

My great Big God Introduction

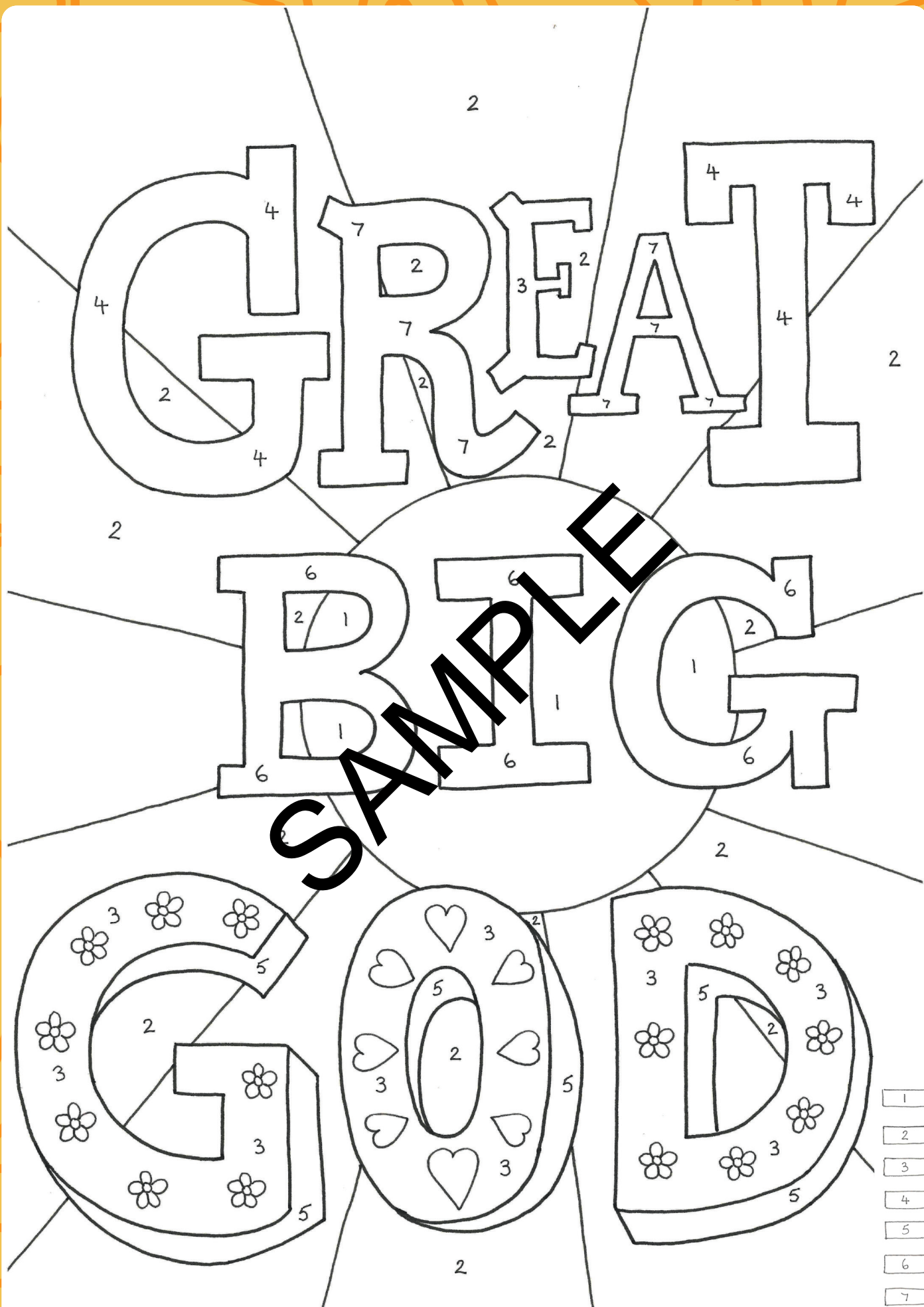
Last year some of our Explorers were learning all about our great big God. These are some of the things that we learnt.

We learnt that:

- He is everywhere which means we don't need to be afraid or feel alone because He is always with us.
- He is all powerful which means nothing is impossible for Him so we can tell Him our problems and trust Him to work them out.
- He never changes so we can trust and rely on who He is and He will never change. We can also trust His promises to never change.
- He is sovereign which means He is always in control.
- He doesn't need anything so we can depend on Him for everything we need.
- He is glorious which means He is amazing, majestic and awesome.
- He is holy which means He is perfect and never sins.
- He is mighty to save which means He is a rescuer and can save us from our sins.
- He is eternal which means He lives forever.

These are wonderful truths that helps us to begin to know just how great our God is. But there are more! We are going to learn even more about our great big God this year.

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My great Big God is loving

Based on
John 19:16-37

The Bible tells us that God is love. God loves us so much that He gave His own Son, Jesus. Jesus came to give us life that never ever ends! To give us that gift, Jesus had to die.

Jesus had NEVER done anything wrong. We get grumpy, or greedy, or jealous, or lazy sometimes. We call these wrong things 'sin'. The Bible says that these things stop us from being God's friend and means we cannot be with Him forever. BUT God loves us, even when we do wrong things! He wanted to make a way for us to have our sin forgiven so that we could be His friend. That's why Jesus took the blame for them all - every grumpy thought or hurtful word or greedy action. To get rid of them once and forever, He died on a cross.

Jesus was taken by Roman soldiers and He was beaten and hurt. They put a crown of sharp thorns on His head and made fun of Him. They made Him carry a big cross through the city and they put Him on the cross by putting nails through His hands and feet. He hung there for hours and people pointed and laughed. Then, when He had taken the blame for all our sin, Jesus shouted out, 'It is finished'... and then He died.

Three days later, something amazing happened. Jesus came back to life!

God loves you so much that He sent His own Son to die for you to take away your sins. Have you trusted Him to rescue you from sin? God wants us to love other people too. How can you show love to someone today?

Can you spot the 5 differences
between the two pictures?

