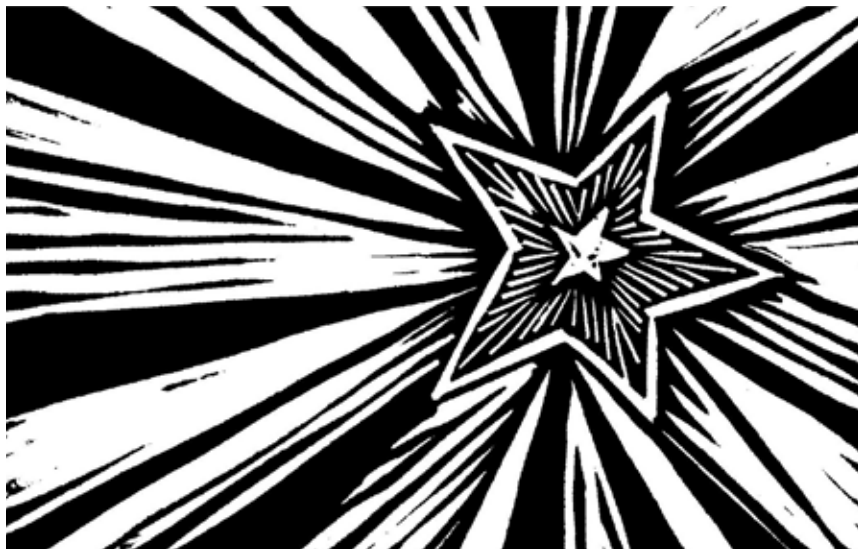




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Hey

Have you ever wondered how the world was made?

Well let me tell you a story. It's a true story which includes everyone and everything in the whole wide world and it comes with a **promise!**





It's a story about you and me and...

God

The Bible says that God made everything.

That's right **everything!** The Bible says that everything was made by God. You might be wondering who made God?

The Bible says that God was just there in the very beginning. He existed before anyone or anything.





Now if God made everything,
then everything also includes...

You

God was very happy with what he made.

He said it was all **fabulous!** Of all the living creatures, God said that people were His most treasured possession and special friends. Their job was to care for everything God had made and help it grow.





That's just the way God made it to be...

But

Something went wrong. People went wrong. They turned away from God.

They said to God, “We want to do things **our way!**” Have you ever said to your parents, “I don’t want to do what you want, I want to do things **my way!**”? The Bible calls this ‘sin’.



Going our own way messed up God's good world and our special friendship with...

Him

But God loved His world so much that he promised to make things right.

He loved us too much to leave us alone in a messed up world with so many hurts! So he made a **promise**. He promised to send someone to put everything right again.





He sent us his only son...

Jesus

Have you heard about Jesus? He was not just a man, He is God's special Son!

I say 'is' because Jesus is alive and can even hear us reading this book right **now**! That's right, he is very powerful and can do amazing things. What else would you expect from God's Son? Jesus was God's special promise who came to put everything right!



This is what He did for the whole...

World

Jesus came to make us and the whole world right with God again.

As Jesus grew he showed people how to live God's way. This made some people very angry. So angry that they killed Him! However, the Bible says that Jesus died **for us** and **for our** world.





But the good news is that Jesus didn't remain dead! God brought him back to...

Life

After three days Jesus came back to life again!

Everyone who saw Him was amazed and overjoyed.

This **proved** that Jesus was God's true son and king of the world!

This **proved** that He had power over death and dying.

This **proved** that He could forgive sin.

This **proved** that He could make things right again!



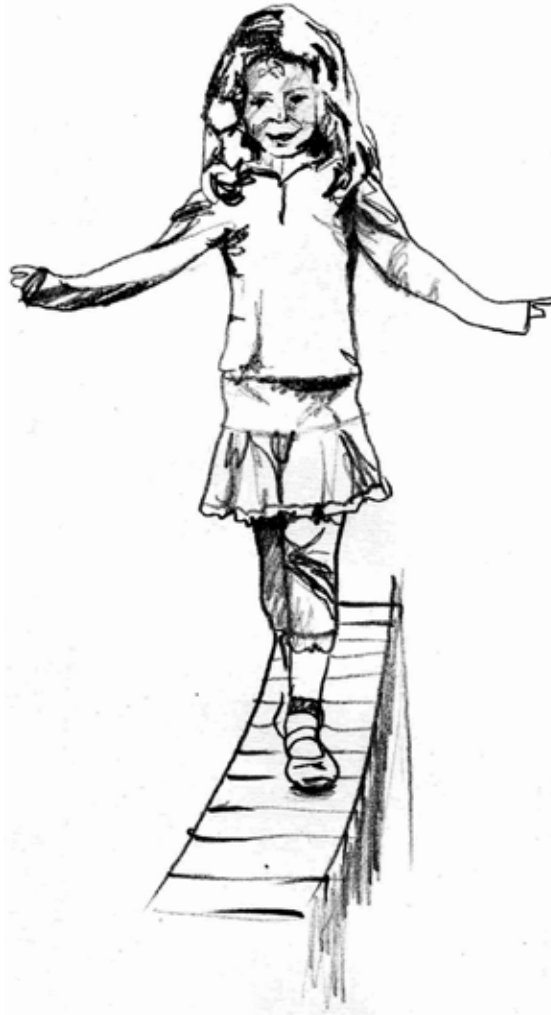
Jesus is also God's incredible promise sent for...

Us

People who follow Jesus become God's special friends.

They also become part of God's **great family!** They will love people and take care of His world just like He planned from the very beginning. They will help put things right and fix our broken world.





This is possible because of God's...

Presence

When a person follows Jesus, God comes and lives with them.

Have you heard about God's special Helper the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit comes and lives in us when we trust Jesus. He helps us to be like Jesus. Whether we are at home, or school, or on holidays, wherever we go the Holy Spirit is with us.





This is part of God's incredible promise for...

You

God wants you to become part of His great family.

You can become part of God's family by deciding to follow Jesus. You can do that by praying. Prayer is talking with God. When you tell God that you believe in Him and that you want to follow His Son Jesus, something happens! God hears our prayer and does what He promised. He welcomes us into His family and sends His Spirit to us.



I wonder if you would like to talk to God now?

Prayer

If you would like to become part of God's family right now then stop and talk with the person who is reading this book to you. Tell them about what you are thinking and feeling.

If you are ready and would like to pray to God then you might like to repeat the words of the prayer on the next page out aloud. If you are not ready and want to think about what you have heard, that's ok, just remember that God loves you and always keeps His promises!



Dear God,

Thank-you for loving this world and for loving me!

Thank-you for sending Jesus your Son, who died and came alive again. I want to follow Him and be part of your great family!

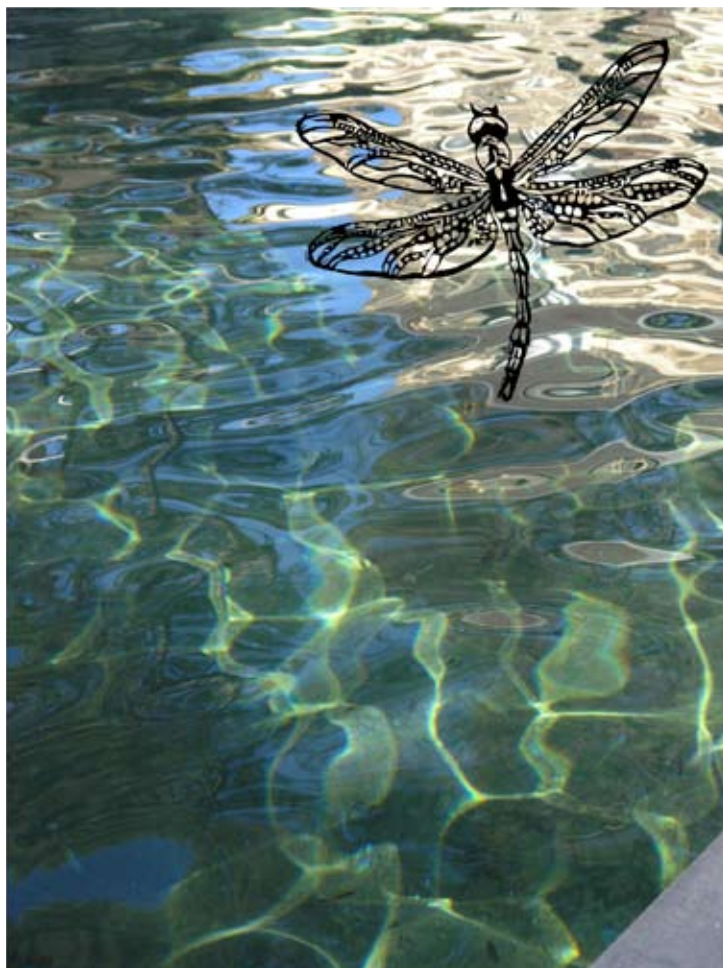
God please come and live with me and help me live for YOU.

Amen.

Finally

God has also promised that one day king Jesus will return.

When Jesus returns to this world he will fix all the messes by putting everything right! Then God's special promise will finally be complete! Those who believe in Jesus will live with God forever because they are part of his great family. They will live with him in a **brand new world!**



Until then...

God wants us to love people, to care
for His world, and to tell others about Him!





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