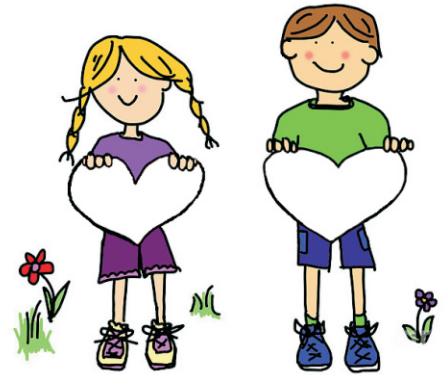


Becoming a child of God



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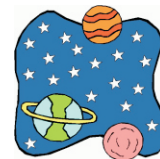
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Personal notes

In the beginning, God made everything there is. He made...



The planets and stars



The land and sea



The plants and trees

All kinds of animals



People (Adam and Eve)

The prayer of Jesus

Jesus taught us to pray like this:

"Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one."

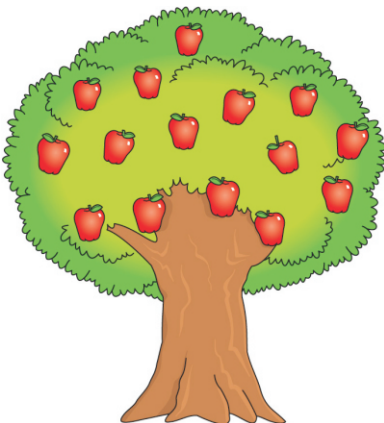
Amen

Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

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God put Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden called Eden. He told them that they could enjoy fruit from all the trees, except the tree in the middle of the garden. "Do not eat of it," God said.








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Genesis 2:9, 15-17

Making a Salvation bracelet

This bracelet uses color to remind us of what it means to be saved.

(Use pony beads and a nylon cord.)

-  Dark - reminds us of sin. Romans 3:23
-  Red - reminds us of Jesus' blood, when he died for our sin. John 1:7
-  White - reminds us of a clean heart. Psalm 51:7
-  Green - reminds us to grow and become more like Jesus. 2 Peter 3:18
-  Gold - reminds us of our eternal life in heaven. John 14:2



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Bible verses for when you are...

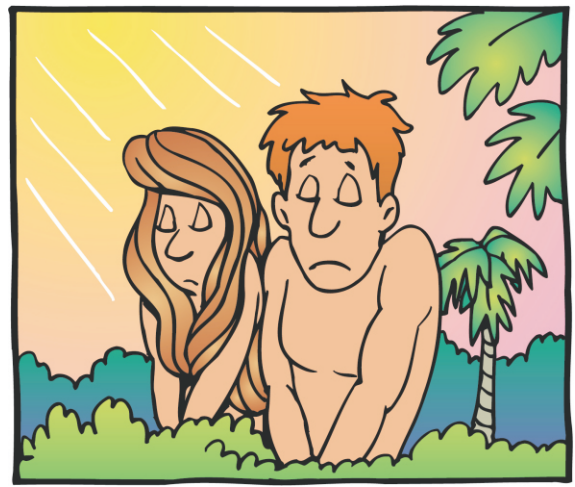
- **Sad:** Psalm 147:3, Psalm 34:17-18
- **Discouraged:** Psalm 42:5, Deuteronomy 31:8, Isaiah 41:10
- **Afraid:** Isaiah 41:13, John 14:27, Psalm 91:11
- **Worried:** Philippians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7, Matthew 6:25-34
- **Lonely:** Psalm 68:6, Deuteronomy 31:6
- **Angry:** Proverbs 15:1, Ephesians 4:26, James 1:19-20, Proverbs 12:16
- **Tempted:** 1 Corinthians 10:13
- **In trouble:** Nahum 1:7
- **Feeling guilty:** 1 John 1:9, Isaiah 43:25
- **Feeling unloved:** Jeremiah 1:5, Jeremiah 31:3

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Bible verses about...

- **Prayer:** Luke 11:9-13, Isaiah 40:31
- **The Bible:** Psalm 119:9-11, Psalm 119:105, Romans 15:4
- **God:** Revelation 1:8
- **Jesus:** Mark 1:10-11, Philippians 2:6-11
- **The Holy Spirit:** John 16:5-15
- **The Church:** Acts 2:42-47
- **Heaven:** Isaiah 66:1,
- **Temptation:** James 1:2-4, James 1:13, 1 Corinthians 10:13
- **Wisdom:** James 1:5
- **Faith:** Hebrews 11:1, Hebrews 11:6, James 1:3, Romans 10:17
- **Guidance:** Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 30:21, Psalm 48:14

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But sadly, Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They decided to eat the fruit that God had told them not to eat.

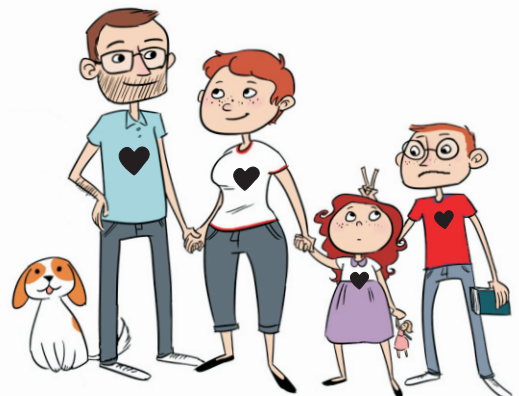
That's how sin came into the world and made everything go wrong! Sin brought sickness, sadness and death.

Genesis 3:1-19

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Meanwhile, sin spread from Adam and Eve to their children and to every person born after them.

That means, each one of us has disobeyed God. We have all done wrong.



Romans 5:12, Psalm 51:5

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The people's sin became like a thick cloud between them and God

God who is pure and holy could not even look at sin, and so he could no longer come close to the people he loved.

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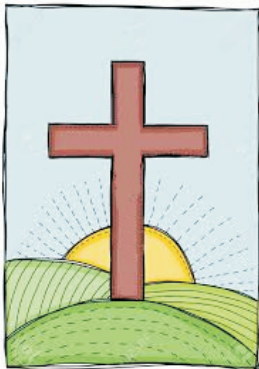
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Isaiah 59:2, John 14:6

But God loved us so much that he sent his Son Jesus to take away our sin.

Jesus showed people how much God loves them. But instead of listening to Jesus and following God's ways, some bad people hurt Jesus and nailed him to a cross.

While Jesus was on the cross, God put the sin of the whole world on him.



Then Jesus took the punishment for everyone's sin.

He died so that we can have never-ending life.

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John 3:16-17, 1 Peter 2:24

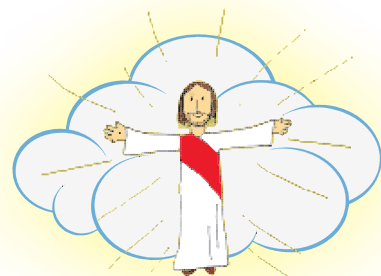
Where to find it in the Bible

- **Creation:** Genesis 1
- **Ten Commandments:** Exodus 20:1-17
- **The Shepherd's Psalm:** Psalm 23
- **Jesus' birth:** Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2
- **Jesus' death:** Mark 15, John 19
- **Jesus' rising:** John 20, Luke 24
- **Jesus' ascension:** Acts 1:6-11
- **Jesus' return:** John 14:1-4
- **The Lord's supper:** Matthew 26:26-29
- **Beatitudes:** Matthew 5:3-12
- **Love:** 1 Corinthians 13
- **The Armor of God:** Ephesians 6:10-18
- **Gifts of the Spirit:** Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

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Jesus told us that He is coming back soon. When we comes back, we will see him in the clouds. Those who belong to Jesus will go up be with him. We will have perfect bodies in heaven and be so happy that we can't even imagine what it will be like!

We will also receive a beautiful crown from Jesus; and each one of us will receive a reward for the good we have done on earth.



Revelation 22:12, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (25)

Other important things to know

God has a special plan for you. He uses things that happen in your life to help you become more like him and to carry out his plan.

People will also start noticing changes in your life. Like a tree that bears fruit, your life will start showing fruit that comes from your heart.

"The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" Galatians 5:22-23.

And there is more exciting news!

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Romans 8:28, John 15:16



Stick together

Try to get together with others who love Jesus.

A church group is the best place to meet friends and be encouraged.

Children's Church or Sunday School is a great place to worship God and learn about the Bible.



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Hebrews 10:24-25

Jesus died with our sin, and his friends buried him in a tomb. That means, our sin went to the grave with Jesus and stayed there.

But after three days, God brought Jesus back to life again.



Jesus came out of the grave and had a perfect body. He showed himself to his friends and followers so they could see that he was really alive. Then he went back to his Father in heaven.

1 Peter 3:18, 1 Corinthians 15:4-5

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Jesus can make you new

If you want to ask Jesus to make your heart new, here is a prayer you can pray:

Dear Jesus,
I know that I have sinned and done wrong.
You are the only one who can take away my sin.
Please forgive me and put a pure heart in me.
Amen

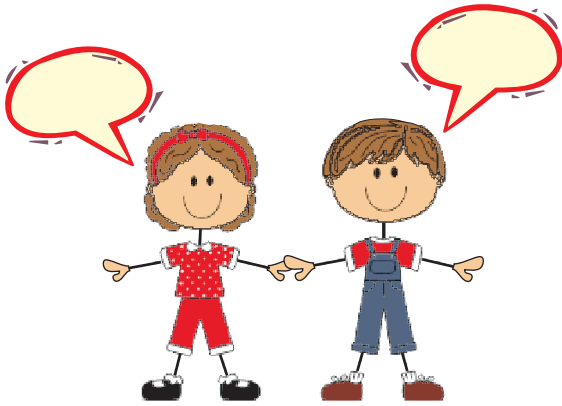


You can use your own words, and even if they don't come out the way you want them to, Jesus sees your heart.

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Because Jesus died to take away sin, he can make **your** heart clean. When your heart is clean, God's Spirit can come and live in you and make you part of God's family.

Would you like to become a child of God?



This is something **you** must decide!

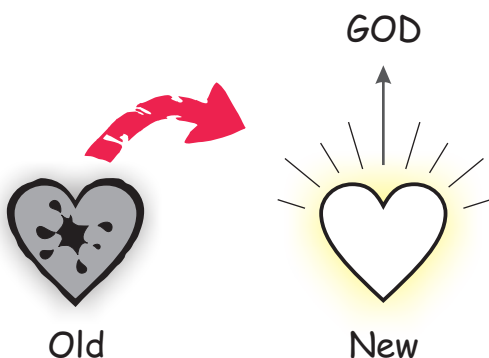
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God doesn't only take away our sin. He makes us new on the inside. He gives us a heart that wants to do right.

The heart that the Lord makes new is not the heart that beats in your chest.



It is the unseen heart inside you that connects you to God.



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Tell others

Jesus wants us to tell others about him. You could use this little book to tell your friends how Jesus saved you.

Important things to know:

- God loves us.
- We have all sinned (done wrong).
- Jesus died for our sin. He took the blame for every wrong we have done.
- Jesus wants to save us from sin so that we can live with him forever.
- To be saved, you must ask Jesus to forgive you and make you new.

2 Timothy 4:2, Romans 3:23, Psalm 51:10 23

Pray

Talk to God as often and as much as you want. He loves to hear your prayers! Tell him about everything that's going on in your life. Thank him for all he has done for you, and also pray for others. You can pray...

- any time.
- anywhere.
- about anything.

When you ask for something, believe that God will hear your prayer.

Then, keep on praying, and patiently wait for God to answer.



Philippians 4:6, 1 John 5:14-15

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Read the Bible

The Bible is God's written Word. It has everything God wants us to know.



- The Bible will help you get to know God better and love him more.
- The Bible will help you to know right from wrong.
- The Bible will help you to grow strong in your faith.
- The Bible will help you know what God wants you to do.
- God's promises will encourage you!

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Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 2:15

When God looks at you now, he sees you as perfect. Even when you do something wrong, God loves you just as much. All he wants you to do is ask him to forgive you for that.

You now have the Holy Spirit living in you to help you do what is right and good. As you follow God's way, you will want do things that please Jesus instead of wanting to do wrong.

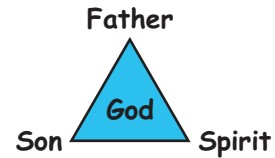
You belong to God now, and no one can snatch you away from him! And if you ever doubt whether you are really a child of God, remember that your name has been written in God's book. How you feel won't change that, and it won't change God's deep love for you!

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Hebrews 10:14, 1 John 1:9, John 10:28

The Holy Spirit in you

God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are one.



When Jesus went back to his Father in heaven, he sent the Holy Spirit to come and live in the hearts of those who believe in him.



The Holy Spirit:

- in us is a sign that we are saved.
- helps us to worship God.
- gives us power to do what is right.
- helps us understand the Bible.
- guides us to know God's plan for us.

John 14:16-17, John 14:26, 1 John 3:24

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Today, I asked Jesus to forgive me and make me new. I am now a child of God and belong to his family.

Name: _____

Date: _____





Bible verses about being saved

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. Ezekiel 36:26

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Your name has been written in the **Book of Life**, which is kept safe in heaven. (Revelation 3:5)



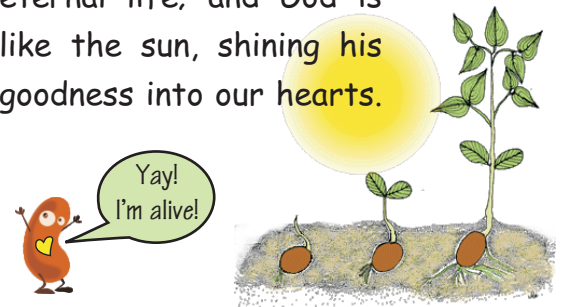
From today, you have a new life that will carry on for ever and ever. When your time on earth is up, you will go live with God in his home. (John 14:1-3)

Grow in your faith

When a seed dries out, it's as though the seed is dead. But when that seed is covered with soil and watered, it begins to grow.

In the same way, Jesus has put the seed of eternal life in your heart and he wants you to grow and become more like him.

The Holy Spirit is like water, giving us eternal life; and God is like the sun, shining his goodness into our hearts.



John 4:14, 2 Corinthians 4:6

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How will your life be different?

Most things will stay the same. You may not even feel any different.

But a very important change has happened in your life. You have been born into God's family, which means, you've been born again (a second time).

John 1:12-13

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