

THE STORY OF THE SWEETEST TREAT

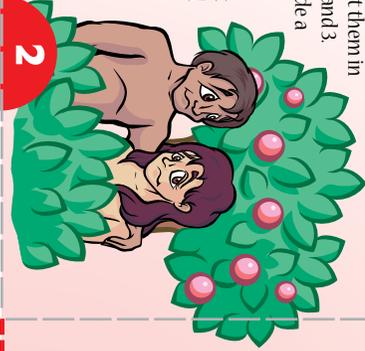
A long time ago, God made the whole world. He also made people. God is the only one who can do that! You can read about this in Genesis chapter 1 and 2.

Do You Want to Know Why God Made You?

It's kind of like the way you like to have friends. God wanted someone to love. He also wanted someone who could love Him. That's also why God made you! He loves you—even more than your Mom and Dad do! That's a lot of love!

The Very First People God Made Were Named Adam and Eve.

You can read about them in Genesis chapter 2 and 3. Adam and Eve made a mistake. They did something which God told them not to do. This is called "sin." When this happened it changed everything.



A Real-Life Story starring YOU!

SEPARATED FROM GOD...



God Couldn't Be Close to People Anymore...

because sin makes people dirty. You see, God is holy. That kind of means He's really clean. Since all of us do things which God says we shouldn't, we are all dirty! Even you! No matter how much we try to do what God says, we're still dirty. Nothing we can do can make us clean enough to be with God! Isaiah 64:6 and Romans 3:10-12 have a lot to say about this.

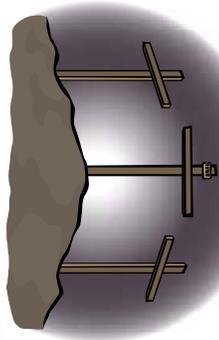
That's Why Jesus Came!

Jesus is God's Son. God sent Him to live here on earth for a while. This happened a long time ago. When Jesus lived here, He did something that nobody else has ever done. Jesus never sinned! Jesus taught people many great things. He also made blind people see and made sick people better. You can learn all about Jesus in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

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THE SAD PART...



Then, some jealous and angry people decided to get rid of Jesus. They lied and said bad things about Jesus. The governor, who was in charge of the land, didn't think Jesus had done anything wrong, but he was afraid to let Jesus go. The governor thought that the angry people would get mad at him if he let Jesus go. So, the governor had some men beat Jesus up really bad, and they also made fun of Jesus. Then, they decided to kill Jesus.

Jesus Died...

They killed Jesus in a very mean way. They nailed Him to a cross. A cross is two big wooden boards tied together, and then struck into the ground. They put nails through Jesus' hands and feet and hung Him on the cross. They left Him there until He died.

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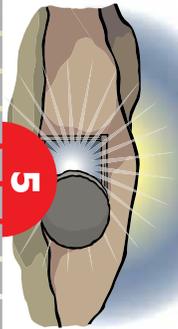
THE SWEET PART...

It Gets Better...

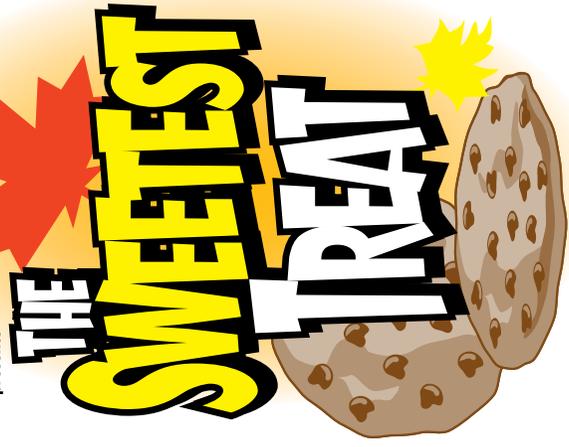
This was really sad, but Jesus knew that this was going to happen. In fact, that's why Jesus came in the first place! Jesus knew that if He came to earth and died, it would take away all of our sin. When Jesus died, He made a way for you and me to be clean again so we wouldn't be dirty anymore! Isaiah 48 says a lot about this. That means that we CAN be with God!

The Best Part...

Three days after Jesus died, something really cool happened. Jesus came back to life! All by Himself! He can do that because He is God! Jesus is still alive today, and He will live forever in heaven. The best part is that YOU can live forever in heaven with Jesus! It says so in John 3:16 and lots of other places. Would you like to know how?



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About my church:

PERSONAL NOTE:

You Can Pray Something Like This:

Dear God,

I know that you are real, and I believe in you! I know that you are holy and good, and that you love me. I also know that I am a sinner and that I am dirty. I'm sorry for the bad things I've done. Please forgive me. I know that you sent your Son, Jesus, to die for me so that I could be clean. God, please make what Jesus did count for me. God, please take away my sin and make me clean. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and my Savior. Please help me to understand what you want me to do and help me to obey you. God, I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

If You Prayed This Prayer...

Be sure to tell your Mom or Dad. Make sure to go to church to learn about Him. And no matter what happens, always remember, GOD LOVES YOU!

If you pray and say those things to God...

and if you really mean it, guess what? You get to live forever in Heaven with Jesus! There will be no pain, no death, and no sadness—EVER! That's the sweetest treat, and all you have to do is ASK Him!

MAKE A SWEET ENDING...



ASK HIM!

All you have to do is talk to God. That's called "praying." First, tell God that you're sorry for all the bad things you have done, and ask Him to help you be better and to do what He says. Next, tell God that you know that Jesus came to die for you so that you can be clean enough to live with Him. Then, ask Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior. "Lord" means that God is your boss and that you'll do what He says. "Savior" means that Jesus saved you by coming to die for you. If you ask Him, His gift will be for you too!