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KNOWING GOD

• LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE TRUTH •

FAMILY • DISCIPLESHIP • GUIDE

BOOK 3

MAKING LIFELONG DISCIPLES IN FAMILIES

"You (Timothy) have known the Holy Scriptures since you were a child. The Scriptures are able to make you wise. And that wisdom leads to salvation through Christ Jesus." 2Timothy 3:15. Timothy had been taught the Scriptures since he was an infant. Paul writes these encouraging words to Timothy encouraging him to cling to the truth that he has learnt from a young age, the truth that leads to salvation. As we launch into term 4, we're going to be looking at some big theological truths about who God is. Teaching theology to kids is an incredible thing to do. We are showing them that it's worth sitting back and seeing what the whole Bible has to say about who God is. By doing this we are helping them learn these truths for themselves and in turn, the truth that leads to wisdom and salvation.

While Sunday kids ministry plays a role, it's only ever a support act to what parents can actually do with their own kids as they open

the word together, talk about God together, and pray as a family.

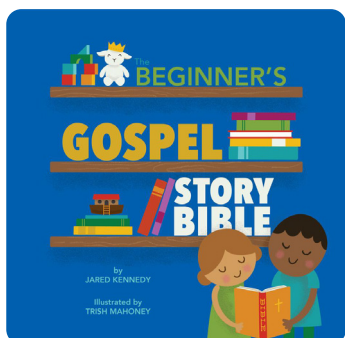
Perhaps a pattern of intentional discipleship is a new thing for you as a parent - if so, we hope you find this material a good starting point. Or maybe you've got your own thing going already - that's OK, this material isn't meant to replace what you're doing. We want you to use what works for your family. This Guide offers a variety of activities where you can pick and choose one or two things that work for your kids.

Families have generally found that certain times in the day tend to work best for bible and prayer, depending on the stages of life kids are in. For your family it might be best to open up the bible together around breakfast time, or maybe after dinner or before kids go to bed.



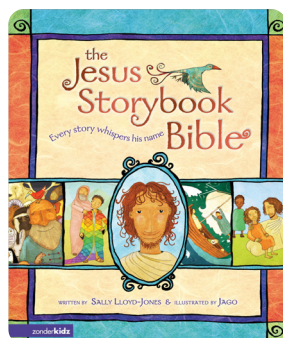
KIDS BIBLES

You might choose one of the activities each week which uses a kids Bible. The three versions we'll be using are:



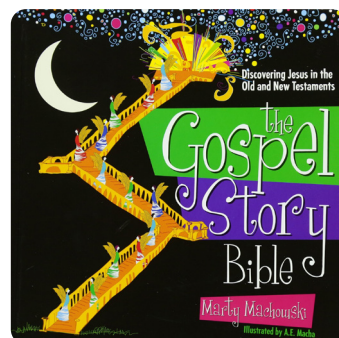
The Beginners Gospel Story Bible

Toddlers and pre-schoolers



The Jesus Storybook Bible

Lower-mid primary



The Gospel Story Bible

Lower-mid primary



GOD COMES - INCARNATION

NOVEMBER 23-28

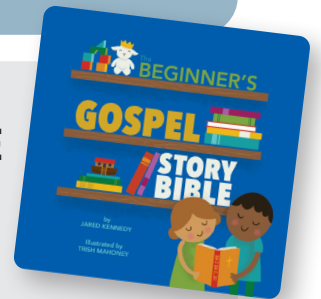
"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

God himself came to dwell with his people. God himself came as fully God in fully human form to take the full punishment of our sin and rebellion so our relationship with God could be restored. Jesus, the perfect, sinless Son of God was the only one who was able to die in our place.

But have you ever thought...Jesus, as the second figure of the Trinity, already existed before He was born!

KIDS BIBLE

BEGINNERS GOSPEL STORY BIBLE



► DAY 1 - "JESUS IS BORN" (BGSB page 164)

1. What special day had finally arrived? (*God's saviour was about to be born*)
2. How did God let the shepherds know that the Saviour was here?
3. What is the good news about Jesus birth? How is it good news for you?

PRAY - Give thanks that God kept his promise to send a rescuer for you.

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► DAY 2 - "JOHN SAYS "TURN AROUND" (BGSB page 182)

1. What was John's message?
2. Who were people to turn to? Who is the only one who can make us truly happy?
3. How do we become part of God's kingdom? What does being in God's Kingdom mean? (*living with Jesus forever with Jesus as our forever King*)

PRAY - Thank God that Jesus came to rescue us from our sin and that we can be part of His forever Kingdom when we turn and trust in Him.

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► DAY 3 - "THE KNOW-IT-ALL AND THE BIG SINNER" (BGSB page 206)

1. How did the Pharisee feel? How did the Tax collector feel?
2. What is the punishment for sin?
3. What did Jesus come to do? Do you need to be forgiven too? (**YES!**)

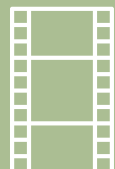
PRAY - Thank Jesus that He came to take your punishment



GOD COMES SCREEN TIME

God's Story: Jesus is Born (Crossroad Kids' Club)
youtu.be/FrOBJo6LNfw

Q. What did you learn about God from this video?



FULL BIBLE

PASSAGES FOR YOUR WEEK

► DAY 1 - JOHN 1:14, JOHN 3:16-17

1. What do you learn about Jesus from these 2 passages? (*He became flesh – human. He was God's only Son, He came to save not judge*)
2. Why did God have to send Jesus?
3. Think back to Old Testament times, where did God dwell with His people? (*Tabernacle*) Where was Jesus going to dwell and show God's glory? (*alongside people – everywhere*)

PRAY - Thank God that He sent Jesus to live with us and save us.

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► DAY 2 - LUKE 2:6-20

1. What is so epic about the arrival of Jesus?
2. What do you think the 'peace' that is mentioned in verse 14 is? (*peace with God. Peace that comes from knowing God's love and forgiveness*)
3. How can you know God's peace?

PRAY - Thank God that He loved us so much that He sent Jesus to bring peace between us and God.

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► DAY 3 - JOHN 6:38-40 AND MARK 10:45

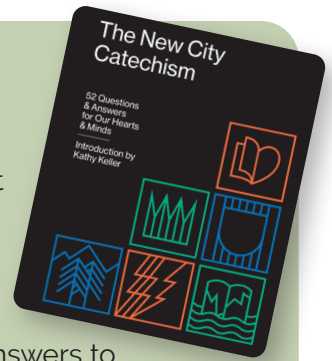
1. Why do you think Jesus came to earth as a man?
2. What do these passages tell you about why God sent his son Jesus?
3. What is the good news in these passages? How come it couldn't be just anyone to die as a ransom/payment for us?

PRAY - Thank God that Jesus came to do God's will – saving us from our sin and making a way from us to be made right with God.



Q & A ABOUT GOD

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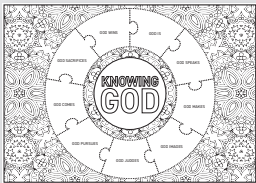
Q: Who is the Redeemer?

A: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

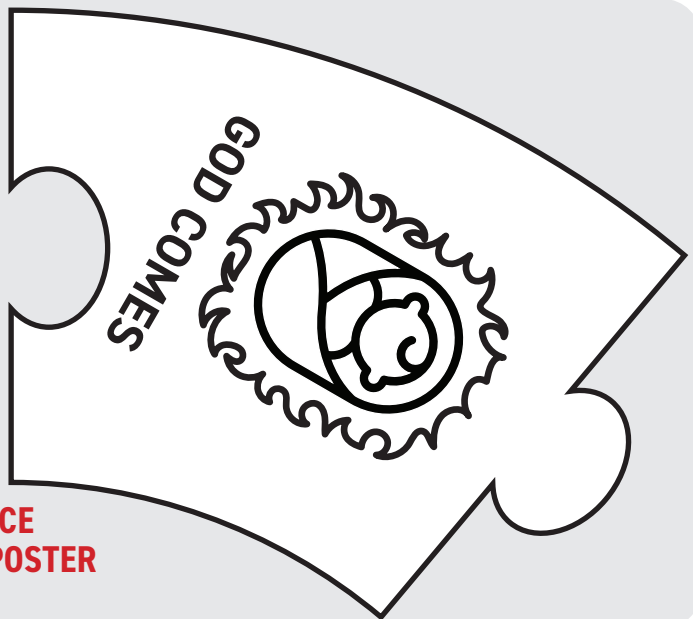
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GOD COMES - INCARNATION

► **READ** - ISAIAH 9:6-7 &
LUKE 2:6-20



**COLOUR IN THE PIECE
AND GLUE TO THE POSTER**



THOUGHTS TO MAKE YOUR HEART SING | GOD IN HEAVEN

It was never meant to be this way.

When the first human beings, Adam and Eve, ran from God, they broke his heart and his world - and tears and sickness and pain and death came in.

God made his world to be our perfect home. But sin has spoiled everything. We have made a terrible mess of God's world. We lost it all!

Did God abandon us? Did he just look down

from heaven at the mess we made?

No. He didn't just look down. He came down. God himself came down. Not as a judge to punish us, but as a Rescuer to save us.

"He reached down from heaven and rescued me."

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

*From 'Thoughts to Make Your Heart Sing',
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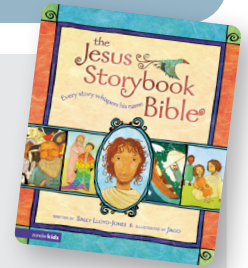




GOD SACRIFICES - ATONEMENT

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 5

"God shows his great love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. How great are these words! How great is God's promise to rescue us! And how great that Jesus came and endured that horrific death for sinful us so we can be made right before God! Jesus death in our place on that ugly cross taking all God's anger on Himself. Jesus dying in our place taking the punishment of death we deserve for our sin. Jesus became the sacrifice needed to pay for our rebellion against God. And in doing all this, Jesus opened the way for us to be made right with God allowing us to enjoy the promise of life forever with Him. Thankyou Jesus!



KIDS BIBLE

JESUS STORY BOOK BIBLE

► DAY 1 - "THE SERVANT KING" (JSBB page 286)

1. Can you remember another really important Passover moment? Here's a clue – the Israelites needed to do something before they left Egypt. (see page 88 in the same Bible)
2. What did Jesus say was going to happen to him on page 292?
3. Who was Jesus going to die for?

PRAY - Thank God that Jesus came to rescue YOU!

► DAY 2 - "A DARK NIGHT IN THE GARDEN" (JSBB page 294)

1. How long had God been planning this rescue plan?
2. On page 296, what was Jesus going to take?
3. What was the reason that Jesus gave as to why He had come into the world?

PRAY - Thank Jesus that he obeyed his Dad (God), which meant He knew He had to die for YOU!

► DAY 3 - "THE SUN STOPS SHINING" (JSBB page ???)

1. What happened to Jesus before he even made it to the cross?
2. Could Jesus have saved himself off the cross? (Yes) How come he didn't?
3. What happened the moment Jesus died? (God's anger for sin was placed on Jesus, the curtain in the temple was torn in half showing that we can now be friends with God. Jesus took the punishment for your sin)

PRAY - You can be friends with God because Jesus took your punishment. You can be part of God's promise of life forever with Jesus because Jesus has made you right with God. Say Thank you to Jesus.

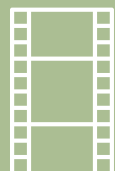


GOD SACRIFICES SCREEN TIME

God's Story: Easter (Crossroad Kids' Club)

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Q. What did you learn about God from this video?



FULL BIBLE

PASSAGES FOR YOUR WEEK

▶ DAY 1 - MATTHEW 26:17-19, 26-29 & JOHN 17:1-5

1. Can you think of another significant Passover moment? (*Moses and Israelites before the Angel of Death passed over their houses*)
2. What is Jesus saying in the Matthew passage? (*new covenant where Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for our forgiveness*)
3. What do you think Jesus means when he says "Father, the time has come."? How do you think God's glory is revealed through Jesus?

PRAY - Give thanks that Jesus was obedient to His Father's (God) will and was prepared to die for us.

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▶ DAY 2 - MARK 15:21-41

1. What stands out to you in this passage about Jesus death?
2. Read verse 37-38 again. Thinking about the curtain that was in the temple that separated people from God, what is significant about what happens to the curtain here. (*we now have direct access to God through Jesus - Jesus is the perfect High Priest*)
3. How do you feel about what Jesus has done for you so you are able be made right before God?

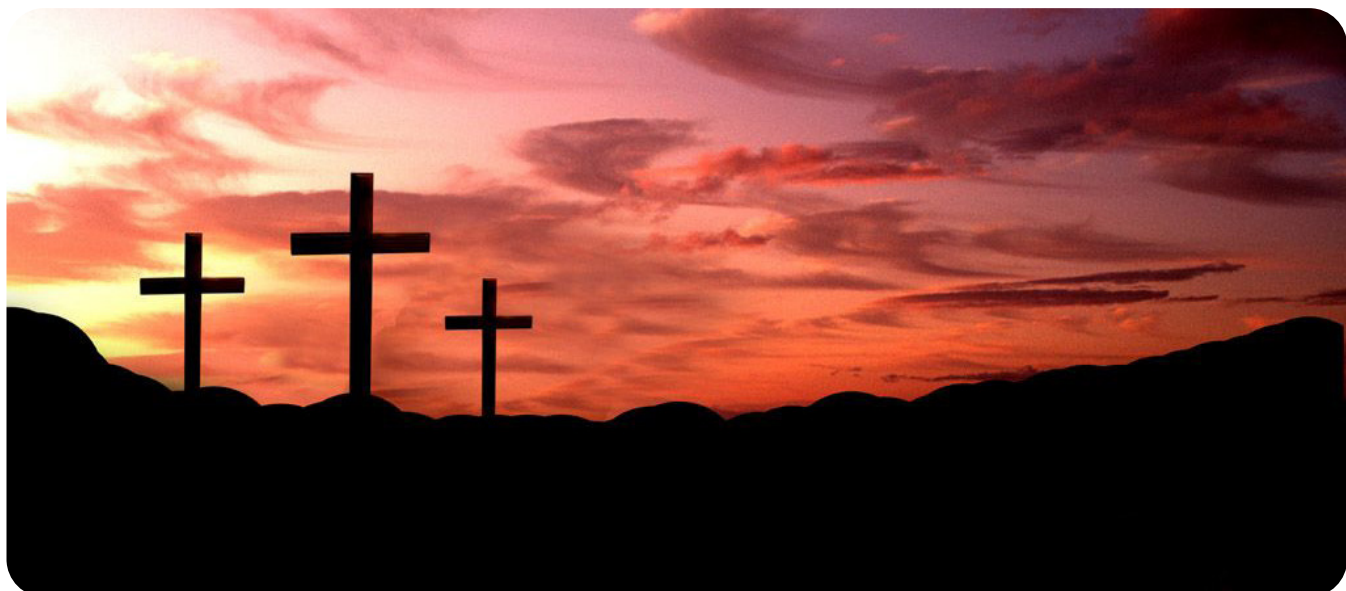
PRAY - Thank Jesus that he suffered big time on the cross to save YOU!

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▶ DAY 3 - 1 PETER 3:18 AND 1 JOHN 4:9-12

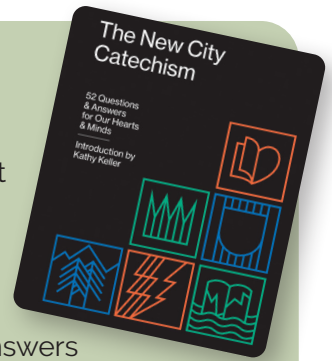
1. In 1 Peter 3:18, the word innocent can be read instead of righteous and guilty instead of unrighteous. What does that tell you about Jesus and us? (*we are the guilty ones and Jesus was innocent*)
2. How does the 1 John passage describe love?
3. How much does God love you and desire to be in relationship with you?

PRAY - Spend a moment considering what Jesus did when He died in your place. Pray, giving thanks for what that means for you.



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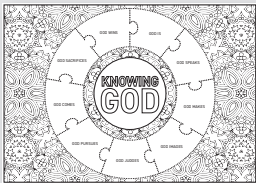
Q: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

A: Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By His substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness and everlasting life.

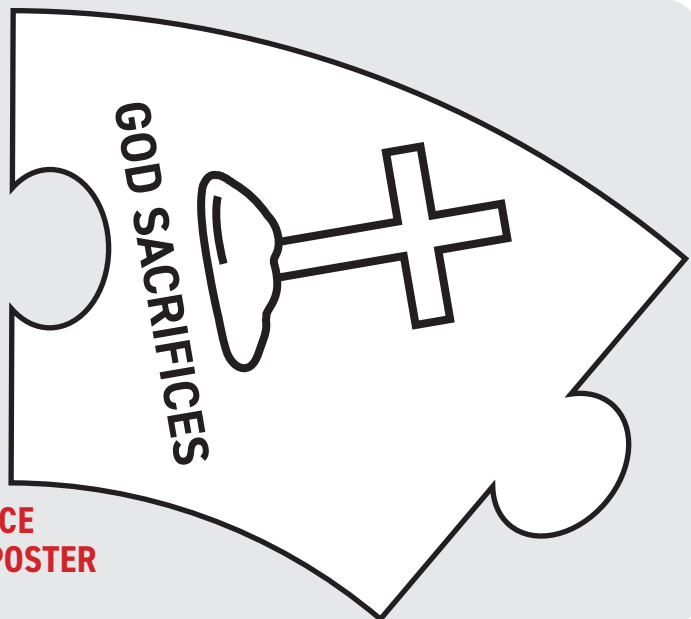
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GOD SACRIFICES - ATONEMENT

► **READ - LUKE 23:32-49**



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THOUGHTS TO MAKE YOUR HEART SING | FINISHED!

Just before He died, Jesus shouted from the cross, "It is finished!"

What was finished?

Jesus was saying

Everything you need to come back home to God,

Everything you need to be free and happy in God,

Everything you need to live forever, I've done it all!

It wasn't a cry of defeat. It was a shout of victory.

The great work of rescuing us was finished!

There was now nothing you can do to make God love you more – and nothing you can do to make Him love you less.

It is finished!

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

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GOD WINS - RESURRECTION

DECEMBER 7-12

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25

The death and resurrection of Jesus is a big deal. This is what Christianity is all about. Jesus death is critical in fixing our problem of sin and separation from God. Jesus resurrection is critical as it shows that sin and death have been defeated. Jesus coming back to life means that death has no grip on those who trust in Jesus. *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting??" 1 Corinthians 15:55.* Praise God that Jesus has made a way through His death and resurrection for us to be restored and renewed with God forever!



KIDS BIBLE

GOSPEL STORY BIBLE

► DAY 1 - "THE RESURRECTION" (GSB page 235)

1. What did the women find when they went to the tomb? Do you think you would have been scared?
2. Where was Jesus body? Did the disciples believe the women?
3. Why was Mary sad and then really happy?

PRAY - God had sent Jesus to die and rise again. Thank God that that's exactly what happened.
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► DAY 2 - "DOUBTING THOMAS" (GSB page 118)

1. What do you think it would have been like to see Jesus alive again after you had seen him die and be buried?
2. How did Jesus help his friends to see that he was really alive?
3. What did Jesus remind His friends about? *(everything that the bible had said about Him)*

PRAY - Thank God that Jesus is more powerful than death because He came back to life again.
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► DAY 3 - "AT THE THRONE WORSHIPPING" (GSB page 312)

1. Who has won the battle against sin and death?
2. What will heaven be like?
3. How can we be part of this promise of life forever with Jesus?

PRAY - Thank Jesus that He is more powerful than sin and death. Pray that you may trust in Jesus and be part of the promise of life forever with Him.

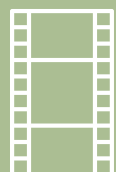


GOD WINS SCREEN TIME

God's Story: Jesus Rescues Us (Crossroad Kids' Club)

youtu.be/NDL3Eq5YWjA

Q. What did you learn about God from this video?



FULL BIBLE

PASSAGES FOR YOUR WEEK

► DAY 1 - LUKE 24:1-12

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. How do you think you would have reacted to seeing the stone rolled away and Jesus body not in the grave?
3. How do the women and their friends react?

PRAY - Give thanks that Jesus is more powerful than death.

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► DAY 2 - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:13-17, 20-22

1. Take time to read this passage through a couple of times. Why is Jesus' resurrection so important? *(to defeat sin and death. Death can't hold Jesus which means death can't hold those who trust and follow Jesus)*
2. Would there be any good news if Jesus hadn't beaten death?
3. Jesus DID rise to life again. What is the good news for you? *(we are freed from our sin and made alive in Jesus)*

PRAY - Think about how this good news of Jesus beating sin and death. Pray to God telling Him what it means to you.

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► DAY 3 - ROMANS 6:5-11

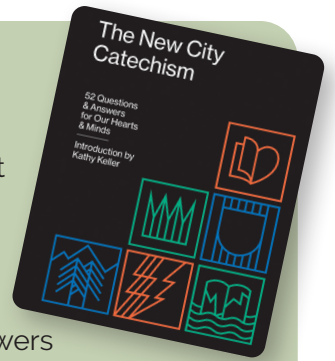
1. If we trust and follow Jesus, what does verse 5-8 say about us?
2. What does this say about Jesus? Has death won?
3. What is the good news about sin and death and our future hope in this passage?

PRAY - There is so much to be thankful to God for. Find your favourite verse from this week and use it to thank God.



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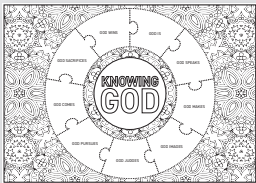
Q: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A: Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

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GOD WINS - RESSURECTION

► **READ - ACTS 2:23-24, 31-32**



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AND GLUE TO THE POSTER**



THOUGHTS TO MAKE YOUR HEART SING

DYING, WAKING

God meant us to live forever. But sin has broken everything and now we – all of us – die.

Jesus came to destroy death. He died on the cross and was buried – but death couldn't keep him dead. On the third day he burst out of the tomb!

And now death can't keep us dead either.

The preacher Charles Spurgeon said that Jesus has turned the tomb into a bed – and dying into

just waking up.

We will still die. But after we die, we will wake – as if from a refreshing night's sleep – and Jesus will lead us by the hand into Life that won't ever end.

{Jesus said} "Anyone who believes in me will live even after dying." John 11:25 (NCV)

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