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A Child's Guide To
A Relationship With Jesus

NAME _____

THE BEGINNING

In the beginning God...

Read the verses below to learn more about God. Then, use the words below to fill in the blanks.

1. God is the _____ and the _____,
the _____ and the _____, the _____
and the _____.

Revelation 22:13

2. God is the _____ God, the
_____ of the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 40:28

3. God is All- _____

Luke 18:27

4. God is All- _____

1 John 3:19-20

5. God is _____

Psalms 139:7-12

Powerful	Knowing	Everlasting
Alpha	First	Beginning
Omega	Last	End
Everywhere	Creator	



The Captain



The Son

As the captain and his son looked out at the open, calm waters they knew the time had come. Throughout the following weeks the pair designed, built, and completed a boat more amazing than any boat had been or ever would be built. Night and day, the two worked closely together as they knew the plans they would have for this boat.

Every detail of the boat was carefully considered. Finally, as they completed the final stages of construction they chose a name that would represent the boat.

They named the boat "Queso Grande," the Big Cheese!



Who is Jesus?

Read these scriptures to learn more about Jesus. Then untangle the words in each phrase to complete the verse.



1. Jesus is God's nso _____

Matthew 1:23; Matthew 3:17

2. Jesus was with God in the ngeinignb _____

John 1:1-2,14

3. Jesus has worep over situations, death, nature, sin, and sickness

Put a circle around each story as you read it: Matthew 14:15-21;
John 11:38-44; Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 4:1-11; Matthew 15:30

Created the Heavens and the Earth...

Match the items below with their correct days as you read about God's amazing creation (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

1

Birds and Fish

2

God Rested

3

Land Formed

4

Animals & People

5

The Sky

6

Day & Night

7

Sun, Moon, & Stars



"Queso Grande"

Houseboat Facts:

Size: 120 feet long x 24 feet wide x 2.5 stories tall

Engine: 2- 350 HP- V8 Engines

Houseboat includes: 6 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, large kitchen, large living room, large dining room, 1 office, covered front and back porch, 2 captain seats & controls

Entertainment Includes: top level party deck, hot tub, big screen tv, wireless internet, large built-in grill, lounge chairs, 2 jet skis

Other Information: All walls lined with mahogany and cherry wood, fine china for dinners, silver plated mirror, reflective light

Cost: \$1,500,000



Galaxy:

Messier 74 from Hubble Space Telescope

God saw all that He created and said it was ...

_____ (Genesis 1:31)

What is your favorite thing about God's creation? _____

Is there anything you think God forgot to make? _____

There is nothing God forgot. God made the perfect world for us! Did you know that if earth were any closer to the sun we would burn up and if we were farther away we would freeze to death? Did you know that God breathed galaxies like the one to the left from His mouth? Below write at least three things about God's creation that amaze you!

THE GUESTS

Adam and Eve

Read Genesis 2:4-25. Then answers the questions below...

1. How did God make the man?

2. What did God put in the middle of the garden?

3. What was the man's job in the garden?

4. What is the ONE rule God gave to the man?

5. How did God make the woman?

6. What did the man say when he first saw his wife?



The Firsts Guests

After the Captain and his son completed the boat, they made one final inspection. They were very pleased with "Queso Grande." Together they decided that a boat this wonderful should be shared with others. They had heard wonderful things about a young couple who had recently been married, so they decided to invite this couple onto the boat. When the day to board the boat arrived the man and woman were truly excited to enjoy the boat with the captain and his son.





The captain and his son guided the man and woman through the boat. They explained to the couple that the boat had been built for them to enjoy. As the man and his wife toured the boat they could see that there would not be a reason to want to leave the boat, because they would everything they would need. The Captain and his son warned the couple that if they were to ever leave the boat while it was moving they would not be able to get back on. That means they would die. Hoping this warning would be enough to keep the man and his wife from stepping off they left them to enjoy the boat together. Soon after the man followed the woman into the water below, and soon realized they had made a deadly mistake!

Adam and Eve

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the garden?”

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

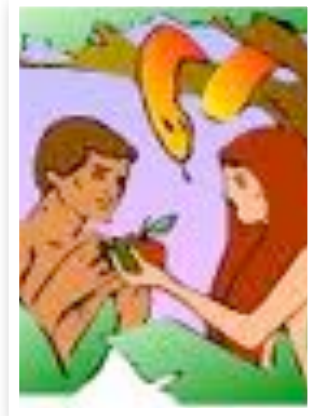
When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and she ate it. She also gave some to her husband, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened.

Soon Adam and Eve heard God walking in the garden. They became very scared because they had not obeyed, so they tried to hide. When God asked them why they were hiding they began to blame others. Eve blamed the serpent and Adam blamed Eve.

Adam and Eve were punished and so was the serpent. The serpent was given a curse. The woman was punished with more pain when she has a baby. The man was punished with really, really hard work.

God was really disappointed with Adam and Eve’s choice to disobey and he wanted to make sure they would not be able to eat from the tree of life so he kicked them out of the garden forever. This meant that Adam and Eve would never be allowed to be with God together in the garden.

Ultimately it meant that Adam and Eve would no longer live forever, but they would die.



Me and Rules

What are some rules you have to follow at home?

What are some rules you have to follow at school or church?

Write down some of the punishments you might receive for breaking the rules?

SIN AND HIS CHOICE

S-I-N- The act or choice to disobey God.

Not me, right?

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through Adam, and sin leads to death, then death came to ____ men, because ____ have sinned.

Romans 3:10-12

There is no ____ righteous, not even ____; there is no ____ who understands, no ____ who seeks God. All have turned away they have together become worthless; there is no ____ who does good, not even ____.

What happens when I sin?

Isaiah 59:2

But your sins have _____ you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

When we sin it puts a wall between us and God, because God can't sin!

What does sin lead to?

James 1:15

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to ____; and ____, when it is full grown, gives birth to death.

Do you get paid to do jobs at your house or neighborhood? Whatever you get paid when you work are called wages.

Romans 6:23- For the wages of sin is _____, but...

1 SIN= DEATH

Sin is like a weight tied to your feet if you were swimming in the middle of the ocean. It weighs you down.

How long can you tread water without anything attached to your feet?

Guess how many sins you have committed? Write a number here: ____

How long do you think you can stay above the water with something tied to your feet?

New Guests

A short time later the captain and his son chose to invite more guests onto the boat. With each guest the same warning was given. Unfortunately, the decision by every visitor was to test and see if they would be able to get back on the boat after jumping off. Some of them tried to climb up the side of the boat while others worked together.

No matter what the guests attempted there was nothing they could do to get back in. For many the choice to jump meant death, but the captain and his son had a plan.



J-E-S-U-S THE GREATEST GIFT

Romans 6:23... BUT, the gift of God is eternal life!

In the beginning of this manual you discovered that Jesus is God's son, but what we haven't talked about is how great a gift Jesus was to us (people). Throughout the Old Testament whenever a person sinned they were required to kill an animal that had never done anything wrong, and sacrifice it on an altar. This was done so that God would forgive their sins. Hebrews 9:22 says without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. After the animal was sacrificed and a person's sins were forgiven everything was ok between that person and God. Everything was great until the person chose to sin again. Take a look at the number of sins you wrote down on the other page. How many times would you have had to kill and sacrifice an innocent animal because of your sins? Write your number here...

Number of Sins _____ = Number of Innocent Animals Killed _____

God made a way to be forgiven forever by sending someone who had never sinned to be the sacrifice. Who do you think the only person was to never sin? _____
That's right, Jesus was the only perfect person in all of human history. Since He had come from Heaven and was God's Son He could not and did not sin... EVER!!

Was it fair for Jesus to take our place since He had never sinned? YES NO

Who do you think should have been punished for your sin?

YOU JESUS PARENTS SIBLING FRIEND

Since God knew that the only way to have a perfect relationship with us again was for Jesus to die in our place and because He loved us so much He...

WRITE JOHN 3:16 BELOW

It's amazing to think that Jesus took our punishment when he died on the cross, and His blood was shed for you and I. But there are two things even more amazing than that...

1. HE ROSE FROM THE GRAVE AND DEFEATED DEATH/SIN FOREVER!!!

Read Matthew 28:1-10

2. HE OFFERS YOU A CHANCE TO ACCEPT HIS GIFT!!!!

The Rescue

As one woman struggled to stay above the water, the captain's son stepped onto the front edge of the boat's roof. The woman believed that the son was her only chance of surviving, so she began to scream and yell. At just the right moment with no time to spare, the son removed his skipper hat and picked up the only life preserver ring on the boat. The ring was securely fastened to the boat with a long, white rope. It wasn't because he had to save her, it was because he chose to save the woman who called out for him. He jumped, and immediately his body went deeply to the water's floor. Seconds later he returned to the surface, and swam eagerly to the frantic woman.

Did she grab onto the life preserver or did she choose to stay in the water to die?



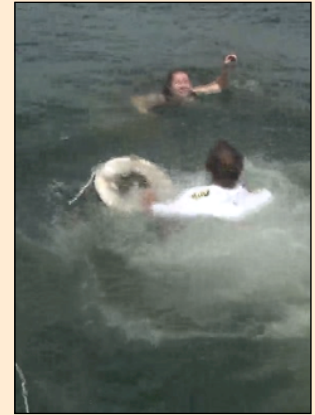
HOW DO I GET THIS GIFT?

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

SHE GRABBED ON!!!

When the son burst through the top of the water in search for the woman, the woman waved her arms and yelled for help. The son swam to the woman and she grabbed onto the life preserver with all of her might. She knew that trusting the son and keeping ahold of the life preserver would lead her to surviving. As the woman held the life preserver closely the son followed the rope back to the boat.



If someone wanted to give you a million dollars, but you didn't accept the gift you wouldn't have a million dollars!!

BELIEVE

**BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE
FOR AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE
DO NOT SEE**

Do you believe air exists? Can you see it? Circle the stories you believe are true after you read them.

Jesus is the Son of God (Matthew 16:15-17)

Jesus came to Earth and was born of the virgin Mary (Matthew 1:21-23)

Jesus Never Sinned (1 Peter 2:22)

Jesus Died On the Cross (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus Rose from the Dead (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Jesus is Coming Again (John 14:2-3)

**If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9**

CONFESS

**LETTING JESUS AND OTHERS
KNOW THAT YOU WANT TO BE
SAVED AND THAT YOU BELIEVE**

What will Jesus do if you confess? _____

1 John 1:9

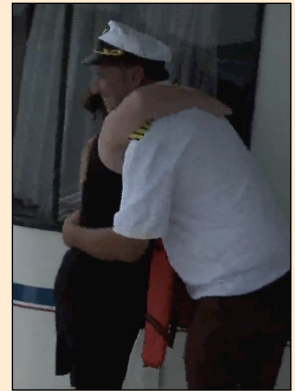
If we _____ our sins, he is faithful and just and will _____ us our sins and _____ us from all unrighteousness.

PURIFY CONFESS FORGIVE

Acts 2:38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When the two reached the boat, the captain quickly pulled the son back to safety. Then, together the captain and his son pulled the woman back into the boat. The captain helped the woman to her feet, and the woman gave the captain a huge hug. Then, the captain handed the woman a life jacket. He explained that this jacket would always keep her safe even if she stepped back into the water. It would also remind her about her decision to be back in the boat. The woman was so grateful to be back in the boat that she began to search for others who were drowning.



REPENT

**CHOOSING TO LEAVE YOUR
OLD LIFE TO LIVE A NEW
LIFE FOR CHRIST!!!**



Think of Repentance this way...

One day you and your family were driving to see your extended family. As your dad drove the car onto the interstate he chose to go south instead of going north. Your family was having such a great time together that no one realized the mistake your father had made. As your father pulled the car into a rest stop two hours later he chose to see how much further you were going to travel. That's when he realized that the town you were in was the opposite direction as your extended family. Would it make sense for your father to continue driving your family in the same direction away from your family? Will you ever reach your family going the wrong direction? In order to accept the gift that Jesus wants to give you, you have to decide that you would rather have a relationship with Him, than keep sinning. If you don't want to change and live a life with Jesus, then there is no point in accepting the gift Jesus offers.

Mark 16:16

Whoever _____ and is _____ will be _____,
but whoever does not _____ will be condemned.

BAPTISM

**LEAVING A LIFE THAT LEADS TO
DEATH TO START A LIFE THAT
LEADS TO LIFE**

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Many people do different things for baptism, but in the New Testament there was only one kind of baptism that Jesus and the disciples did. The baptism that these people used and Jesus himself did was to be fully immersed. To be immersed means to allow your body to go down fully under a body of water, then to return from under the water back to the top. Baptism is kind of like taking an incredible bath. Pretend that you went outside and played in the mud all day. When it was time to take a bath you would make sure that every part of your body was rinsed off before going to bed. In the same way, as a person goes under the water and comes back up God is washing all of the dirty sins off of them, and then they start a new life fresh and clean.



WARNING

CHOOSING TO GIVE JESUS YOUR LIFE
IS THE GREATEST CHOICE YOU WILL
EVER MAKE! IT WON'T BE EASY AND
THERE IS NO RETIREMENT!

**READ JESUS WARNING LABEL ABOUT BEING ONE OF HIS
DISCIPLES IN LUKE 14:25-35**

Verse 33 says you must give up _____.

What do you think that means?



ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A GREAT EXAMPLE...

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 and be encouraged to NEVER give up! Finish the race and receive the prize!!!

DO YOU THINK YOU ARE READY?

WRITE 5 REASONS YOU WANT TO START A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

WRITE ANY QUESTIONS YOU WANT TO ASK

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

In the picture below try to figure out which one is Jesus and which one is you.



ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE GIFT?

STEP 1: Believe! Do you believe everything you have studied in this booklet is true? Tell a trusted adult leader (parents, guardian, minister, etc.) Your leader will help you through the next steps.

STEP 2: Confess! Say a prayer with your adult leader and confess to God that you need rescued because you are a sinner!

STEP 3: Repent! In that same prayer repent and tell God that you don't want to keep going in the same direction you have been. Tell God that you are sorry for sinning and that you need His help to do the things you are supposed to do.

STEP 4: Get Baptized. Remember this is the time that you are leaving your old life to start a new life. As you are coming up think about God pulling you out of death and into life while the angels celebrate with you.

CONGRATULATIONS! You have just **STARTED** the most exciting journey of your life, but don't stop here! Keep reading!!

STEP 5: Living Daily For Jesus (The Hardest Part)

To learn more about this part, think of your new life as a small seed. Under the dirt you were in the dark, but starting to grow. You were beginning to grow roots. After you start a relationship with Jesus it is like when the seed meets the sun for the first time after breaking through the dirt. In order for the seed to continue to grow it needs food, water, and plenty of sunshine. You will need the same thing to keep growing in your relationship. You will need good soil (friends/church), good food (the Bible), lots of water (Jesus), and the sun (God's love) to continue growing in Him! If you continue to grow, your life will produce good fruit! Keep growing!!!