete by having a body, a soul and a spirit. God completed (finished) this plan for man by what Jesus Christ did for us.

The body of a person is what you see when you look at him. It is the person's arms, legs, head, feet, tummy and so forth. Even though you cannot see inside of a person, that is part of his body, too. Every person has a body.

The soul is that which gives life to a person's body. Genesis 2:7 tells us that God "...breathed into his [man's] nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." What this means is that God gave breath life to man and to all the animals. A person or animal has soul if it breathes. For example, if you were playing outside on a cold day and you looked at a puppy breathing, you would see the air come from its mouth. This is because the puppy has breath life. If a person or animal breathes, then it has a soul or "breath life."

To have a body and soul you do not have to be a Christian. All you have to do is be alive. For example, in Acts 27:37 the Word talks about 276 "souls" that were on a ship. In this account, we know that at least two people were actually

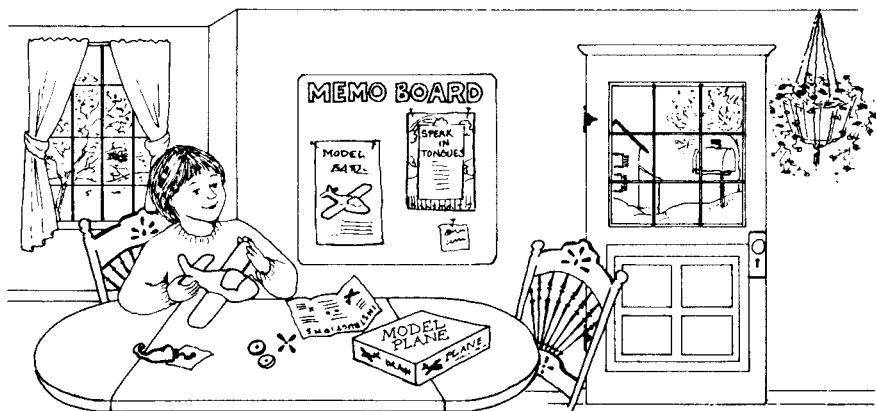
born-again believers. What made these two people different from the other people who had a body and a soul? They had the third thing that God planned for man, which is the gift of holy spirit.

Holy spirit is the most special, precious gift God could EVER give to you and me. It is so valuable that if God were to put a price on it, a million dollars could not even begin to pay for what it is worth! As precious as this gift is, God has made it available to us when we simply confess Christ as our lord and believe that God raised him from the dead (Romans 10:9). At that moment you become a son of God and you receive the gift of holy spirit from God. You now have body, soul AND spirit.

As a son of God you are now absolutely complete. Colossians 2:10 tells us, "And ye [you] are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." When you became a son of God, He gave you everything spiritually that you needed. God loaded you up on the inside and did not forget one thing.

Once you have the gift of holy spirit, you can speak in tongues. You also have the ability to speak in tongues and interpret and to bring forth a message of prophecy. God can now talk to you and tell you certain things you need to know. You have the ability to heal people and see miracles come to pass as you simply believe God's Word and operate this gift from God that is within you.

With the gift of holy spirit, we now have the ability to be more than conquerors the way Romans 8:37 says. We can be winners in every situation as we obey God's Word and as we do the things God tells us to do. How thankful we can be that we can be a complete person—a person of body, soul and spirit!



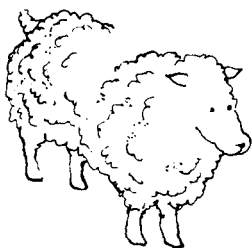
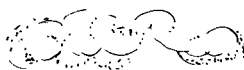
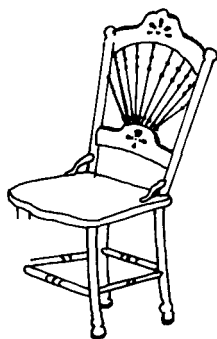
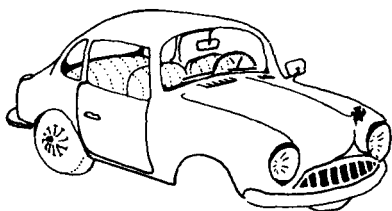
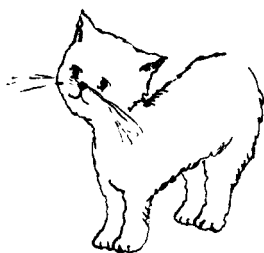
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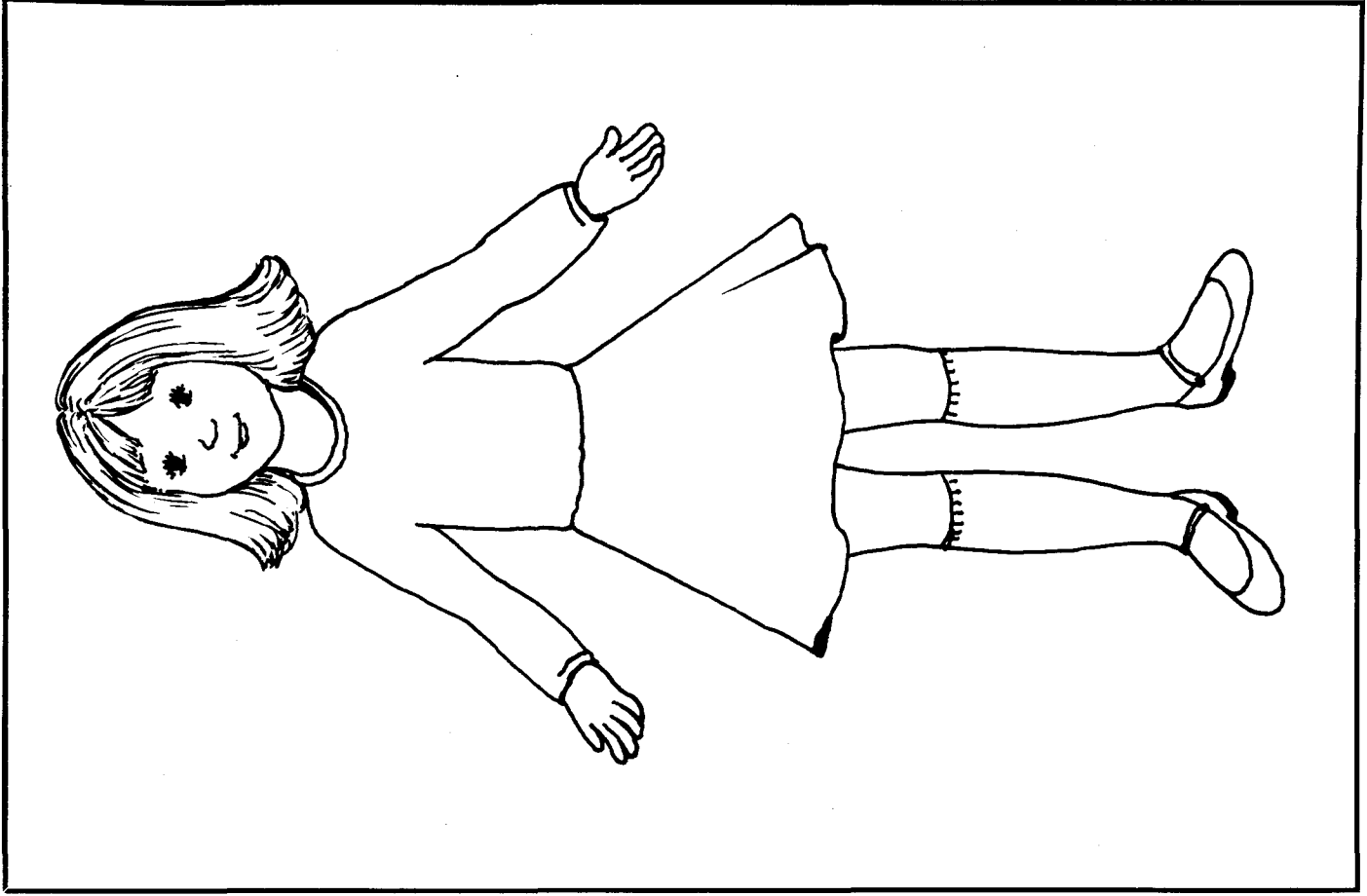
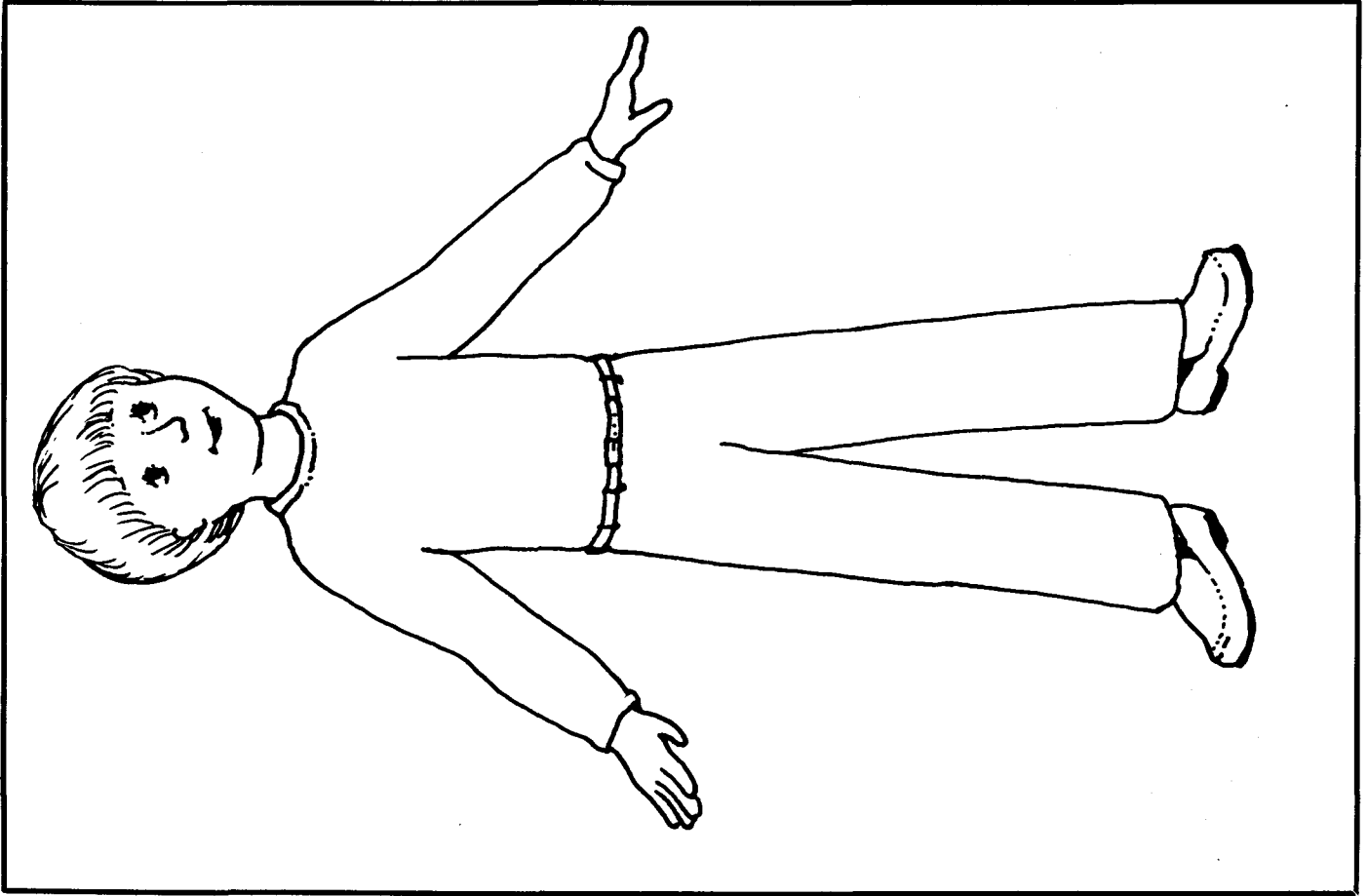
1. If something is _____ it means that no parts or sections are missing.
 - a. incomplete
 - b. common
 - c. complete
2. Just as you would want your model airplane to be complete with all its parts, God desires that we be complete by having a _____, a _____ and a _____.
 - a. body, shape, soul
 - b. soul, breath, spirit
 - c. body, soul, spirit
3. The _____ of a person is what you see when you look at him.
 - a. soul
 - b. body
 - c. life
4. The soul is that which gives _____ to a person's body.
 - a. life
 - b. death
 - c. form
5. _____ is the most special, precious gift God could EVER give to you and me.
 - a. Holy spirit
 - b. The soul
 - c. Your body



Make It Complete

Once we become born again, God makes us completely complete spiritually, not lacking even one thing! Finish each picture below so that each one is complete, too!





The directions for this craft picture are on page 10.

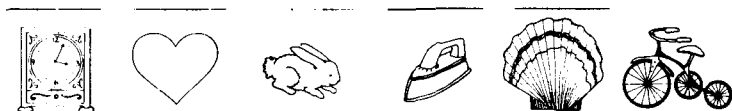
Complete the Word

Print the first letter of each object on the line below its picture. This will tell you the answer to any question or give you the words that are missing in the sentences below.

1. Who desires that we be complete?



2. God finished this plan by what _____ did for us.



3. What is the most special, precious gift God could EVER give to you and me?



Retemories

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.

Colossians 2:10:

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

II Corinthians 3:5:

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God.

Philippians 4:13:

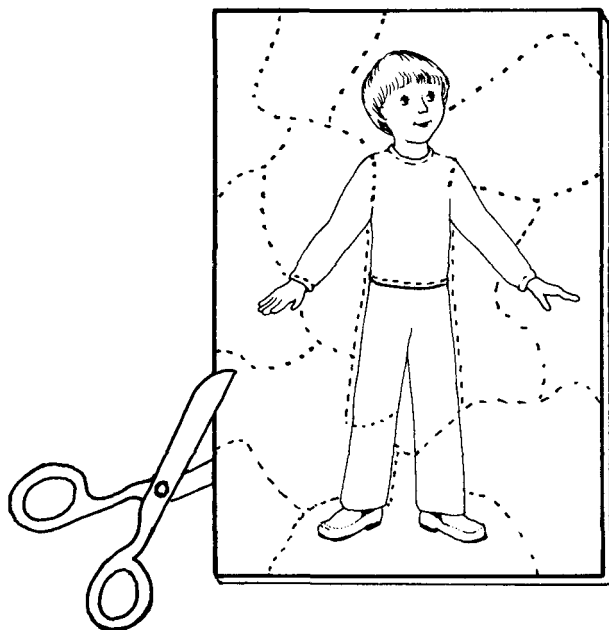
I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Romans 8:37:

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

ANSWERS:
page 4: 1. c, 2. c, 3. b, 4. a, 5. a
page 5: To make each picture complete, you need:
a leg on the dog
a tail on the cat
a wheel on the car
a leg on the chair
the back on the sheep
a chimney on the house
page 8: 1. God, 2. Jesus Christ, 3. holy spirit.

Completely Complete You



WHAT TO DO:

1. Look at the pictures on the center page of the magazine. If you are a boy, cut out the picture of the boy. If you are a girl, cut out the picture of the girl.
2. Lay the picture on a piece of cardboard.
3. Glue the picture onto the piece of cardboard. Let the glue dry.
4. Cut around the cardboard so that your picture has cardboard on the back of it.
5. Draw some lines (very lightly) across your picture where you want to cut to make your puzzle pieces. Be careful not to draw too many lines so that you do not have too many puzzle pieces.
6. Cut out your puzzle.
7. Mix up the pieces of your puzzle and put them together again to make the puzzle complete!

GLORY HALLELUJAH, PRAISE GOD, AMEN

CHORUS:

Glory Hallelujah, Praise God, Amen.
Jesus is the savior for all men.
Makes me feel like singing again,
Glory Hallelujah, Praise God, Amen.

I get joyful and happy,
When I get to thinking about Christ in me.
Feel like jumping straight up and down,
Shouting the good news all over town.

I just read the book of Ephesians,
Now I've got plenty of reasons
To be an enthusiastic Christian man—
So start the parade and strike up the band.

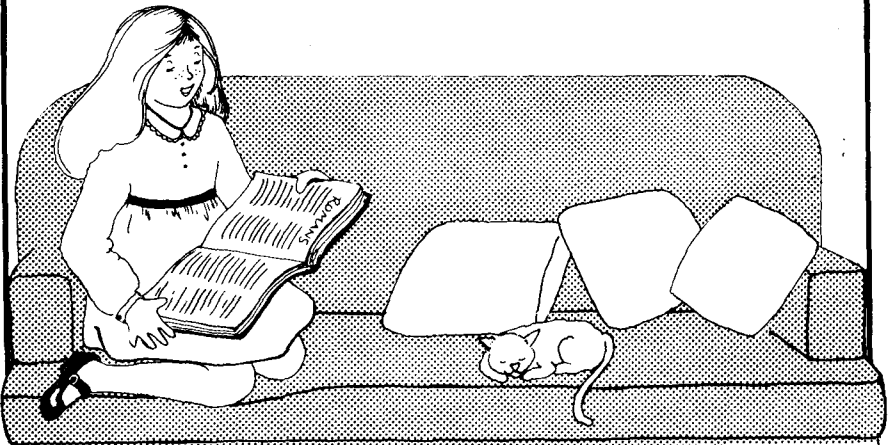
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Heart Sharing

Dear Children's Magazine,
Today I Learned Romans
10:9 and I really liked it.
I thought it was really
neat. I hope that a lot
of other people can
learn it and like it as
much as I do.

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3rd grade



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