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I'm sure you've played **"Hide & Seek."** The person who is "it" closes their eyes and counts to fifty while everyone else runs off and hides. Then the person who is "it" says, "Ready or not here I come!" and goes looking for the persons who are hiding.

**Do you think anyone has ever tried to play "Hide and Seek" with God?** Do you remember the story of Adam and Eve? After they had eaten the fruit that God had told them not to eat, they heard God walking in the garden. They were ashamed of what they had done and didn't want God to find them. What did they do? They ran and hid among the trees. Did God find them? Sure he did. **We can't hide from God.**

He knows all about us. He knows what we are going to say before we say it and what we are going to do before we do it. God loves us too much to let us hide from Him. He allows trials and hardships in our lives to bring us to Him.

## **Have you ever wondered why the gospel is called the “Glad tidings”? Glad tidings means “Good news”.**

The greatest news there could ever be is that God is a Saviour God! The Bible tells us that we are lost and God is seeking us. Jesus said to Zacchaeus, “the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which is lost.” (Luke 19:10).

If we have not received the Lord Jesus as our Saviour we are lost. **Our sins separate us from God.** God is pure and holy and we are not. God loves us very much, but He cannot overlook our sins. **How can God forgive our sins?** Someone must pay the penalty for them. The Bible tells us that the penalty is death. Could you offer God anything to pay for your sins?

**None of us are able to pay for our sins. Jesus is the only one who could. It meant He had to lay down His life and shed His blood on the cross.** God required the blood of a Lamb without spot or blemish (1 Peter 1:19). That means someone who has lived a perfect life without sin. There is no one who has done that except Jesus. Jesus is the true Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus bore the full judgment of God for our sin on the cross. “Him who knew not sin he has made sin for us, that we might become God’s righteousness in him” (2 Cor 5:21). God showed that He was completely satisfied with Jesus’ sacrifice by raising Him from the dead.

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# **GOD WANTS TO FORGIVE US** all our sins.

**DID YOU KNOW  
THAT GOD  
LOVES YOU!**

We must repent (tell God we are sorry for our sins) and confess Jesus as Lord (tell others about Jesus!). We must believe that He died on the cross for us and that He rose again from the grave and is alive in heaven. God forgives our sins because of what Jesus did and not because of any good works that we have done.

**READ ROMANS 10:9**

**Receiving Jesus as our Saviour is more than just understanding some information.** We should personally invite Jesus into our hearts like we would do if someone were to knock at the door of our house. **“Behold, I stand at the door and am knocking”.**

(Revelation 3:20) We open the door of our hearts by inviting Jesus to come in; to guide and care for us for the rest of our lives. That's what it means for Him to be our Lord. We are now going to live our lives pleasing to and in obedience to Him!

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