

**Introduction to
"Story Time with Jesus"**

To You—From Jesus



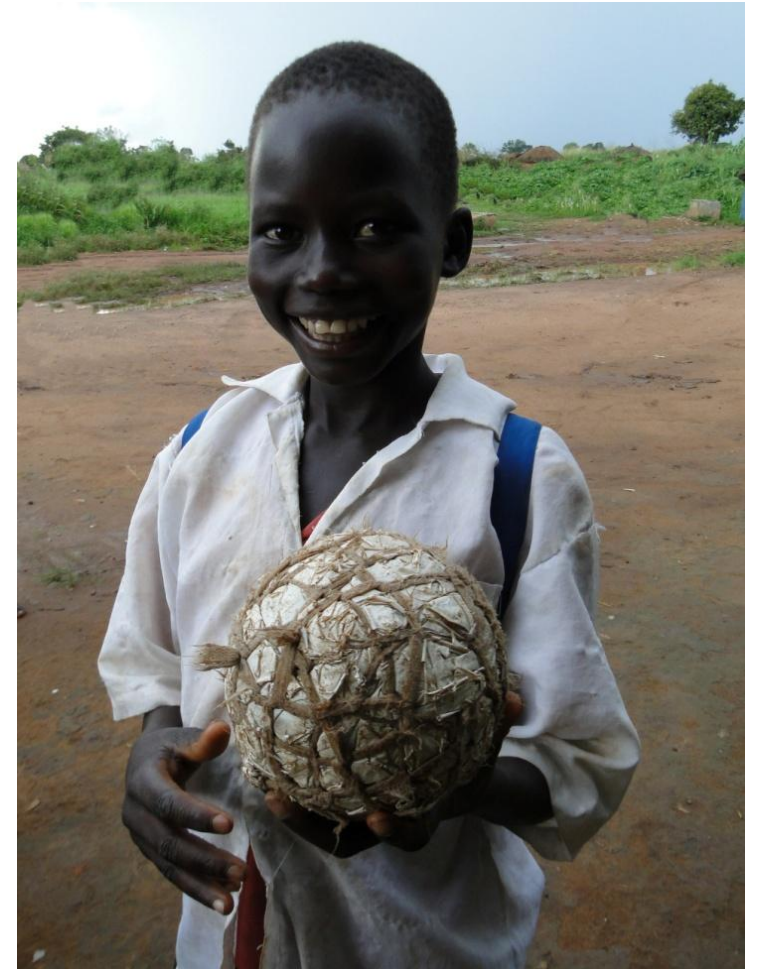
Come here, children! Big children, little children, medium-sized children, children from the country, children from the city, children who live in little villages, or on the mountains cold and windy, children with a family, children who are alone, children who are sad, children who are happy, children who have lots to spare, children with hardly anything at all.

I'm like your big Daddy! Do you have a Daddy? Maybe you don't but, even if you do, all children miss being with them at some time. Daddies can't be there all the time if they have lots of work to do, or need to travel. But I'm a Dad that never, ever goes away from you.

If you ever feel alone, or scared, or like something is too hard for you, or others don't understand what you are feeling, or you don't have a friend you can talk with, remember that I want to be right there beside you, taking good care of you, talking with you, being your friend, and helping you throughout your life.

You can't see Me like you can see others, but that doesn't mean I can't see you! I know just where you are. I know what colour clothes you are wearing right now. I can see into your eyes and tell not only what colour they are, but what you are feeling.

I know what you dreamt last night. I know what someone just said to you and how you feel about it. I know what you are going to eat next. I even know your name—all your names! The good and friendly names others call you, and other names that you'd rather not be called.



Maybe you wonder, if I know everything and I love you so much, why don't I change things and make them just perfect so everyone will be happy, feel loved, and have all the things they need?

Well, even though it seems that it is taking a longer time to do that than you or others would like it to take, I am going to do just that! One day I am going to make the world all wonderful, beautiful, and a place where people are happy and well cared for.

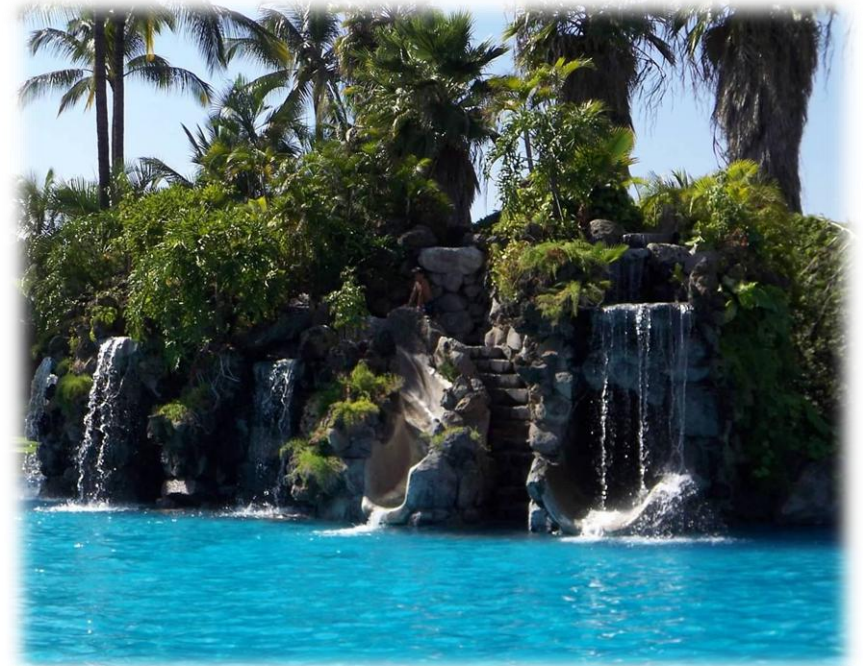


There is something that I need to do first though, and I need you to help Me. I'm going to tell you a story, a long story. Actually, it's made up of many little stories. In fact, this story has been going on for several thousands of years. It won't take that long for Me to tell it to you though!



I want to tell you the important parts of this long story, and I need you to listen very well. Through this story you will get to know what I am like, and perhaps understand a bit why things are the way they are in the world now, and best of all, what's going to happen next. That's the best part!

Can you do that for Me? Can you listen to Me now while I talk with you, learn from this long story, and tell it to your friends? Because the more people that hear about this, and most importantly, the more people that get to know Me and what I'm like, the sooner I can come and change things for the better.

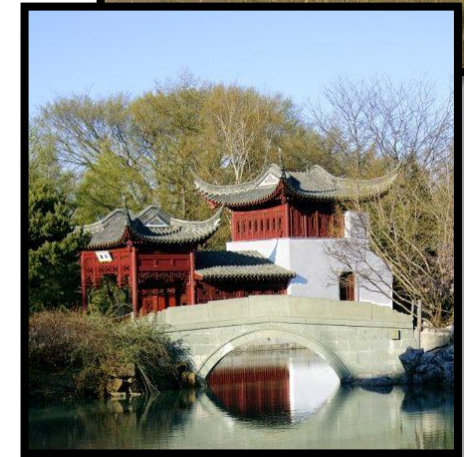


If you listen carefully, I may even whisper secrets to you while you read. We're going to have fun, and best of all, things in your life will get better.

Maybe not everything will change that you'd like to have different, because things take time. But I want to make your heart happier, and give you hope that before too long

everything will be more wonderful than you have ever dreamed possible.

I love you! You! Every one of you—yes, even you! You with the curly hair. You with the freckles on your cheeks. You without the use of some part of your body. You who come from a rich and wealthy family. You who have lost everything—your home, your family, your brothers and sisters.



I love you who live in faraway places. You who are crowded in a large city with so many others. You who live without a house. You who live in a fancy place, but feel so lonely. You who struggle to learn things, and find most things difficult. You who know many things, but haven't had the chance to get to know the most important thing of all: That I love each one of you!

I love you when you are sad, or mad, or indifferent. I love you when you are happy and joyful, and filled with a pleasant nature. I love you when you don't know what you are meant to do or be. I see and I know you and I want to help you find the answers to your questions and bring peace to your heart.

I have the answers and solutions to each of the world's problems, and I am here to help you—yes, you!



I'm here to be your friend, whether you have a lot of friends, or seem to have none at all. I will be the friend that stays the closest to you, that laughs when you laugh, that cries when you do, that has all the cool ideas for any situation you might be in. I just love to be with you. I will never, ever leave you, but always stay by your side. Would you like that?

Ask Me to be that friend to you. Ask Me to wipe away the sad memories of your past. Ask Me to forgive you for your wrongs and mistakes, and I will.

I can do that, you know. Then ask Me to help you to build your new and wonderful life, with Me beside you, helping you, and teaching you My loving ways of living.

Just say to Me, "Dear Jesus, I want You to be my friend, to forgive me for the wrongs that I have done, and to make my life new. Please fill my heart with Your love and joy!"





That's all you have to do! I will come to your side, and I will be in your heart and involved in your life. We'll be the best of friends ever, and I'll love you forever.

Of course there will be failures, you will still make mistakes, or do things that you will regret. It's just part of being on Earth. But with Me at your side, I can help you to keep going and to keep trying to do what is right and good, and to find the reasons why you are here in the first place.

As you love Me and are My friend, and as you try your best to show love to others, caring for their needs and being a friend to them, beautiful and wonderful things may start to happen. So listen to this story that I want to tell you. I'm right there, beside you, telling you these things. I so enjoy this time with you.

With love, Jesus



P.S. from Chariane Quille:

I'll tell you a little secret. I can't write. Not like this. But my heart ached to have the kind of Bible story book for my children that was both true and good, pure and lovely.

I wanted something that was just what their souls craved. Something that would be a bridge from their world to the arms of the One Who said, "Let the little children come to Me." (Mark 10:14)

It was after twenty years of searching and finding no children's Bible that filled that need exactly, that I felt the desire and call begin to stir me into action. If I yearned for it, I would need to do something myself to make it a reality. With desperation I prayed, as I sat at my computer and made my first pen-to-paper attempt.

The result? Nothing. Not until I realized, and heard a whisper in my heart, that it wasn't to be me writing it. And then like a flood of beauty, as fast as my fingers could type, came the words to my mind and heart from the world's best story teller Himself.

Jesus spoke to me and told me what He wanted to say. The child-appropriate and heart-nurturing Bible stories that I selected were told to me in a way more beautiful and enriching than I could have dared to pen.

I take no credit if these words and stories from Jesus, to you and your children, inspire, heal and give courage as they have done for me. With each sentence I typed I felt my own joy being renewed, my faith fortified, my questions answered, my purpose in life clarified.

As you read and absorb these life giving words, I pray that you and your children will find the same. "Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8)

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