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WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

The Bible is full of stories about interesting people and the amazing things they've gone through. There's Jonah and the whale, Daniel and the Lion's Den, and Noah's Ark just to name a few. All these stories are very interesting, but there is one common thing about them all, God listened and helped all these people.

Even though these stories happened many, many, many years ago, God was always there for them and he can do the same for you. Even though these men couldn't see God, they seemed to know that He was always with them and trusted Him.

If we believe in God and obey what he said we ask a special part of Jesus to live inside us, that's what it means to become a Christian, Christ-in you.

When you ask to Jesus into your heart it's just like accepting a gift from God. When someone gives you a gift do you take it and open it up or do you give it back because you don't want it?

When we accept the gift of Jesus amazing things automatically happen. We become a part of God's family and His family is full of people who believe in God and have asked Jesus to live in them too.

Another great thing that happens is that Jesus' Spirit comes to live in us. That means a part of Jesus will always be with us, so if we're ever in trouble, scared, or need someone to talk to He will always be there.

The last exciting thing about becoming a Christian is that we will someday get to live in heaven with God and all of His family. Heaven is a wonderful place God has made for us to live with Him. There is no hurt or sickness there, just happiness all the time (we might even be able to fly)!

We'll also be able to see God everyday and live with Him. Heaven is a place God has saved for all those who believe in Him, who have asked Him into their hearts, and who try to live the way he wants us to. God made earth for everyone, so imagine how great God's home will be for just the people that love Him. It's a place where we will live forever!

Goal for the New Year?

Read the Bible in a year.

The beginning of the New Year is great time to encourage ourselves and our children to read the Bible. If you are diligent, you can read the entire Bible in 90 days or a year. But, the point is to read it, not the speed at which you complete it. No one expects a child to understand everything that he/she reads. Even adults still have questions.

Below, are free resources of Bible reading plans for children that can help you along. There are several options from which you may choose that would best compliment your child's needs. For example, if you are reading to a younger child, there are plans that omit the more complicated and frightening stories that are important to know in time, but are too complex and/or scary for their simple innocent minds now.

Only you know what appropriate reading for your child is. Pray for guidance and look through these resources as a good starting point. Enjoy!

<http://sandstreams.com/haven/character/daily/index.html>

http://www.essexalliance.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=135364

<https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/?version=NIV>

Just for Fun!

- Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?
A: Frosted Flakes.
- Q: What do snowmen eat for lunch?
A: Icebergers!
- Q: What do you call an old snowman?
A: Water!
- Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
A: Frostbite.
- Q: What did the snowman and his wife put over their baby's crib?
A: A snowmobile!
- Q: How does a Snowman get to work?
A: By icicle.
- Q: What do Snowmen call their offspring?
A: Chill-dren.
- Q: What does a snowman take when he gets sick?
A: A chill pill!
- Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?
A: In a snow bank.
- Q: What did Jack Frost say to the Frosty the Snowman?
A: Have an ice day!



Parenting/Marriage

Support Group:

Please consider attending a small group of Arise parents and couples to discuss the natural occurrences in raising a family in the Christian faith. We meet monthly, for a potluck meal, at alternating homes, the kids play, and the parents discuss whatever is on their hearts. We need strength in the Lord and in each other for support, guidance, and love. We would love to meet new people; all are welcome! This month's meeting is on January 24th at 12:30 pm. Contact Carrie Germain at carrie@germain.us for more details.

Children's Nativity Play- A Great Success

The kids had such a good time acting out the nativity scene of Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve. Thank you to all who participated and who helped make it a success! To see the show, visit our website at www.Arisechurch.org.

Note - If you know of someone who would like to be added to our mailing list please contact our administrative assistant, Steve Cary, at Arise Church (734) 878-1928. Or, if you prefer to be taken off this mailing, please contact Steve.

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