

Bible adventures



for young readers



God
loves me
28 ways

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GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"Look, Jesus is coming with the clouds! Everyone will see him. ... Yes, this will happen!"
Revelation 1:7, 8



STORY TIME

"I don't understand," Albert said. "My friend Danny is dead. We put his coffin in the ground and some men covered it up with dirt. Then the preacher stood there by the grave and told everyone that we'll see Danny again when Jesus comes. Is that true?" Mom put her hand on Albert's shoulder. "There's something you need to know," she said softly. Mom and Albert walked to a large field behind their house and sat down on a log.

"What do you see out there?" Mom asked, pointing.

"I see green grass and lots of spring flowers," Albert said, enjoying the colorful view.

"What did you see out there last winter?"

"Oh," Albert said with a shake of his head, "I saw brown dirt, lots of ice, and piles of snow."

"What happened?" Mom wanted to know. "Why did it change?"

Albert thought for a moment. "Spring, I guess," he said. "When spring came, the snow and ice melted, and the grass and flowers grew out of the ground." He stopped talking as a new, exciting idea filled his mind. "The grass and flowers were waiting in the ground, waiting for the sunshine, the rain, and the warm breezes to blow, right?"

Mom smiled. "When Jesus comes, it will be like spring for those who have died and are sleeping in the grave. Only, this time, it won't be sun or rain calling grass from the ground. No, it will be Jesus calling out the names of everyone who has died loving and trusting Him. People just like Danny."

Albert gazed out over the beautiful field and nodded. "I understand," he said quietly. "When Jesus comes, Danny will be alive again." He looked up at his mother. "I'm sad today because I miss Danny. But, someday, I'm going to be so happy to see him again. I can hardly wait!"

Mother and Albert walked back to the house, leaving behind a field covered with beautiful blooming flowers.



DRAW A PICTURE OF A FIELD OF FLOWERS.

You can include some trees if you'd like. Make sure you use many colors for your flowers, like red, yellow, pink, and blue. Add lots of green grass, too. Then write these words somewhere on your picture: Jesus brings springtime to everyone who has died loving Him.





MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

Look up the texts in the "Library" section; then circle the correct answer to the following questions.

- Unless Jesus comes soon, we will all die. We say, "That person is dead." What does Jesus say a person who has died is doing? (Matthew 9:24)

Working Traveling Living in heaven Sleeping A ghost

- When Jesus comes, something amazing will happen to those who have died loving Him. What happens? (John 5:28)

They disappear They hear His voice They get angry They cry

- Something exciting happens to these people. What is it? (John 5:29)

They eat dinner They fight a war They go They come out of the grave

- Next comes an event that all of God's people are looking forward to. What happens to those who are alive when Jesus comes? They will (1 Thessalonians 4:17):

Visit Jerusalem Be taken to meet Jesus Build a church Read a book

- How long will we be with the Lord? (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

Three months A year 500 years Forever

- What are we supposed to do with these wonderful words from the Bible? (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Comfort each other Write a book Sing a song Watch television



5. What is left of sin and sinners after the fire? (Malachi 4:1)

nothing **half** **many** **a few** **all**

6. What does God allow us to see on that terrible day of destruction?
(Malachi 3:18)

miracles **the difference between
good and evil** **clouds**

7. What does God say He will make after the destruction of the wicked?
(Revelation 21:5)

more sinners **another planet** **a garden** **everything new**



MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for allowing evil and sickness and death to be destroyed in the fire. I know I'll be safe by Your side until the last flame dies. I love You, Jesus. Amen.

LIBRARY

- "The Lord God says: As surely as I live, this is true. I do not want a wicked person to die. I want him to stop doing evil and live" (Ezekiel 33:11).
- "There is a day coming that will be like a hot furnace. All the proud and evil people will be like straw. On that day they will be completely burned up. Not a root or branch will be left," says the Lord of heaven's armies" (Malachi 4:1).
- "You will again see the difference between good and evil people. You will see the difference between those who serve God and those who don't" (Malachi 3:18).
- "Look! I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5).

MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"God has declared that sin must be destroyed as an evil [that hurts] the universe. Those who cling to sin will perish in its destruction" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 123).

The fire doesn't come from an angry God. The fire is simply what happens when people choose to live without God's love and power protecting them. Now is the time to decide that you want to live forever in God's protecting arms. If you do, you never have to fear the fire.

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