

You can accept God's gift of salvation by repenting of the wrong things you have done and believing that Jesus paid for your sins when He died on the cross.

If you believe this, you can tell God by praying something like this: "God, I know that I have done some bad things. I know that I deserve to be punished for them. But You became a person just like me and then You paid for my sins by dying on a cross. I want to make You my Savior right now."

You should get a Bible that is easy for you to read and read it every day. You should talk to God a lot about what is going on in your life—that is called praying. And you should do what God tells you to do—that is how to have joy in your life.

This is the best gift that you can ever get!

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Can you find the following words in this puzzle?

Jesus	Son	Bible
Is	Sin	Father
God	Grace	Spirit
Love	Savior	Joy
Angel	Life	John

M J E S U S I S G O D
S O N P T R M A R A B
I H B I B L E V A N L
N N K R J O Y I C G I
L Y J I M V C O E E F
E F A T H E R R P L E



The Best Gift!



Everyone likes to receive gifts!

But there is one gift that is the best of all!

To find out about this gift, fill in the puzzle on the *next page*. Write the answer to each question in the shapes and then take the letter in the circles and write them on the numbered lines at the bottom of the puzzle. This will tell you something that is true. If you need help, you will also find the answers underlined in the rest of this brochure!

1. Something that is not right is ____.



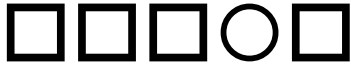
2. Jesus hung on a ____.



3. ____ created you.



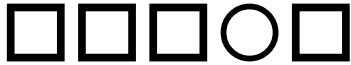
4. God's Word to us is called the ____.



5. Because God is ____ He cannot sin.



6. Jesus is ____ today because He rose.



7. Angels and God live in ____.



8. God hates ____ because it is bad.



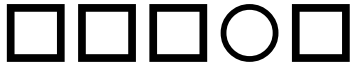
9. To know God is to have ____.



10. Jesus was _____ in a stable.



11. _____ died for you on a cross.



	1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	



Have you ever done something **wrong** to someone. Perhaps you ignored someone or said something mean. Did they get mad at you? Maybe it was your parents or a school teacher and the result was that you got punished.

One lesson that you probably learned was that doing something bad leads to punishment.

The same is true with God. God is the One who created you. He cares about you and wants you to be happy. But unlike each one of us, God is perfect. He has never done anything wrong. This means that God is **holy**.

We disobey God by lying or stealing or thinking bad thoughts about another person. The Bible calls this **sin**. God has told us a lot of things to do that are good for us and a lot of things not to do because they are bad for us. When we disobey God we are pushing Him away from us and we deserve to be punished. Unfortunately, all of us have done this many, many times and we can never make up for it by ourselves. But because God loves us He was willing to be punished in our place!

To do this He first was **born** as a baby. His name was **Jesus** Christ. As a child and even as an adult, He always did the right thing and He was especially obedient to God. He told people that they also needed to obey God and



repent of how they disobeyed God. People didn't like hearing about their sins. They became angry at Him and decided to kill Him by putting Him on a large wooden **cross**.

While He was suffering on that cross He paid the full punishment of all of the wrong things that His people ever have and ever will do wrong (their sins). When Jesus died on the cross, He took the punishment they deserve. When a person realizes that they have been living against God and asks Him to forgive them, God will because their punishment was already taken by Jesus when He died.

The good news is that three days later God made Jesus **alive** again! He taught His disciples for a little longer and 40 days later He went into **Heaven** where He is right now.

God's greatest gift is forgiveness and having a relationship with Him! His gift is called salvation and Jesus is called the Savior (someone who saves). Jesus offers His gift to you and all that you have to do is accept it.

That's why the Bible says, "For by grace [God's free favor] you have been saved through faith; and not of your own doing, it is the gift of God; not as a result of your good deeds, that you should not boast (Ephesians 2:8-9)."

Suppose that your parents or a good friend bought you a really nice present and gave it to you. You have two things you could do: First, you could say "No, I don't want it" and walk away. Second, you could accept that gift and make it your own.

The same is true with God's gift to you. How do you accept this gift? You accept it by faith. Faith is believing that what God says in the **Bible**.

