



What is a Christian?



A Christian is someone who trusts and follows Jesus.

But what does this mean? Lets go back to the start...

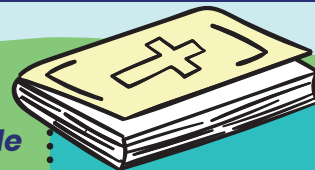
In the beginning...

Christians believe that God created the whole world. He also made people to have a perfect friendship with him! God said everything he made was **good**.



"God so loved the people of this world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who has faith in Him will have eternal life and never really die."

John 3:16



Christians trust the Bible is God's word to us. The Bible points to who God is, shows what he has done for us, and directs us in how to live.

Then what happened?

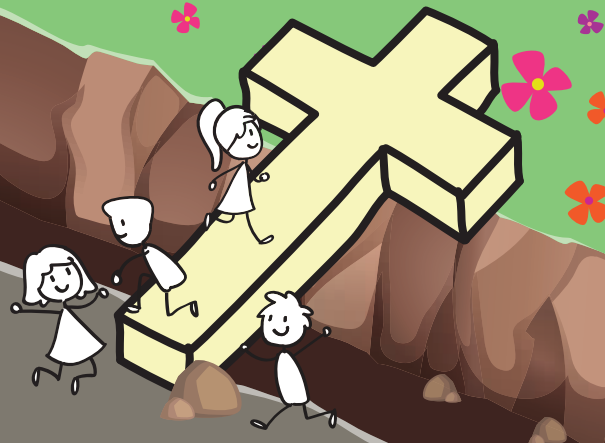
Sadly, we have all turned away from God and gone our own way. The Bible calls this **sin**. Our sin creates a gap between God and us.



Jesus - the Saviour of the world!

God loves us so much that he sent his Son Jesus to **bridge** that gap for us. Jesus took the punishment for our sins by dying on a cross so we could be forgiven and become friends with God again. Three days later Jesus came back to life, showing he has power over everything!

Jesus is called the **Saviour** because He came to **save** everyone.

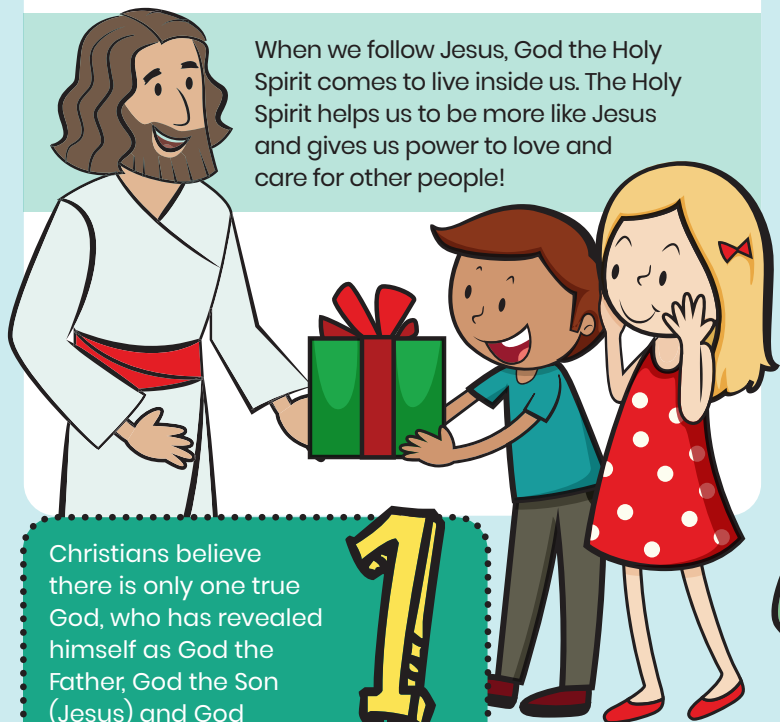


GOD'S FREE GIFT TO US

We can't do anything to earn God's forgiveness, it is a free gift from God that he gives to all who trust and follow Jesus.

Following Jesus is a great adventure! We grow closer to him as we choose to live the way he wants us to live.

When we follow Jesus, God the Holy Spirit comes to live inside us. The Holy Spirit helps us to be more like Jesus and gives us power to love and care for other people!



Christians believe there is only one true God, who has revealed himself as God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit.

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HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

Becoming a Christian means deciding to trust and follow Jesus for yourself, living his way and enjoying friendship with God now and forever!

If you would like to follow Jesus, this is a prayer you can pray:

*Dear God,
Thank you for loving me. I'm sorry for the times I have disobeyed you.
Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross and coming back to life so I can be forgiven. Please be my friend and help me to live your way.
Amen.*

If you just prayed this prayer, congratulations! You are now a Christian!

It's a great idea to tell an adult about your decision, and to meet with other Christians to help you grow in your friendship with Jesus. Your school lunchtime group or local church are great places to do this.



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