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# God

God is the great Spirit of love, truth, and freedom. He made you and me, and all the beauty that exists in the natural world around you.

His goal is to bring you to live with Him one day in the most wonderful place that ever existed.

He loves you and wants you to be with Him forever. When you make the choice to show His love to others, you make Him happy, and He blesses and rewards all those who do.



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# Creation

Everything in God's creation is so perfect and so beautiful! All of Creation shows us something about what God is like.

You can look up at a starry sky at night, or breathe the fresh fragrance of a garden after the rain, or watch a sunset sky filled with purple and red colours.

All of it shows God's handiwork and His creation. It's all so beautiful, so calm and peaceful. He made it all so beautiful so we could know what He is like.





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# Christmas

Christmas is very special because that is when God sent His only Son to Earth to show us His love.

Jesus was born in a simple house and His bed was a wooden feed trough—a manger.

Shepherds and village people came to see Him when He was born.

God didn't let His Son be born in a king's palace because He wanted people to know that Jesus came for everyone. Even the poorest people could come to Him to find love and acceptance.



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# Jesus

Jesus is the King of Love that will one day rule over all, and will bring peace and joy to all who chose to do things His Heavenly way.

Jesus is God's Son who chose to come to Earth for a time and to experience what it was like to be human. Jesus helps to express God's thoughts and feelings to us.

Jesus is the Word of God. He is the message God wants us to know. He is the picture or the demonstration of what God is like.

God is love, and Jesus wants us to know how much He loves us.



# Love of God

When we accept the gift God gave of sending His Son Jesus to Earth to bring us the gift of forgiveness from the wrongs we've done, then we are made clean in heart, and are fit to live in Heaven.

God is all-powerful, all-knowing, and is everywhere. He can see you and cares about you every minute of the day.

He loves you! His love for you will be forever.



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# Salvation

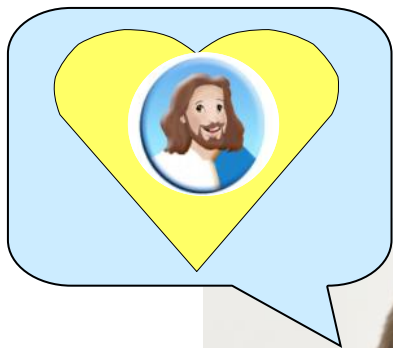
Jesus came to Earth to bring us God's wonderful gift of Salvation. God had so much love for each of us that He sent His son down from Heaven to live on Earth so we could know what God is like.

After doing that, Jesus also gave His life for us, to take our punishment and forgive us our sins, so we could have the gift of salvation and eternal life in Heaven with Him and His Father.

Salvation is a wonderful gift that is free!

With it, we are guaranteed a place in Heaven and membership in God's Family forever!





To receive this gift of eternal life with Jesus, and to get to enjoy all the fun that is in store in Heaven, just say a prayer and tell Jesus "thank you" for coming to Earth, and ask Him to forgive you for all the wrongs you have done.

Believe that He is God's Son and that He loves you. That's all it takes, and Jesus' free gift of salvation and life and love forever with Him will be yours.



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# Jesus Our Friend

Since Jesus came to Earth for a while as a man, He fully understands just what it feels like, and the difficulties that we face. He did this so that He can help us better.

Jesus hears our prayers and enjoys answering them. He's like a friend who wants to be around us, and likes it when we talk to Him.

Jesus loves each one and wants everybody to receive His love in their hearts. This is the first step to a beautiful new world that is to come. Jesus loves you forever!



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# Heaven

Heaven is a place that all who love Jesus will be able to live in one day. It is the most wonderful, spectacular, marvellous, and amazing place that there ever was!

Before Jesus left the Earth to return to His Father in Heaven, He told His disciples that He was going to prepare a special place for them—a place with mansions and beauty.

God's light will be the light of that city. It's going to be a beautiful place where there won't be anything that is harmful, and no one is going to be sad or lonely. Everyone there will be so happy.



Heaven is where we're going to spend eternity with Jesus and all of our loved ones, and everyone who's ever asked Jesus into their heart.

There's going to be so much to see and do, and we'll have Heavenly bodies so we can go wherever we want and travel with the speed of thought!

There will be lots to keep us busy, helping others to know Jesus and His ways as we travel to planets and galaxies as yet unknown!





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# Bible

The Bible is the most wonderful book in the whole world! In fact, it's more than just a book.

It's like a special spiritual lamp that will instantly light up your path through life, and help you know what you are to do.

It's also like a roadmap that will show you the best way to get to your destination, which is Heaven.

The Bible is God's Letter written personally to you! Cherish God's words in the Bible and they will keep you close to Jesus, loving Him, and loving others.



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# Word of God

God's Word is like a treasure chest full of jewels and gold. God put so many promises in His Word about His love and care for us, and each verse or promise is like something very beautiful and valuable.

In fact, He even inspired the men who wrote the Bible so they would write down exactly what He wanted said! He did that because He loves you and doesn't ever want you to feel alone or lost in this world.

The more you read God's Word, the more you will know just how much He loves you.



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# Holy Spirit

If you pray, God can send His comforting, miracle-working, powerful Holy Spirit to be with you and surround you.

God's Holy Spirit, which He promised to send to those that believe in Jesus, can help us know what to say and do so we can tell people about Jesus.

With God's Spirit helping us we won't feel so shy or sad. We'll instead be bubbling over with joy and power to do what Jesus wants us to do.



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God's Holy Spirit can teach us how to be more loving and kind with people.

If we need help remembering things or learning something new, the Holy Spirit can help with that too.

Isn't it nice to have an invisible Friend like that?





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# Love

Love is the most important gift you can give. Love comes back to you. Jesus gives special rewards to those who show love to others.

Love makes your life better and happier. Being loving shows others what God is like.



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# Golden Rule

Jesus said something once that is so important that we call it the Golden Rule. This is what He said: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

When you feel bugged about something somebody did or said, that's a good time to practice the Golden Rule.

Do your best to love that person anyway. Who knows? Maybe next time you'll be the one who needs the love and forgiveness of others!



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# Joy

You can have joy in your heart no matter what happens, because Jesus will always love you and take care of you.

If you first do what makes Jesus happy, then help to cheer up others, and put yourself last, you'll find that you feel happy too.

