

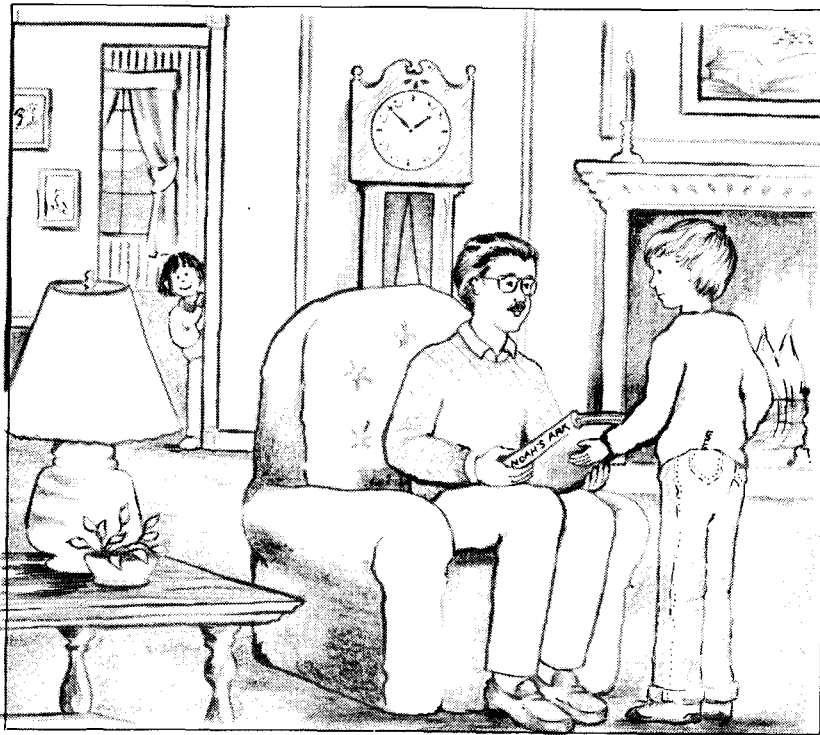


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HEIRS

The Way International Children's Magazine

Listen · Remember · Obey



Editor's Note

Dear Parents,

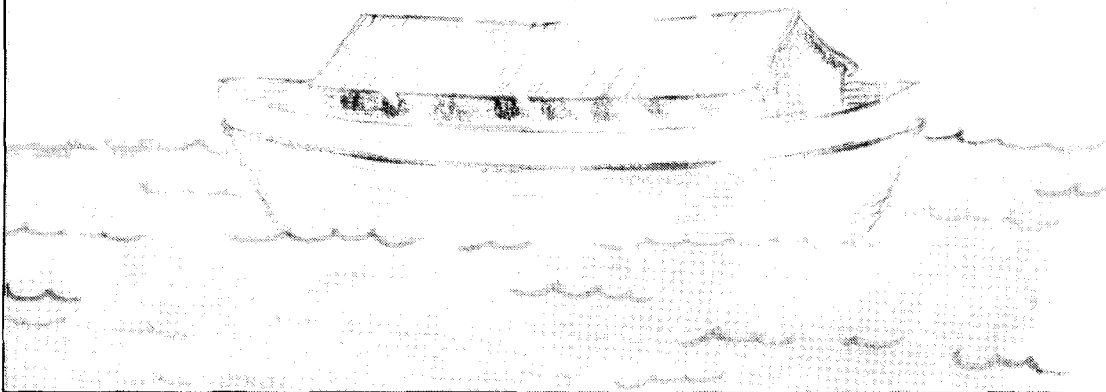
This children's magazine is a publication for you and your children to share as you teach them the Word of God. The story on page 10 provides a background for understanding the significance of the new title—HEIRS.

This month's theme is "Listen, Remember and Obey." Ephesians 6:1, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right," and Colossians 3:20, "Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord," are verses that you can utilize to reinforce the principles of listen, remember and obey. You can help your child memorize them by taking a short section at a time and explaining that section.

The illustration of a believers' meeting in the center of the magazine easily leads to a discussion of listening to the manifestations, remembering God's message and obeying it throughout the day.

The Way International Bookstore now sells a children's book of Bible accounts. The records are short, simple and clear. I especially enjoy the detailed and realistic illustrations. The title is *Egermeier's Bible Story Book*, by Elsie E. Egermeier. Your Limb coordinator has information on price and ordering.

You are your child's greatest teacher!
Devotedly,
Toni Cioffi



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Noah was a man who was surrounded by wicked people doing evil things. They would not listen to God. Everyday life on earth was terrible. God felt bad because people were doing bad things.

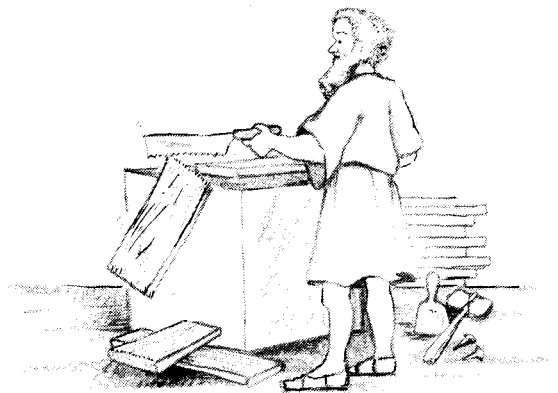
Only Noah pleased God. God could talk to Noah and share with him. God warned Noah that everything on earth was going to be destroyed. He instructed Noah to make a huge boat called an ark.

God gave Noah all the directions to build the ark. Noah had never seen an ark that big. Everything on earth was going to be destroyed by a flood. The only way to escape was to be in the ark. "But with thee will I establish my covenant [promise]; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee." God promised Noah that he and his family would be safe.

Why did Noah have to build such a big ark? Because there were going to be lots of passengers! There were going to be seven pairs of all the birds and clean animals and two pairs of all the unclean animals on the ark.

So Noah went to work. He labored for many years building the ark. No one knew what a flood was so they laughed at Noah and his project. But Noah continued to construct the ark. He *listened* to God's directions, he *remembered* what to do and he *obeyed*. "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."

Finally it was time to get on board. Noah loaded the animals and then his family boarded the ark. They were all set in their new home. God shut the door as the rain fell to the earth. Higher and higher the waters rose. Everything on earth died. The ark tossed and turned.



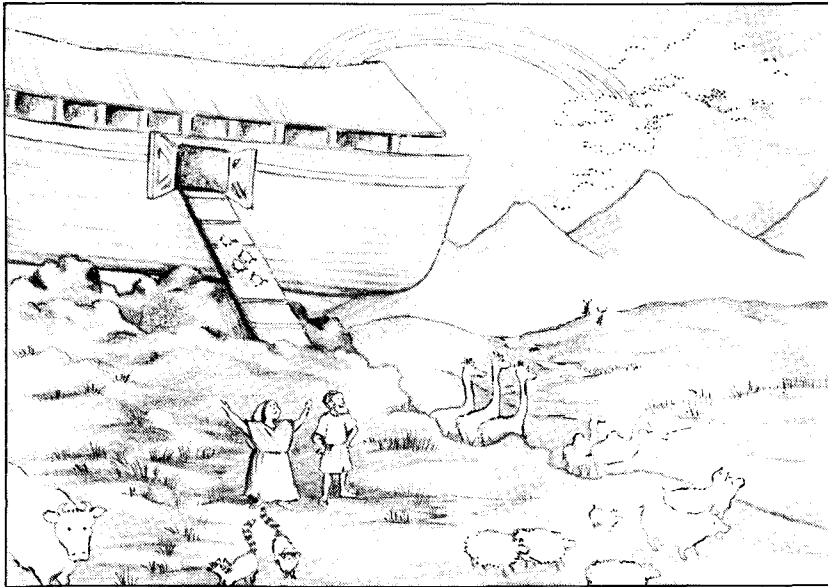
But Noah, his family and the animals were safe. Noah was not afraid because he had *listened* to God, *remembered* everything he was told and he *obeyed* and did what he was instructed to do.

More than a year passed before it was safe to leave the ark. Finally God said, "Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee."

They walked off the ark onto dry land. The wicked people were gone. It was up to Noah's family to have children so that there would be lots of people again.

God promised Noah and his sons that there would never be another flood that would destroy the earth. As a sign of His promise, God made a beautiful rainbow in the sky.

Noah *listened* to God's promise. From then on, every time he saw a rainbow, he *remembered* what God said. He knew he had been saved because he had *obeyed* what God had told him. Because Noah was obedient to God's words, there were families again who loved God and the earth was again filled with people. 🕌



When Did It Happen?

Each of the statements below describes an event of the account of Noah and the ark. Put the number of the order in which each event happened, in the blank next to that statement. Then find that number below and put the letter at the end of the statement in the blank. It will spell the answer to the question.

- _____ Noah, his family and the animals leave the ark. **B**
- _____ The people did not obey God. **R**
- _____ God told Noah how to build the ark. **A**
- _____ God made a rainbow. **O**
- _____ Noah's sons had children. **W**
- _____ Noah, his family and the animals boarded the ark. **I**
- _____ The earth is flooded and everyone dies! **N**

WHAT IS THE SIGN OF GOD'S PROMISE TO
NOAH AND HIS SONS?

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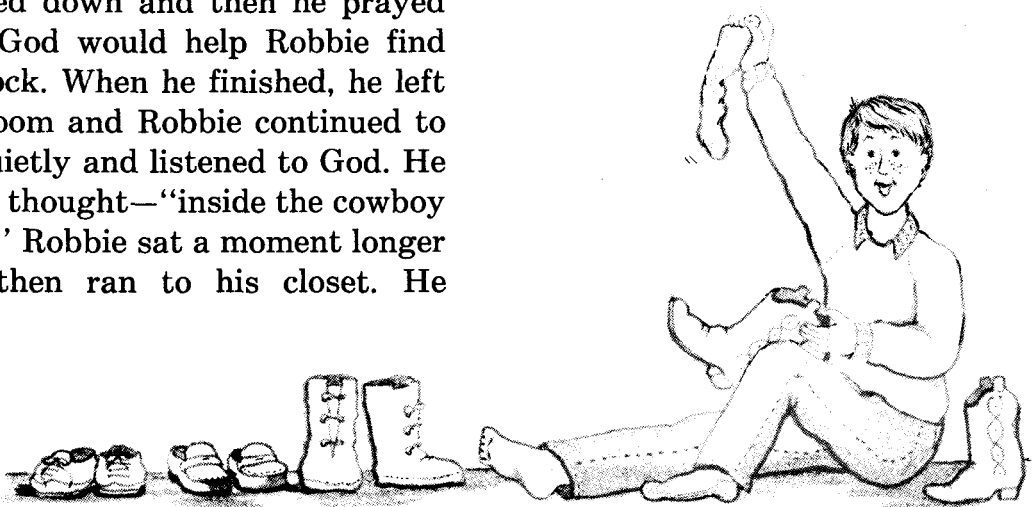
ROBBIE'S PRIVATE DETECTIVE

"I can't find my sock and I'm going to be late for school! Ugh!" Robbie tore around his bedroom. No one paid any attention to his problem so he yelled again, "Where is my other sock?"

"Hurry up, Robbie," his oldest brother Chris called to him as he passed Robbie's room. "If you want to ride with me you'd better hurry up!"

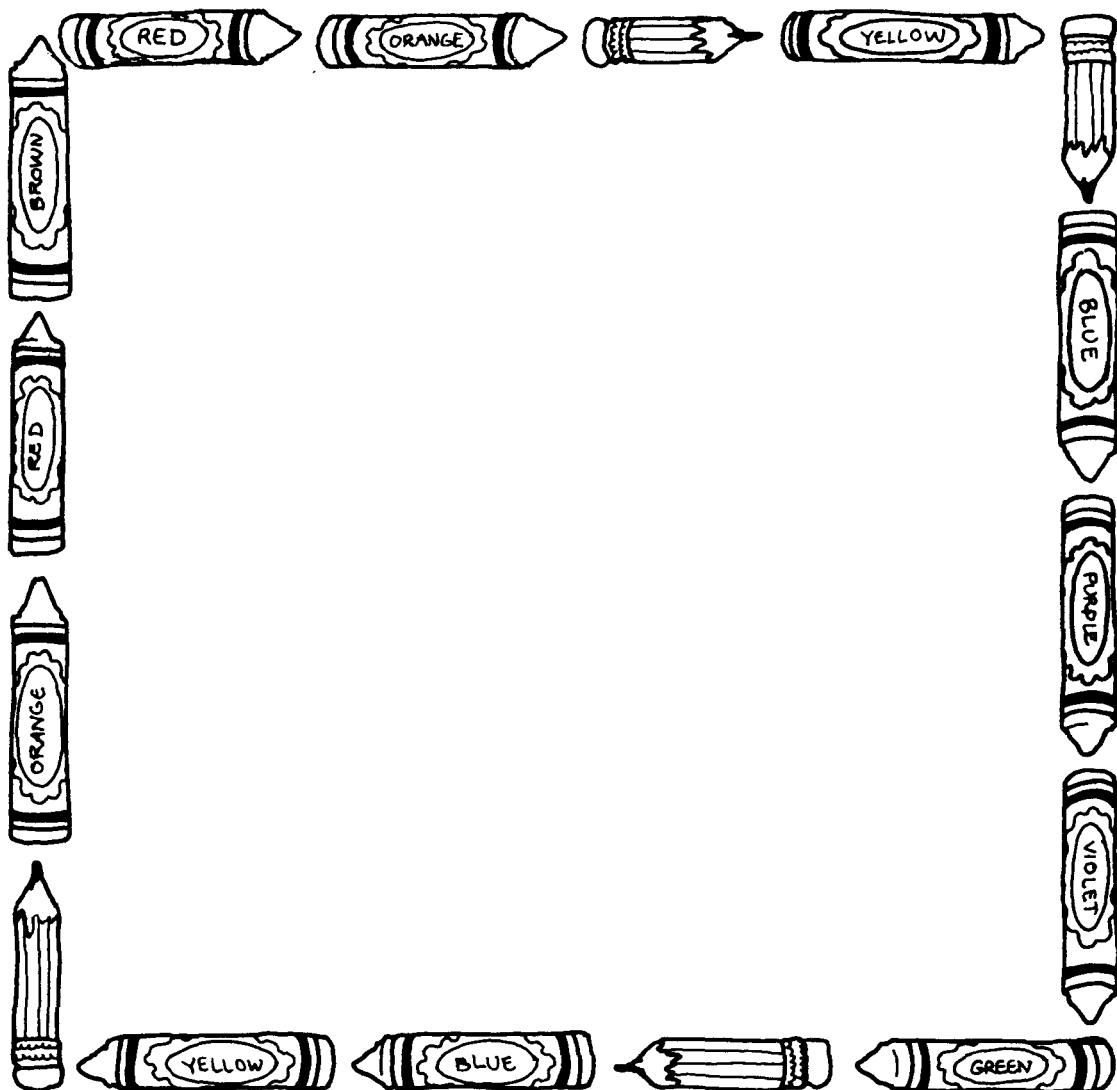
Robbie was angry and continued to bang things in his room as he looked everywhere for that sock. Chris came back and said, "I don't know where your sock is, but God does. Calm down and I'll pray with you." Chris waited until Robbie quieted down and then he prayed that God would help Robbie find his sock. When he finished, he left the room and Robbie continued to sit quietly and listened to God. He had a thought—"inside the cowboy boot." Robbie sat a moment longer and then ran to his closet. He

remembered the thought and he obeyed. He grabbed his boot and stuck his hand inside. Nothing. He pushed his hand all the way down into the toe. He felt something. He pulled it out. There it was—his missing sock! "Thanks, God, for telling me where it was," Robbie laughed. "It's pretty neat having my own private detective—God! I'm going to listen, remember and obey all day today!" 



Expressive Arts!

You can listen to a radio, a seashell and a kitten's purr.
What else can you listen to? Draw something that you enjoy
listening to.




And if children, then heirs; heirs of God...

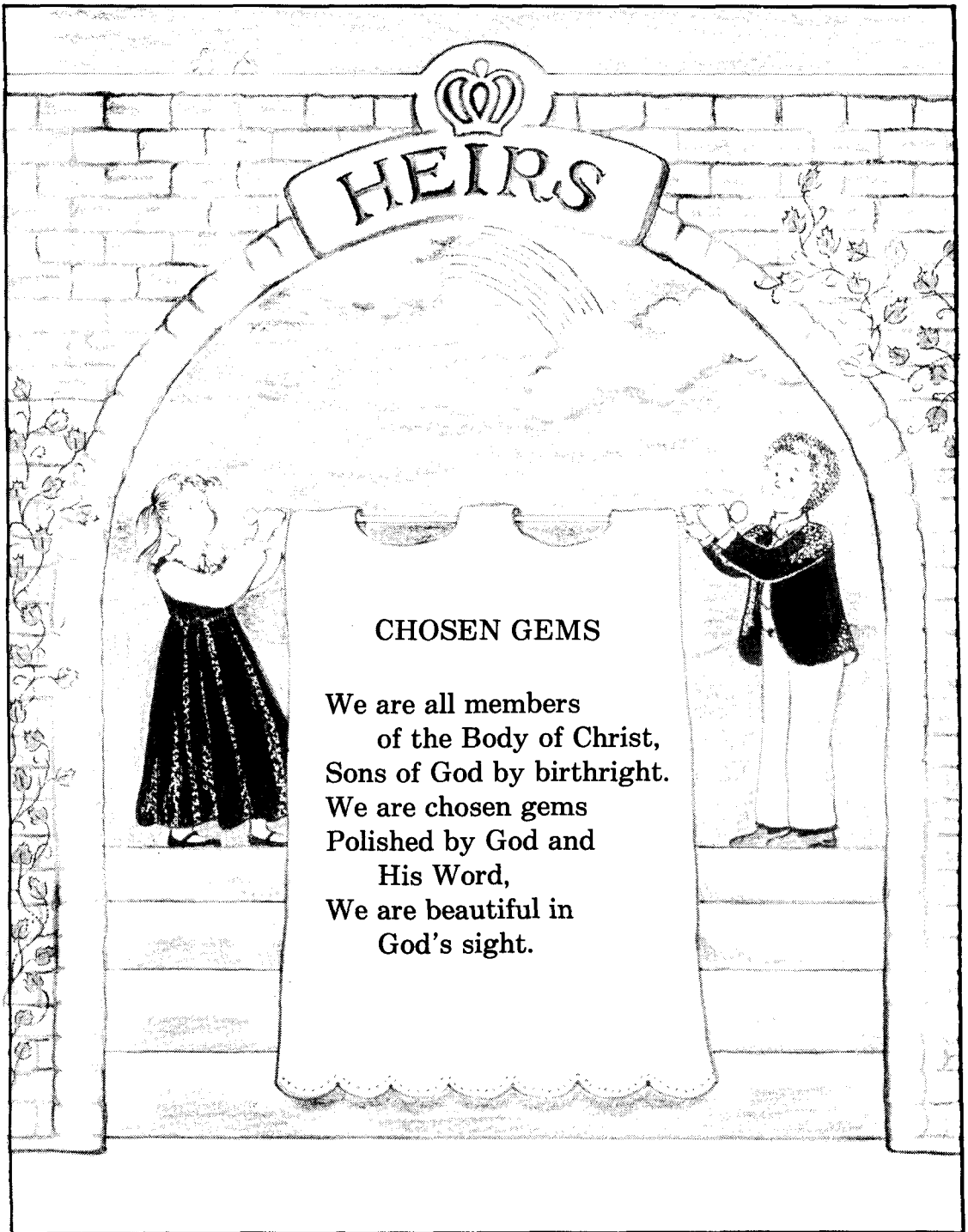


HEIRS is the new name of the children's magazine. How is HEIRS pronounced? It looks like *hairs*, but it sounds like *airs*! You know that you grow hairs on your head. You know that you breathe air. But did you know that you are an HEIR?

Being an heir is wonderful. You are an heir because you are someone's child. That is easy for you, isn't it? Are you someone's child? Yes, you are. Then you are an heir. You receive things from your dad or mom that no one else does.

But think for a minute. Do you believe that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead? That Jesus Christ is your lord? Then you are also a child of God! That's right. God is your Father. He has a kingdom with riches and treasures. Who are they for? His heirs! That is you! You are an heir of God! Everything that He has is yours!

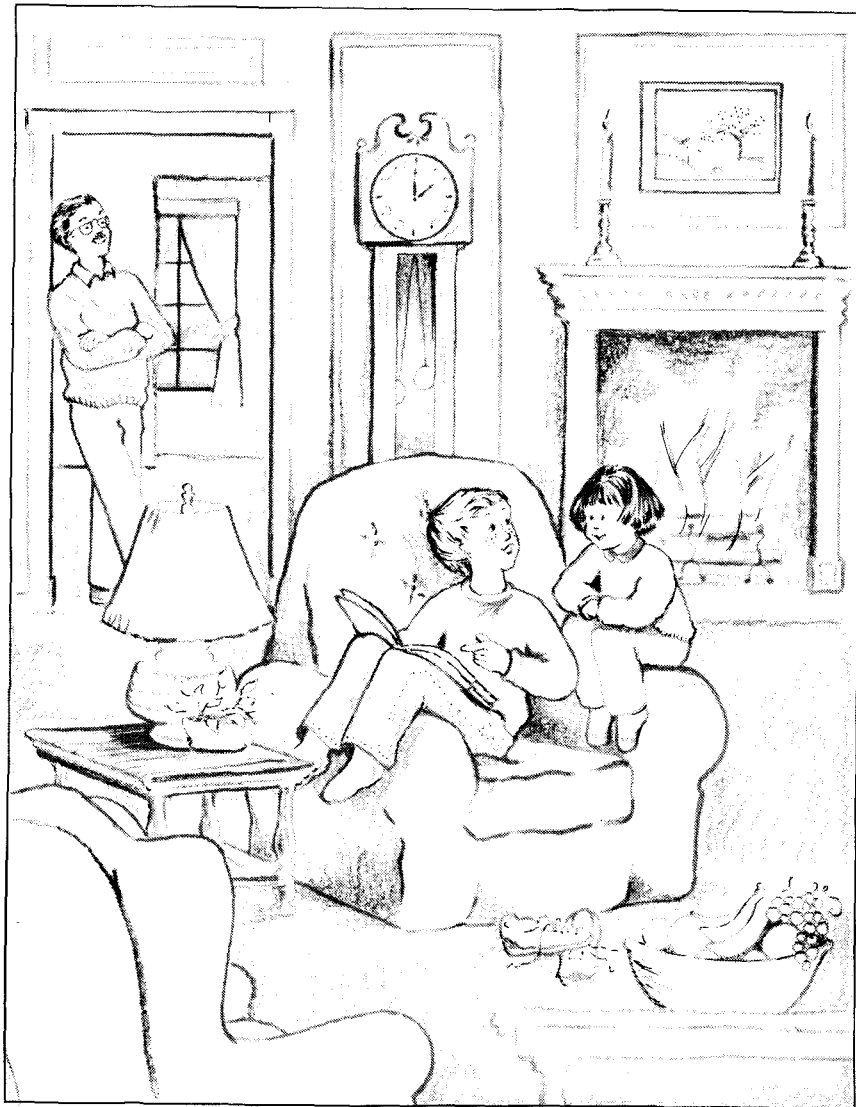
The title, HEIRS, is to remind you that you are God's heir. You receive God's love, care and blessings because you are His child. The crown is to remind you that all of God's treasures are for YOU! 



HEIRS

CHOSEN GEMS

We are all members
of the Body of Christ,
Sons of God by birthright.
We are chosen gems
Polished by God and
His Word,
We are beautiful in
God's sight.



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