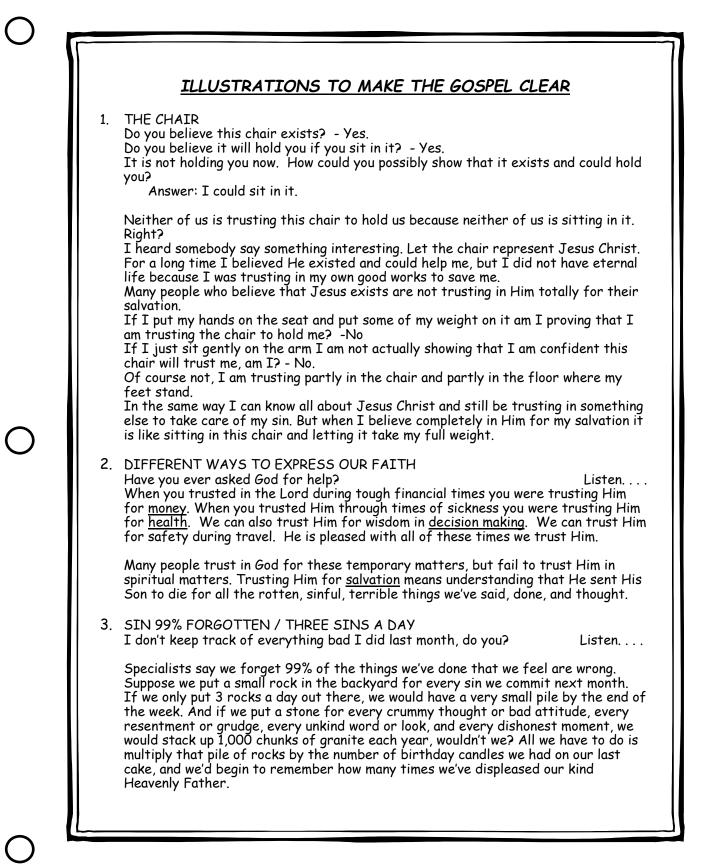
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4. OMELET WITH BAD EGGS

How great an omelet could you make for the family if you took a dozen eggs but only one of them was rotten?

Since God says that those of us who have told lies will not enter heaven [Rev 21.27]. I don't know about you, but it will be impossible for me to get there. I'm ashamed of those lies, but God's requirements must be met. He makes the laws and the standard He has set is perfection.

5. A BOOK OF MY SINS

Have you ever heard that God keeps track of every good thing we've ever done? Listen for his answer.

Let's imagine that what I hold in my right hand is a minutely detailed account of my life. It seems God has a book like this in heaven for each of us [Rev 20.12]. It includes every thing I have ever done, every word I've ever spoken, and every thought that has ever crossed my mind. When we stand before Him "the hidden things of darkness will be revealed" [I Cor 4.5], and I'll be ashamed. If I am judged by the things written down, I will be condemned. The punishment for all that sin will send me to hell forever.

But imagine my other hand represents Jesus Christ. The Bible states, <u>He died for bad</u> <u>people</u>, not good people. He already paid for all those wicked things I've thought. The punishment for those sins has been placed on Him. If I take this detailed record of my sins out of my right hand and place it in my left hand, it shows what happened when the Father placed the sins of the world on Jesus when He was dying on the Cross.

When we stop trusting in our good works and decide to trust Jesus as our Savior, our sin is placed on Him and His perfection is placed on our record. [II Cor 5.21]. Of course, that is not fair. It isn't fair that somebody else pays for my sin.

6. IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BELIEVE FACTS

The Bible says that the demons believe in God [James 2.19]. An intellectual assent to the historicity of these events doesn't save us from hell. We must believe that what He did on the Cross was meant to pay for all the rotten, lousy things we've done in our lives. If we don't see ourselves as wicked people, we cannot have eternal life.