

THE BEST NEWS EVER

the gospel story • just for kids

GOD LOVES... kids' generous hearts. When people were hungry, a small boy was willing to share his lunch with Jesus. He got to be part of a miracle that Jesus did to feed many, many people with what the small boy gave. Want to know what else does God loves?

GOD LOVES... kids to be close to him! Jesus told his friends, "Let the little children come to me, don't stop them!" He wanted kids to know that they were always welcome to come and be close to him. Want to know what else God loves?

AND GOD LOVES YOU! You were his dream. He brought you into the world for a purpose. And he made you uniquely you. He likes you just the way you are! He has given each one of you special talents or abilities so you can use them to bring his love to others.

GOD KNOWS all the good things that are in you. But, He also knows that you aren't perfect. He knows that you sometimes do wrong things or have had wrong things done to you. Those dark thoughts, feelings or actions that sometimes rise up inside you, can hurt other people and keep you from knowing and experiencing God's love.

From the beginning God wanted a world filled with kids! All throughout history God has seen kids as special. I have the best news ever for you today!

GOD LOVES KIDS.

I'm going to share with you some things that God loves about kids. You say God loves and I'll tell you what it is that he loves. Ok? Say it with me, "God loves."

GOD LOVES.. that kids bring joy to their families! In the Bible, the book God gave us, there was a super old woman named Sarah who was sad that she didn't have any children. God gave her a baby. She laughed with joy because she was so happy. Want to know what else God loves?

GOD LOVES... to talk to kids. A little boy named Samuel heard someone call his name one night as he lay in bed. At first he didn't recognize the voice, but then he learned that God was calling him. God wanted to tell Samuel an important message. Want to know what else God loves?

GOD LOVES... that kids can be courageous. A young girl named Miriam had a big job to do. Her mother sent her to watch over her baby brother when he was in dangerous river and she kept him safe. Want to know what else God loves?



GOD HAS way better things for you! He loves you so much that he sent His perfect son, Jesus, to earth. He came as a person like you. Despite being perfect, he was arrested and killed. Someone has to pay for all those wrong things that we've all done. Jesus chose to pay that price when he died. Three days later God brought him back to life so that nothing can ever separate you or anyone else from experiencing God's love! It's like a great big gift God wants to give you.

GOD WANTS you say "yes" to receiving his gift. When you say "yes," God puts His Holy Spirit inside of you. The Holy Spirit changes your heart so that you can love God and love others. He gives you his power to make a difference in the world and He promises that he will always be with you, that he will never leave you

This **GOOD NEWS IS FOR ALL KIDS**, everywhere. It doesn't matter who you are or where you live or what you do. God wants all kids to come to him and say "yes". If you want to say "yes" to receiving this gift of love, you can pray along with me. Prayer is talking to God just like you would talk to your best friend.!



PRAY

Hello God,

I want to say "yes" to you. Thank you for loving me and for sending Jesus to pay the price for all the wrong things I have done or will do. I welcome your powerful Holy Spirit into my life. Thank you that you promise to always be with me, you want to be close to me, and that you want to talk to me.

Is there anything you want to say to me right now?

(Wait quietly for a minute to listen.)

Goodbye God

If you prayed with me, I'd like you to tell someone (tell kids who to talk with a leader in the room). _____
(the person you named) has something they would like to give you to help you remember that today you said "yes" to receiving God's gift of love.