The reason why we CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

A coloring booklet
written from a Christian perspective for kids
about birthdays, creation,
and the gift of eternal life God offers us.

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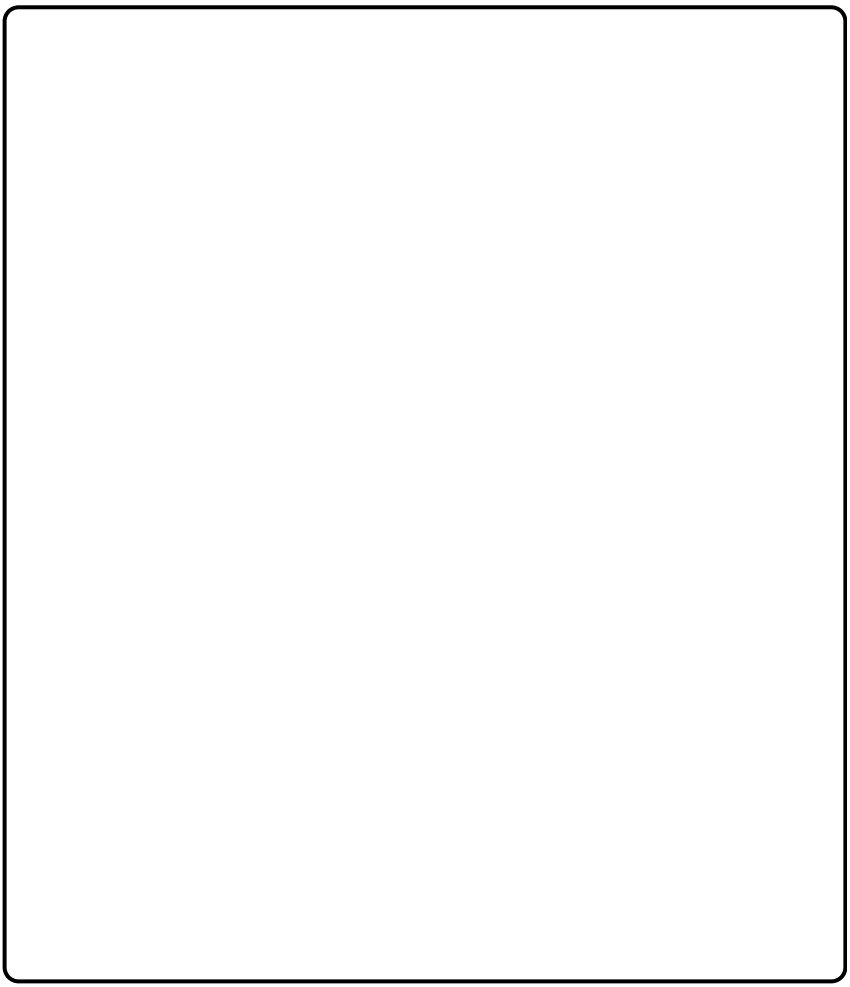
Do you like to celebrate birthdays? When you celebrate your birthday, do you decorate your house with balloons and streamers? Do you eat cake and ice cream? Do you open birthday presents? Do your friends and family celebrate with you? Celebrating your birthday is important because it's an opportunity to celebrate you!

Draw or record one of your favorite birthday presents.



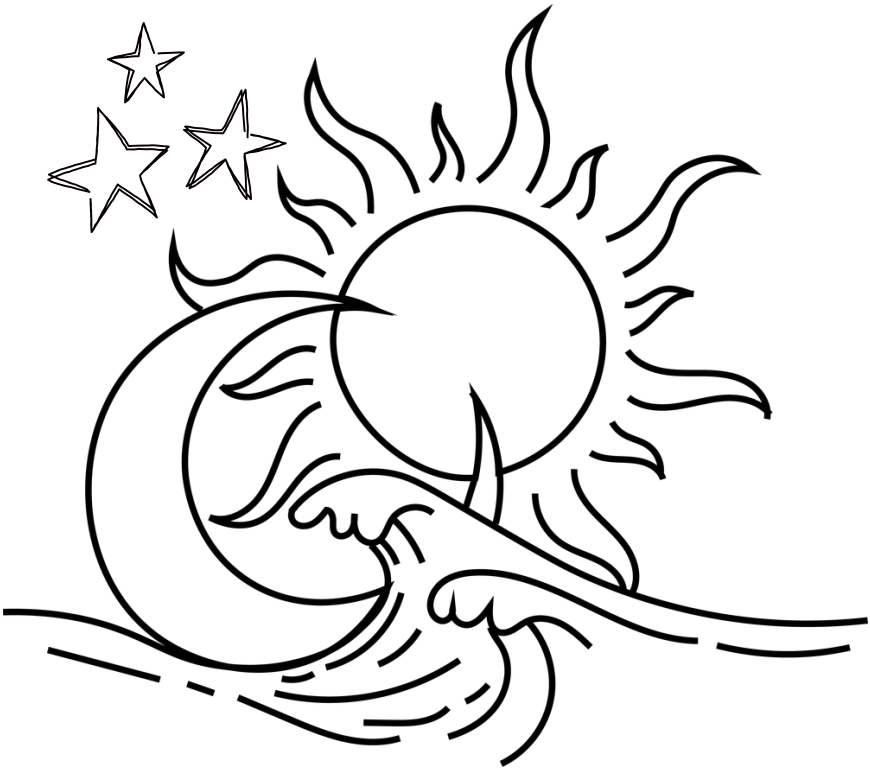
When we celebrate birthdays, it's one way of thanking God for creating us and giving us the gift of life. Celebrating birthdays reminds us that life matters.

Your life matters to God because He created you! He knew about you from the very beginning, even before He created the world!

The Bible says ...

Psalms 139:16 (CEV) "... but with your own eyes you saw my body being formed. Even before I was born, you had written in your book everything about me."

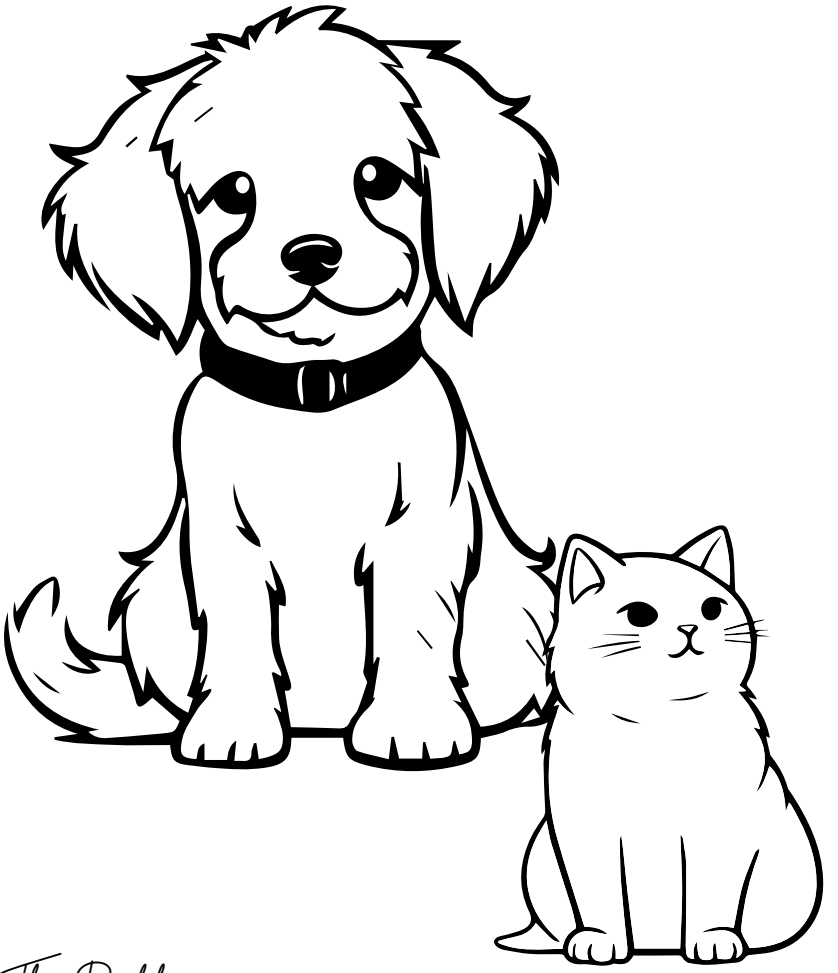
God created the world in six days. On the first day of creation, God made day and night. On the second day, He created the sky. On the third day of creation, God made the land and the ocean. He also made the plants. On the fourth day, God made the sun, moon, and stars. On the fifth day of creation, He made the birds and the fish. God looked at all He made and it was good.



The Bible says ...

Genesis 1:16 (CEV) “God made two powerful lights, the brighter one to rule the day and the other to rule the night. He also made the stars.”

On the sixth day of creation, God made the animals and people. When you were born, did you look like one of the animals God created? No. Did you look like a cat or a dog? Nope. You looked like a baby! You were born a human being to human parents.



The Bible says ...

Genesis 1:31a (CEV) “God looked at what he had done. All of it was very good! ”

Human beings are set apart from all of the other life God created. When God created people, He gave them the ability to make choices. Nothing else in all of creation was given that ability--not even the animals.

When God created people, He created them in His image. That doesn't mean that we physically look like God because God doesn't have a physical body. The Bible says God is a Spirit. Created in the image of God means that we reflect God's character. We reflect God's character when we care about what He cares about.

The Bible says ...

Psalms 33:4 (CEV) "God's word is true, and everything he does is right."

Because you were created in the image of God, your life has value and worth. People matter to God! He thought about you and decided what would make you special.

When God created you, He made you one of a kind! God did not make a mistake in the way He created you. No other person has your voice pattern, fingerprints, or DNA. Your hair and eye color, the color of your skin, and facial features were all crafted by God.

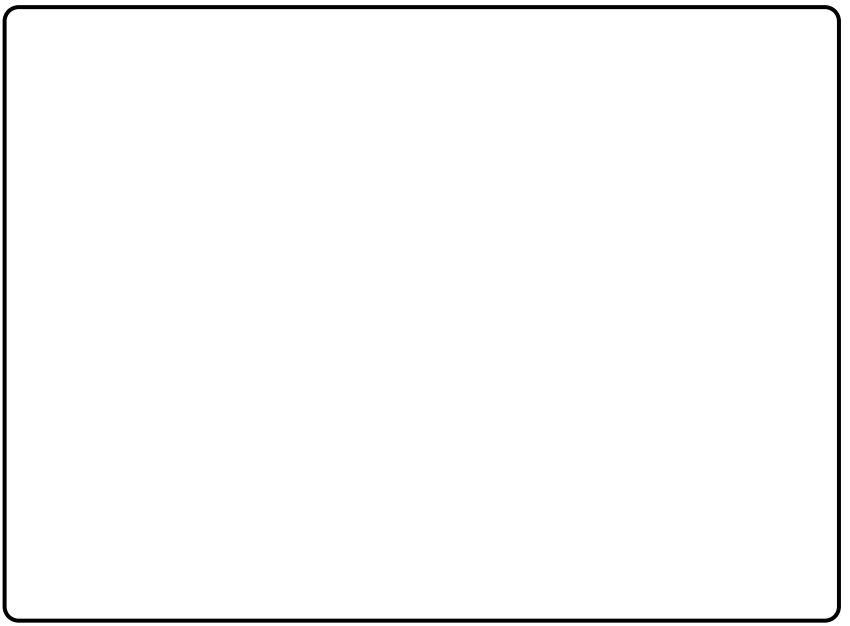
Draw a picture of yourself below.

The Bible says ...

Psalms 139:13-14 (CEV) “You are the one who put me together inside my mother's body, and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt.”

When God thought about you, He came up with a plan for your life. For every birthday you celebrate, you have an opportunity to fulfill God's plan. He gave you certain skills and abilities. As you grow older you will discover what you are good at. He will show you how to use your skills and abilities to help others and to serve Him.

What would you like to do when you are older? Draw or record it below.



The Bible says ...

Ephesians 2:10 (CEV) "God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has always wanted us to live. This is why he sent Christ to make us what we are."

As God's creation, He knows you inside and out. You can't see God, but He can see you! God loves you the way you are because He made you the way you are. He knows you better than you know yourself. For example, God knows when you are alone in your room or at school with your friends. He knows when you are happy or sad, whether you are doing good things or bad. He knows what you are doing every moment of every day. He even knows what you are going to say before you say it! Knowing that God knows you can make you very happy inside!

What are your favorite things to do? List them below.

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The Bible says ...

Psalm 139:3-4a (CEV): You notice everything I do and everywhere I go. Before I even speak a word, you know what I will say, ..."

Let's go back to the beginning when God created you. On the very first day of your life, you began as a single cell inside your mother's womb. Womb is the part of your mother's body where you lived before you were born. You were so small … the size of the thickness of a single strand of hair. At three weeks old, your heart started beating. At four weeks old, you were less than one inch tall. But you kept growing! At 12 weeks old, you were 2 ½ inches tall. Below is a picture of what you looked like inside your mother's womb at 12 weeks.

How tall are you now? Find a tape measure and ask someone to help you figure out how tall you are and record the answer below.

_____ feet _____ inches

Look how much you have grown!

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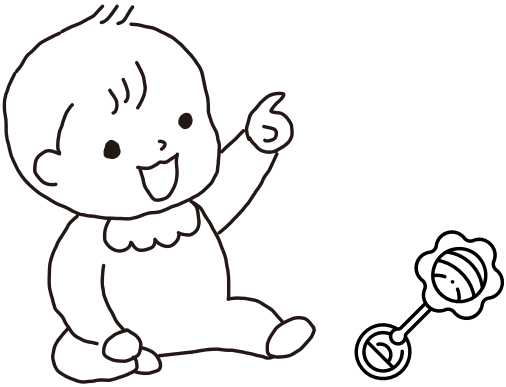
On the day you were born, your family was so happy to meet you! They told everyone your name! Your parents chose your name, but did you know that God knew your name even before they did?



Hello, my name is _____.

My birthdate is _____.

When I was born, I weighed _____ pounds _____ ounces.

I was _____ inches tall.

I was born at _____ a.m. -or- p.m.

The Bible says ...

Isaiah 49:1 (CEV) “The Lord chose me and gave me a name before I was born.”

When you finally arrived, someone--either the doctor or a nurse, maybe even your mom or dad--proclaimed, “It’s a boy!” or “It’s a girl!”

The Bible says ...

Genesis 1:27 (CEV) “So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women.”

As a boy, you get to be a son, grandson, a brother if you have siblings, maybe a nephew, and definitely you get to be a friend. Someday, maybe you will be a father, an uncle, and a grandfather.

As a girl, you get to be a daughter, granddaughter, a sister if you have siblings, maybe a niece, and definitely you get to be a friend. Someday, maybe you will be a mother, an aunt, and a grandmother.

You were born into a family!

My Mom's name is _____.

My Dad's name is _____.

What are your grandparents names?

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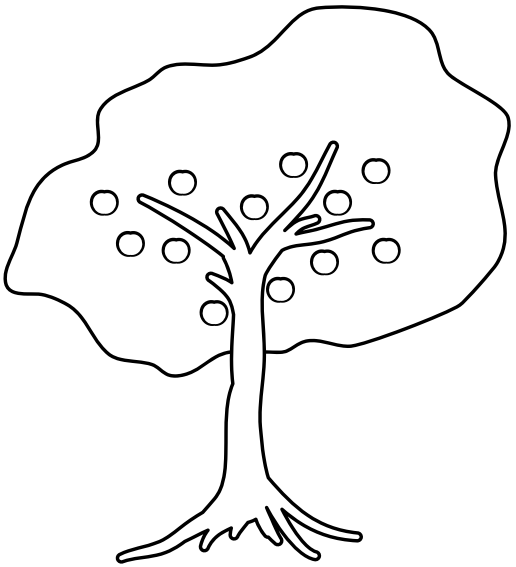
The Bible says ...

Proverbs 24:3 (CEV) "It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong."

The creation of families was God's idea. Families can be very special, but sometimes being part of a family is very hard. Why is that? Let's find out.

The very first family God created was Adam and Eve. They lived in the Garden of Eden which was beautiful and perfect. One day Eve was tempted by a snake named Satan to do something wrong. Even though God told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from a certain tree, they ate the fruit anyway. Because they listened to the snake and chose to sin against God, they were no longer close to Him. Sadly, the garden was no longer a perfect place because sin and death entered the world.



The Bible says ...

Romans 5:12 (CEV) "Adam sinned, and that sin brought death into the world. Now everyone has sinned, and so everyone must die."

Sin entered the world and life became harder than what God intended it to be. Sin is when we do something wrong. Sin separates us from God and that makes God sad because He wants us to be close to Him.

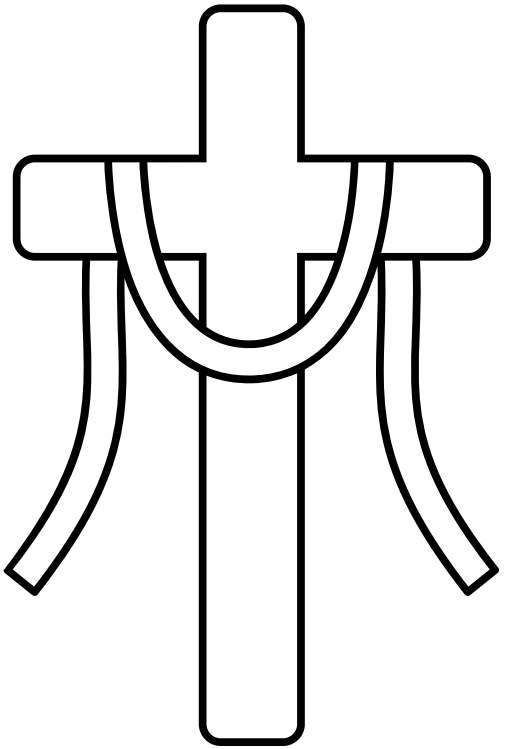
Even before Adam and Eve sinned God had a plan to save us from our sins and eternal death. Because we can't save ourselves, God sent His Son Jesus to earth as a baby. God loves babies! We celebrate baby Jesus coming into the world on Christmas Day.

The Bible says ...

2 Timothy 1:9 (CEV) "God saved us and chose us to be his holy people. We did nothing to deserve this, but God planned it because he is so kind. Even before time began God planned for Christ Jesus to show kindness to us."

Because God loves us, He sent His Son to die on a cross so that we may be forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death. We don't deserve forgiveness from God, but Jesus was willing to die so we could live forever in heaven with Him. Jesus was dead for three days and He overcame death by rising up from the grave. Jesus is alive!

We celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the grave on Easter Sunday.



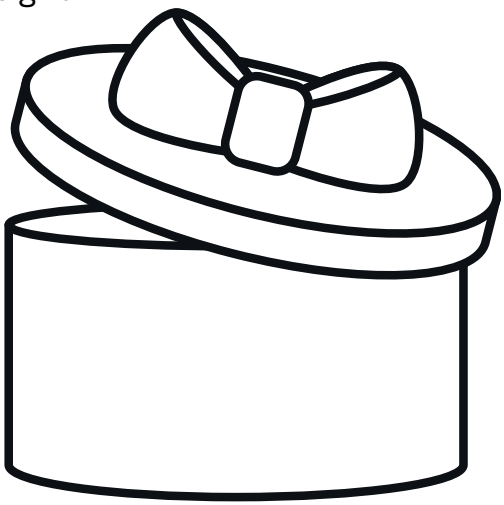
The Bible says ...

Matthew 28:6a (CEV) "He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would."

The Bible says everyone is born sinful and needs forgiveness. When our sins are forgiven by God, we receive the gift of salvation which includes the gift of eternal life in heaven. Everyone is offered this gift, but each person has to decide whether to accept it.

Accepting the gift means that you admit you are a sinner and you believe in your heart that Jesus died for you, rose up from the grave, and lives. When you believe this, you receive the gift of eternal life. After physical death on earth, you will have the privilege of living forever in heaven with Jesus.

Have you accepted the gift?

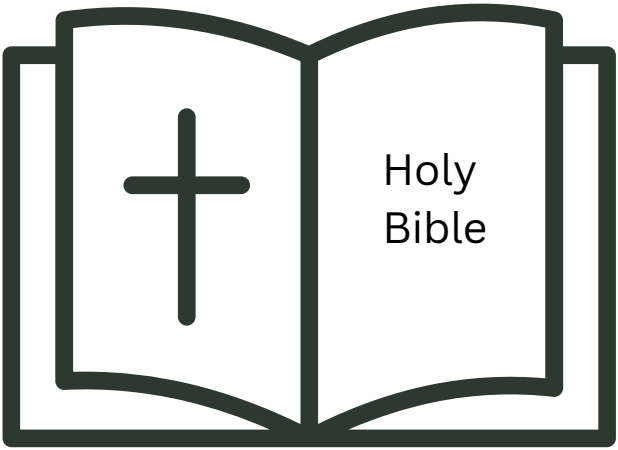


The Bible says ...

Roman 10:9-10 (CEV) “So you will be saved, if you honestly say, “Jesus is Lord,” and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.”

When God saves us, we become part of God's family. We are adopted children of God. God is our heavenly Father! What a gift! God loves us so much that He gives us another gift--the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us live our lives in such a way that honors God.

Sometimes it's hard to obey your parents or be nice to your siblings or friends. The temptation to do things wrong is always present. But you can learn from the Bible how to love God and love others. The Bible is God's word that tells you how to live a life that is pleasing to Him.



The Bible says ...

Luke 10:27 (CEV) "The Scriptures say, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.' They also say, 'Love your neighbors as much as you love yourself.'"

Obeying God's commands is one way of showing God how much you love Him. Another way of showing love to God is by praying to Him.

Prayer is simply talking to God about everything that concerns you and listening to everything that concerns Him. You can talk to God anytime or anywhere and God will listen to you.

The Bible says ...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 (CEV) "Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do."

God is always thinking about us and wants to give us good gifts. Sometimes we forget about God and we are not grateful for the gifts He has given us. When that happens, we should tell God we are sorry. God wants us to worship Him with grateful hearts. Worship is another way of showing love to God.

It is an immense privilege to receive the gift of life and to be created in the image of God. Even greater is receiving the gift of salvation and eternal life in heaven. Make a list below of some things you are grateful for.

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The Bible says ...

2 Corinthians 9:15 (CEV) “Thank God for his gift that is too wonderful for words!”

God wants us to love others by sharing with them how they can receive the gift of eternal life and live forever in heaven with Jesus. Heaven is a beautiful and perfect place to live. There will be no sadness, death, crying, or pain in heaven.

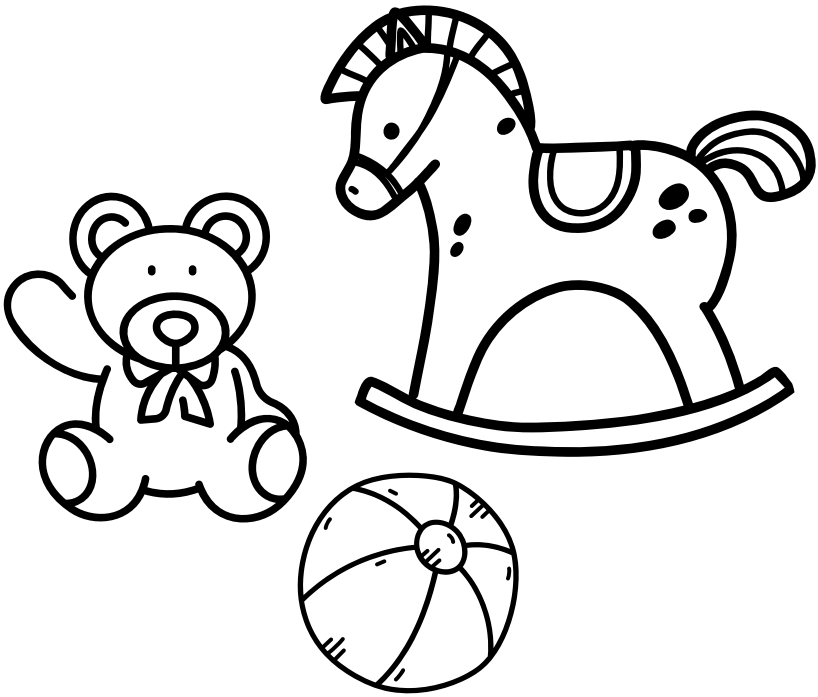
Heaven is a wonderful gift given to us by God. He wants us to invite family and friends to live there so they can enjoy the gift, too!

The Bible says ...

Matthew 10:32 (CEV) “If you tell others you belong to me, I will tell my Father in heaven you are my followers.”

Throughout your lifetime, you will receive many gifts. These gifts will fade, break, get lost, or you may not want them any more because you have outgrown them.

The best gift you can receive is friendship with Jesus. The best gift you can give to your friends--is Jesus! It's the best gift because Jesus promises to always be with us!



The Bible says ...

Hebrews 13:5b (CEV) "The Lord has promised that he will not leave us or desert us."

At the beginning of your life God created you to live inside your mother's womb. He watched you grow from a single cell into a baby. Then you were born. What a special day that was--your "birth" day! Even now, God watches over you as you continue to grow. He wants you to be the best person you can be. Even though you make mistakes, your life will always have value and worth because you are God's creation. Your life matters to Him because He loves you! God celebrates you and wants to give you good and perfect gifts that He has chosen especially for you!

Happy Birthday

The Bible says ...

James 1:17a (CEV) "Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father who created all the lights in the heavens ..."