



Jesus and the Children

Children make Jesus so happy! He loves them very much. One day when Jesus was real tired and busy, some mothers brought their children to see Jesus. When Jesus saw the children, He told them to come to Him. It cheered Jesus up to see the children. He was never too busy to take time to talk with them.

Jesus held them in His arms, blessed them, and prayed for them. He wanted everyone to know how much God loved the children—all kinds of children. Jesus said children were very important.

He said that everyone should try to act with the love, joy, faith, and simplicity of a child. If people love and believe in Him, just as the children around Jesus did then, they will get to live in God's Kingdom—Heaven!



A Good Shepherd

When a sheep is lost, a good shepherd goes to find it. When a sheep is hurt, he helps to bind up the hurt. The shepherd takes the sheep to feed on nice green grass, and brings them to calm and clean pools of water to drink.

Jesus told a story of a shepherd that had one hundred sheep. He took good care of them. One day a sheep strayed and got lost.

The shepherd left all the others in the fold to go and search for his one lost sheep. When at last he found it, he was so glad. He called his friends to celebrate!

Jesus is like a good and loving shepherd. Jesus loves us so much that He will do whatever is best to keep us safe and close to Him. Jesus is happy when we follow Him closely, listen to His voice, and do what He asks of us.

Jesus loves us and wants us to stay close to Him, because then He can take good care of us and we'll be much happier.



Jesus' Gifts of Love and Life

Jesus is God's gift of love to the world—to each person in it. When people choose to do wrong, it separates them from God, and makes God sad. God didn't want us to stay separate from Him, so He chose to forgive us.

God sent His Son Jesus to Earth to bring this gift of eternal life to all who believe on Him and receive His love and forgiveness. Jesus chose to take the punishment for our sins, so that we could be forgiven and allowed to go to Heaven.

Jesus loves us so much that He was willing to give up His life on Earth for us, to die while taking the punishment for us, so that now we can be saved and forgiven. But He rose up alive again! Jesus lives forever, and so will we!

Jesus Is Risen—He Lives Forever!

On the very first Easter, Jesus' disciples and friends missed Him. Jesus had been gone from them for three days. It seemed they would never see Him again. They forgot that Jesus had promised to see them again with His new Heavenly body—alive forever.

When the women went to see where Jesus' body had been placed after He died, they were surprised to see angels there. The angels said, "Jesus is alive! Go tell all the other disciples."

Later on, Mary Magdalene saw someone in the garden. It was Jesus! He talked to her and she was so very happy to see Him again! He'd given His life on Earth, but had risen and was alive again, by the power of God. He lives forever, and can be anywhere, anytime, with anyone—even with you, right now!