


My Best Friend,
Jesus







God loves all people. He wants
to have a loving friendship with
them.

"We know that God loves us. We depend on it. God is love"
(1 John 4:16).



But everyone has sinned by disobeying God. Sin breaks our friendship with God.

Sin is disobeying God. It is doing something God said not to do, or not doing something God has said to do.

"Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory"
(Romans 3:23).



God loves us very much. He sent His Son, Jesus, to show us His love. Jesus came as a baby. He was God's one and only Son.

"How did God show his love for us? He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him"
(1 John 4:9).



Jesus grew to be a man. He told everyone about God's love for them.

Jesus showed people how to love God and each other.

He always showed love to children.

"Jesus asked the children to come to him. 'Let the little children come to me,' he said. 'Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them'" (Luke 18:16).



Jesus did many loving things to show
people He is God's Son.

He fed hungry people.

He healed sick people.

He made dead people alive again.

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages. He taught in their synagogues. He preached the good news of the kingdom. And he healed every illness and sickness"
(Matthew 9:35).



Some people did not love Jesus.

They did not like His teachings.

They did not believe He is God's Son.

These people decided to kill Jesus. This was necessary because He had come to die for the sins of all people.

"Jesus began to explain to his disciples what would happen to him. He told them he must go to Jerusalem. There he must suffer many things from the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law. He must be killed and on the third day rise to life again" (Matthew 16:21).



Jesus died so all people can be forgiven and live as God's friends. Jesus died for you because He loves you.

Forgive means to treat someone who has done something wrong as if he or she had not done wrong.

"Here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"
(Romans 5:8).



But the best part is that God brought Jesus back to life. Many people saw Him and talked with Him. Later, Jesus returned to His Father in heaven.

"The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead" (Acts 5:30, NIV).



Jesus is alive today! He loves you and wants to be your Savior and best Friend. We call Jesus our Savior because He died for our sins and helps us live the way God wants us to live.

Do you want Jesus to become your Savior and best Friend right now?



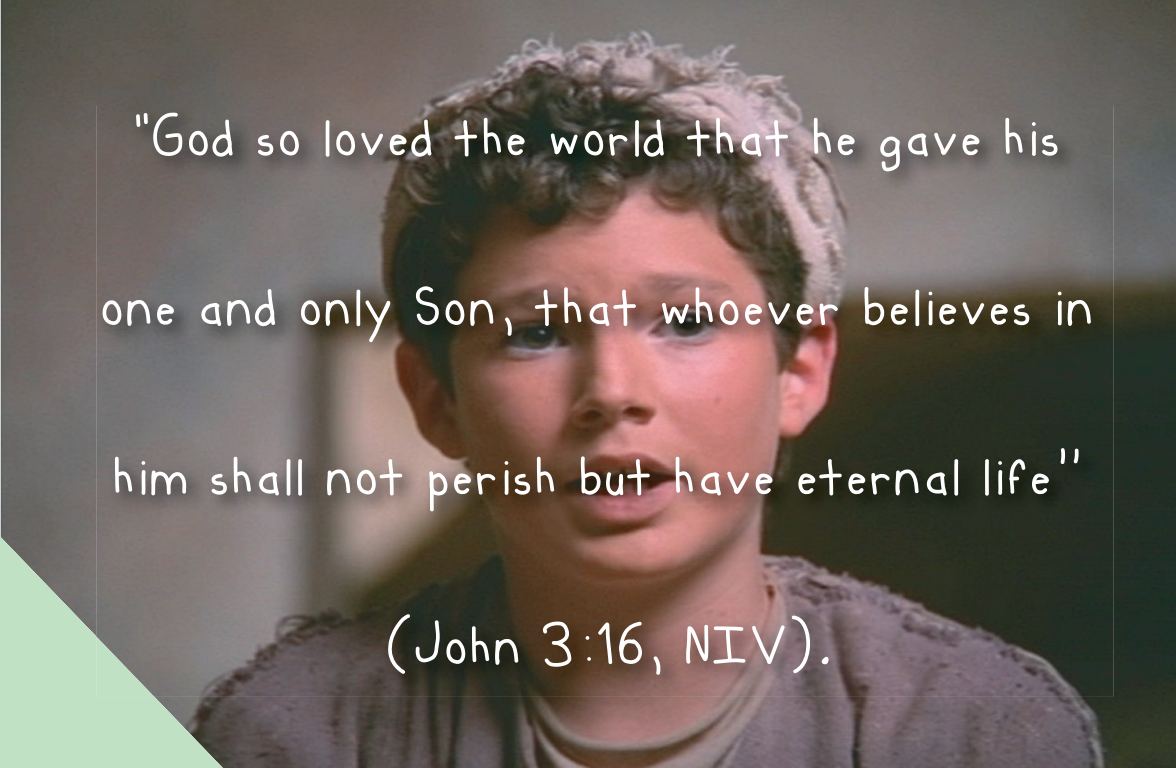
Here is what you need to do:

Admit (tell God) you have disobeyed God. Romans 3:23

Believe God loves you and sent His Son, Jesus, to make it possible for you to be forgiven. Ask for and receive God's forgiveness. John 3:16

Claim Jesus as your Savior and best Friend. Begin to live as a child of God. Romans 10:13

Claim means to know for sure that Jesus is YOUR Savior.

A close-up photograph of a young boy with curly, light brown hair. He has a thoughtful or slightly sad expression, looking off-camera to the right. He is wearing a grey, textured sweater over a white t-shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, handwritten-style font.

"God so loved the world that he gave his
one and only Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have eternal life"

(John 3:16, NIV).

Pray your own prayer or use this prayer:

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus to die on the Cross for the wrong things I have done. I admit I have disobeyed You, and I am sorry. Please forgive me. I want Jesus to be my Savior and best Friend. Help me to obey You every day. I believe You have forgiven me.

Thank You.

Amen

Here is how to help your friendship with Jesus grow.
Remember! Jesus, your best Friend, is with you and in you.

1. Learn more about God from His book, the Bible.
2. Talk to God often.
Thank Him for sending Jesus.
Ask Him to help you always obey God.
3. Tell others about your Friend, Jesus.
4. Go to church to meet with other friends of God.
5. If you feel you have disobeyed God, ask for forgiveness right away. Then keep on living as God's friend.

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