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## **The Gospel for Children**

“Hey kids, so you want to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, do ya?” Well here goes!

Your and my heavenly Father decided a long time ago that He wanted to add children to His life. He had always lived as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity. His life was so wonderful that He decided to share that life with offspring so He decided to make children and give them life inside His unending life. He made the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, and wanted them to begin a human family that would have in time millions and millions of offspring for God to call His children.

Adam and Eve did not do what God asked them to do and brought misery and suffering and death on themselves and all of their children. But God had a really great solution to this problem. He sent His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to “undo” what Adam did. Jesus would take all of the blame and sins of everybody on Himself and clear the name of all human beings so they could live with Him and the Father forever. Jesus bought and paid for the entire creation with His blood—His life. Now Jesus just wants everyone to know He loves them and did this for them and even lives His very life INSIDE of everybody on the earth. We are all His offspring, His children.

So what God decided to do in the very beginning, Jesus made happen through His life, death, resurrection, and ascension back to the Father. He brought all of us to sit in the place of honor next to Him at His Father’s side in heaven.

Our heavenly Father is such a great Dad, that He thought up every possible good gift and good blessing He could and gave them all to all of us in Jesus. And the Holy Spirit helps us to know our Father and have fun with Him and enjoy our life with Him forever—now, and then also after we die and get resurrected.

What I am telling you here is what our Father and Jesus Christ want everyone to know. Once they know it they can believe it and then behave and live a full life. This is called the Gospel, or the Good News God wants all to know.

There is much evil and bad going on in the world today because it’s hard for us to believe that God is so good. And when we’re afraid and sad, we do all kinds of bad things. But all of that is changing. The time is coming when we will all know how wonderful God is, and everything we do will be good and fun and healthy and righteous and pure and lovely and happy. Because that’s what life is like for people who believe that God really loves us and that Jesus has saved us from everything bad. So BELIEVE it. Jesus has made it all so. His love for all of us is that big.

Jesus is True. You are the child He always wanted. Believe it.

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