

I WANNA BE



YOUR FRIEND!

Hello!

I want to be your friend! Do you have a lot of really good friends?

I have the best friend anybody could ever want!

My friend's name is **Jesus**.

He was born about 2,000 years ago in a little town called Bethlehem. His mother was Mary and her husband was Joseph. But Jesus was really the **Son of God**. He always obeyed His parents and never did anything wrong.

When Jesus grew up, He went out and healed the sick and taught people that **God loved them** and to ask Him to forgive them if they had been bad in any way.

When His work on earth was over, Jesus

died on the cross. It was not because He did something wrong, but because He loved you and me. Somebody had to receive the punishment for all the bad things that people do. So my friend said that He would take the punishment for His friends. I am one of those friends and you can be one too!

The Bible says: "**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**" (John 3:16)

This means that Jesus died so that we could be forgiven for the bad things we have done—but Jesus didn't stay dead! Three days after His death, Jesus rose from the tomb—Alive! Many people saw Him. After spending

some time with His friends He went back to Heaven, where He lives now and watches over us. Only His friends can live in Heaven with Jesus.

Do you want to be **Jesus' friend**? Believe in Him and ask—

Dear Jesus, I'm sorry for all the bad things I've done. Please forgive me and help me to be more like You. I give You my heart right now and I receive You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You Jesus for being my friend. Amen.

If you believed what you prayed, you are now **a true Christian** and **a friend of Jesus**. Talk to Him everyday, read what He says in the Bible and never forget Him.