


The Greatest Promise





**This book tells about
the greatest promise ever made...
and what God did
to keep that promise.**

**God loves you
and He keeps
His promises.**

Ever since God made the world,
He promised to love and care for
the people of the world.

Sometimes people break promises...
but when God makes a promise,
He keeps it!



People break their promises by doing wrong things:

- They forget about God.
- They disobey God.
- They hurt each other.

God says that our punishment
for doing these wrong things
is that we cannot live with Him.

Sin: The Bible word for
thinking, saying or doing things
God tells us not to.

*"For all have sinned
(done wrong things)
and have not lived up to
the perfect goodness
of God."
(Romans 3:23)*



God kept His promise by sending Jesus.

God never broke His promise to love people. He loved people so much that He sent His Son Jesus to live with people and show God's love.

Jesus came as a baby,
and only a few people
knew who He was...
**God's one and only Son,
the Savior.**

Savior: Jesus, the only one who is able to save or rescue others from the wrong things they think, and say, and do: their sin.

"God showed
His love to us:
He sent His only Son
to the world."
(1 John 4:9)



Jesus grew to be a man.
He talked about God, His Father,
to everyone He met.

Jesus told people about God's promise to love them.

Jesus showed people
how to love God and
how to love each other.

**And He always
had time for children!**

*"Jesus called the children
and told His friends,
'Let the little children come to me.
Don't stop them.'"
(Luke 18:16)*



But many people did not love God, so they killed Jesus.

Jesus let them do this to Him
because He was taking the punishment
for all the wrong things everyone had ever done.

Jesus died.

Jesus died so that all people—
people like you and me—
could be forgiven for doing wrong
and live in friendship with God
now and forever.

**Jesus died for you
because He loves you.**

Forgive: To make a choice to excuse or
put away punishment for wrong
thoughts or actions.

Trust: To depend on, or to be certain of
something; to act on what you believe.

*"God so loved the world
that He gave his
only Son, Jesus.
Whoever trusts in God's Son
will not be lost,
but will have life
that lasts forever."
(John 3:16)*



God's promise did not end when Jesus died.
The best part was still to come!

God brought Jesus back to life.
Many people saw Him and talked with Him.

Jesus came back to life

to show that He is God.
He has the power to help
you stop doing wrong
and to live the way
God wants you to live.

*"I came so that you may live,
and live the best life possible."
(John 10:10)*



Jesus returned to be with God.

Before He left, He made other promises...

- Jesus promises to be with you even though you cannot see Him.
- Jesus promises to be your closest friend.
- Jesus promises to forgive you for all the wrong things you have done.
- Jesus promises to live in you ...where you love and hurt ...where you feel glad and sad.
- Jesus promises that when you die you can live with Him forever.

Would you like to ask Jesus to be with you and in you now?

*"I am with you always."
(Matthew 28:20)*

*"I will never leave you."
(Hebrews 13:5)*



Talk to God...

using your own words or a prayer like this:

"Dear God, I believe Jesus is your Son.
Thank you that Jesus died on the cross
for the wrong things I have done.
Please forgive me for doing wrong.
I ask that Jesus will be with
me and in me always.
Help me to be the kind of person
you want me to be.
Thank you for answering
my prayer."

**Would you like to pray
this prayer right now?**

**Trust God's promise that He loves
you and that Jesus will be with you.**

Prayer: Talking to God, either
silently or speaking out loud.

"All people
(men, women, girls, boys)
who receive Jesus
and believe in Him
become children of God."
(John 1:12)



When you ask God to forgive you
and invite Jesus to be with you...
He really is with you and in you
—now and always.

You cannot see Him,
and you may not feel any different.
But Jesus really is with you!
He promised that He would be...
and He always keeps His promises.

Every day, thank Jesus
for being with you,
and for helping you
in your life with Him.

Faith is believing what we cannot
understand; trusting God's
promises...and God's Son...
no matter how you feel.

**"You are a child of God
by faith in
Christ Jesus."
(Galatians 3:26)**



Even after you ask Jesus to be with you,
you may be unkind to someone,
or tell a lie,
or disobey,
or think selfish thoughts.

Whenever you do something you know is wrong,
talk to God.
Agree with Him that what you did or thought
was not what He wants you to do.

Thank God for
forgiving you.

Confess: To tell the truth about who
God is; to tell God you agree with Him that what
you thought, said or did was not what He wants.

*"If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just
to forgive us
and to make us clean
from the wrong we did."
(1 John 1:9)*

God has made many other wonderful promises.
 He has promised to help you grow
 in your new life with Jesus.



You can begin to know God's promises...
 ...by reading the Bible verses in this book.
 ...by going to places where people teach about Jesus.
 ...by talking to Him every day.

You can tell your family and friends
 what you have learned about Jesus.
 You can read this book to them and help them
 ask God to forgive them.
 With your help they
 can ask Jesus to be
 with them and in them.

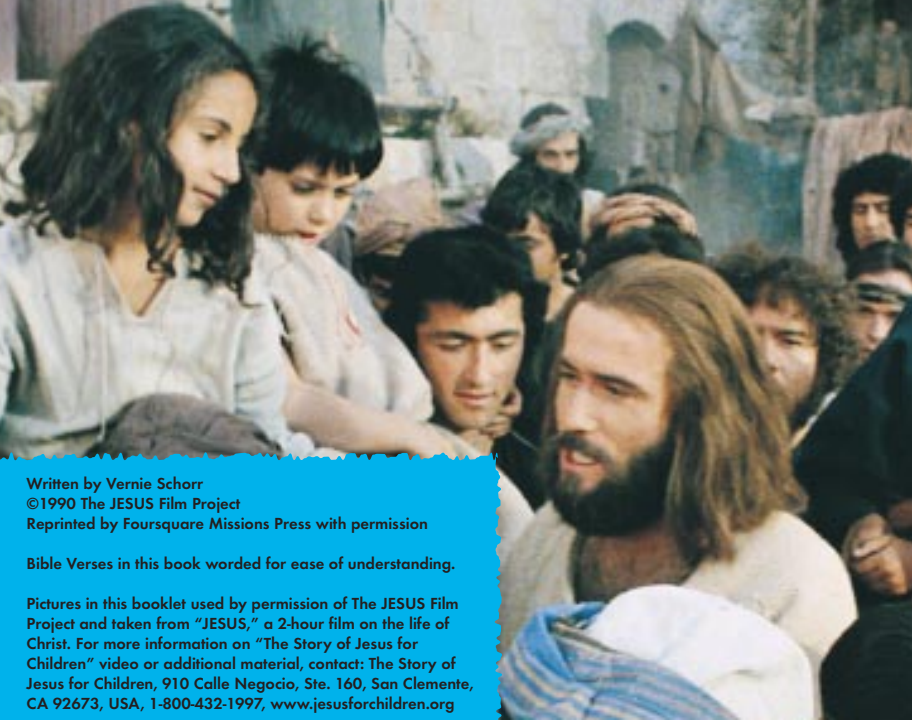
And always,
trust God's promises...
He does what He says.

My promise...

Today, when I asked, God forgave
 me for the wrong things I have
 thought and done.
 Jesus is now with me and in me.
 I want to be the kind of person
 God wants me to be.
 I want to grow in loving God
 and other people.

My name: _____

Date: _____



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