

Bible adventures



for young readers



God
loves me
28 ways

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GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"[God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes. ... All the old ways are gone."
Revelation 21:4

STORY TIME

"Be careful," Dad called as he raked up another large pile of dead leaves. "Don't get too close to the fire. I wouldn't want you to burn off your nose."

Emily laughed as the flames in the big backyard burn barrel turned her father's last load of leaves into smoking ashes. "I'd look pretty funny without my nose," she chuckled. "Just keep those leaves coming. We'll have the yard cleaned up by suppertime."

As Emily stood watching the leaves vanish in the fire, she thought about something Dad had read during family worship that morning. The Bible says that, right before God's people begin living forever with Jesus on the new earth, all evil will be destroyed. "It says the whole world will suddenly become like one great, big lake of fire," Dad had told them. "Pain, suffering, and everything bad will vanish just like dried leaves in a fire."

Emily knew that God doesn't enjoy seeing anyone suffer or die—even bad people. But, like He told Adam and Eve, there are two paths to follow in your life. One

path leads to heaven—and eternal life. The other path leads to that big, final fire—and eternal death. People decide which way they want to live. People decide what will happen to them in the end.

While the leaves burned, Emily began to smile just a little because some parts of that awful event sounded exciting to her. That fire will do a whole lot more than burn up those who refuse to walk on God's path. It will also destroy all the results of sin. That was a happy thought!

Emily picked up a wrinkled oak leaf. "You are all the diseases in the world," she told it. Then she tossed it into the burn barrel. Puff. It vanished!

Grabbing another leaf, she said, "You are fear." Into the fire it went. Puff. Gone!

"Hey, this is great," Emily thought. "You are lying and cheating," she told the next leaf. Puff. Vanished! "You are pain, hurt, and worry," she told another. Puff!

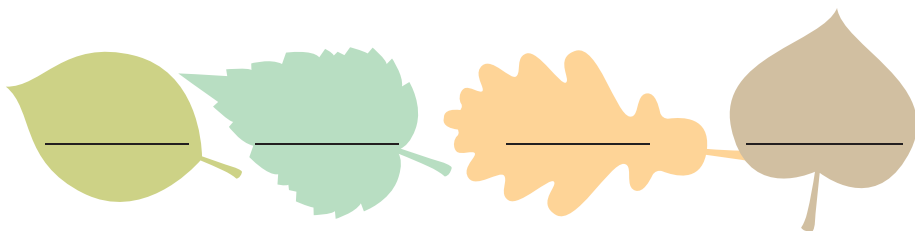
Taking hold of a very large leaf, she announced loudly, "You ... are ... death!" It disappeared in a sizzling burst of fire and smoke.

"Why are you burning our leaves one at a time?" Dad called.

Emily smiled. "Oh, I'm just thinking about when God will make sin go away forever. Like the leaves in our burn barrel, everything evil will be burned up completely."

Pointing, she called out. "Hey, Dad, bring me that big pile of leaves over there, please. I'm going to make sure that they never litter our yard again."

What would you like to throw into the fire? Write on leaves the things you want to see vanish from this world forever. Maybe you'd like fear to go away. Perhaps war or sickness would be what you'd choose. Write it on the leaves and then draw red and yellow fire flames burning them up!



FUN FACTS

TREES

- One large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people.
- There are over 23,000 different kinds of trees in the world. That's a lot of leaves!



MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

How we live, and the choices we make each day, show which path we're on. God's path leads to heaven and eternal life. Satan's path leads to the fires of eternal destruction. Draw a line from the actions below to the correct path.

GOD'S PATH

SATAN'S PATH

Being kind to people and animals
Always trying to get people in trouble
Cheating on a test
Forgiving a friend who has hurt you
Sharing what you have with others
Saying unkind things about people
Lying
Hurting your body with unhealthful foods
Healing your body with healthful foods
Asking God to forgive your mistakes
Pretending that you don't make mistakes
Helping others
Ignoring others
Praying
Sharing
Hating



Circle whose path you choose. I'm going to live my life walking on

GOD'S **SATAN'S** path.

Look up the texts in the "Library" and then choose the correct answer to the questions below.

1. How does God feel when a wicked person dies? (Ezekiel 33:11)

happy **angry** **does not want it to happen** **satisfied**

2. What will the destruction be like? (Malachi 4:1)

hot furnace **match flame** **boiling water** **summer sun**

3. Who will be like straw in the destruction? (Malachi 4:1)

missionaries **children** **soldiers** **proud and evil people**

4. What will happen to evil people as the fires burn? They will (Malachi 4:1):

suffer forever **completely burn** **up** **run and hide** **pray**

"The _____ of the _____ was made of pure _____. The _____ was clear as _____" (Revelation 21:21).

"The _____ does not need the _____ or the _____ to shine on it. The glory of _____ is the _____, and the _____ is the city's _____. By its light the _____ of the _____ will _____" (Revelation 21:23, 24).



MY PRAYER

Thank You, Jesus, for the beautiful new world You are going to make for me and my family. I'm looking forward to being where the animals aren't afraid and everyone loves me very much. Please, come soon! Amen.

LIBRARY

- "The angel showed me the river of the water of life. The river was shining like crystal. ... The tree of life was on each side of the river" (Revelation 22:1, 2).
- "Then wolves will live in peace with lambs. And leopards will lie down to rest with goats. Calves, lions and young bulls will eat together. And a little child will lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).
- "Lions will eat hay as oxen do. A baby will be able to play near a cobra's hole" (Isaiah 11:7, 8).
- "They will not hurt or destroy each other on all my holy mountain" (Isaiah 11:9).
- "The street of the city was made of pure gold. The gold was clear as glass" (Revelation 21:21).
- "The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it. The glory of God is the light, and the Lamb is the city's lamp. By its light the people of the world will walk" (Revelation 21:23, 24). (The "Lamb" is Jesus.)

MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

"The Lord of heaven has an eternity of happiness for His children in the earth made new" (*Manuscript Releases*, vol. 3, p. 86).

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