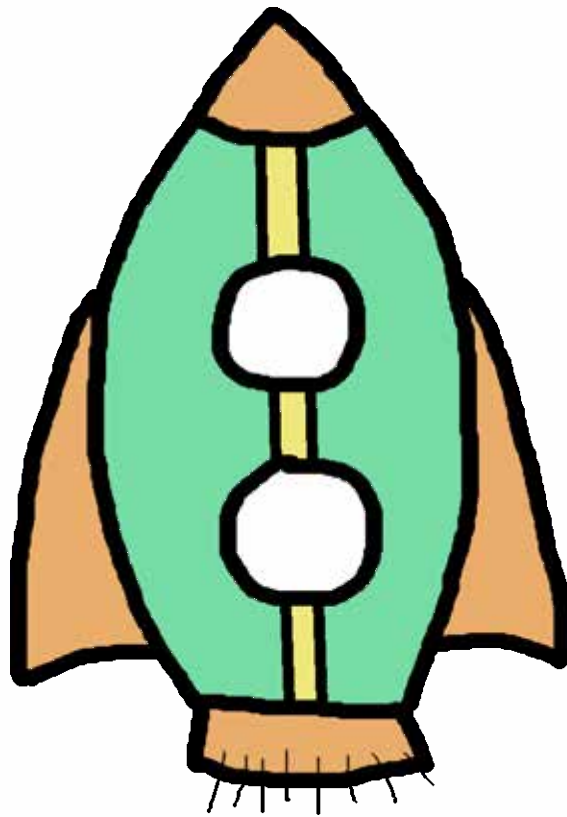


Blast Off

Devotional

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Name: _____

Hello!

Congratulations on making the decision to become best friends with Jesus! This is the best decision you will EVER make! We are so excited for you and want to do everything we can to help you on the incredible and exciting journey you are about to go on with God! He has an awesome plan for you and your life, which you get to start right now!

To get you started on this journey we have given you the Blast Off workbook, which will remind you of the decision you have made, and take you forward in your new relationship with God. We pray it will help you to discover who God is, what He is like, and all that He has for you!

We can't wait to see all you discover about God and how incredible He is! We are so excited about how God is going to use YOU to help change His world!

God Bless!!



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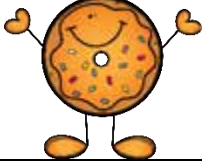
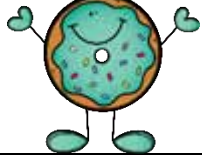
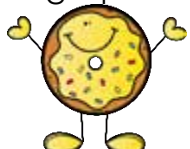
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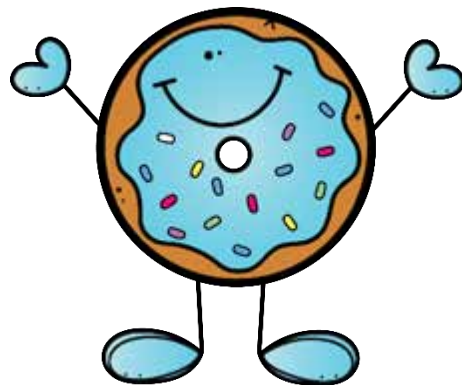
Track your Progress

As you complete each section of the booklet bring it in to the INK Kids team and we can sign it off for you.

When you have completed all 5 modules you will receive your Blast off! Certificate!

Born Again 	
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Born Again!



Made Brand New

Jesus answered, "I assure you, everyone must be born again. Anyone who is not born again cannot be in God's Kingdom."

John 3:3 ERV









Remember, Tay went to the butterfly farm, to understand what it meant to be 'born again'

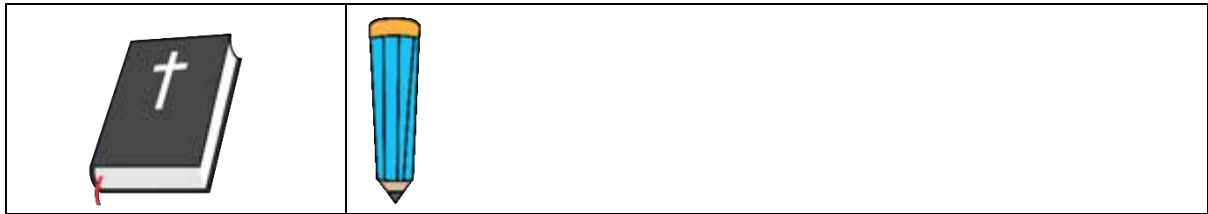
A butterfly goes through a process of 'metamorphosis' It means 'a dramatic change'; and that's exactly what happens small caterpillars change to big, beautiful butterflies.

It's also exactly what's happened to you when you made Jesus your best friend. Your old life – old habits and old attitudes – are gone. Your new life has begun! You are made brand new (1 Corinthians 5:17)

Why do we all need to be 'born again'?

Let's look at what the Bible says.....

Read Romans 3:23 	Write it here: 
Read Isaiah 59:2 	Write it here: 
Read Romans 6:23 	Write it here: 
Read Romans 5:8 	Write it here: 
Read John 14:6	Write it here:



Here's the truth:

1. We ALL sin
2. Sin separates us from God
3. Sin needs to be punished, but Jesus took our punishment by dying on the cross in our place
4. Jesus is the only way back to God

There is more to you than just your body! For example, if you chopped off your finger, you would still be you. You have a mind, emotions, personality and a will inside your body. You also have a 'spirit'. It is this part of us that is unseen, and it is made in God's image and will live forever either with God or separated from him because of sin. It is our spirit that needs to be born again- or made new.

How are we born again?

- We know that we have sinned and separated ourselves from God
- We want God to be part of our lives again, and are sorry for our sins
- We believe that Jesus is God's Son and he died and rose again for us and we understand he has the power to take away our sins
- We ask for forgiveness for our sins
- We thank Jesus for taking our place
- We ask Jesus to be the Lord of our lives (our King and Saviour)
- God forgives us and swaps our sin for Jesus' 'perfectness' and God sends his Holy Spirit to us to help us live as he would like.
- Our spirit is made 'brand new'- we are 'born again'.

What are the advantages of being born again?

Imagine 2 kingdoms:

One is Satan's- the kingdom of darkness

One is God's—the kingdom of light

When you are born again you leave the kingdom of darkness and are moved to the kingdom of light.

Kingdom of Darkness	Kingdom of Light
Blind to God and his love	Able to understand about God Able to hear from God Able to learn God's promises for your life
Darkness	Light
Satan in control through fear	God in control through faith

Sin needs to be punished	Forgiven
No hope, peace or future Satan wants to steal, kill and destroy things in your life	God's child God's gifts for your life Peace, joy, protection and love

Just like Tay, you've been born again!

You're now God's kid!

Your spirit is made brand new!

Your sin is completely forgiven!

You're part of God's kingdom and God will never let you go!

Here is your "working Word" (because God's Word works!) for this chapter:
We challenge to memorise it!



Learning to Live



A Power-Packed Formula





All babies need to grow. They are designed to grow. Their bodies, their brains, their skills– all need to develop. Babies need food.

In the same way, when we are born again, we need to grow up 'spiritually'. We need to learn more about God– what he's like and how he wants us to live.=



The Bible is amazing. Tay discovered that it is more than just an instruction manual. It can help us in so many ways.

In Matthew 4:4 Jesus says that man does not live on bread alone but on...write it here:

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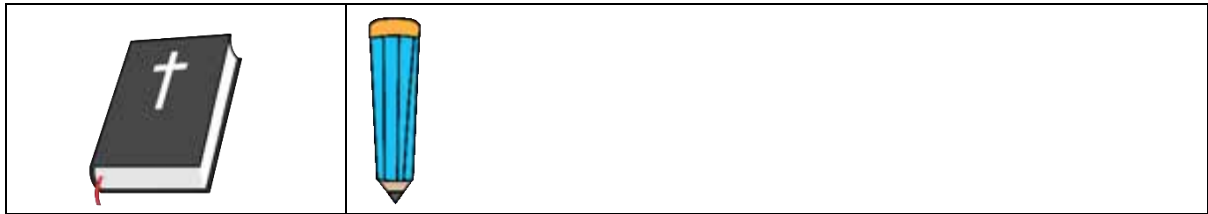
Live on God's word every day– just like you live on your food.

Psalms 119:105 gives another picture of what the Word of God is like. What is it?

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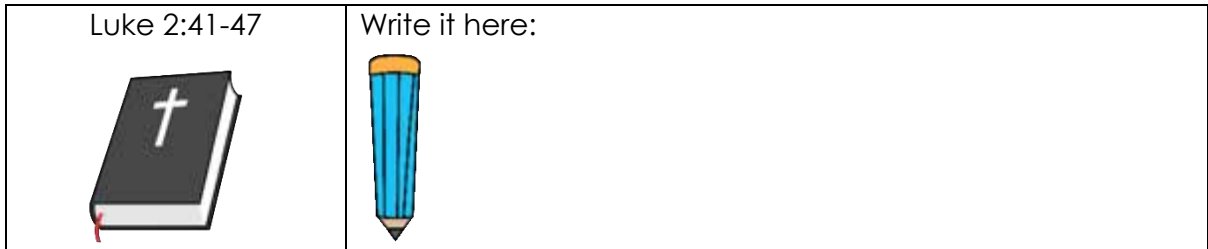
Read Ephesians 6:17 What is the sword of the Spirit?

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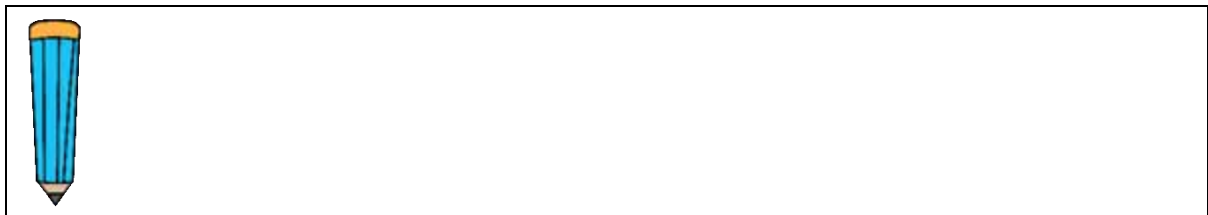


God's Word is the weapon that Jesus used to fight Satan. It was the only thing he needed to defeat his enemy. It will be just what you need too.

Read Luke 2:41-47. Why were the teachers in the temple amazed by Jesus?



How old was Jesus at the time?



If you have decided to follow Jesus, your aim should be to be like him. Follow the example he set while still a child-know God's word. Ask God to teach you as you read.

You may find as you read the Bible that something you may have read before and never understood will suddenly make sense.

OR

There may be something that you have been praying about and there, in the Bible, a verse will "JUMP OUT AT YOU" and you will have your answer.

OR

You will just learn something awesome about God or one of his promises for you.

OR

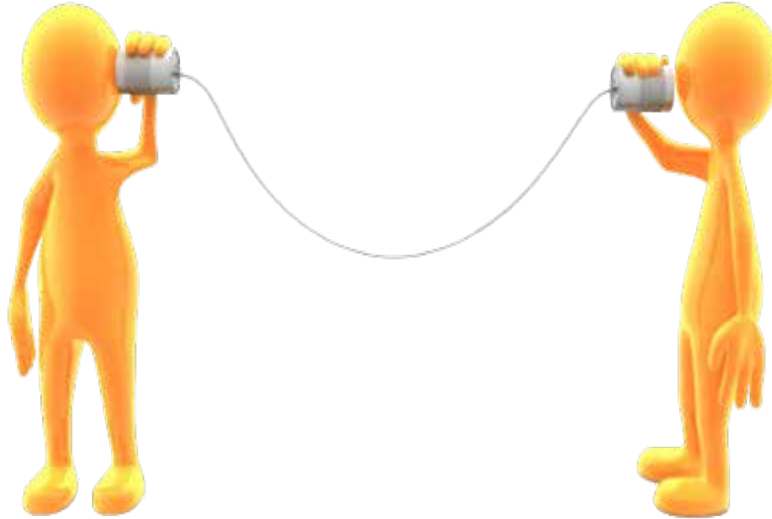
A verse will suddenly make you realise something wrong you have been doing and you can make it right with God by asking for forgiveness.

The Bible is indeed living and active. It is an adventure to read it again and again.

Here is your Working word to memorise:



Direct Communication



How do you get to know your friends?

You spend time with them and talk to them don't you?

You also need to spend time with God. Talk to him. Get to know his voice.

This is what prayer is all about.

The best thing about talking to God is that he is always listening and always wants to hear from you. Prayer is not reciting a set prayer you have learnt– although we do that sometimes. It is not going to God with a list of things we want and demanding God give them to us. Prayer is a very special time between you and God. It is time to tell God how much you love him and remember all the great things about him and all that he has done.

It is time to admit your sins and ask him to forgive you.

It is time to talk to him about others you know have a need.



It is time to ask him for things that you need.

It is time to get to know his voice and listen for him to speak to you.

Prayer is a powerful thing. It allows you to partner with God in what he wants to do.



So, when should you pray?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and write it here:

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You should also have a special prayer time and place.

Matthew 6:6 says you should go where to pray?

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Where could that be for you?




Read all of Matthew 6:5-13. What did Jesus not like?



What does your Father know?



Read Philippians 4:6. Write it here:



What should you pray about?



What should your attitude be as you pray?



The Bible teaches us we should pray for those in authority over us– Our Mum and Dad, the Prime Minister, our teachers.

We should pray when we are in trouble or sick.

We should pray for other Christians– especially others around the world who don't have our freedom.

Read Daniel 6. What was Daniel's habit?



What did Daniel continue to do when others sought to hurt him?



What did prayer do for him?



Was it worth it for Daniel to pray and keep on praying?



Should you be different to him?



Jesus prayed like Daniel. As you read the Bible you will see how many times Jesus went alone to pray. He told of the power of prayer.

In Mark 11:20-24, Jesus causes a fig tree to wither. He said, "Have faith in God. Believe what you ask for in prayer and you will receive it." Jesus also said he never did anything unless God told him to. He really knew God's voice. You can too-through prayer.

As you read your Bible keep a record here of how many times you see prayer changing things:



It can be good to write your prayers down (you might like to start a prayer journal). See how God answers them and when. Write down how God answered. Sometimes it may seem like God hasn't answered, especially not the way you want. If you write down your prayers and God's answers, you can look back and see how God did work everything together for good- just like he promised.

Friends Forever



When we have asked Jesus into our lives, sometimes we feel totally different– and sometimes we still feel the same.

How you feel doesn't make a difference to how God feels about you. He now calls you one of his children.

God's enemy (and yours) Satan, will try to stop you from following God. You might think things like:

"I don't feel any different, so maybe Jesus isn't really my friend."

OR

"It all seems to a bit hard to believe now I'm not at church– so maybe it's not real."

OR

"I can't be good enough to follow Jesus– perhaps I should just give up."

Don't listen to these thoughts. Satan is a liar. **God loves you and He always will.**

The Bible says:



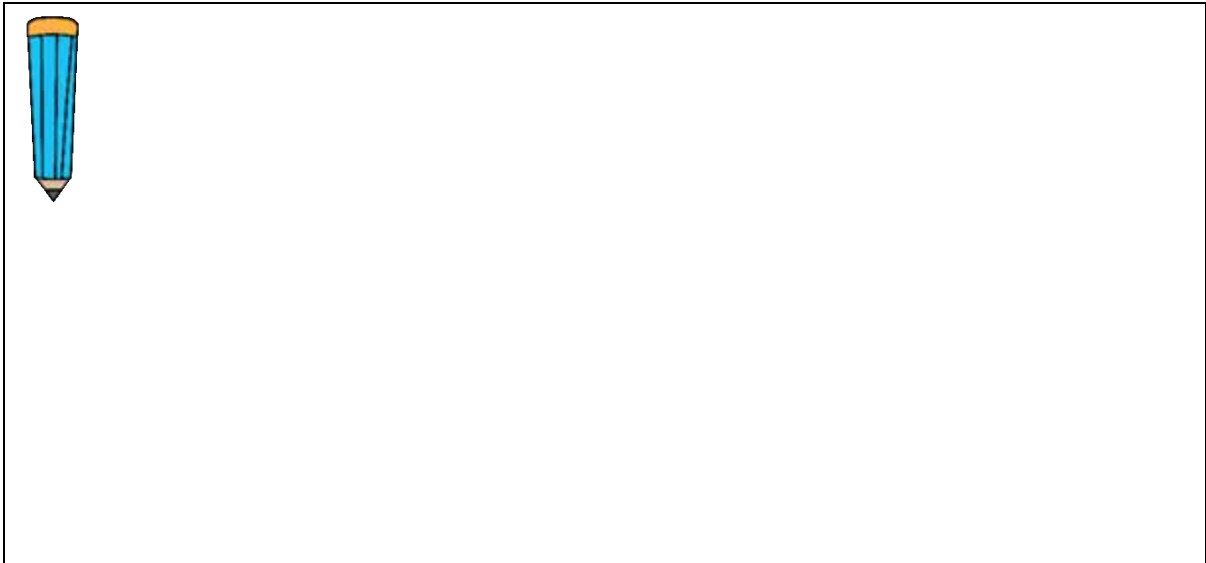
God has adopted you as one of his own children and always planned to (Ephesians 1:5)

God has written your name on the palm of his hand (Isaiah 49:16)

The angels in heaven rejoiced when you gave your life to Jesus (Luke 15:7)



Let's look at some of the other things you can now be sure of.

Look up Romans 10:9-11. Write down in your own words how you know you are saved.





In John chapter 10, Jesus describes himself as the "Good Shepherd" who looks after his sheep. You are now one of his 'sheep'. Jesus will always care for you.

Look up John 10:27-28

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Who can steal you away from your shepherd?

Find Romans 8:38-39

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What can separate you from God's Love?

Here's your Working Word to memorise:



Tripping Up! Falling Down!

How to deal with future sin.





Have you ever tripped over?

Did you think it was the end of your life when you did? That would be silly wouldn't it?

Being a Christian is a bit like taking a journey or running a race. Sometimes you may 'trip up'- or sin- but this doesn't mean it's the end of your life as a Christian. Believe me, Satan will try to convince you that you'll never be good enough to follow God and that you should give up! The truth is none of us can ever be 'good enough'. That's why we need Jesus to save us and help us.

Read Romans 8:1

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What does this mean to you?





Remember that now you are a Christian, God only sees you as he sees Jesus—perfect. This is because God sees Jesus in you. Jesus has done everything needed for you to be 'good enough' to be a Christian. You don't have to try to be good enough.



Does this mean you can do anything you like and God won't care?



Read Romans 6:1-2

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Read Romans 6:11-12

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So, if you want to follow Jesus, you don't have to try to do things to be good enough for him, but you need to know and follow his ways so that you don't continue to keep on doing what is wrong in God's eyes. (Been reading your Bible lately? The way to live like Jesus is in there!) You need to aim to be like Jesus.



The best thing is that he will help you through the Holy Spirit. Read John 14:26.

What 2 things will the Holy Spirit do?





Satan will tempt you to do the wrong thing. God never will. The decision to sin remains your choice.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13

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What happens when you sin? (And we all do)

Read 1 John 1:9

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The idea is to own up– admit you've sinned. Ask for forgiveness from God and whomever you may have hurt. Forgive anyone who hurt you. Get up and start over. Sometimes you feel like God is mad at you.



Read Hebrews 12:5-11. God only disciplines those he loves and you will learn more about him and his ways when this happens.

Read Psalm 103:12. How far does God remove our sins from us?




Remember, 'the wages of sin is death'. You can't love sin and love God. If you love sin, you let Satan win. You can't be half a Christian.

Read 1 John 3:9

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If you truly want to follow Jesus, remember he will help you and forgive you. You don't have to try to do things to make yourself good enough for him, but you should aim to become more and more like Jesus.

Here is your Working word:

A photograph of a person standing on a hill at night, looking up at a starry sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible. The text is overlaid on the image.

But God is faithful and fair, If we
admit we have sinned, he will
forgive us our sins.

You've never had a friend like me

Baptism in the Holy Spirit



Jesus said it was good for him to go away, so Holy Spirit would come. This is because Holy Spirit can be everywhere and do many things at once.

Holy Spirit is the greatest friend you will ever have. When you are born again, Holy Spirit comes into your life. But God doesn't want you to have just a little bit of the Holy Spirit- he wants you to be filled to overflowing with him- because He is God's power and love in you.

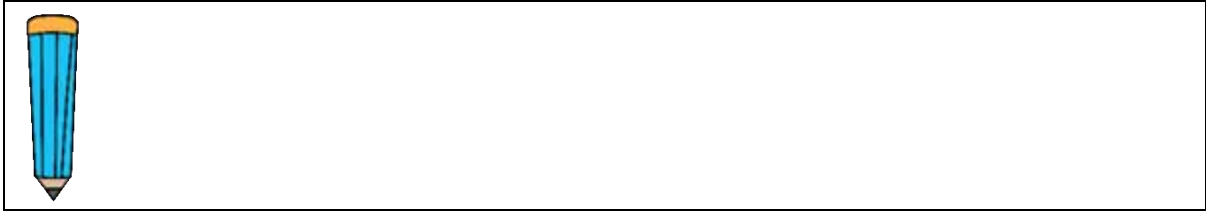
Read Acts 1:4 What did Jesus tell the disciples NOT to do?

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Read Acts 1: 8 What did Jesus say would happen to them when the Holy Spirit came?

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Why would the disciples receive power?



What sort of work does the Holy Spirit do? Read John 16:8-14

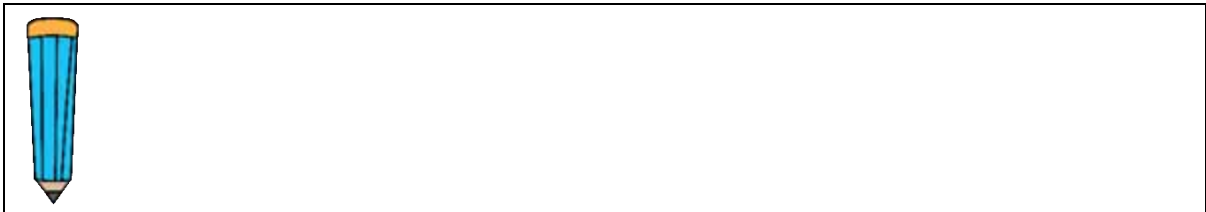
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He will guide us into.....

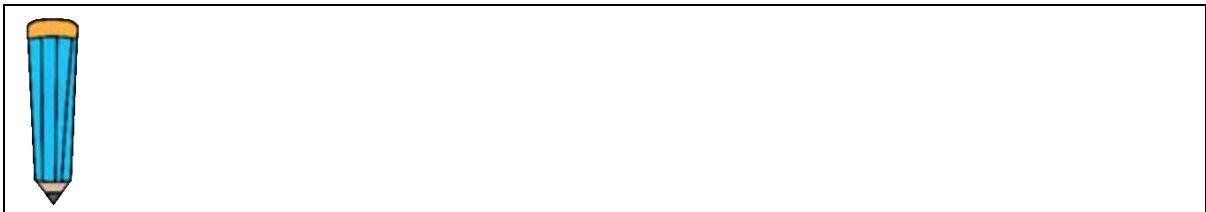
He will tell us.....

He will bring.....to Jesus.

Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as our counsellor and friend. Read Romans 8:26-27.
When will Holy Spirit help us?





How will he help us?



Tay received letters to help lead and guide her to know about God. Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us, so we know about God too.

Holy Spirit really is a great friend. So far, we have seen that He will fill us with power so we can witness; He will help us overcome our sins; He will help us when we are in trouble; He will help us to pray; He will remind us of all Jesus said and lead us into truth. He'll help us understand the Bible; he'll convict us and others of sin and He'll bring glory to Jesus by showing us the things of God.


Read Romans 5:5

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How does God pour out His love into our hearts?



If we have God's love poured out into our hearts, how much easier will it be for us to love others the way God wants us to?



Read Acts Chapter 2.

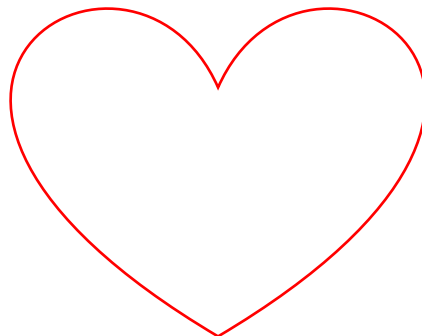
How did Peter change from when Jesus was taken to be crucified (Luke 22:54-62) to when he was filled with the Holy Spirit? That's right- He went from being SCARED to being BRAVE.

Do you see how powerful baptism in the Holy Spirit is and how He can make following Jesus so much better and easier?

Would you like to be baptised in the Holy Spirit?

You must remember that the Holy Spirit is HOLY. He will not come to a heart filled with sin. But if you have repented and are serious about seeking God, then you can be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:1-8, 34-36) All you have to do is ask.

Read Luke 11:9-13. What will God give you if you ask for Holy Spirit? Write your answer in the heart.



You may like to ask someone to pray for you – Acts 8:15-17

When the Holy Spirit fills us, he gives us have a special prayer language to help us pray (Acts 10:45-46) and gifts and abilities from heaven to use to help others. (1 Corinthians 12)

Every time you are tempted to think you can't follow God, remember this verse and ask God to fill you up again with his Spirit.



Congratulations! You have finished Learning to live!!



Attitudes like Jesus!





Love one another

What are 5 things you like people to do to you and 5 things that you DON'T like



people to do to you?



Read Luke 10:25-37

Who did Jesus tell the parable to? What was his job?



Why did he ask Jesus "who is my neighbour?"



Who passed by the hurt man?



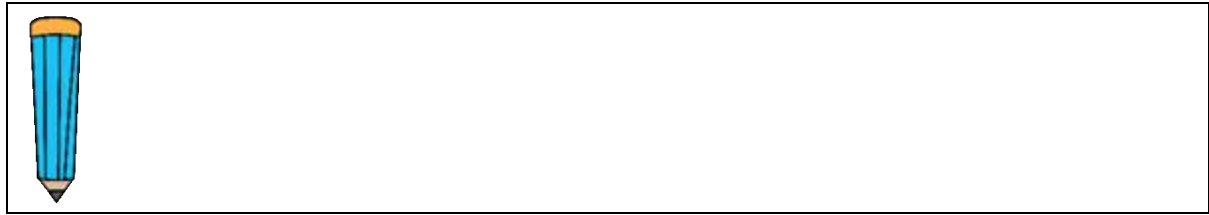
Why do you think they didn't stop?



Just knowing about God's ways does not mean you are really following them. Following Jesus is all about loving others the way He loves us. You have to DO things God's way. Look again at the Samaritan. The Jews did not like Samaritans. They did not think they were as good as themselves. Did the Samaritan care what nationality the hurt man was? Did it concern him that he had to stop to help him?



What did he use of his own to help him?



Did he go out of his way for the hurt man?





What did Jesus say we should do?





It cost the Samaritan time, money, effort and maybe even the opinion of others to help the man who was hurt. Jesus says we are to be the same. Loving one another means more than just being nice to your friends. It means standing out from the crowd and not letting your relationship with God be just talk. Love is action. It's all about caring for everyone, no matter who they are or where they come from.



Read 1 John 3:16-18

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Loving one another is also more than just being good to those who need help. Read 1 John 4:20

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Read Romans 13:10

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Go back and look at your list of things you don't like people to do to you. How many times have you done these things to others? If you need to ask God for forgiveness for something, then do it now.

It can be fairly easy for most of us to be nice to those who need help. As a Christian, however, we need to go beyond that and really love others. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 again and remind yourself of what love is like. Here are some examples of how you can show love. Add another example of your own to each of the ones given.

Love Hugs (It always protects)



Love doesn't blow its stack. (It is not easily angered)



Love takes the smallest share. (It is not self-seeking)



Love waits for their turn. (Love is patient)



Jesus said that ALL men would know that we were His disciples if we...? (John 13:35)



Jesus says we should treat others as we like to be treated.

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Turn the other cheek. Go the second mile...

it's all about which way you look.

