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# "Be Ye Separate!"



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"Wherefore  
come out from  
among them, and be  
ye separate"  
(2 Corinthians 6:17a).

Have you  
ever wondered what  
that verse means, or  
what is meant by the  
verse "Love not the  
world, neither the things  
that are in the world"  
(1 John 2:15)?

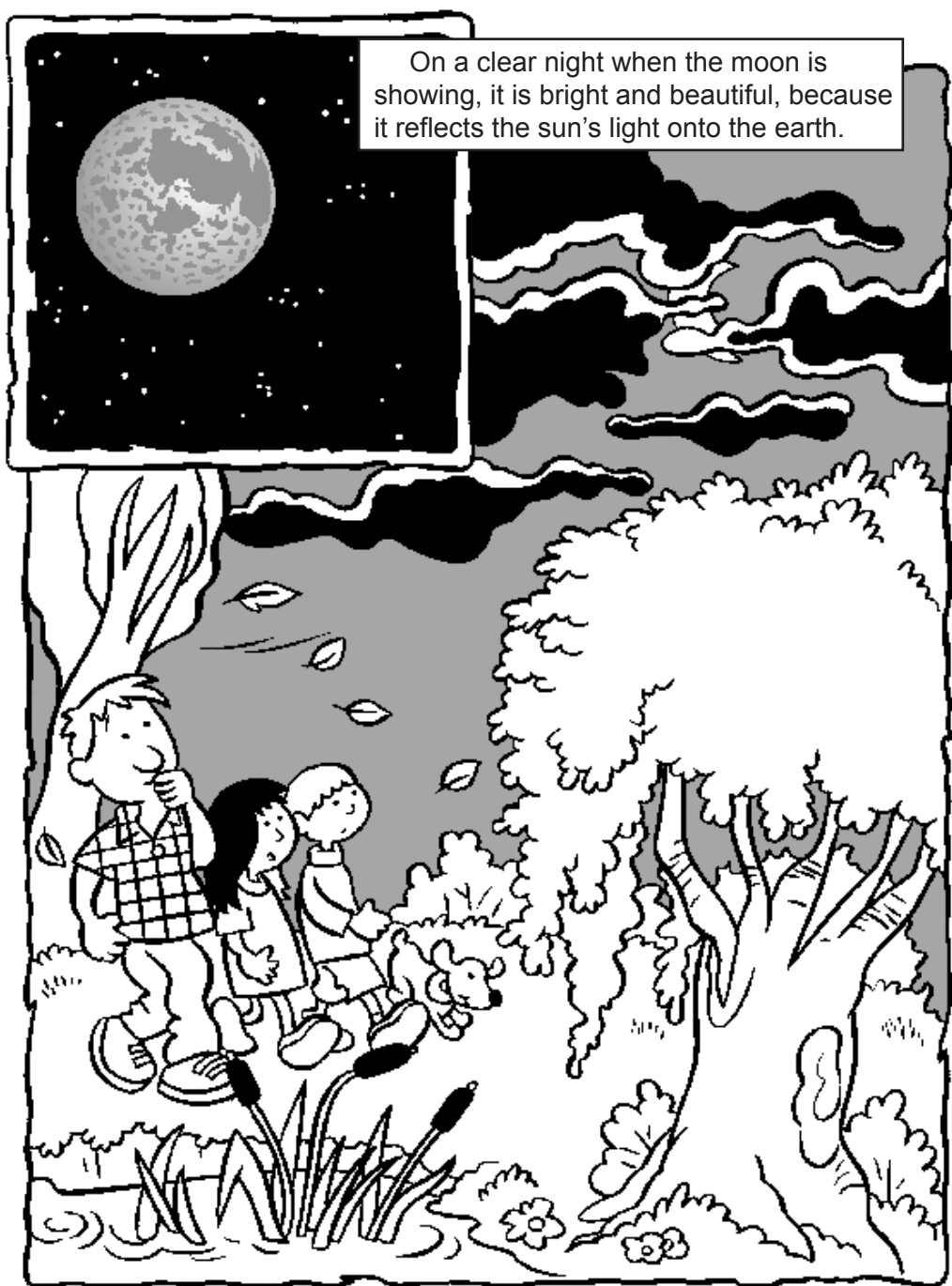
Why does  
Jesus ask you, His  
disciples, to be  
separate from the  
world, and to not love  
worldly things?

You are like God's  
moon, showing Jesus'  
light to the world.

Ye are the light  
of the world  
(Matthew 5:14).

Read  
"Eclipse"  
(MLK #40).

On a clear night when the moon is showing, it is bright and beautiful, because it reflects the sun's light onto the earth.



But when there are clouds in front of the moon, you can't see the beauty of the moon very well.

Jesus needs you, His moon, to stay free from dark clouds so that you can fully reflect God's light to the world. If you spend a lot of time taking in worldly influences, those worldly "clouds" block out much of His light, so that the people who need Jesus can't see enough of Jesus' light reflecting off of you.



Ungodly influences come from many worldly sources, such as System-created movies, television shows, books, magazines, music, computer games, the Internet, toys, and advertisements. Ungodly influences can also come from worldly people.



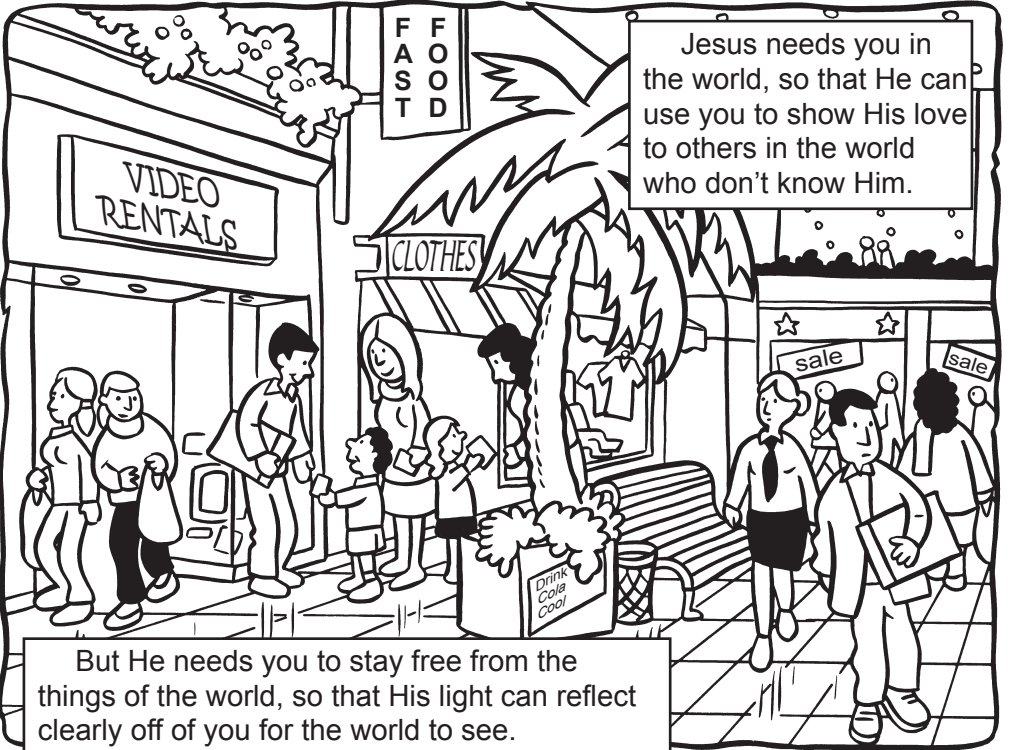
Before Jesus returned to Heaven, He prayed:

Father, I pray for these, My disciples, not that You take them out of this world, but that You will keep them from the evil.\*

\*(Look up John 17:15).

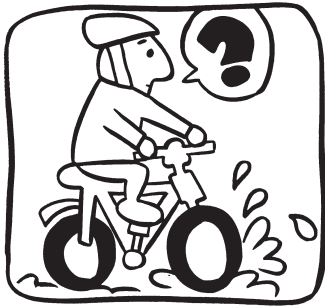
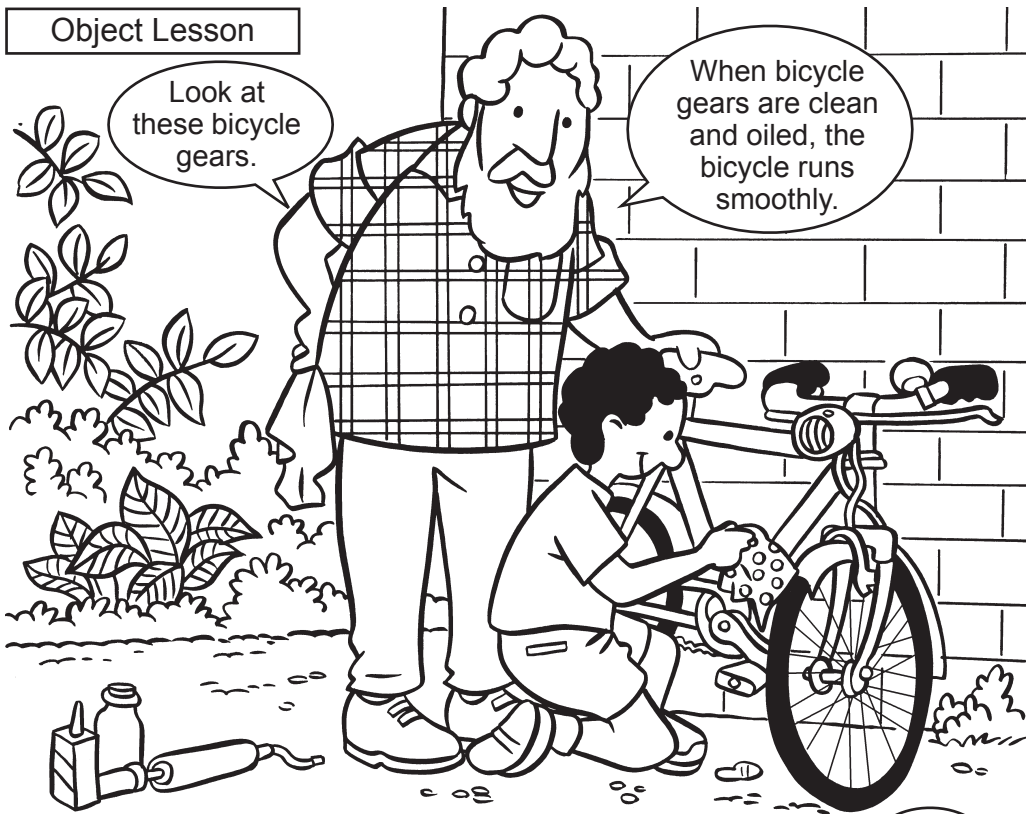


Jesus needs you in the world, so that He can use you to show His love to others in the world who don't know Him.

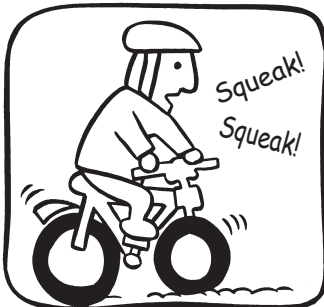


But He needs you to stay free from the things of the world, so that His light can reflect clearly off of you for the world to see.

## Object Lesson



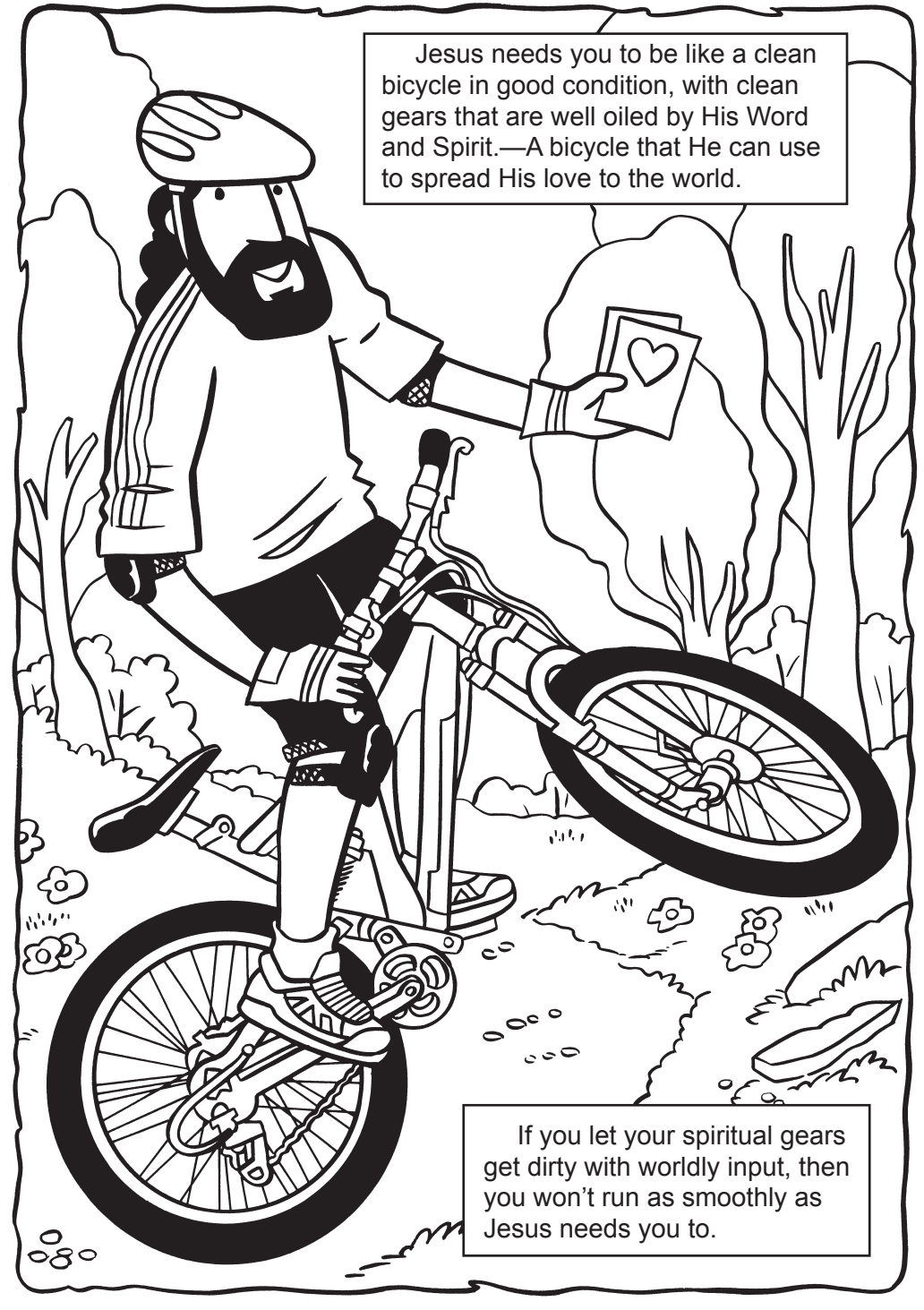
But what happens if you ride your bike through a puddle of mud, and that mud dries on the gears?



Your bicycle won't work as well then, because the gears are dirty and clogged. Your bicycle might squeak because the gears are so dirty.



Or the dirt on the gears might block the chain, or knock the chain off so it can't turn the wheels.



Jesus needs you to be like a clean bicycle in good condition, with clean gears that are well oiled by His Word and Spirit.—A bicycle that He can use to spread His love to the world.

If you let your spiritual gears get dirty with worldly input, then you won't run as smoothly as Jesus needs you to.

That's why Jesus asked His disciples to be separate from the world and to not love worldly things. He needs your spirit to stay clean.

Wine from Jerusalem! Buy two bottles, get one free!

Buy the latest tunic! Great fashions from Rome!

What about a nice little idol to put in your room?

I pray that the Father keeps you free from the evil of the world.\*

Get the latest play from Greece! An amazing love story!

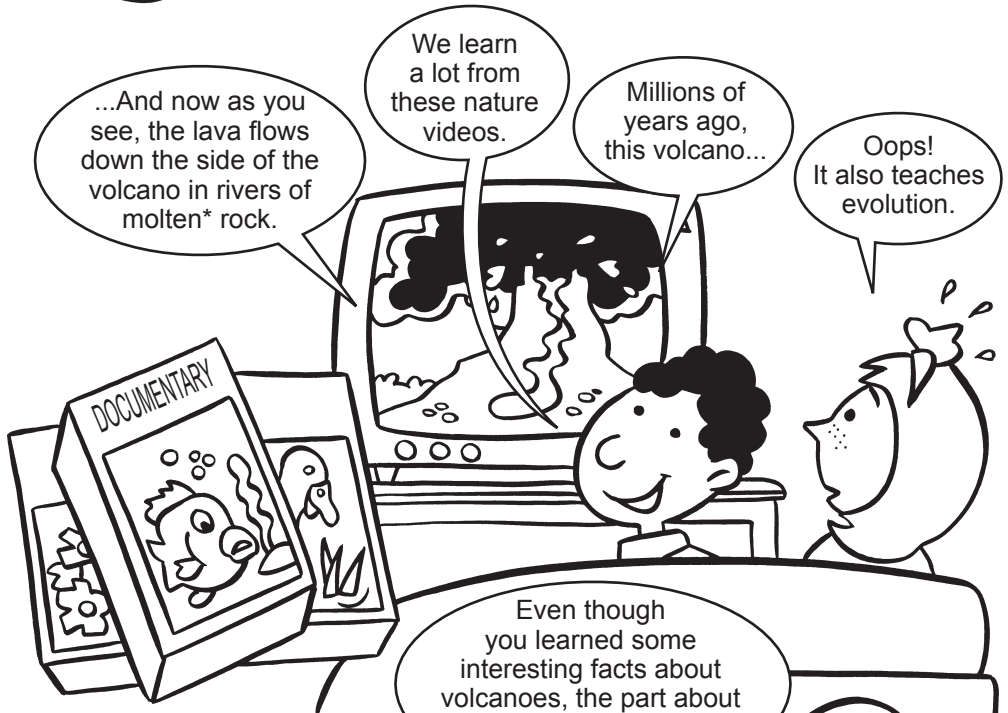
\*John 17:15.

In the Family, Jesus' disciples are required to minimize (make very, very small) and resist worldly and ungodly influences in their lives.





Not everything that you find in System-created movies, television shows, novels, magazines, music, computer games, toys, or on the Internet is unedifying and ungodly. But much of what is found in these is unedifying and ungodly, because they often teach things that are opposite of what God's Word teaches, and therefore do not help you to be a better disciple for Jesus. Also, if you spend too much time on System-created entertainment, you won't have enough time to witness and do other things for Jesus.



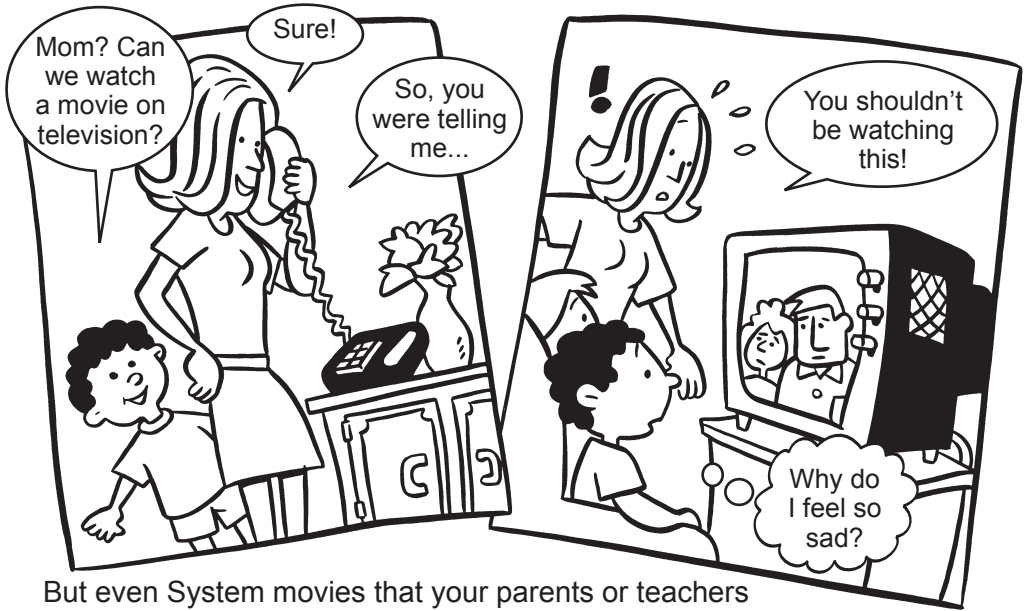
Your parents, teachers, and shepherds help you know which System-created entertainment you can enjoy.

They counsel and hear from Jesus about what is best for you, because they want you to grow to be strong disciples who Jesus can use to show His light to the world.

\*molten: melted by heat



If, for example, your parents or teachers decided to let you watch just any movie, including movies that have bad influences in them, then your spirit would get dirty and Jesus couldn't use you as much.



But even System movies that your parents or teachers say you can watch should only be watched once in awhile.



That's because almost all System movies have some ungodly things in them, even if only a little bit, because the people who make the movies aren't living for Jesus. It's the same with System novels, magazines, music, computer games, and things on the Internet.

Taking time in the Word and prayer helps clean off any of the System dirt that has gotten on you through System entertainment.



The Word and prayer help you stay free from the evil that is in the world, just like Jesus prayed.

Jesus wants you, as His children, to be clean,  
strong disciples, full of His Spirit and Word!  
Then He can use you for His glory,  
and make your life fulfilling  
and happy!

