

# Let's talk!

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# How To Use This Booklet

Each page asks an important question and helps you to answer it by looking at a part of the Bible.



Bible verse 'addresses' look like this: (John chapter 3 verse 16)

If you have a Bible you can check out for yourself what the Bible says.

- ★ **John** (will be the name of the Bible book).
- ★ **Chapter 3** (will be the large number on the page).
- ★ **Verse 16** (will be the small number).

If you do not have a Bible, the verses are written out for you on the inside of the back page of this booklet.



# What's God Like?

The Bible says (John chapter 1 verse 18) that God is invisible, no-one has ever seen him.



The Bible also says (John chapter 3 verse 16) that God loves everyone, including you.



## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS TO DISCOVER MORE ABOUT WHAT GOD IS LIKE:

Knig..... Lviing..... Turht..... Godo.....

Wsie..... Mghiyt..... Lgiht..... Fria.....

Hloy..... Gerat..... Eingevrlast.....

Fuaithfl..... Ceartor..... Fharet.....



The Bible says (Psalm 18 chapter verse 30) that God is perfect. That means he has never made a mistake or done anything wrong.





# What Am I Like?



The Bible says you are very special—so special to God that he has even counted all your hairs! (Matthew chapter 10 verse 30).

The Bible also tells us (Genesis chapter 1 verse 27) that people are made in God's image. That means we are different to animals because we were made to know God as a friend.

## GOD'S SPECIAL PERSON

Was born on .....

Hair colour .....

Eye colour .....

Favourite food .....

Favourite pop star .....

Favourite football team .....

Favourite T.V. programme .....

Favourite book or comic .....

Draw a picture of  
God's special person

Nobody in the world has  
a thumb print like yours

(print it here)

Because everyone is special to God, the Bible says (Philippians chapter 2 verse 4) that we should be careful how we treat others.



# What's The Problem?



I just do what I want to do and forget about God.

The Bible says (Romans chapter 3 verse 23) that every single person has a problem called sin.

We sin when we do wrong things, often we sin by living selfishly.

**CIRCLE IN THIS LIST SOME OF THE WRONG THINGS (SINS) YOU HAVE DONE:**

being helpful	swearing	gossiping
being honest	being greedy	fighting
being proud	being kind	sharing with others
being rude	being honest	cheating
stealing	being thankful	caring
telling lies	being selfish	showing love
being cheeky to my parents		

Using a different coloured pen, circle some of the good things God wants you to do.

The Bible says (Isaiah chapter 59 verse 2) that our sin has separated us from God. That means it stops us being God's friends.



# What's Jesus Like?

We use mirrors to help us to see what we look like. The Bible says [Colossians chapter 1 verse 15] that Jesus is like a mirror because he shows us what God is like.



USE A MIRROR TO SEE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JESUS:

ຂໍຊາມີ ອັນ ດີ ຂຽນໄດ້  
ເບິ່ງ ອັດີດຂອງ ອັນ ຈິ

Then copy it the right way round \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The Bible says (1 Peter chapter 2 verse 22) that Jesus was, and is, perfect: "He committed no sin and no-one ever heard a lie come from his lips".





# Why Did Jesus Die?

The Bible says (Isaiah chapter 53 verse 10) that Jesus' death was part of a plan, God's plan.

On the cross Jesus took the blame and the punishment for all the wrong (sinful) things we have done.



## WORD SEARCH



Nobody would pay for things twice if they were out shopping. Jesus has already paid the price for our sins, so that means we don't have to pay.



You can read about how Jesus died in the Bible (John chapter 19). Can you find these words from the story in the wordsearch?

ASLEEP BLOOD  
BODY BREAD  
CALVARY CROSS  
CRUCIFIXION DISCIPLES  
DONKEY JESUS  
JERUSALEM JUDAS  
PALMS PASSOVER  
PILATE PRAYER  
SOLDIERS WINE

# What Must I Do?



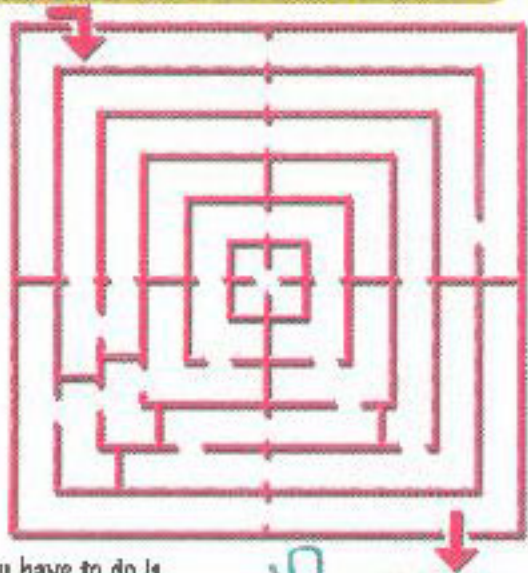
The Bible says (Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8) that receiving God's forgiveness is like receiving a gift.



That means you can't earn it, and you can't buy it because the giver has done that already. All you can do is say thank you and take hold of it.



Can you help Kirsty get to her birthday present?



Taking hold of God's gift of forgiveness through Jesus is very easy, but it is also quite hard!

- It is easy because all you have to do is talk to God and really mean it.
- It is hard because we need to be really sorry for our sins and really want Jesus to help us stop doing wrong things.





# How Do I Do It?



The Bible says (Revelation chapter 3 verse 20) Jesus is at the door of our lives, waiting to be invited in.

He will not force his way in, he waits to be asked.

If we really mean it, we can invite Jesus in now. Asking is as simple as ABCD—



**A**

—**Admit something**, that you have sinned (done wrong things and often forgotten about God.)

**B**

—**Believe something**, that Jesus is God's Son who died on the cross for our sins.

**C**

—**Consider something**. Think about what it means to become a Christian. It is not just for Sundays and special occasions. It's for every day.

**D**

—**Do something**. You need to open the door and invite Jesus in. The way to do that is by talking to him.

# What Should I Say?

We often talk to people on the telephone. Talking to Jesus is like that—it's as if he is listening on the other end of the phone. Talking to Jesus is called prayer.

One of the best things about talking to Jesus is that he is never engaged!



If you need help to talk to Jesus, you can use the written prayer below. These are not magic or special words, just words written to help you. What matters most of all is not the words, but whether or not you really mean them.

## DEAR JESUS,

Thank you for loving me and wanting me to be your friend.

I am sorry for the sinful things I have done. Please help me to change.

Thank you that you died on the cross to pay the price for my sins.

Living Lord Jesus, please be part of my life. Help me to live for you and to follow you each day.

Thank you for hearing and answering this prayer.

AMEN.

# What Happens Now?

If you prayed that prayer and meant it, you have become a Christian, a friend of God.

What you have done by praying is a bit like shaking hands. The next thing to do is to get to know God better. You should also tell another Christian that you are now God's friend too.



HERE ARE SOME WORDS WRITTEN BACKWARDS. THEY TELL US DIFFERENT WAYS TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN:

gniyarp ..... elbib eht gnldaer

hcruhc a noj ..... enoemos gnillet

sdneirf naltsirhc ..... doog gnieb

Every day we eat food to make our bodies strong and healthy. The Bible is like food to the Christian, when we read it, it helps us to grow strong and healthy as Christians.



"Strengthen me  
according to your  
word"

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Here is a verse from the Bible (Psalm chapter 119  
verse 28). Colour it and try to learn it.



# What Happens Next?

Some people, when they become Christians, feel really excited. Others do not feel any different.

Don't rely on your feelings. You are a Christian because you have trusted in Jesus, not because of how you feel.



Getting to know Jesus is exciting, there is lots to discover. Can you break the secret code and discover the hidden message?

9, 8    1, 14, 25    15, 14, 5    8, 3, 1, 18, 19    13, 25

22, 15, 9, 3, 5    1, 14, 4    15, 16, 5, 14, 19    20, 8, 5

4, 15, 15, 18    9    23, 9, 12, 12    3, 15, 13, 5    9, 14.

[secret code: a=1/b=2/c=3/d=4/e=5/f=6/g=7...z=26]

Becoming a Christian is not like joining a club. It is more like joining a family, God's family.

The Bible says (Hebrews chapter 10 verse 25) God wants his children to meet together, so that they can pray for, help, care and encourage each other.



Unjumble these words and discover what God calls Christians

Fmayli..... Cihcuh..... Bdoj..... Amry

Cihraed To Gdo..... Bluidgni.....

# But What If I Fail?

Becoming a Christian is like starting life all over again. But sadly, all Christians still let God down and do things wrong. The good news is God never lets US down!

In your family when you fall out or upset someone, the way to put things right is to say sorry. That is also what we should do if we let God down.



## CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT THESE WORDS FROM 1 JOHN CHAPTER 1 VERSE 9 MEAN?

"If we confess our sins"

The word "**CONFESS**" means: \_\_\_\_\_

"God is faithful and just"

The word "**FAITHFUL**" means: \_\_\_\_\_

"And will forgive us our sins"

The word "**FORGIVE**" means: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use a dictionary or ask someone to check your answers)

The Bible says (John chapter 10 verse 29) that God holds us in his hand and no-one can snatch us away!

If we do let God down, remember he is only a prayer away!





# What The Bible Says:



**John chapter 1 verse 18:** "No-one has ever seen God"



**John chapter 3 verse 16:** "For God, so loved the world that he gave his one and only son"



**Psalms chapter 18 verse 30:** "As for God, his way is perfect"

**Matthew chapter 10 verse 30:**  
"even the very hairs of your head are all numbered"

**Genesis chapter 1 verse 27:**  
"So God created human beings in his own image"

**Philippians chapter 2 verse 4:**  
"Look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others"



**Colossians chapter 1 verse 15:** "He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God"

**Romans chapter 3 verse 23:** "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

**Isaiah chapter 59 verse 2:** "Your iniquities (sins) have separated you from your God"

**Isaiah chapter 53 verse 10:**  
"The Lord says, 'His death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness'"

**Revelation chapter 3 verse 20:** "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in"

**Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8:** "It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God"

**John chapter 10 verse 29:**  
Jesus said: "No-one can snatch them (Christians) out of my Father's hand"

**Hebrews chapter 10 verse 25:** "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another"

