

# Bible adventures

for young readers

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God  
loves me  
28 ways



## GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show others about the Lord's death until he comes." *1 Corinthians 11:26*

## STORY TIME

Cynthia sat in the shade of her favorite tree and watched as the gentle breeze moved the tall grass beyond the fence. The sun felt warm on her face, and the only sound she heard was the distant moo of a cow.

Her mother sat beside her, busily unpacking the picnic lunch they'd brought. Cynthia smiled when she thought about the delicious sandwiches and cool, crisp vegetables waiting to be eaten. This picnic was a great idea—a way for the girls of the house to take a break from the boys of the house. Dad and brother Jeremy were fun to be with, but sometimes Cynthia wanted to spend time alone with her mom so they could talk about important stuff like school and friends and growing up.

Mom stopped unpacking for a moment and studied the bowl she held in her hands. "Do you know what I think about when I see these vegetables?" she asked. Cynthia shook her head.

"I think about how hard your father works in his garden to grow these for us to enjoy." She held up a ripe, red tomato. "He digs up the soil each spring, plants the seeds, makes sure the garden gets enough water, and then picks these when they're ready. This beautiful tomato reminds me of how much he loves us."

Cynthia thought for a moment. "I see what you mean, mom," she said, rummaging through the picnic basket. "Our sandwiches too." She held up a neatly wrapped example. "You and dad work all week to earn money so we can buy bread and peanut butter and delicious grape jelly. Then you put everything together for our picnic. And here we are." The girl grinned. "I didn't know that food could make us remember so much."



Cynthia and her mom enjoyed their picnic in the shade of the big tree. They also enjoyed remembering the love and hard work that made each bite possible.

Copy the "God's Word for me" text here, and then draw some bread and glasses of grape juice to show what Jesus and His disciples were eating and drinking. (Remember, in Bible times, bread was round and flat.)

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(1 Corinthians 11:26)

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## MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

The last meal Jesus ate with His twelve disciples is called “The Lord’s Supper,” and several times a year church members celebrate that meal by eating little pieces of bread and drinking little sips of grape juice while remembering what Jesus said that night. We can think about His words anytime we eat. Look up the texts in the “Library” section and then fill in the blanks to discover what Jesus wants us to remember when we eat that bread and drink that grape juice.

“Take this \_\_\_\_\_ and eat it. This \_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_.”

Jesus was reminding His disciples that soon His body would be torn and broken on the cross, just like you tear and break bread to eat it.

“Every one of you \_\_\_\_\_ this. This is my \_\_\_\_\_ which begins the new \_\_\_\_\_ that God makes with his people.”

Jesus wanted His disciples to remember that His blood flowed from His wounds on the cross just like grape juice flows from a cup. The “new agreement” was a promise Jesus made to those who love and obey Him: to forgive their sins and return someday to take them home to Heaven.

Why did Jesus want us to remember such a terrible thing that happened to Him? Because that terrible thing made it impossible for Satan to destroy us forever. Jesus died for our sins so we could someday live forever with God in heaven! His body and blood paid the price for our sins and opened Heaven’s door to anyone who chooses to follow Jesus.

MMMM!  
GOOD STUFF  
HOUSTON!



## FUN FACTS

### PB&J

- It takes about 540 peanuts to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter.
- Astronaut Alan B. Shepard took a peanut with him to the moon.\*

\* Source: <http://www.nationalpeanutboard.org/classroom-funfacts.php>.



## MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for the many gifts You have given to me. Please help me work hard so my gifts can bless others and bring You joy. Amen.



## LIBRARY

“The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak with wisdom. And the same Spirit gives another the ability to speak with knowledge. The same Spirit gives faith to one person. And that one Spirit gives another gifts of healing. The Spirit gives to another person the power to do miracles, to another the ability to prophesy. And he gives to another the ability to know the difference between good and evil spirits. The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak in different kinds of languages and to another the ability to interpret those languages” (1 Corinthians 12:8-10).



## MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

“All your physical and mental and spiritual powers are God’s gifts. Use them wisely. ... Let every power of body and mind be used in earnest, willing service for God”  
*(Review and Herald, May 5, 1903).*



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## PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What do you think your spiritual gift is?  
If you can't think of one, make a list of several ideas to help.

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