

# Nothing to boast about



Auntie Chris thinks her goats are pretty clever. Blossom can stand on her back legs to reach tasty leaves. If she is trying a new plant, she will check that it tastes good with her lips before eating it. Other goats are even cleverer. Some can climb trees, jump high fences or crawl under gates – usually in search of food. Auntie Chris doesn't care for her goats because they are clever, or even useful. She doesn't always milk them or use their hair, and she certainly doesn't plan to eat them! They don't have to earn her care - they are her pets.

## Listen to God! Galatians 2:16 and Ephesians 2:8-9

Some people think that we have to earn God's love, or that he won't accept us unless we do something special like go to church every week, obey all the commands in the Bible or do good things for others. These things are good but they don't earn us salvation. We are saved by God's special undeserved favour when we believe ( have faith/trust) in Jesus.

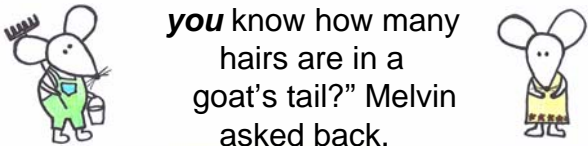

### Talk to God!

If you know you are saved, tell God "Thank you". If you are not sure, ask God to show you how to trust in him.

You might like to talk to someone else about it like a parent or someone at church.

Answer: None. They are all on the outside.

"Melvin, did you know that more goat meat is eaten around the world than any other meat?" Mimi asked. "But do **you** know how many hairs are in a goat's tail?" Melvin asked back.

It is by Gods grace that we are saved through faith, not our own efforts, but Gods gift, so no-one can boast.



Colour in red – God's grace saved faith gift. Colour in blue – through own efforts no one boast. Colour the rest of the words yellow.