

A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

Do you know what has happened? You—yes, you!—have become part of the family of God! When you gave your life to Jesus, you were born into God’s family!



Do you know what being a child of God means?

READ: John 1:12 NKJV

DO: Use this code to complete the verse below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	N	O	R	V



BUT AS MANY AS 12 4 2 4 8 13 4 3 HIM,

TO THEM HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME

2 7 8 9 3 12 4 10 11 5 6 11 3'

TO THOSE WHO 1 4 9 8 4 13 4 IN HIS NAME.

TAKE THIS QUIZ!

CIRCLE ONE

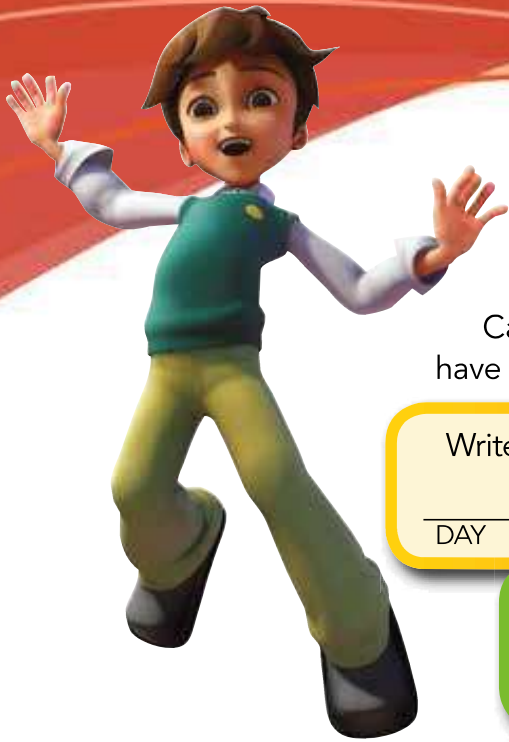
Being a child of God means:

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|----------------------------|-----|----|-------|
| I belong to God. | YES | NO | MAYBE |
| God is my heavenly Father. | YES | NO | MAYBE |
| I want to please God. | YES | NO | MAYBE |

Being a member of God’s family is so exciting! From this day forward, you are God’s child!



PRAY: Dear God, thank you that I can have a special relationship with You as my heavenly Father. I belong to You and want to please You, today and always! Please show me how to please You in all that I do. Amen.



TWO BIRTHDAYS

Can you imagine what it would be like to have two birthdays?

Write the date of your birth on the line below.

DAY MONTH YEAR

Write the day you accepted Jesus in your heart.

DAY MONTH YEAR

Imagine if you had two birthdays and could celebrate twice! What would you do? 1. _____ 2. _____

Guess what? You really DO have two birthdays! Every Christian has two birthdays: the first one is the day that you were born physically, and the second is the day you were born spiritually into God's family.

The Bible says that when we accept Jesus into our hearts, we are "born again." To find out about it, **read** [John 3:1-3](#). It tells about Nicodemus, a religious man who believed that Jesus was a teacher sent by God. Jesus told him something that he found difficult to understand. Do you understand it? To find out what it was, **read** [John 3:1-3](#) and use the code below to help you find the answer.



Jesus said, you must...



Remember, being born again is another way of saying that you have become a child of God. Once, you were born into your own family—but the day you were born again by accepting Jesus, you were born into God's family. Happy Birthday to you!

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for loving me and making me a part of Your family. Help me understand what it means to be born again and to be Your child. Amen.



A NEW YOU

Have you ever seen one of those TV programs where someone gets a total makeover? They end up looking completely different from when you first saw them: different hairstyle, different makeup, and different clothes.

But guess what? Inside, they're still the same.

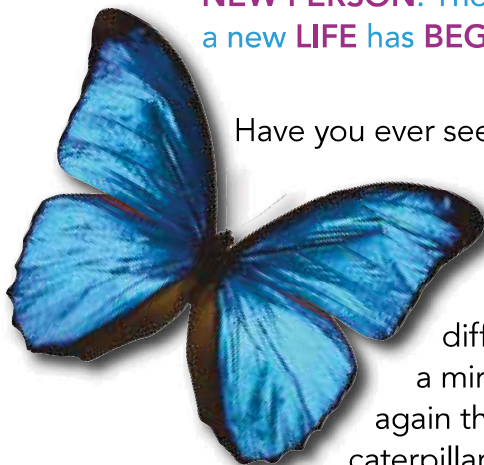
When people become Christians they get a total makeover on the inside. They may not look different, but they really are different! The Bible says that when we accept Jesus we become a new creation!



DO: In the wordsearch, find the words written below in purple capital letters in the Bible verse.

READ: 2 Corinthians 5:17
 This means that **ANYONE** who **BELONGS** to **CHRIST** has become a **NEW PERSON**. The **OLD** life is **GONE**; a new **LIFE** has **BEGUN**!

P	C	H	R	I	S	T	N
B	R	W	E	N	G	U	O
E	A	N	Y	O	N	E	L
G	O	N	E	F	O	B	D
U	L	I	F	S	L	E	W
N	N	O	S	R	E	P	O
D	L	I	F	E	B	E	L



Have you ever seen how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly? It's the same creature—and yet totally different. A caterpillar crawls, but a butterfly flies! It's a miracle. And what happens to us when we are born again through Jesus is very similar. Before, we were like caterpillars; but through Jesus, we become new creatures!



PRAY: Dear Lord, I am so excited that I belong to Jesus and that I have begun a whole new life as a new creature. Help me to think and act in the way that I should, as a brand-new creature—as a child of God!

GROW LIKE JESUS

Have you ever seen how newborn babies grow? They become more and more like their parents. We say they are "maturing." First they learn to crawl, then to walk, and then to run! Write down how old you were when you began to crawl and walk.

CRAWL

WALK

As a newborn Christian, you're going to grow and mature spiritually. Every day that you grow, you're going to be more like Jesus! It's amazing, isn't it?

Draw lines to match the activity picture to the correct word.



PHYSICAL

MENTAL

SOCIAL

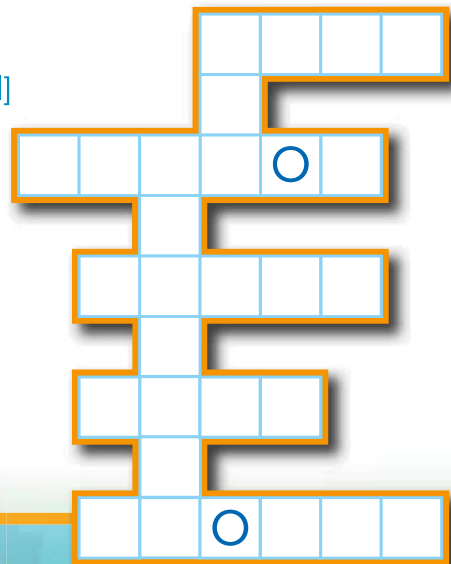
SPIRITUAL

Jesus came to earth as a baby, but He also grew in these ways.

DO: In the crossword puzzle, write the words below in purple capital letters in the Bible verse below.

READ: Luke 2:52

LUKE writes: Jesus **GREW** in **WISDOM** [mental] and in **STATURE** [physical] and in **FAVOR** with **GOD** [spiritual] and all the **PEOPLE** [social].



Being born again means that we are just starting out in our spiritual life with God. Just as babies must learn to crawl and then walk, so we must learn how to live our new life with God. You've begun an exciting journey!

PRAY: Dear Lord, I want to grow just as Jesus did. Help me to grow spiritually, so that every day I look and behave more like Jesus. Amen.



FOOD FOR GROWTH

As everyone knows, babies need milk to grow. But what kind of milk does a spiritual newborn need to grow? Can you guess?

DO: Use this code to fill in the missing words below.



To help them grow, babies need _____ (↑↑↓→←),
 _____ (△↻▽◀), _____ (↵→↕◀↑↻▽),
 and _____ (→↕◀↻).

The Bible teaches us that we need
 _____ (↑↑↓→←), to help us grow as Christians.



READ: 1 Peter 2:2-3
 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Did you figure it out? The Bible is described as spiritual milk! Drinking real milk helps us grow strong physically—and reading the Bible helps us grow strong spiritually. Isn't that amazing?

So are you drinking your "supermilk"? If you read the Bible every day, you'll grow strong spiritually!



PRAY: Dear Lord, I want to grow strong spiritually. May I be like a newborn baby and want the pure, spiritual "supermilk" that comes with reading the Bible every day! Amen.

A GROWING RELATIONSHIP

Have you ever seen how big and tall and strong a tree can grow? The Bible uses the image of a tree to show how we can grow as Christians.

DO: Fill in the missing vowels:
A, E, E, I, I, O, U

S _ N S H _ N _

W _ T _ R

S _ _ L



READ: Psalm 1:1-3

The Bible says that



those who **delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night** are like what?

Underline the correct plant:

GRASS VINE WHEAT TREE BUSH

But what does that mean exactly?

CIRCLE
A OR B

To delight in the law of the Lord means:

- A. Laugh at God's law, the Bible
- B. Enjoy reading and obeying the Bible

To meditate on it day and night means:

- A. Read the Bible thoughtfully every day
- B. Think about reading the Bible

So if you read the Bible every day and study what it says, you will grow to be spiritually strong and solid, just like a mighty tree!

Draw a picture here to illustrate verse 3.



PRAY: Dear Lord, I want to grow strong as a Christian by reading the Bible every day, by thinking about it, and by putting into practice what I learn from it. Amen.

THE BIBLE IS LIKE...

The Bible is so amazing that it's hard to describe. Below, circle the picture that illustrates how the Bible describes itself.



READ: Psalm 119:105

The Bible is like a lamp because it's able to light our way in darkness—to show us the right path for our lives. The Bible will guide us like a lamp, helping us to make the right choices as we go.

DO: Use the code to work out the answer:

In Psalm 119:9, the writer asks God:

HOW CAN A YOUNG PERSON STAY PURE?

CODE KEY

a = b	j = k	s = t
b = c	k = l	t = u
c = d	l = m	u = v
d = e	m = n	v = w
e = f	n = o	w = x
f = g	o = p	x = y
g = h	p = q	y = z
h = i	q = r	z = a
i = j	r = s	

a x n a d x h m f x n t q v n q c



PRAY: Dear Lord, thank you for giving me the Bible! It shines like a lamp to guide my feet so that I won't stumble, and it lights up my path as I walk forward with You. Amen.