

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**





**READ  
THIS  
STORY**

It was Happy Birthday time for Mike. He was celebrating his tenth birthday.

Many friends came to his birthday party. Each friend brought a present. They played games, ate cake and ice cream, and then it was time for Mike to open his many presents.

One by one, Mike took each gift and opened it — a model car, a rocket ship, a puzzle and a beautiful watch. All of these presents were given to Mike for free. They were given to Mike by friends who really liked him.

Mike was so excited! It was his birthday. He was celebrating the day he was born as a little baby ten years earlier.

The last gift he opened was from his best friend, Chuck. Tucked inside the gift was a piece of paper. On the piece of paper was a question. This was the question:

**“HAVE YOU JOINED GOD’S FAMILY?”**

This question puzzled Mike. “Have I joined God’s family?” he asked himself.

“Say, Chuck, what do you mean, ‘Have I joined God’s family?’”

“Well, are you a Christian?” asked Chuck.

“I go to church, if that’s what you mean,” said Mike.

“You have to be born into God’s family and then, Mike, you can celebrate two birthdays,” said Chuck.

“You’re kidding — two birthdays?” asked Mike.

Mike was more puzzled then ever. How could he become a little boy again? How could he join God’s family? How could he become a Christian?

Are you like Mike? Do you wonder too? Do you know? If you do not know, read on and you will know how you too can have two birthdays:

1. *Do you know that everyone has done wrong? The Bible says: “All have sinned (done wrong).”*
2. *Do you know Jesus died on the cross to take your punishment for the wrong things you have done?*

3. *Do you know that God sent His Son, Jesus, as a gift to the whole world?*
4. *Do you know Jesus is alive?*
5. *Do you know that God wants you to be a Christian? This means that you are born again into God's family and you now have TWO birthdays! (Jesus said, "You must be born again." John 3:7)*

### ***NOW, wouldn't you like to talk to God in prayer about joining His family?***

1. Ask God to forgive you for your wrongdoing. "For all have sinned..." Romans 3:23
2. Tell God that you believe He gave Jesus to die on the cross for you. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3
3. Tell God that you want Jesus to be your own Savior and Friend. "To all that receive Jesus, He gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12
4. Thank God, your Heavenly Father, for giving Jesus, His Son. 2 Corinthians 9:15
5. Tell someone that you now belong to God's Christian family. Luke 2:17

### ***A prayer for you to say...***

*Dear Heavenly Father:*

*Forgive me for the wrong that I have done. I do believe your Son, Jesus, died for me to take away my sin.*

*Help me to talk and act like a Christian should. Help me to please You in everything I do and say.*

*And now, I want to thank you for Jesus, your Son, who loves me and is ready to help me.*

*Amen*

***I can know I am a Christian because:  
...the Bible tells me so.***

Galatians 3:26 tells me...I am His child.  
1 John 1:9 tells me...God forgives me.  
John 3:16 tells me...God loves me.  
John 14:2,3 tells me...I will go to heaven.

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

I became a member of God's family on

\_\_\_\_\_, which is my second birthday.

***Now that you are a Christian, and a member  
of God's family...***

*...Read your Bible every single day.  
...Talk to God, your Heavenly Father.  
...Go to Sunday school and church regularly.  
...Tell your friends and relatives about Jesus.  
...Show love and kindness to everyone.  
...Give of yourself in every way.*

*This story was given to you by:*

