Laughing with Jesus

Stories 1-20

Imaginary stories of children having fun in Heaven

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Intro from Jesus

I want to give you a peek into life in Heaven. I hope you can get to know Me and My love better, through these stories of things that I'm doing with children in Heaven.

Come! Let's take a look into the Heavenly City. I love spending time with you—on Earth, or in Heaven. I love you and I want to be your friend—anytime, all the time!

Waterfall of Wishes-Come-True

The sound of laugher took Bonjori by surprise. At first he was concentrating in his inventions-and-creations workshop, but he stopped to find out what was going on. As he went out to see, a group of jolly young people were beckoning him, encouraging him to come join them in

their "Joy Parade".

Something wonderful had just happened to their friend Jorgio, down on Earth. He had prayed and accepted Jesus into his heart and life! Now he was secured a place here, in Heaven!

"Let's all celebrate!" said Natyna, leading the parade. "We're all going to the 'Waterfall of Wishes-Come-True'! We'll splash in it, play games, and rejoice, that in time, Jorgio is going to join us too."

"Glad to come along!" Bonjori said as he flew with the merry team. When they arrived at the place, there was an enormous, breath-taking, gorgeous rainbow with fireworks of Heavenly light displayed.

"What!? Who!?" They wondered how this had all been set up before they got there. It was a spectacular display for celebrating such a wonderful event.

A Heavenly flying vehicle whizzed by, drawing with a sparkly-and-rainbow coloured trail, the name "Jorgio" in the clouds.

"Ha! Ha!" they all laughed, as they ran and dove into the crystal clear, sparkling waters of the "Waterfall of Wishes-Come-True!"

Thud! Splash! Someone had just taken a big leap and jumped in, making a big splash. "Jesus!" they all shouted, as they swam over to Him. He laughed, and was playfully trying to swim away from this crowd coming at Him all at once.

They all swam to catch Him, but being faster, He climbed out on to the rocks of the waterfall and was poised to do a great dive.

Everyone counted down, "3-2-1!" Zoom! Into the water He dove, with hardly a ripple, down to the bottom of the pool.

"Under everyone—the game is still on! Catch Him! Whoever catches Jesus first, can be the one to choose the snack we'll have later on to celebrate!"

Under the water they zoomed. But just as they were going down, Jesus came up, surprising a quiet girl named Cylene. She wanted to be a part of everything, but was gazing for a moment at the beautiful falling water and the rainbow and light display.

Jesus came up right underneath where she was, so now she suddenly found herself high above the water, standing on Jesus' shoulders as He stood on the water!

"She must have caught me first!" Jesus said, helping her to feel a part of the action. He walked out and as she jumped off His shoulders, He caught her in His arms and spun around before setting her down.

Everyone ran out of the water for a fun snack with Jesus, on the grass beside the waterfall. Brimming with smiles, and bubbling with questions, the children asked Him one thing after the next.

"So when do you think Jorgio will get here?" Jesus had fun answering each one of what seemed like a million questions all at once.

Bellie had brought the "Mystery Snack" basket. It only opened when a wish was made of what snack should be inside of it.

"Okay Cylene, it's your turn to say what you want to appear in here!" Bellie said with a smile and great expectancy.

"Oh, hmmm." She really didn't know. There were too many choices. Just then, she got an idea and whispered something to Jesus.

"If Jorgio were here, what would he have chosen? What's something he really likes?"

Jesus whispered back to her the answer—something Jorgio likes, that He knew these children would also enjoy.

Cylene then said it aloud to everyone, "I would like Strawberry Delight!"

Right away the Mystery Snack basket opened! All the children enjoyed it greatly. It was just like Jorgio's mum on Earth knew how to make. Mmmm! It was the perfect choice for a splendid party!

"Shall we have a ride?" Jesus motioned over towards where the flying vehicle was parked—the one that had written the name in the sky. "Yay!" they all said, and ran off to load up.

Jesus would play "chauffeur," kind of, and bring each child to their special place in the Heavenly City. They'd all had a tremendous time that day! Jesus had made it extra special, with all of His fun surprises.

Tea in the Tree

"Peek-a-boo! Ha, ha!" Jesus was peeking out from behind a tree, playing with a few laughing young children.

They would run to Him, and He would pick them up and whirl with them through the air while holding on to them. Their mother was smiling.

It was always special and fun to have Jesus playing with them. She fixed a snack and waved.

Jesus held the children's hands and came run-flying through the air over to their mother. They climbed up into their favourite tree house for a fun tea party.

The little girl, Mellina, helped to pour the drink into each of their cups. Antonis, the boy, helped to pass out the snack bowls.

"Thank you," said Jesus, as He received His snack.

"Would you like Me to help you build more onto the tree house after snack?" Jesus asked.

"Perhaps I could put a slide on it, or a pole to zoom down. Maybe a bird feeder, and you can see so many new and amazing birds coming to visit you so close."

"Yay!" said Mellina and Antonis. "Can we also have a rope ladder that goes up to the top of the tree?"

"Sure thing! Let's get started!" Jesus said, as they began to collect the needed items.

In Heaven things weren't dangerous, just fun and safe. They could go to the top of the tree if they wanted to.

Falling wasn't a problem, since they could just float down again or even fly up higher if they wanted to.

They watched Jesus tying this rope; putting that piece of wood there; fixing up this and that; and so forth.

The children eagerly helped whenever there was something they could do. At last it was all done!

"Now, for a special touch, I'm going to put magical paint on it. The tree house can now change to any colour that you want it to be, whenever you are playing! Just think what you'd like it to be, and to you it will look like that!"

"But what if we both want different colours?" asked Antonis.

"Whatever colour <u>you</u> want, that's how it will look to you. If your sister wants to see it painted a different colour, then to her at that moment it will look just like that! Now that's magic paint!" Jesus explained.

The children thought for a moment and said aloud their colour preferences. Mellina said, "Pink and purple, with golden edges."

Antonis said, "Green and blue, with silver stars on the roof." And so it was. And lots of fun was had there that day.

"Look!" called Antonis to his sister. "Look at that bird!" Mellina saw it too. It was as big as a peacock but had different coloured feathers.

"Wow! It's soooo pretty! Thank You Jesus!" they said. "We're having so much fun!"

The Palace of Light

It was the first day that the new museum of light had been open to visitors. It was called, "The Palace of Light", and each room held a different display of light. An eager team of children were going with Jesus to see it.

Paulina walked into the first room, and the rest followed her. It was a room filled with light, shining through large crystals.

The way the light shone through, and all around, was simply heavenly—scintillating and sparkling. Looking at each crystal was captivating. They were radiant and glowing.

"I could stay here all day!" Paulina said, thoroughly enjoying it. "But I'm sure there is more to be discovered!" She looked at Jesus, and asked Him what room He wanted to explore next.

Jesus led the team to a room at the very top of the building.

It was like the ceiling was made of glass, facing up to a starry night sky. You could point to one of the stars in the display and you would zoom closer to it, or past it, and be able to see whatever you wanted to see in the stars. You could get a close-up look at what each star, or group of stars, looked like. It was almost like you were zooming through space, but yet still were in the museum.

Jesus took the time to fully explain about the stars and their purpose; what they did; why and how they were made; and all sorts of interesting things.

"I'm so glad we could come on this trip with You Jesus—after all, You are the Light of the World!" Ezzie said. "You can tell us so many fascinating things that we've never known."

"It's amazing!" Zenah exclaimed. "As much as we have learned in Heaven, there is always

so much more to learn and discover. It's so much fun to have You as our teacher!"

The next room they went to was like a big theatre, like the kinds they have on Earth, where you sit on chairs and see a huge screen showing you things. The show playing there that day was about fireworks displays that happened on Earth.

The show displayed scenes of the best and most amazing, firework displays from different celebrations. It was all put to music as well. The light explosions would go right in time with the beat and style of the music.

The team continued exploring the Palace of Light, and Oktoma was the first to enter the room of the rainbows. It was the most colourful room she'd ever seen. Jesus explained all about light and colours, and how it all worked. They danced around in a room filled with coloured light. They slid down the arc of a rainbow and laughed, and sang songs about colours.

On they moved to a room filled with candles and lanterns, and different types of light made with fire. It was cosy. They all found a cushion or soft mat to sit or lie on, while Jesus told stories of what it was like on Earth when He was there, when there wasn't electricity—only fire to give light at night.

Jesus told of a time when it was stormy and He had to go out to get something at night. He didn't have a lantern or torch or anything. He prayed, and right then a big flash of lightning came and He could then see the way to go, and after several more flashes of lightning, his job got done. The children liked hearing stories of when Jesus was young. It encouraged them that He could understand just what they felt, and thought, and that He loved them.

There was a sunset room, showing big and beautiful displays of many of the zillions of sunsets created each night from all around the world. It was like God's art studio, with displays of His paintings.

Each one was gorgeous. It was like being right there where the sunset happened.

There was a 3D display as big as the room, which would change from one sunset to the next. There were too many to see them all, but what the visiting team saw was very enjoyable.

There must have been a thousand rooms in this Palace of Light. The children would return sometime to see more.

"Thank You Jesus, for that special outing!" they all said, giving Jesus big hugs.

"I enjoyed it so much too!"

Jesus said, giving them a wave as they each flew off to tell their family and friends about the amazing place they went to that day.

Wild River Adventure

The team of teenage adventurers met at the starting point, for their wild-river experience. Tyndale, Gerold, Jessinthia and Cherith, were dressed and ready. Jesus was to be the captain of this team today. They were so excited, and ready to begin.

With an inflatable boat—that was made to resemble the ones on Earth—they were going to travel down a river quite a distance. They would follow all the twists and turns, and drops it took. It was made to be a river much like the ones on Earth, for this particular ride.

Just for fun, the team dressed in jeans, T-shirts, helmets, and life vests—even though they really didn't need those. It wasn't that the ride was dangerous or risky. It was just the fun of pretending they were back on Earth.

Many of them had wanted to do this on Earth but never had the chance. Heaven was the time to catch up on all the fun they wanted to have.

In the small boat, they all loaded up and pushed off from the shore to the main flow of the river. Downstream they went, peacefully at first, until the water began to get choppy. It was a white water rafting experience now!

Bump, splash, hold on, whee, zoom!

On they went, faster and faster, until they reached the top of the waterfall. It was a very high one! Now was the part that made it all the more fun than on Earth, because they could do so many more things that just aren't possible in human form.

They counted off 3-2-1... and chose to shout "Jesus!", as they flew over the edge of the water fall. Falling downward, they sometimes bumped the fast flowing water and other times just free falling in the boat. Each one held on to the sides of the boat, so that no one just flew away.

Jesus was smiling. He was glad to be with such a fun team of people who loved Him. In His own amazing way, He was able to talk to each one, in their mind and heart at the same time, as they were flying down the waterfall.

"The fun outing today that we are on, and the fun you experience, is one of your rewards for loving Me and doing your best for Me while on Earth. And this is just one of the millions of surprises that I have in store for you!"

Splash! The boat, with the happy team still in it, landed in the pool below that the waterfall formed. More white water rafting was next, and the river ride continued as they bumped and splashed along. Finally it led to a big, wide, and calm river.

"Yea! We made it!" they said. Jesus pointed to a side of the river they could paddle over to. There they found an old log cabin. There were dry clothes inside, as well as food and drinking water.

Jesus showed them how to build a fire—the way they did on Earth. After collecting dry bits of old wood, the boys, Tyndale and Gerold, built a fire near the riverbank.

The girls, Jessinthia and Cherith, strung up a string clothesline near the fire, and hung all their wet clothes to dry.

Each one had changed into something new and dry, as was provided for them in the log cabin. Everyone sat around the fire sipping on a warm drink, and nibbling nuts and fruit.

Jesus told them interesting stories of the times that He and His disciples on Earth had camped out, got wet in the rain, and built fires to cook their fish over and to warm up.

He told of the times when wild animals were nearby, and so many other adventures. Jesus didn't have very long with His team on Earth—just over three years—but in that time they had so many experiences together.

He remembered the time well. The disciples learned, and grew in faith from their time with Jesus, and set off to change the world.

"That's partly why you are here today!" Jesus said. "Because My disciples talked about Me to whoever they could, and on and on others kept bringing My Word and message of salvation to

others, until eventually you also heard about Me. And here we are!"

When the team was ready to go they got into their boat once again, but this time it didn't sail on the river, it transformed into a fast speed-of-light mobile. Off they went to their next destination.

The Cave of Unknown Wonders

Into the Cave of Unknown Wonders went the team's flying vehicle, with Jesus as the pilot. This was like a huge hollow mountain, with pathways through the cave. It was like a museum of new things to learn about and to see, with many things that people didn't know about on Earth.

They zoomed through the entrance, and the first thing they saw was a large display of every type of animal and creature that had ever lived.

Interesting things were written about them that people didn't know. It showed so many creatures that are now either extinct on Earth, or there are few of them around, or that people had just never seen.

The team got out of their vehicle to look around, ask questions, and explore it for a while. Since Jesus created them, He knew the answers to every question that the young people had.

Cherith had studied and learned lots about animal life before, but this was better than any book or documentary she'd ever seen. She was thrilled to learn about new species that she never knew existed.

Next, there were models and 3D moving displays of the way the geography of the world use to be; how it got its current shape on the outside of the world's globe; why some volcanoes and mountains and gorges were formed and how; and what made things the way they are today; and best of all, the way it was all going to look in the future—the beautiful and marvellous way it was planned to be much later on.

Tyndale was especially fascinated. He asked lots of questions about how things will be in the millennium, as well as in the new world of the future.

"Can we watch the next time, when you recreate the world again, and make it all new?"

"Sure thing!" Jesus replied. You here in Heaven can watch on your 3D screen. It will be a great show!"

"Come, I have something else to show you!" Jesus said, and off they zoomed.

It was a gigantic version of the world of atoms. All the very small things created, were made very large. They could see what things were made of, and all the small particles that were put together to make a single atom.

"I've always wondered about these things!" Jessinthia said. "This is so fascinating!"

Next was a model display of the universe, in miniature. There were so many beautiful galaxies, stars, and all types of celestial creations.

Gerold was particularly interested in this one. He asked many questions. Jesus responded with answers that intrigued, surprised, and amazed them all.

He told them the names of each galaxy, many of them ones that humans on Earth never knew about.

It was time for them to return to their families now. Jesus soared off with them through the Heavenly places, and brought each one to their heavenly mansion where their families waited for them.

Everyone enjoyed hearing the many wonderful stories of their adventures with Jesus.

The Pyramid of Amazing Discoveries

-Part 1-

The walls of the big pyramid-shaped building were completely clear, like a beautiful crystal. At first, when looking at it, you get the impression that you can see everything that is going on inside. But when Anita and her friend Emerit went inside, they were surprised at all that it held.

Jesus was at the door ushering in the visitors to this amazing place of beauty—one of the wonders of Heaven. Everything was so lovely—from the lights, to the smells, to the sounds and music, to the people inside.

There were parks and fountains, lakes and trees, gigantic jewels and crystals, even caves inside the hills filled with the most amazing designs. If you wanted to be wowed by somewhere really beautiful, this was the place to be.

Jesus helped Anita and Emerit step into their flying vehicle. It was kind of like a boat, but it would float and glide along in the air as they went from place to place. They called it a gondola. They could stop any time they wanted to and get out and look around, or lie on the grass, or splash in a fountain, or explore a jewelled forest where everything was made of jewels.

"Here's a map," Jesus said, handing it to them.

"This will help you find your way around. And remember, if you have any questions just push this button, and a guide will be by your side helping to explain anything you wonder about or helping you to find your way."

On the map, there was a button to push for guidance or questions to be answered.

"Thank You!" they both said to Jesus. Then off Anita and Emerit went to explore and enjoy.

"Where should we go first?" Anita posed the question.

"Where would you like to go?" Emerit said. "You pick first."

"I'd like to go to 'The Crystal Lake'." Anita pointed to the place on the map where it was. The map was special. When you touched a place on it, it would then change to showing that area more closely, and explain just what it was. A picture then came into view of a lake that was completely clear, and filled with all sorts of large crystals on the bottom of it. The sand on the bank wasn't just sand, but tiny sparkling gems, with larger jewels in place of rocks.

"Okay, here we go!" Emerit pushed the "direction" button on their gondola, and said clearly, "Crystal Lake". This was the easy way to travel, as the vehicle automatically took them to their place of destination.

"Splash!" They jumped out of their hovering gondola which was suspended in mid-air above the lake. Down they swam to see the wonders under the water, and to collect some jewels from below to bring home. When they popped up, they couldn't see their gondola!

"Where is it?" Anita asked.

"Oh, there it is!" Emerit pointed out pretty far away. "I didn't realise that we'd swam so far. It stayed in the same place, but we must have really swum fast."

"It must be easy in Heaven to move quickly in the water!" Anita said, remembering what it was like on Earth, and how much strength it took to swim in regular earthly water.

"I'll race you back!" Emerit challenged.

With a nod of agreement, Anita accepted.

Off they dashed and splashed, swimming back to their gondola. They climbed in and were instantly dry. Not the least bit cold or anything.

"Wow, this has been such a great day already!" Anita said. "Thanks Emerit for letting me choose first. Now it's your turn. I can hardly wait to see what's next!"

Emerit had a hard time choosing, so he pushed the "Guide" button. Right away an angel appeared at their side.

"Glad to have you here. How can I help you?" the angel said welcomingly.

"Do you have any suggestions for our first visit here? Where do you recommend we go? Of course we can't see everything in one visit, but we'd like to see at least one or two more places." Emerit asked.

The angel looked at them and could tell their thoughts and personalities and the kinds of things that they would enjoy.

"Well, since you enjoyed exploring underwater and seeing the crystals there, how about going underground, into 'The Caves of Secret Treasures'. It's here on the map." The angel guide pointed out just where.

With a wave, a smile, and a "Thank you" the friends were off to explore.

"It looks just like a normal hill," Emerit said while slowing the gondola down a bit as they neared the entrance marked on the map. But as soon as they neared the hill, something moved them quickly and before they knew it they were inside the cave. It was like they were on a fast moving stream, or like a sudden slide. Bing! They were in!

At first it was real dim, and the voice of an angel who was a guide in the cave said: "Welcome to 'The Caves of Secret Treasures'. Enjoy your time exploring wonders you've never known about before!"

Then just as it was spoken, all of a sudden they were ushered into a brilliant, gigantic room, with music playing and light shining all around—coloured light, golden light, sparkling light, lights of all kinds. It was like suddenly being in the middle of an amphitheatre with an orchestra playing, and the lights of Heaven all around.

There was to be a show that day, and they arrived just in time it seemed. Anita and Emerit were speechless and in awe, as they took their seats, leaving their gondola in the parking zone for all means of travel. Now they could sit back and watch the show.

There were singers, magicians, clowns, acrobats, and people doing funny skits, comedians, dancers, and all sorts of fun activities. It was the best show they'd ever seen yet—because nothing on Earth was quite that much fun! When it was over, as they were headed to their gondola, some people came up to meet them.

"Oh, wow!" they thought. This was a surprise. People they'd always heard about in stories from the Bible, but never met in real life.

"Perhaps this is one of the surprises of this place, meeting people I've always wanted to meet and talk with!" Anita thought.

(Continued in Part 2)

The Pyramid of Amazing Discoveries

-Part 2-

"There's about to be a raffle in the lower room, if anyone is interested!" an announcement was made. "Lower room?" thought Emerit. "It goes down deeper?" And so it did. On to their gondola they zoomed. Just getting down there was beautiful in itself.

There was a tunnel that was lined with all sorts of coloured jewels that seemed to light it up—jewels that shone like little light bulbs. When they reached the room in the cave that was holding the raffle, they saw it was set up like a restaurant.

A waiter helped them to get down from their gondola, and parked it for them. Another helped them find a table, and brought them some snacks and a drink. Then the announcer began.

"Today's raffle is to win this lovely picnic basket. It has real flowers growing on the lid. Inside it are picnic dishes made of crystal, a teapot, and the most beautiful picnic blanket you ever saw."

"Shall we enter our names?" Anita said, "It would make quite a nice gift for your mum." Her birthday was to be celebrated soon.

"Yes, that would be so nice. I think she'd really like that!" Emerit exclaimed.

The names were collected into a container and shaken, then one name was pulled out and read aloud: "And the winner is.....Isabella Stuart!"

Anita questioned with a look, as she saw a lady come up and happily take it. "Wait a minute, I recognise her. Isn't she a friend of your mum's?" Anita asked.

"You're right! Great! Maybe she had the same idea as we did. Let's go talk to her," Emerit suggested. But before they could make it over to her, she walked over to them.

"Hello Emerit and Anita!" Isabella said. "I saw you both entering your names into the raffle to get the prize. I just knew you must be trying for it to give it to your mother on her birthday Emerit, is that right?"

"Uh...yes. That's right."

"Here. You can have it! I wanted it so that I could give it to you, for her too!" Isabella said, handing them the basket.

"Oh, that's so kind of you! Thank you so much!" Emerit said, happily receiving it.

"I hope we'll see you at the party."

"Yes, I'll see you then," Isabella said, waving good bye.

"Oh, wow. That's so neat! What a fun surprise!" Anita exclaimed, as they walked back to their gondola and got in, now holding their new gift.

"Have you tried 'The Amazing Room' yet", a friendly voice beside them called out. "It's just down that way. You'll see what it is when you get there."

The two looked at each other, thought a moment and then said, "Let's go!"

As they zoomed down the huge hallway, they noticed a door they were approaching.

"Could this be it, this room that we are coming up to?" Emerit wondered.

But before wondering for too much longer, the sign near it said in flashing lights, 'The Amazing Room'.

They stopped in front of it and read the instructions. "Before entering, imagine what you'd like it to look like and be like inside. Think it as you walk in, and so it will be. You can enter, and reenter, as many times as you'd like."

Emerit chose first, and as they entered, it was just what he had thought about. It was a room with games—pool, ping-pong, table hockey and so forth.

After playing together a bit, they decided to try again and this time with Anita's ideas. She gave it some thought and then they entered.

It had indoor hot tubs with little waterfalls going into them. There were several to choose from. Some had a fountain, others, water lilies. There were waiters and waitresses bringing drinks and snacks.

It was like a water restaurant, and instead of tables, you'd sit in a relaxing hot tub that had little tables floating on the water. There were candles around too.

Both Anita and Emerit enjoyed whatever tubs they liked best, and nibbled and sipped their favourite snacks and drinks. It was a cosy way to end their visit to the pyramid and their time in one of its caves.

There was too much to be enjoyed all at one time, and so Emerit and Anita looked forward to their next trip there again.

Off they zoomed out of the cave, and then followed the map for a nice way out of the pyramid.

On they zoomed, back to their families, friends, and Heavenly homes, to tell of the great time they'd had.

Mother's Birthday

The birthday morning started as quite a surprise to Mellanie, Emerit's mother. The door of her house opened with Jesus standing there, dressed in fancy clothes, holding a bouquet of roses.

"Happy birthday!" He said. "Hop on, and I'll take you for a ride!"

Mellanie let out a gasp of surprise. There, hovering over their Heavenly garden, was a flying vehicle decorated with flowers. It was shiny, white and gold.

Jesus gave Emerit a wink that now was the time for them to be able to prepare the surprises for her at home, while He took her on a Heavenly ride through some of her favourite places and beautiful scenery.

As soon as the door shut, they got to work. The snack was prepared, the presents laid out, and the patio at the back of the house was decorated for the party and dancing. Her favourite music was set to play.

After awhile Jesus and the Heavenly flying vehicle was back with a very happy Mellanie, for having received such a cool treat. But the fun was just beginning.

Mellanie wiped a tear from her eye when she saw all the beautiful things—all her favourites that were prepared. Many of her friends were invited. Big tables filled with all sorts of delicious delights were displayed.

During a break in the party, people took turns giving speeches stating the wonderful ways in which Mellanie had helped them; encouraged them; and led them to Jesus. Many of them were here in Heaven because of her love for Jesus, and what she did to bring His love to them as well.

It was her first Heavenly birthday celebration, and by far the best she'd ever had.

At the end, when all the guests had left, Emerit, Anita, and Isabella gave her one last gift—the picnic basket they'd saved.

"We're all going to have a lot of fun with this!" Mellanie said.

"There is so much in Heaven to explore. We could each take turns choosing places we'd like to go and see. We'd also have a picnic of course, one of my favourite activities!"

Everyone had had such a wonderful time—and there was so much more fun to be had. Being in Heaven and enjoying all the treats was worth all the time, love, and giving that they'd done on earth. It made it all worth it.

"I'm so glad we gave our love and time to Jesus while on Earth. He's given so very much back to us in return!" said Emerit.

They all agreed.

Bob Sled Race

"On your marks! Get set! Go!" Jesus called out loudly. And the teams were off. Down the snowy hill they zoomed.

Those who had grown up in deserts and in very hot and dry lands on Earth, could come to this snowy area to experience what snow was like just for fun. It wasn't too cold or uncomfortable, and no one would get hurt either, because it's in Heaven!

There was a team of children who were visiting the snow for the first time. Jesus was taking them for this outing. First they built snowmen, snow castles and caves, then they played snowball tag, and now they were having races on sleds. The children were laughing and enjoying themselves so much.

Their hard life down on Earth, in the dry, dusty and parched lands, was long forgotten, as Jesus was making things so special for them.

Some sleds were one-person sleds, while others held as many as 10 people. There was lots

of laughter and happy squeals, as the children sped down the long and winding track.

It didn't really matter who actually won. No one seemed to notice. They all laughed and rolled off their sleds into the snow, continuing to play and chase each other.

"Jesus, this is the best day of my life I think—except for when I first met You, that was the best!" said a curly-haired girl, and off she ran to join the next game that was starting up.

The children decided to play a sort of "Get the Flag" game, and began to form teams. Forts made out of snow were then built for each team, and plenty of snow balls were made too.

A few of the younger children came to talk with Jesus, as they wanted to hear a story while the older ones played the active and lively game.

"Can you tell us a story about when you were a little child on Earth?" asked one boy.

"Yes, please, can you?" the others chorused.

"Okay then," Jesus began, "I'll tell you about a time when..."

The children were listening intently to each word. Jesus knew how to make any story interesting. He knew so much, and the happy children were eager to learn all that they could.

They hadn't had much of a chance on Earth to learn all that they would have liked to, as just surviving seemed to take all their family's time and effort.

However here in Heaven, they could listen to the best stories, get to see the most wonderful shows, hear the most beautiful music, and meet interesting people who could tell them all kinds of amazing things.

They were catching up on things they'd always wanted to do—and many things they never knew existed! There was plenty of time for fun and games, and all sorts of activities that children love.

When the stories were ended it seemed the game was too, and although not tired like people feel on Earth, the children who had been running and playing actively were ready for a slower pace.

Jesus motioned to the children to come over for snack time, and He spread out a picnic blanket right on the snow under a tall majestic pine tree.

Some of the older children took the responsibility to open the picnic baskets that seemed to appear right when it was snack time, and serve the food to all the children. Warm drinks and tasty treats were served.

"Did you enjoy your time here today?" Jesus asked everyone.

"Oh, so much! Yes!" came the replies.

"I'm glad you did! I wanted to do something extra special with you all today! What would you like to experience next time?" Jesus asked.

Some ideas were said: "The mountains!" and "Under the sea!" and "Inside of caves!" and "A farm, like it was on Earth!"

"Those are great ideas!" Jesus exclaimed.

"Okay, well I'll plan something fun then for next time, and we'll just keep having fun outings until you've done all the neat things you ever wanted to do and get to see all the amazing places you always wanted to see! Does that sound good?"

The children cheered. They knew that whatever was planned for their next outing with Jesus was bound to be great, and they could hardly wait!

Amazing Park

It was the day for the teams of twins and their helpers to take a trip to "Amazing Park". The children who would be going were: Tania and Tara, Jesse and Jerry, Terrie and Tina, and Joey and Jolly. There were fun rides and adventures set up for kids there, and when you entered, yummy snacks were offered.

Tania and Tara wanted to have the pop-snackle. It looked similar to popcorn, but was like bits of cold, yummy, frozen-yet-creamy fruit, each with a different colour and shape—like a bag of rainbow popcorn.

Jesse and Jerry wanted to have the chocolate sticks, with cherries and berries stuck at the top. Terrie and Tina wanted the mini-burgers—so small they could eat in two bites. Joey and Jolly asked for the French fries with all the different kinds of ketchup—there were at least 10 types to try, each having a slightly different taste or flavour.

So off the terrific twin toddlers went for their merry adventures. Tania and Tara took the "Flying Angel Ride", where you get to put on real wings, and fly with the butterflies in a beautiful garden. There were fairies to guide and fly with them. The girls chose to shrink down and be the size of a real butterfly.

They sat on a large flower that was much bigger than they were, and talked with a bee that was sitting there. She gave them some nectar to taste, and told them how honey is made.

Jesse and Jerry jumped for joy on the bouncing clouds that were like a trampoline. They could jump real high and bounce to other clouds. The different clouds would move around slowly, up and down and around.

They could play chase, bouncing up and down to other clouds, and try to catch someone on another cloud. The boys had great fun. Then they plopped down to a big fluffy cloud. Jesse and Jerry could pick up pieces of this cloud and play snowball tag with it. It was like fluffy snowballs, and when they touched on someone it wasn't hard and cold like snow, but made them feel tickly and tingly, and laugh.

Terrie and Tina went on the "Mini-boat Rides". There were little boats that would sail peacefully down a little river, and they could use a fishing rod and play with the fish to fish them.

The fish would hold on to the "love bait" on the end of the fishing line, and come up to say hi when it was pulled out.

Then the fish would jump back in the water and keep swimming. Sometimes the fish have a treasure in their mouth, like a shiny jewel, a special shell, or something else that's fun.

If the girls found a key in the fish's mouth, they could jump out of the boat and splash down to a treasure box in the water and open it with the key. Inside was a gift that appeared—just the thing the person opening it would enjoy. Then they could get back in the boat and keep riding along, until it got to the place where they would get out.

Joey and Jolly wanted rides at the "Flying Animal Zoo". There were pets and animals that would take them up and around, and then back down again. Each animal ride felt different. Some

were fast, others slow, some bumpy, while others were smooth. Joey and Jolly's favourites were the kangaroo, the hippopotamus, the zebra, and the rhinoceros.

After a fun day at "Amazing Park", the happy twins were going to ride in a Heavenly zoomer and drive through the air to go back to their Heavenly homes. It had been a super day!

"Hi!" Jesus said, as he suddenly appeared in the flying vehicle to pick up the teams of twins.

"Jesus!" they all seemed to say at once.

"Did you enjoy your trip to 'Amazing Park'?" Jesus asked, and gave each one a hug.

Everyone was eager to tell of their fun experiences. Jesus laughed and listened, and enjoyed hearing of each one's day as He drove them to their homes.

"Thank You Jesus, for making Heaven full of so many fun surprises for us children!" they said as they arrived and got out of the vehicle, wondering what new and amazing thing would happen next.

They were having a Heaven-of-a-time for sure.

The Heavenly Rollercoaster Ride

Jassika was thrilled! This was going to be her first day to try out the Heavenly rollercoaster ride at the fairground that was nearest to her house. She could have gone on it before. But she chose to wait for her new friend to arrive in Heaven, and then have a go on it together.

"Jassika," Jesus called, walking up to her over emerald green luscious grass.

"Jesus!" she beamed, and then ran to give Him a large hug.

"Can I come along too?" He asked. Jassika felt speechless. It was more than she could have imagined.

"Of course! We'd love to have You with us! I can't wait to tell Amandina!"

"Amandina! Guess what just happened!" Jassika called to her friend, who was still trying to get accustomed to things in this new and beautiful world called "Heaven." But Amandina wasn't there.

She was out in the garden, looking at the most beautiful roses she'd ever seen. They were bigger than normal, and seemed to make music when looked at. Together the flowers made a wonderful, harmonic symphony.

She was still feeling rather shy, and didn't know too many people yet. Jesus approached her quietly and spoke softly. "Do you like the garden?"

She looked up saying "yes" but didn't know yet whose voice it was. It just make her feel all warm inside, and like she was very, very loved by Him—as if it was someone who really knew her. When she saw it was Jesus, she felt a bit shy again. She really didn't know what to say. He was the King of the whole universe, and she felt rather small and non-important.

"Do you mind if I come along for the ride too?" He asked her.

Hardly believing her ears, that Jesus would want to spend time with her—and go and do

something just for fun—she didn't know what to say, so just nodded, "yes". Then He took hold of each of the girls' hands, and off they flew!

Well, you may wonder why after flying, if the rollercoaster was any fun, comparatively. But it had a special way of making you feel a thrill.

And best of all, they were together with their best friend in the universe. It makes it a million times more far-out to be doing it together with Jesus!

After the girls were back in their lovely Heavenly garden, Jassika noticed that Amandina was smiling so much more. She felt relaxed and not so shy anymore.

"Did you like the fun excursion we went on today?" she asked.

Amandina lit up into a beaming, radiant, glowing smile—the kind you get when you've spent time with Jesus, and know more how much He loves you.

"It was the best!" was all she could say.

The Fabulous Festival Feast

"You can't catch me!" said Aaron to his sister Susana. They were playing a chase-through-theclouds game. But Susan surprised him, and caught up faster than he realised.

"Got you!" she said, and they laughed, continuing the chase.

It was soon going to be the festival. A big and delicious feast of all kinds of foods was soon going to be enjoyed. People of all ages and nationalities and areas of the Heavenly City were going to be there.

It was huge! Tables reaching as far as they could see were lined up and would be filled with new, as well as known, scrumptious foods. Each one coming would prepare something for the feast—something they really enjoyed—and add it to one of the tables.

"Let's go see if it's time to go yet!" Aaron suggested to Susana.

"Yes! And remember we can dress up in any special costume we'd like to! Let's go get ready!" Susana agreed.

Mom was waving to them as they came flying back. She was already dressed, and looked amazing in the most shiny dress they'd seen her wear in a long time.

Aaron and Susana dashed excitedly into their Heavenly dress-up closet and came out looking terrific. This time they wanted to be "Prince and Princess" with fancy style, olden-day clothes.

"We can help carry the food, Mom," said the helpful children.

"Thank you! How kind of you! And you both look great!" said Mom, while she and their Dad walked hand in hand towards the flying vehicle.

"Everyone ready?" called out Daddy, who was ready to activate the flying vehicle. "Ready!" chorused the children, who were holding the trays of food on their laps.

When they arrived they were greeted by Jesus, Himself. "Glad you could make it to this victory celebration!"

"We are honoured and thrilled to attend such a wonderful festival feast You prepared!" said Mom, while the others agreed.

"I can see you have brought something delicious to add!" Jesus thanked them. "Let Me show you to your table, the place I saved specially for you all."

They were surprised and happy to have Jesus show them around. He then sat with their family for a bit while they chatted and laughed.

Jesus said, "And I have prepared some party games for the children also, if they want to come. I'm going to be playing a "catch the ball of light" game, with whoever wants to.

Susana and Aaron looked at each other, and excitedly agreed, "Yes! We'd love to come!" And off they went with Jesus, and many other children for a fun and lively game.

Anyone would throw a ball of light—kind of like a snowball—and whoever could jump, run, fly or whatever they could do to catch it, would be the next one to throw it, if someone didn't catch them first!

If instead of catching it, the ball of light caught someone—like in the game dodgeball, then it would split into two balls, making the game even more active, until there were several balls, all going at the same time.

After a vigorous game, the children returned to their table to enjoy the treats. It was like the biggest buffet restaurant they ever had seen.

Jesus came back to their table and offered to go around with the children to make sure they had noticed and knew where all the special foods were displayed. —The ones that He knew were Aaron and Susana's favourites.

"It's so amazing to me," Susana said to Jesus, "That even though there are millions of people here in Heaven, You still know what each one likes best. You really know us well!"

"I made you! And I love you too, which makes Me want you to have a great time, and want to know everything about you, and what makes you the happiest." Jesus said.

"You've given us such a happy time!" Aaron said. "And we want You to be the happiest, too, Jesus!"

Heavenly Play Park

Sammy was a boy on Earth who had a condition. He had to stay in a wheelchair nearly all the time, except when he was sleeping of course. He couldn't do things like run and play ball, or climb up a slide, or swing off a branch on a tree.

It was hard for him to see the other children always having so much fun. But he decided that he wouldn't waste his life feeling sorry for himself. He would tell himself that there were others who had so many things worse than he.

At least he had a family to love and take care of him. He had a bed, food, water, and most of all he knew Jesus. He knew that one day in Heaven he'd get to do, even better than on earth, all the things he wished he could.

One night when going to sleep, as was his custom, he talked to Jesus.

"Jesus, I wish I could just take a trip to Heaven with You for awhile, and forget about my body that hurts, and the things that I can't do just yet."

Jesus heard his prayer, and that night he had the most amazing dream. It seemed so real. In fact it was real.

He got to see and play in a real playground in Heaven, that night while he slept.

"Come, Sammy," Jesus said, greeting Sammy as the dream began. "I'll take you a fun place to play!"

Eagerly Sammy followed, and they arrived at "Heavenly Play Park".

It was a heavenly playground indeed! Talk about swings, they were as high as trees! And when I say trees, it's not like your earthly height or type of trees. These things are enormous, gigantic, majestic and beautiful.

The slide was from a playhouse towards the top of a tree and went all the way down to the nearby lake. Splash! Then there were ropes to swing and climb on, extending from one high branch to another on a different tree.

The sandbox was huge, and so were the toys in it. Diggers as big as real ones on Earth to help move the sand.

With the help of the toys and angels, and digging and building equipment, people were making sand castles that you could actually go in, with rooms inside.

The sand here wouldn't collapse on you, but stay in place till you wanted it to move, to make something else.

There was a "flying fox" that went clear over the lake to the other side. You could stay on it and arrive to another part of the playground at the other side of the lake, or you could jump off and have a swim in the lake.

There were little play islands in the lake too, that you could swim to and rest on, or even picnic on.

There were boats to ride in and take you across—or you could just float or fly across, of course.

There were trees whose branches were all close together, and lots of them. This bunch of trees was like a big climbing frame. You could climb up it and go into another tree and from there to the top of another one, if you liked.

It also had a type of water park, with fountains to run through and splash in, little pools for the young ones to sit and play in, as well as water slides for the more adventurous, ending in the lake.

There was a tree with a ladder you could scale and at the top hold on to a rope attached to a branch hanging out over the lake, and wheee! Jump and swing out over the lake. You could either swing back to the tree platform, or let go and fall into the water.

Water skiing was also available for those who wanted to try it out. You'd just need to do it with a friend. They could steer the Heaven-powered boat, while you hold on to the handle and rope, and with your bare feet zoom on the surface of the water.

It was tons funner, and of course much, much safer—in fact totally safe—than on Earth. If you hit the water it didn't hurt, and there were no rocks to bang into, just smooth, soft, fluffy water, that always felt the right temperature.

Sammy felt he was in heaven—well, actually he really was! This place was great.

And after a good play time, he and Jesus took a walk down the beautiful forest pathway, nibbling on a snack, chatting together. It felt pretty normal to be walking, like Sammy had always done it. Though actually on Earth he never had.

But before he went to Earth, in Heaven he was perfectly whole, and in his dreams he often was too, so it came naturally to walk.

He just needed to be patient till his job on Earth was done. A lot of fun was being stored up for him in Heaven, as a reward for his patience and faith to not give up.

He felt renewed when he woke up, ready to keep on being the sample on Earth of a praiseful prince of the King of kings—Jesus.

He could smile. He could pray for others. He could encourage others to not give up if things were hard for them. He had a lot to be thankful for, and even more to look forward to!

Story House

Molly and Duane were out on their sundeck with Daddy, looking at the bright moon and countless stars. The light of the moon was so silvery on this cloudless clear night.

"I wish I could just fly right up to it!" said Molly.

"Well, maybe you can take a special astronaut trip in your dreams tonight!" said Daddy, as he playfully carried both his children inside their summer house and put them in bed.

"And I'd like to explore further!" said Duane.

"I wonder what it looks like to be flying around in the nearest galaxy?"

"Sounds like a fun night's dream! Let's pray for your sleep," Daddy said, and prayed for their sleep, and especially for their dreams to be special and wonderful.

Molly hardly felt she'd fallen asleep, for as soon as her head rested on her pillow, a beam of light seemed to shine all around her. Duane was beside her, and they both smiled. It seemed like the beginning of a fun night's Heavenly adventure.

As they held hands this light seemed to transport them, for in an instant they both appeared somewhere they'd never been, but more beautiful than they'd ever seen in their lives.

"Welcome to the Story House!" said an angelic looking tall man, dressed in fancy garb. "Please come in. Your time here will be incredible and unforgettable in wonderful ways," he added. "I'm Antonio, and I'm pleased to meet you."

In the two children walked, amazed at how large this house seemed once inside of it.

"It's awesome! It's so amazing in here!" said Duane.

There were many levels and floors and nooks and halls, and all kinds of places to find story books, and to talk with people eager to tell a story to the children who would visit.

They didn't have to use the stairs, but could just float or fly up to where they wanted to be.

There was a room up a few levels, that had a porch overlooking the massive and well-kept gardens below. When the garden was seen from high above, the patterns that the flowers formed could be easily seen.

The large flower garden was one huge picture. This porch was a great place to sit and to look out and to read a good story book.

There was a little bookshelf on the porch, and big fluffy comfortable bean bags. Molly grabbed

one book and Duane chose another. They read on and on, enjoying everything they read. Time seemed to go by fast, as they were fully absorbed in reading.

"Shall we go to another room?" Molly asked, when they'd both finished reading the books in hand.

"I'd like to see if there is an attic in this house!" suggested Duane.

"Let's go!" they both seemed to say as they floated upwards, trying to go as high as possible.

"Hmmm" wondered Duane. "Maybe there is someone we can ask; someone who can help show us the way. I don't see a way to get up any higher, if there is an attic in this place."

Just then two other children came laughing out of a nearby upper room, along with a jolly looking fellow. They seemed to have just had a great story time, hearing something humorous from the storyteller.

"Do you know if there is an attic in this story house?" Duane asked the man.

"Yes there is! But the best way to get there is through that door over there. You go in and then there is a ladder—just for the fun of it. I see you are new here?"

"Yes, this is our first time to visit this place," answered Molly.

"Thank you," said Duane, as the two of them headed in the direction that the man had indicated.

"Oh, here it is!" said Molly, as she and her brother scurried up the ladder to peer at what was above.

"It's so cute!" Molly said making herself comfortable on the fluffy rug with cushions.

Duane found himself a nook too, near the window that had a large ledge, that could be sat on comfortably.

"I'd like someone to tell us a story," said Duane.

"Me too," agreed Molly.

They closed their eyes and said, "Jesus please send someone to us here, to talk with us."

They were accustomed to talking with Jesus while on Earth, and this was their natural reaction when they had a need or wanted something that they knew only He could do.

Right then there appeared several people in front of them, dressed in a way so as to give an idea of what kind of stories they might have to tell.

"Pick one of them," a voice seemed to say.

Molly let Duane choose, and he pointed to a boy about his age. As he did, the rest of the crowd seemed to vanish.

"Hi, I'm Edward, and I'd liked to tell you about..." Edward began telling of the time when he and his dad were on Earth, and they'd taken trip on a sailing ship, and explored new islands.

Even though if he was on Earth he would look much older than he did now, still Edward liked to be young, and to be a friend to children, as if he was their same age.

"We are all young to the Lord, after all!" he'd say. "Become as a little child to go to heaven!" he would quote and laugh. And so he had.

Duane and Molly were so interested in all that he had to say. They had a fun time getting to know Edward and hear about things on Earth they didn't know before.

"Well, I guess that's about it for now." Edward said, and bid them goodbye.

As they said goodbye, they seemed to know it was also nearly their time to go, and soon would be waking up in their cosy summer house.

Just before he left, Edward handed them a book. "Here's one last book you might like to read before you go," he said.

They took it and waved, and in a blink Edward had disappeared. The two children chose to read the special book together. It was one they'd always hoped to read. "Stories of Jesus' Life" it was called. As they opened it, they could see Jesus standing in front of them, talking with them, telling them the stories.

The book was like a mini video and showed the pictures of the events that Jesus was talking about.

These were stories that really happened when Jesus was on Earth, but aren't written down in the Bible that is used today.

The children learned of some of the events that His disciple John was thinking about when he said there wouldn't be enough books in all the world to write down all that happened and all that Jesus did and said while on Earth.

The children listened and talked with Him, asking questions and were fascinated at all He had to say.

It had been a very amazing adventure and trip to Heaven. Molly and Duane hugged Jesus and seemed to wake up right then, all happy and cheery.

"Daddy I had a great dream last night..." Molly began to say at breakfast time.

"And so did I!" Duane joined in.

"There was this big story house..." Molly started.

To their surprise Duane continued, "It was so big..."

Molly and Duane smiled. They'd both been there in their dreams, at the same time.

Flower Angels

Amiela was lying on the grass gazing into a flower when she noticed something that made her smile. It was the tiniest angel she'd ever seen, as small as a little bug. The tiny fairy angel smiled and waved at her, and then beckoned Amiela to come.

Come in there? Can I really go? She wondered.

I thought I was far too big to do something like that! But it would be pretty neat if I could.

With that thought she was transformed into a size small enough to fit right into the flower along with the other miniature angel.

"This is fun!" she was just saying, when they both felt themselves moving as if the flower was being lifted up.

"I think the flower has just been picked!" said the little angel.

"I wonder who's holding it and where we are going," said Amiela with a giggle, enjoying the ride.

They looked up and saw beautiful shades of coloured light up above them, and the movement stopped. They seemed to be in a fancy room of sorts.

"Perhaps it has been put in a vase?" the little angel said, who then introduced herself as "Chloe."

Indeed the flower and its tiny angel girls were in a vase, that was placed on the table of a delightful looking banquet, in a room beautifully decorated.

Music began to play and it seemed the flower began to dance and sway, and when they looked up they saw a very big and kind face looking down on them.

"Jesus!" they both chorus and held up their arms.

"Hi! Can you guess where you are?" Jesus said playfully.

"Hmmm... In a palace where there is a special event happening?" Chloe guessed.

"Yes! And you are to be a part of the surprise that I have for someone special here today. Would you like that?" Jesus asked, and then whispered to them some secret instructions.

They both nodded.

"Okay then, at just the right time I'll give you the cue and you can both fly out and take on your normal size again, and the special person sitting here, who I am having a nice meal with, will get to see you. That will make them smile. Are you ready?"

The two girls laughed happily, but then covered their mouths as if to remind themselves to quietly keep themselves as a surprise until just the right time.

They listened to all that was going on and were ready when Jesus called on them to be a part of the special event.

"And now I have something that's a bit of a surprise!" Jesus was heard to say to the lady who looked like a queen and was being treated to a dinner in her honour with King Jesus.

Jesus then snapped His fingers and out of the flower, standing tall on the table in full size were the two heavenly girls, Chloe and Amiela!

"Oh!" Queen Esther said in surprise. "Did you just fly out of that flower there?" and she laughed. The girls then took bow and flew off of the table to Queen Esther's side.

"We're here to bring you a special present!" Amiela said.

At that moment, magically, there appeared in their hands a very big present all wrapped up. They carried it together. Queen Esther was all surprised again! What would happen next?

"Open it! Open it!" Chloe encouraged her, and the queen began to unwrap it. There was a label on it that said, "To My dear Esther, whom I love very much! —From your King Jesus."

When Queen Esther opened it she was in awe. It was the most amazing and beautiful dress she'd ever seen!

It even had diamonds sparkling on it. There was also an invitation in the box, inviting her to a special dance party, where she could wear this lovely dress.

She gave Jesus a hug and kiss and thanked Him for His special gifts to her.

"I'll see you at the party!" Jesus said to Queen Esther as she left to get ready.

"And of course you two can come as well—it's very big party and there's room for many to attend!"

"Oh goodie!" Chloe and Amiela squealed as they jumped up and down, and after thanking Jesus they curtsied and ran off to get ready as well.

Rexy the Royal Rabbit

Jesus was sitting on the grass of a heavenly lawn just outside a most spacious looking palace. He was stroking a friendly greyish rabbit, who was happily nibbling the grass. Rexy was his name, for he was royal indeed.

When he was on earth before, he loved the feeling being able to freely hop and run and explore here and there. Yet, being a domestic pet of a certain boy, he had to keep within safe boundaries. For on Earth there were other pets that he should not meet up—for example various dogs dwelling in the properties around.

Rexy would have loved to hop freely and to never have any place that he shouldn't go, but at least he was glad for the kind care that the boy gave to him.

Now that Rexy was in Heaven, there were endless places—safe places—that he could explore. There were no dangerous animals around, for all obeyed the King's orders of loving living.

Today was a special day, the day the boy would come home, after being away for sometime doing a special mission away from his Heavenly home.

And there on the lawn, waiting for the boy, was Rexy the Royal Rabbit. He was royal, because Jesus the King had given royal orders that he could come and live there and be a furry friend to the boy.

It was nice having a pet to come home too, after being away for a while, helping people in other parts of the King's realm.

"Jesus!" the boy called out and nearly flew over to Him.

"Welcome, My dear boy!" Jesus said, as they both embraced.

But not to be left out was sweet little Rexy. He too leapt up and joined the hug by hopping up on to Jesus' arm. Everyone, even the animals, loved being around their Creator.

Rexy nuzzled his nose on the boy's shoulder and crawled into his arms, showing in his own way that he was glad to see the boy and be with him again.

Jesus put his arm around the boy, who held his dear little pet rabbit in his arms, and all together they walked to the door of the palatial abode.

"I've prepared a special snack for us to have," Jesus said to the boy, whose face lit up into a large smile. If Jesus was the one making the food, it was sure to be the best. And most of all, it was great to have time with Him, alone.

Well, he thought it was to be alone, however, when they entered the house, he saw they were not. There were pets of all sorts, and their owners, coming to greet the boy.

Animals of all types were there, even some that might not normally be considered pets.

Swarmed by loving hugs by friends, as well as friendly animal greetings, the boy knew he was well loved, by people and heavenly creatures. He was laughing for sure.

Soon the visitors, who were there just to create a fun surprise for him, went out to play on the grassy lawn. Animal games were held there, and soon many others came to join them there too.

Meanwhile, Jesus and the boy, along with dear Rexy who was seated comfortably in the boy's lap, enjoyed a quiet and tasty snack together. They looked out the window, glancing at the funny animals and the antics going on.

It was great to be back, and good to have friends.

Then, as an additional surprise, for both the boy and for Rexy, Jesus suddenly held a gift.

It was neat how He could make things appear like that. In His hands was a pure white rabbit, complete with a pink bow.

Rexy's ears and head perked up.

"Hmmm?" he saw with delight. A new friend for him! Together they climbed into Jesus large lap, and a furry, fuzzy snuggle they had.

Rexy was very happy for this new buddy.

The boy smiled and laughed. He would have a lot of fun watching their antics together.

But not forgetting their friend, the rabbits hopped up and perched, one on each of the boy's shoulders.

They stood on their back legs and placed their front paws and heads on the boy's head, saying hello to each other. They were having fun already! It looked like a circus trick.

"Two are better than one!" the boy thought, as he looked in the mirror.

"Thank you, Jesus," he said.

"I'm glad to see you smile," Jesus replied.

And out they walked to join all the rest of the animal festivities.

Tooley's Arrival

Ralph was so pleased, he laughed and bounced till he was as high as a tree top—and in Heaven that can be pretty high! He had just received a messaged on his hand-held indicator that his friend Tooley had arrived in Heaven.

They had been friends for a long while, but it was his turn to come back to Heaven first. And now Tooley had come back too. Jesus asked Ralph to help welcome his friend home. He was helping to plan the funnest celebration he could dream up.

Tooley—like Ralph had been—was also a missionary and wonderful witness on Earth, telling people about Jesus. There were lots of rewards stored up for him.

He and Ralph had lived in Africa and were there with their families helping to spread the news of Jesus' love in any way they could. Now it was their time to join the heavenly host and angels.

Ralph got in his zoomer—a special flying vehicle that could travel at an amazing

speed. He arrived at Ted's house where the main meeting of preparation was taking place.

He was getting all kinds of ideas from people all over Heaven, that was being transmitted to him through his hand-held indicator. "Oh, yeah, that would be cool!" he was saying as he saw some of the ideas.

When everyone gathered and asked Jesus to give them a great plan, they had a fun time planning the best time they could imagine, for their friend. They planned everything from games to snacks that he'd really like, to a space-travel trip with neat people he'd want to travel with.

They even asked if some of his favourite Bible characters could put on a drama show for him, and show some of their adventures when they were on Earth.

Tooley was especially fond of Elijah and the miracles that happened in his life. And Elijah and others agreed to come and make an appearance to talk and tell stories with exciting flare and displays.

And of course, the best animal pet that he would like was chosen and ready to be given to Tooley when he arrived at his new Heavenly home. He always did like the wild cats, and so a sleek, handsome, fast moving Heavenly leopard cub was chosen.

When Tooley arrived and saw all that was planned, he was so very surprised.

"What did I do to get all this fun and rewards? I don't think I did so many big jobs for the Lord?"

"Oh, but you did!" he was told. "Check this out!" A special video was then shown of all the many times he had helped to bring someone to Jesus through his prayers, or even through a smile. He had also given out tracks with a message of Jesus' love and salvation on them.

You see Tooley was handicapped and couldn't get around like most children can. But even though he couldn't walk, he still did all he could and would give Jesus love to anyone he would see or who would visit.

There were now hundreds of people who had been touched with Heaven's love through him, and through the love they then gave to yet others.

Jesus was very happy with all that he'd done. And now, it was such fun to be able to get around—and not just walk, but run and climb and even fly.

Everything he had done, Jesus knew about and was recorded like a video. It made him want to pray for his friends that were still on Earth, that they would do their best, so they could also have such a fun party when it was their time to go to Heaven.

The Cave

"Wow!! Look at all these precious stones, and gold and rubies and all these amazing treasures! There's a whole box over there of pearls of all sizes and colours. And a heap of gems of all types, that sparkle like the sunshine. And that's just the beginning," said Annie to her friend Shod.

"I could be here all day and still not discover even a part of all there is in this special cave."

"Yes", said Shod. "I guess that's why it's call 'The Cave of Endless Treasures', because there is just more and more to be found. The more we look, the more we discover."

The two friends were on an adventure with Jesus today. He told them at the beginning of their day, "I'm going to take you to see 'The Cave of Endless Treasures'."

"Oooh!" they said, so very excited.

"You'll be so amazed to see all that is in there. And the wonderful thing about it is that you can have all that you'd like from it." Jesus had explained.

Now that she was here, Annie asked, "Can I really take all I want!?" She had very wide-eyes, imagining all that she wanted to load up in a wagon and bring to her Heavenly home.

"There's one thing that you need to do," Jesus said.

"Oh, what is it?" Shod asked, ready to do whatever he needed to do to bring home loads of goodies.

"Each stone and jewel and piece of treasure is in the cave because I wanted to show you what My Words are like. They are even more precious than the finest riches in all the universe.

"Every time you stop to listen to Me or to read what the books of My Word says, then it's like I load up another treasure in your heart and mind, and pretty soon you are so sparkly you look like a treasure box filled with jewels and precious things."

The children laughed, imagining themselves covered in shiny jewels and gold necklaces. Then Shod asked, "But what do we need to do to get them?"

Jesus continued,

"Just stop and hear what I want to tell you when we enter the cave. And each thing that you hear will lead you to a secret treasure, and you'll be able to load that up in your wagon and bring it home.

"You can have as many jewels as you wish by listening to Me and hearing what I have to say. This is the key to finding and being able to keep these treasures."

"I like talking to You, Jesus" Annie said.

"Yes, Jesus, you are the neatest story teller and You know so much. I really like listing to what you have to say!" added Shod, eager to begin their adventure, now that they knew the secret to finding the precious stones.

They had been in the cave for more than an hour, when Annie had a thought.

"Jesus?" she asked.

"Are these jewels just for us here in Heaven, or can you send some down to Earth as well? You see, I know someone who really likes sparkly jewels too. They live on Earth. If they could just get even a few of these that we have here they'd be so happy."

"Are you thinking about Richard?" asked Jesus.

"Yes", said Annie. "Sometimes he gets sad. I pray for him, but I wish there was something extra fun we could do for him."

"Well", said Jesus, "Yes, these riches can be given to those still on Earth, but they can't see them yet—because it's for their Heavenly eyes to see like you can see them, because you are here in Heaven."

"So he will have to wait to see and hold them?" asked Shod.

"He can have them now, but on Earth they look different. On Earth they are disguised and look like Bible books to read or notebooks to write My Words in.

"They don't shine like they do when you are in Heaven, and sometimes people don't know that My Words are really shiny jewels, because on Earth your eyes can't see things in the Heavenly way.

"But I'll tell you a secret, every time that Richard does take time to speak to Me, and takes time to read My Words in the books he has, then I put real jewels in his Heavenly Mansion!

"He will be so so rich with treasures when he gets up here, and very rich in faith while on Earth too. He can't see jewels now, but if he takes time with Me by faith, then he will one day!"

Annie smiled, she was glad Richard would get to have some of the treasures too. "I'm going to pray that he takes lots of time to listen to You, Jesus, every day, so when he gets up here he will have piles and boxes of these amazing riches!"

Heavenly Starcraft

The children—Annie, Shod, Tooley, Ralph, and also their friends, Sabina and Rosaline, were ready to load up into a star traveller vehicle, a Heavenly Starcraft. There were shiny red seats to sit on, and snacks for the trip.

They each brought their special notebook where they would just think about something they wanted to log in, and touch the notebook and then the story or thought or event, with pictures as well, would be written in. When they got back to their Heavenly home they could open the book and share the adventures with their friends.

"Is everybody ready?" said the angel who was leading the adventure. My name is "Galaxy Gary", and I know this area of the stars very well. Welcome aboard the Heavenly Starcraft. I am here to take you on a special trip. This is a special treat for you to get to enjoy. Are you excited?"

"Yes!" The children enthusiastically replied, and added, "Thank you!"

"First we have a message from Jesus for you!"

"Oh!" the children can hardly wait to see Him.

Then Jesus appeared right there in their zooming Heavenly Starcraft. "Hi, Children!" He said.

They all jumped up to hug Him, as He called their names and welcomed them onboard and wished them a fun adventure. Then He gave each one a little gift. Something fun for them to bring with them.

It was like a cell-phone. They could either type in or say the name of the person in Heaven they'd like to talk with, and be able to directly communicate with them, to ask questions or tell what was going on.

Jesus explained, "Of course you can talk to Me all the time—you don't have to wait to use this Heavenly communicator, I hear your thoughts and words always, anywhere, and you can also hear mine. But this can be for anyone else you'd like to talk with. Is that fun?"

Each one's Heaven-a-phone was just the colour they liked. The children gave Jesus

a hug of thankfulness and then sat on their shiny seats to begin their flight.

Galaxy Gary continued explaining about what they were going to do first. The children listened intently, and asked questions on what they wanted to know more about.

At the end, they each tried out their "Heaven-a-phones" and said good bye to someone they knew and said they were starting to fly now, and would talk to them later.

The Zoomer traveled very fast at first, but then slowed down till it was going the same speed as the comet it was flying beside.

"This comet has been flying for many years. What keeps it going the people on Earth don't know. It's a mystery and something Jesus does."

"Wow!" said Sabine. "Look at the rainbow coloured tail!"

"It's awesome!" answer Shod. "I wish we could fly right into it!".

"Can we fly in the open space?" asked Ralph to Galaxy Gary.

"What we can do will amaze you. There is a feature on this craft that makes it completely invisible.

"It will seem just the same, as if you are flying in the bright coloured tail of the comet, but we'll still be in here, within the safe keeping of the Heavenly starcraft.

"When I push this button over here and activate the controls, you'll no longer see your seats or the walls or anything in here.—Only what we are flying through. Are you ready? It's going to be pretty amazing!"

The children took a deep breath and then said they were ready.

"1, 2, 3 go!" They chanted together.

"Ha! Ha!" laughed Annie as she felt the tickle of the flying strands of coloured light rippling around her.

Some of the children held hands while they zoomed, others tried to stand on it, as if riding it like a wave while on a surf board. Then they tried lying down on it and saw the stars zoom past them while they rested on this flying light.

After awhile Galaxy Gary turned the switch again and they saw the Heavenly Starcraft's walls again and sat back in their seats.

"That was amazing!" Tooley expressed!

"Thank you Jesus for that fun part of our trip!" said Rosaline. The children then recorded in their story books what had just happened. There were some funny pictures of them flying and bouncing around in the light tail. They laughed as the pictures were displayed on the big screen in the Heavenly starcraft, and the pictures were also put into their story book.

If this was the beginning of their adventures, it was going to be a very special trip.

Galaxy Gary started the Heavenly starcraft going faster, and was taking them to visit "Lunar Land". A place with many many moons. There was so much to explore. When they arrived, there were too many moons to even count and see them all. But what was a fun surprise was that they saw two other starcrafts with more of their friends also taking trips!

They zoomed around and played hide-and-seek in the moons with their friends' Heavenly starcrafts. They laughed and hid behind moons, and zoomed round them, and played tag with the

starcrafts, it was so fun.

When it was time to zoom back to the Heavenly City, all the space travellers had many happy stories to tell. They had videos and pictures of their adventures to show to eager friends who wanted to know all they'd seen and done.

A Secret Game

Dezirey was a cute little girl with curly blonde hair, and an angelic smile. Everywhere she went she'd bring such cheer and loving warmth. She took lots of time with Jesus, and then He'd show her how to make others feel loved and encouraged.

One day while in her little tree house she asked Jesus if He had any ideas for her on that day. He said, "Yes! You can start a 'Love Surprise' game."

The idea of surprises and cheering up people in a secret way sounded fun.

Jesus explained more.

"What you do is ask Me to give you an idea of what would really make someone feel happy and loved by Me, and then do it in a secret way when they don't see you. Then they'll feel so happy, they will want to pass on the love too, and do something for others as well."

Dezirey was so excited to get started. Jesus told her to go to a part of Heaven where there were children who had come to Heaven after a big accident had happened to them on Earth. They were here now, but their family was still on Earth. They were learning about Heaven and needed extra love and encouragement.

Dezirey talked with the children, played games with them, and then before she left she put something special that they would each really like, on each of their beds. She did it while they were having a picnic on the grass, so they didn't see her.

When she went back into her tree house she turned on her Heavenly screen to watch and see how the children felt and what they said when they found the surprise.

At first, one child thought it was their teacher who did it. But when Chandra, the kind teacher, said it wasn't her, the children asked other children. But no one there knew who had given them the surprises.

They felt so happy that they got the idea to ask Jesus if they could be like love angels that day and go secretly and give surprises to others in Heaven. Jesus came and hugged each one and told them they won the game! That it was a game to find out the right thing to do next, and that was to then give the love away.

Jesus gave each of the children a basket filled with goodies, and gave each one an angel to guide them to a place in Heaven to secretly give these gifts away. It was a fun day. When they returned they had so many fun stories to tell.

A while later Jesus came and said he had a fun video to show them. They were very excited and sat down.

Jesus showed them what the people said when they found the surprises that the children had put there for them.

Jesus said that each one that got the gifts also had been winners, and decided to also give

some loving gifts to others. Soon there were hundreds of people playing the game and giving secret loving gifts and doing loving deeds for others.

One day when Dezirey went up to her tree house to pray and listen to Jesus, she saw something there on her couch that she had always wanted. Wow! So many people were playing the secret love game that she had started for Jesus, that now someone had done something loving for her. It made her very happy. She thought of the song,

"Love wasn't put in your heart to stay. Love isn't love till you give it away. Look for someone to make happy, and then happiness will find you!"
