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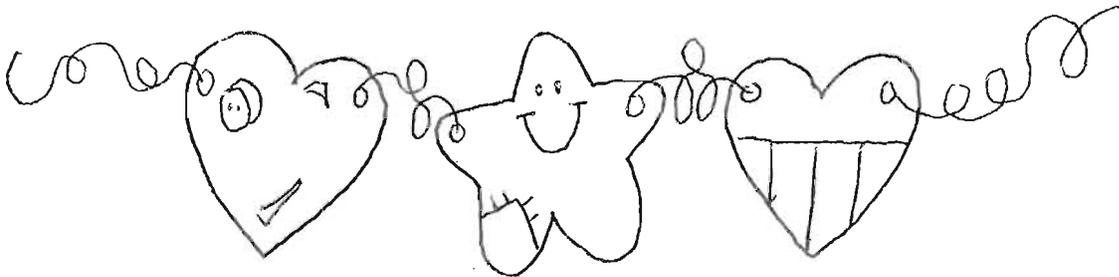
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Comically cute, yet it makes you think twice.

Refreshing! You'll read it in one sitting! But don't read too fast or you'll miss the best part.

Need your ribs tickled? Crave a chuckle? Want a belly laugh, or maybe just make your face feel better with a smile? Then you need to pull up some free time, and relax for a truly enjoyable escape from adult hassles with ***Father, Son, and Holy Spit***. But watch out when you read-between-the-lines you might be caught off balance in your own life.

Father, Son, and Holy Spit is a ha-ha-happy make-you-feel-good book that you'll want to share with a friend. If pondered about long enough, it could make you stop chuckling and shed a tear for the world.



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Introduction:

"When I was a child, I talked like a child and thought like a child." 1st Corinthians 13:11

Now that I am an adult I still keep a child alive in my heart; it helps me to look at life through rose-colored glasses. I can turn negatives into positives more easily...and dream among the stars.

These pint-sized quotes are meant to make you smile, and maybe even chuckle right out loud. One of my favorite memories is reading this book aloud with my friend Maria and LOL-ing together. ☺ I hope it does that for you too.

But more than that, I hope you can read-between-the-lines and take a look at the deeper meaning behind my words, the satire tied to the "real world" and perhaps a wake up call of



how your own life is spinning out of control. I thought this "food-for-thought" was best given with a "spoonful-of-sugar" and giggles. Think about how nice life would be, if only we had a heart half the size of a child's and the innocence as well.

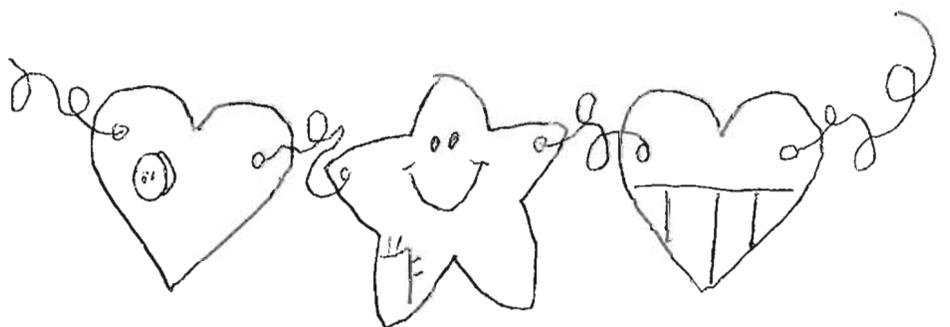
I was inspired by many children when I decided to become one again, and write from a little person's point of view. What a breathtaking view that is—exquisite sunrises, sunsets and rainbow days filled with endless adventure and innocent-trusting love. Have you stopped long enough today to notice?

So for at least a little while, go back in time when you thought you had all the answers. Escape and enjoy...and to God be the glory!

I wish you peace and laughter today and always!

Diane ☺

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Dedication: ○ — ○ — ○ — ○ — ○

This book is dedicated to my own children: Jason, Steven, and Kelli who bring love and laughter to the shadows of my life, and also to my mom Trudy and my twin sister Kathie.

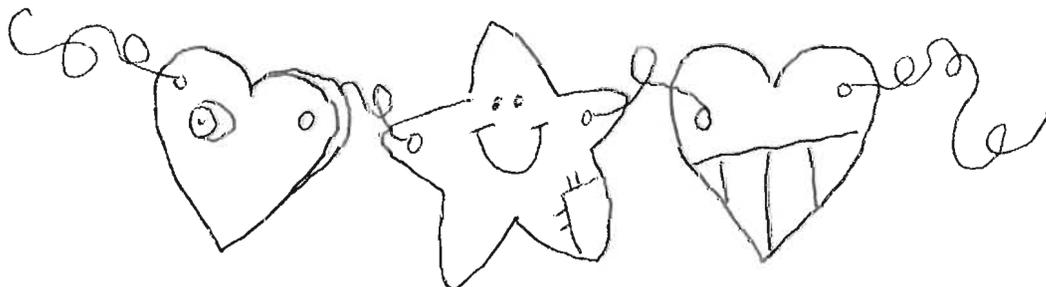
Thank you for being my cheerleaders even when there wasn't too much to cheer about; but most of all thanks for believing in me, and encouraging me to go for the dream.

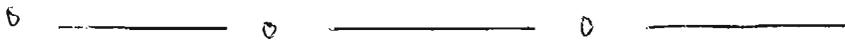
God Bless all of you bunches!
Love & Hugs For Always

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

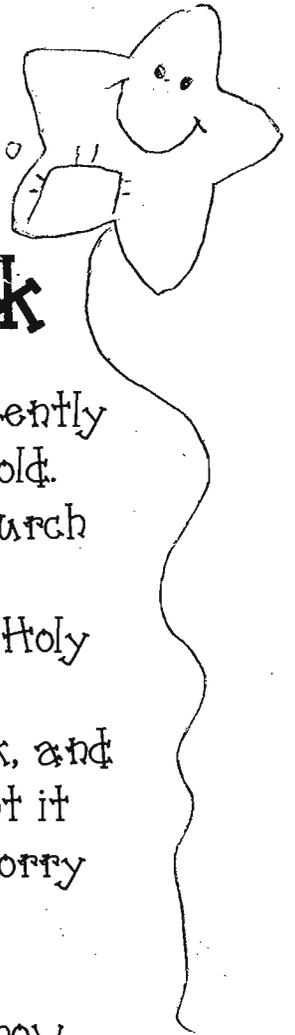
—Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

We are all stars to God,
some of us just shine a little brighter.





A Note About This Book



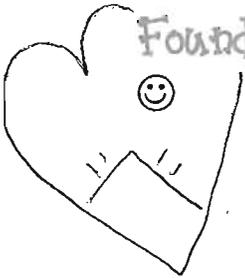
The title of the book was really uttered fervently in prayer by Michael Flohr when he was 3-years-old. He'd kneel in prayer on Sunday at the Catholic church and his mom said he'd cross himself and with all seriousness say: "In the name of the Father Son & Holy Spit!"

I wrote this book in 1995. It's my very first book, and like most aspiring authors, was not published; I sent it to a few publishers, and barely survived the "I'm sorry but..." (I do not take criticism easily!) So I took my "Mess-terpiece to Kinko's and "self-published".

It was good enough for me. I was content to know that I had actually started and finished something!

Now with the website, I wanted to offer it to "the world" if for no other reason than it was a "done thing" and family and friends had really enjoyed it. I hope you do too! ☺ It's certainly worth .99¢ to bring a smile to someone's face.

Since this was a dream; a "wish-upon-a star" sort of thing, all the money from any online purchases will go to one of my favorite charities, **the Make A Wish Foundation**; now that should make you smile even more.



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a Cover:



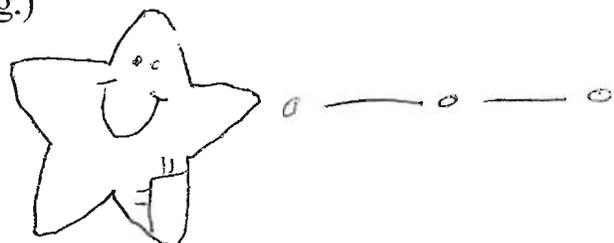
Green and Blue...growing towards heaven with God. I've included lots of bright primary colors because that's how I feel God colors a child's world. He is also the primary reason my life is a beautiful tapestry of quilt blocks. Not so hot all by themselves, but a real work of art when God connects them. The soggy stitches have all been sewn with happy and sad tears. Some are gold and silver threads, others just plain old multi-purpose string... all of which have been sewn together with prayer. I really believe the saying that:

"A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel." Those prayers are so powerful! You're holding an answer to one right now. The lamb represents our sweet Jesus, the heart, our awesome God. My home and heart are anywhere He is. The dots scattered about, are mustard seeds; for I have the faith that with God **ALL** things **are** possible. I've seen too many mountain-moving-miracles to believe anything else.

There's more artwork and stitching on the inside pages. The significance:

"Love, hugs and wishes" with lots of "stars and kisses." "Good Stuff" a child can't get enough of. I've always told my children to aim high and shoot for the moon, if by chance they miss they would still land softly among the stars. As you read the book you'll figure out the significance behind the rest of the pictures.

My goal and dream is to be God's pencil, so I guess you can say we drew, and "co-authored" this miracle. Hopefully, it will melt in your heart and add a smile to your day. Have a happy one! (We are all God's masterpieces, some of us, like me, are still in the making.)



Bible Verses For The Book:

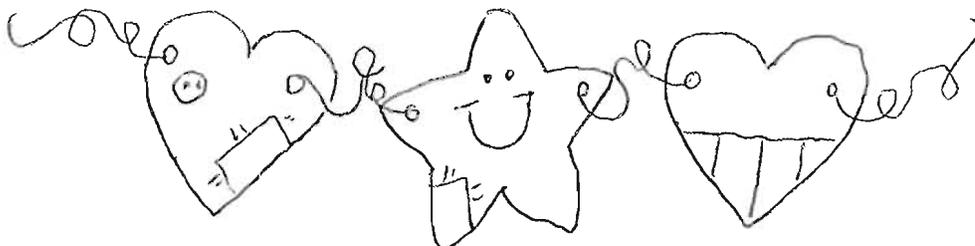
- ❖ “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29: 11 NIV

- ❖ “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”
- Proverbs 22: 6 NIV

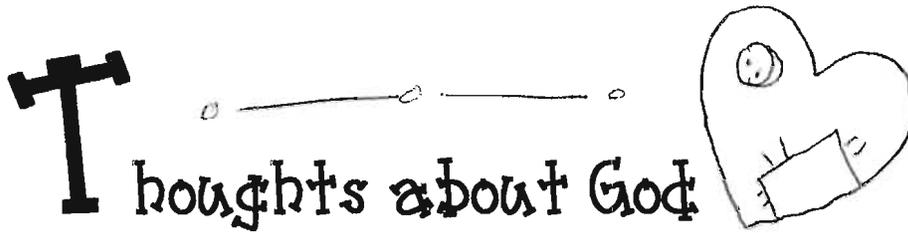
- ❖ ... Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”
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T houghts about God



❖ The triangle is God and Jesus and the Holy Spirt all combined into one.

Holy Spirt?

Yes, you know like in the prayer...

In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirt.

I think it has something to do with the little tubs of water on the wall when you enter the church. You dab on some holy spirt to make yourself clean and presentable to God. Then it's OK if you go in as long as you curtsy.

❖ God spelled backwards is dog...either way He's my best friend!

❖ God is the big boss in the sky, if we do good work we get a raise to heaven!

❖ Grama says God gave her little laugh lines, not wrinkles...I guess I better watch

❖ what I think is so funny or He'll give me some too.

❖ God is impressed different than people. Like if a person is rich and gives you

❖ a hunert dollars we would think that was pretty great, but if a kid only has a dime

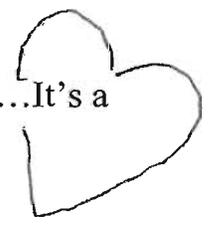
❖ for his whole life and gives you a nickel, well God thinks that's a whole lot better.

❖ I'm on God's team...We Win!

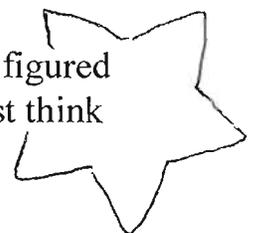
❖ It's important to give and take, so God gives us grace, and we give it back to Him before we eat.

❖ "Uh Oh" doesn't make God afraid or nervous, it just sends Him into action!

- ❖ One of the bestest things about God is that He knows everything. So when I really really am telling the truth I don't hafta convince Him; He just knows...I wish my parents could do that.
- ❖ God is brave and strong, but He is also gentle. He knows the difference between sad and happy tears.
- ❖ Even though I'm still little, I'm never invisible to God. Grownups need to make a note of that, because size doesn't make someone important.
- ❖ God is older than my grampa, older than Santa. He's way past a bajillion!
- ❖ God's infinitely as far as you can count!
- ❖ God can't be that old, cuz He doesn't snore, wear bifocals, or take His teeth out at night.
- ❖ Even tho God is very very old He is young at heart, and that's one reason why He understands us kids so good.
- ❖ Just because God's old doesn't mean He's senile. That's an old people's disease.
- ❖ God is immune to it! He never forgets anything! He has a photogenic memory!
- ❖ God must be all different colors mixed together because He made us in His image,
- ❖ but I think they are blended really good so He's very handsome.
- ❖ God sprinkles me with happies when the rain tinkles on my head.
- ❖ God gives us the ability to scratch an itch, reach a dream and touch the stars.
- ❖ God will sometimes send you something pretty for no reason...It's a "Just because..."

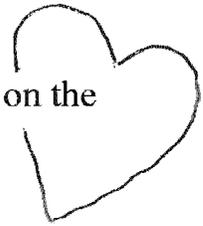


- ❖ When the bottom falls out, God is there with a hammer and nails, and when your heart is ripped apart, He's there with His special bottle of glue, so no matter how your life is broken God can fix it.
- ❖ God kisses me good morning and good night when the wind whispers on my face. He can do that ya know!
- ❖ Mom says God never makes a mistake. So even when Joey down the block calls me "four-eyes", I know I'm not ugly because God designed me just the way He wanted me to be, and besides, He invented contacts, and when I'm 12 I can get some.
- ❖ God knows everything. The Bible says He even knows how many hairs I have on my head! I don't even know that about me. Do you? I don't think I would want to sit and count them, and they're mine! If He knows that, He knows everybody's secrets too, so you better have nice ones!
- ❖ God made everything two-by-two so they could make three's and four's and so on...
- ❖ God can accomplish a ton of stuff in a short amount of time. He made everything on earth in less than a week and in just 40 days He made it rain and started over again! I'd say that's pretty impressive!
- ❖ God can talk like thunder when He's mad, but He can also talk soft like the wind whispering when babies are sleepin'.
- ❖ God's bigger'n a whale, but lighter than a dandelion puff...He's just everywhere at once!
- ❖ God is very very strong, but in all that power He is still soft. Mom says when I'm scared I should picture me curled up in God's lap. I do, and it is very soft there, and nobody and I mean nothing, can hurt me there!
- ❖ God is so intelligent. I can hardly figure out spelling and He figured out everything there is to know about a human body. Now just think

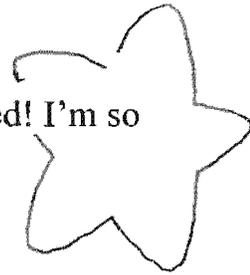


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about that! All those pieces and parts and how they work together...unbelievable!

- ❖ God has a naughty and nice list like Santa, and you better be on the nice list or you are in big trouble...with a capital T.
- ❖ God is a big word. Sufficient only with a "O". Omniscient? Yup. Which means the buck stops here.
- ❖ All ya gotta remember is that God holds up the world, all we hafta do is hold up our head and reach out a hand, God will do the rest. My dad's back wouldn't hurt so bad or so much, if he remembered that!
- ❖ God spends His day answering prayers, baptizing angels, makin' babies and doing other miracle stuff. He can even put a man inside a whale and make bushes burn with out burning them! And that's just for starters!
- ❖ God made moms and dads so He could hug you in person. He made grammas and grampas (grownup moms and dads) so they could spoil you extra specially. And that's just a small bit of His great big love for us!
- ❖ Today, is never too much, for two. (You and God are a great team!)
- ❖ God is perfect for advice, cuz He knows all the answers even before I think of the question!
- ❖ God doesn't need an eraser because He is always righteous!
- ❖ God NEVER puts you on hold; He just holds you.
- ❖ God makes my life a happy place to be. I think I'll send Him a thank-you-gram and let Him know I appreciate the millions of things He does to make it so.
- ❖ God understands complicated stuff. Like even though we have a rule you can't pray in school...I do anyway, especially before a test...and I think God understands that I'm being good, even when I'm doing



bad, like breaking a dumb rule...Life is so complicated! I'm so relieved God can un-complicate it.

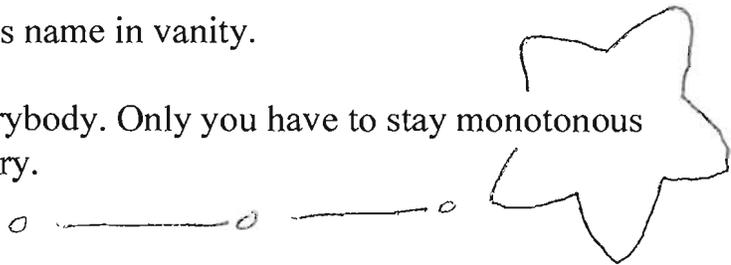


- ❖ God's the man of all men, He's the king of the road!
- ❖ God gives the best hugs cuz He's the inventor.
- ❖ Without God you crash and burn, and live in fear. With Jesus in your heart there's no fears and you just fly around free with not a care in the world.
- ❖ I don't need to see God to believe He is really there, cuz my mom told me so, and she never lies. And we sing a song that the Bible tells me that Jesus loves me, and in order for there to be Jesus he had to have a dad, and his dad is God, so God is real cuz Jesus is, and so am I !
- ❖ One of the nicest things about God, is that He always gives you a second chance.
- ❖ In order for God to heal you, you have to let Him look at your owie.
- ❖ War and other hurting stuff makes God so sad that He cries a flood and we're lost in the deeps of the ocean.
- ❖ You can't hide anything from God...Not even if you stuff it in the back of your closet in a box, or bury it in a deep hole under your bed. He has x-ray vision like Superman, and tuition like your Mom.
- ❖ Even when God is angry when I do something wrong, His eyes still smile, because He loves me unconditional.
- ❖ God is always there...He is the most wonderful, bestest, loving person there ever was. If anyone is more than Him I haven't seen them!
- ❖ God's bones don't ever break, not even when the angels play too rough.
- ❖ Even tho God has so much to do all of the time, and at all hours of the

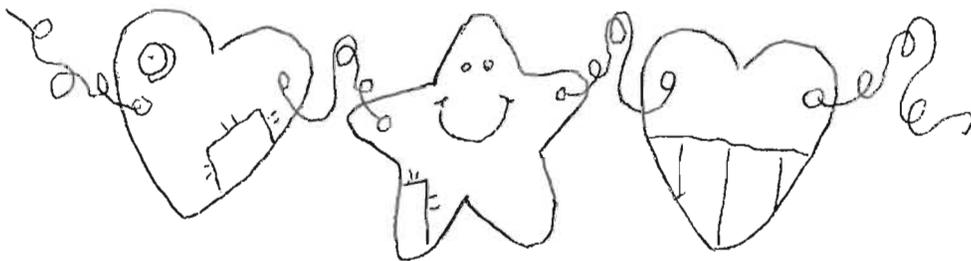
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day and night, He is still never too tired to come when I call out to Him.

- ❖ Nobody can bully you around if God is your Abba. That means “daddy” in Bible talk. Now you can for sure say: “Don’t mess with me cuz my dad’s bigger’n yours!”
- ❖ You just never out grow God!
- ❖ God lets you know what you need to know, and helps you not care about what you don’t know. That’s knowing peace beyond understanding.
- ❖ God blesses us all the time; not just when we sneeze!
- ❖ God made Adam and Eve and they had a little sin named Cain.
- ❖ God had to keep making people cuz when He made Adam and Eve they messed up big time, so He made some more people and they kept messin’ up too, and we have over-population and wouldn’t cha know people are still messin’ up! Poor God. We all deserve a good time out in the Think Chair!
- ❖ God is a miracle maker. A miracle is when great stuff happens that everyone says can’t happen but does anyway because nothing is impossible for God.
- ❖ God gives us rules in the Bible. He tells us “Thou shalt not do bad stuff.” And then He gets real specific. And when I do bad stuff it’s “uh-oh” time and everybody hears about it! But when I’m good, sometimes the only one who notices is God; I think that’s kinda sad don’t you?
- ❖ You shouldn’t use God’s name in vanity.
- ❖ God tells us to love everybody. Only you have to stay monotonous and pick just one to marry.

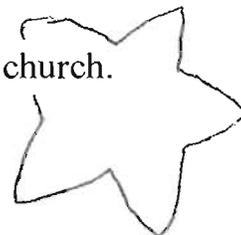


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- ❖ Sometimes it's hard to love everybody, especially if you have a little brother who's a baby and gets into all your stuff! Arrrrgg!
 - ❖ God must have a big box of crayons to color the season with.
 - ❖ God's in the advertising business. He advertises His love for us in every sunrise and sunset.
 - ❖ God's my flashlight in the dark. He's God cuz He don't need batteries.
 - ❖ God is specialer than just "Our Father who artin heaven." He's our daddy who art on earth too, He's always with me.
 - ❖ God never sleeps cuz it takes all night to paint a beautiful mornin' just for us! Did you remember to notice? Did you remember to say thank you?
 - ❖ God made belly buttons to hold us together; and to tie us to our mommy's heartstrings.
 - ❖ God enlightens with lightnin'!
 - ❖ God always has enough hugs left in His arms for everyone.
 - ❖ God never gets lost. He don't ever NOT know where I am, or where I'm goin', and that's more than I can say for myself!
 - ❖ God is the Golden Ruler!
 - ❖ God doesn't make mistakes; He gets it right the first time. That's why there are no amendments to His commandments.

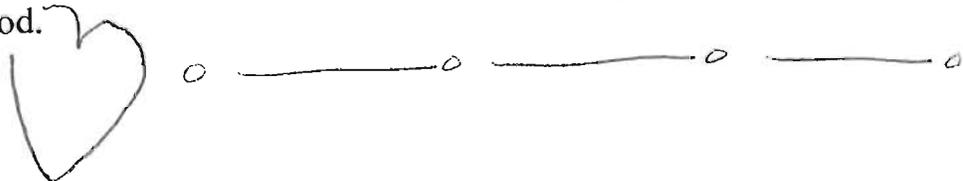


thoughts about Jesus

- ❖ The virgin Mary had baby Jesus because of her immaculate conception.
- ❖ God put an idea in Mrs. Mary's tummy and an angel came and said it was a great idea and then nine days or years later out pops baby Jesus along with some camels and cows, cuz the hotels in Jerry-oo-sa-lum had no vacancies.
- ❖ Mary had a little lamb and his name was Jesus.
- ❖ Jesus's nick name was Emanuel.
- ❖ Jesus is the reason for Easter and Christmas. Christmas is when he came, and Easter's when he went. And when he comes again, we'll have another celebration!
- ❖ Jesus is God's son and the Bible says that God loves me so much that He let Jesus be kilt. If I would've been there I would've said. "Hey stop that, do you know who you're messin' with?!" But I guess that would've changed the end of the story. I just want God to know that I would've helped His boy because I love him too.
- ❖ Jesus is in a compartment of my heart. The partment that makes it beat.
- ❖ You know that song: "I gotta little light and I'm gonna let it shine...?" Well that's Jesus, and He lights up all the dark corners of my life so there's no monsters under my bed or hidin' in my closet. With Jesus I can relax, because I'm as safe as safe can be!
- ❖ Jesus is like a organ. He's in your body and also at church.

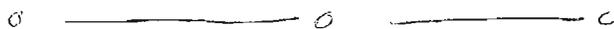


- ❖ Being like Jesus is giving your coat to someone who doesn't have one when it is snowing, and then feeling warm because you did that. It's not just the giving, it's that you have to feel good that you did it. That's the special part like Jesus!
- ❖ Jesus's love is a treasure to me. I keep it locked up in my heart like a pirate. Nobody can steal his love. I just share it by bein' good.
- ❖ Let me put it this way...Jesus is like a credit card, you shouldn't leave home with out him, and he is like a soda pop, everything goes better with Jesus! Now do ya get it?
- ❖ Jesus knows the WAY, tells the TRUTH, and LIGHTs it all up for you to see!
- ❖ Jesus minds his "P's" and "Q's" and the rest of the alphabet too!
- ❖ Jesus is the kind of friend that would walk through a patch of poison ivy and pricker bushes in a swamp filled with snakes and mosquitoes to come find you, and never say a word about the hassle; that's how his love is different from my Mom's. My Mom, she would come get me through the mess, but I'd hear her comin' all the way.
- ❖ Jesus can make you happy and warm in places nobody else can.
- ❖ Being good is close to being like Jesus. It's like if I'm good, I share half of my cookie with a friend. Being like Jesus is giving my whole cookie to somebody I don't even like!
- ❖ Jesus was a committee of one, that got a whole lot done.
- ❖ Jesus is like your lovie; ya know that old bear and blanket ya used to drag around when you was a little kid. That was for security a big word that means it makes ya feel good and safe too. Well, Jesus is better'n bears and a blankie, cuz he doesn't get lost and you carry him around in your heart so there's no need for a suitcase when you travel. He's just there, everywhere you go. And that's part of what makes ya feel good.





- ❖ God sent Jesus as the best Christmas present ever.
- ❖ Jesus was very good at math. He could even multiply a fish to feed an army!
- ❖ Jesus's middle name is Christ, or maybe that's his last name, I'm not sure.
- ❖ Jesus doesn't have a last name because God doesn't. God knows everybody in the Bible, like Adam and Eve, Noah, Mary, Joseph and all the rest, so they don't need last names. Later on stuff gets more complicated so God invented last names so everybody could keep each other straight.
- ❖ Happy Birthday Baby Jesus is my favorite Christmas Carol.
- ❖ Jesus and I have the best picnics beside the still waters.
- ❖ My little choo-choo says "I think I can" ... Jesus's train says: "I know I can, I know I can, I know I can!"
- ❖ They say that Jesus is going to come again. He could be right here walkin' around and you wouldn't even know it. Don't worry if you don't know who he is, my friend Ralphy says you better hope he knows who you are. I told Ralphy that Jesus, he knows everything, and that what he knows about you better be good, or you aint goin'!
- ❖ ...and where are you going to get to go?
- ❖ To eternal light where there's no bedtime. We all get a mansion with many rooms! I hope mine has a pool in it!
- ❖ Jesus WILL come again, and boy will the you-know-what will be hittin' the fan!
- ❖ Watch who you entertain it could be angels and Jesus and you'd be unawares. And I wanna ask you, if it really was would you change anything about how and where you were entertaining?



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- ❖ If you ask Jesus in your heart you get to go with him when he comes and captures us up in a song!
 - ❖ A song?
 - ❖ Yup! A rap-a-ture, it's like a ova-ture only in modern music!

 - ❖ I know Jesus loves me because he went through more pain for me than my mama did when I was borned!

 - ❖ I know Jesus loves me because one day he whispered to me: "Abby get up you aren't sick anymore!" And I did, because I wasn't!

 - ❖ I know Jesus loves me because ever since I asked him into my heart I've been trying awfully hard to be the bestest little girl I can be for him, and to make my parent's life easier.

 - ❖ I know Jesus loves me because when my mom kisses me goodnite she says: "I love you Kelli and so does Jesus." And God created moms, and they don't tell lies or they won't go to heaven, and my mom knows she's goin', me too!

 - ❖ I know Jesus loves me because he has the scars to prove it.

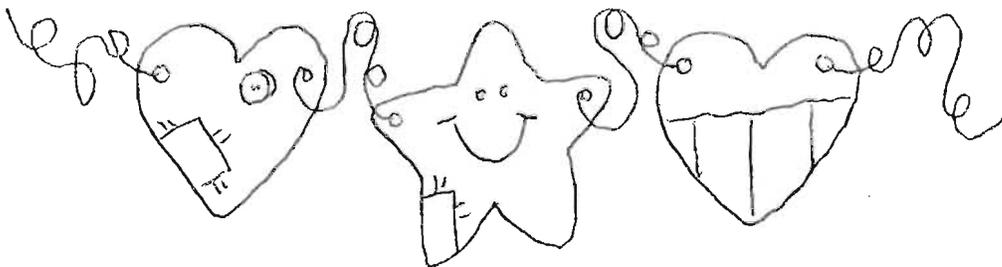
 - ❖ Jesus was bathtised in the river, I got mine in church.

 - ❖ There are a lot of big words in the Bible like *resurrection*. That means that God reassures you that if you love Him and Jesus you will get to live with Him someday.

 - ❖ Resurrection is like my mom after she has her mornin' coffee.

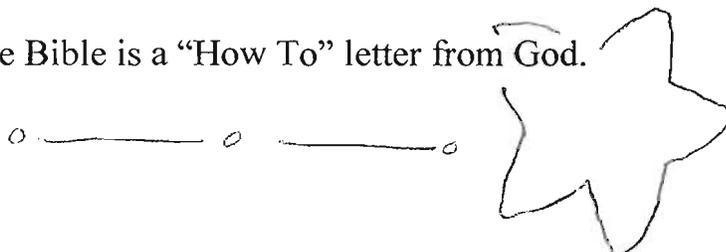
 - ❖ Crucifixion is when the bad people hung poor Jesus on the cross, resurrection is when His dad takes Him down, and flies Him up!

 - ❖ Jesus lived Once-upon-a-time; so we can live Happily-ever-after!



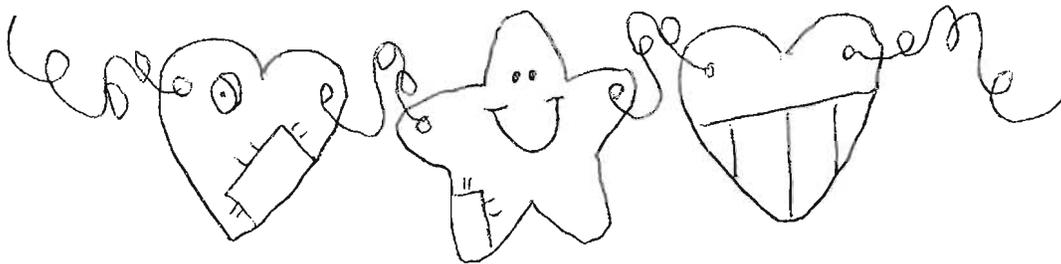
thoughts about the Bible

- ❖ The Bible has a old part in it, and a new part. The old part is rated PG 13 because of the sex and violence. The new part is just rated G for Jesus. It's a best seller!
- ❖ The Bible is like a key. It holds all the answers. Grownup's are always looking for their house keys, car keys...life keys! They look and look only to discover that what they are searching for is right there. Like the pencil behind my grampa's ear and the sunglasses on top of my sister's head. They were just looking in all the wrong places.
- ❖ Genesis is where everybody was begetting everything. Revelation is where you better begettin' a goin'.
- ❖ In a little story God lets us know that it is important to keep our eyes on Him, to go forward and not to look back or you might turn into a salt shaker.
- ❖ There were a couple of kinds of people in the Bible. The Jews and the Gentle ones.
- ❖ The Bible says God makes all things possible, even impossible things!
- ❖ The Bible has stories with directions of where to go and how to live so you can get there, wherever that is, you'll just know.
- ❖ The Bible is like a big phone book with a list of good people who get to go to heaven. You sure don't want an unlisted number for that!
- ❖ The Bible is a "How To" letter from God.





- ❖ The Bible is a very long book with a bunch of short stories in there that are supposed to make you learn and think. And I think I have a lot to learn!
- ❖ The Bible says “If God be for you, who can be against you?” Them’s fightin’ words and we’re the winners!
- ❖ The Bible is a good book. It is so good it is known as **The** good book. It has a table of contents of old-fashioned names, there’s letters, poems, directions with some maps, a little history, a song, short stories, red writtin’, a list of do’s and dont’s and hints for parents on spankin’ and spoilin’. Everything is in there; all you have to do is look!
- ❖ Everyone should learn about the Bible. Instead of just Geography, we should study Bibliography in school too. Makes good sense to me.

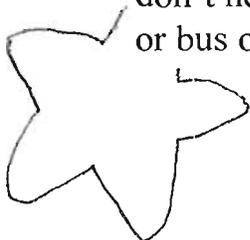




Thoughts About Heaven

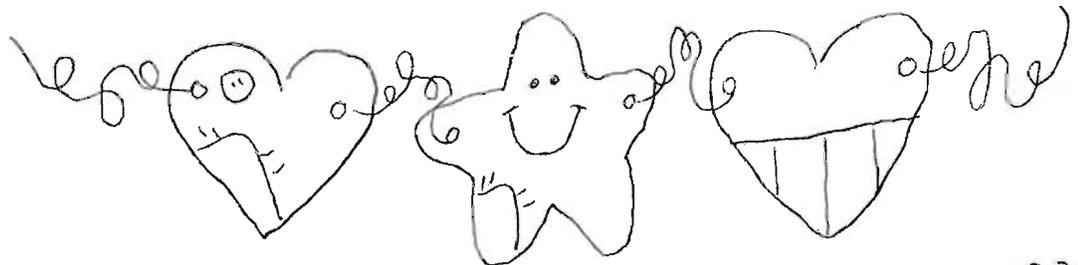


- ❖ When you die if you've been good and have Jesus in your heart, your name goes in the good book that has a list of people who get to go to heaven. An angel messenger comes down with a golden key and takes you up there so you don't get lost on the way. You use the key to open the golden gate and then Jesus meets you and gives you a big hug and takes you to go visit his dad! And then you live happily-ever-after!
- ❖ Heaven is like being on summer vacation the whole year long!
- ❖ Nobody has any troubles in heaven cuz there are no bills to pay.
- ❖ Heaven is the greatest place there is. All the people that you loved the best who left you, are up there for you to be with again. You don't know where you are, but you're very glad to be wherever that is!
- ❖ Heaven is the land of the promised.
- ❖ The Bible says there won't be any more tears or pain. You just can't get hurt in heaven so Band-Aids are even extinct!
- ❖ There is not a whole lot of work in heaven if you accomplished what you were supposed to on earth.
- ❖ Heaven is the fountain of youth everyone was looking for down here.
- ❖ You don't have jobs like you do down here cuz no one gets sick so you don't need dentists or doctors. And nobody fights so nobody sues anybody, so you don't need lawyers, and everybody knows everything so you don't need to go to school. Same for fires and firemen, but I bet there are plenty of them in hell. I don't know for sure, and I sure don't wanna find out. Anyway stuff is free so you don't need money and banks. And you can fly so you don't need a car or bus or even a plane so there's no pollution. There isn't all that kind

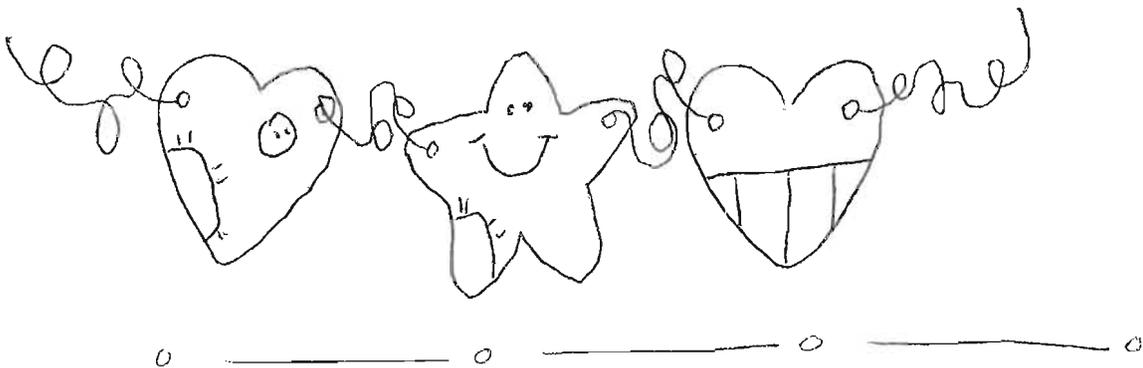


of stuff up there so people have more time for more important stuff. I guess we could learn a lot down here just by thinking about that!

- ❖ You're not extinct anymore in heaven.
- ❖ In Heaven I won't feel stupid and lonely because everyone gets picked to play whatever game everyone is playing. And everyone wins and has lots of fun. There are no losers in heaven or you wouldn't be up there in the first place.
- ❖ Think about it. In heaven there's no taxes, you live for free, so nobody screws up the balanced budget. So if you're a tax collector and work for the IPS I'd seriously think of a job change.
- ❖ There's no admission price to heaven, if you paid the right dues on earth.
- ❖ You don't get to bring anything with you, just yourself and your name. I'm not sure about clothes, maybe your bathing suit and a robe. You don't need shoes that's for sure.
- ❖ When grama died they said God was taking her home. So heaven must be the sweetest place to be because there's no place like home!
- ❖ In Heaven ya don't get lost, because you follow the stars. They mark the spot and because you're up there, they are just too big to miss!
- ❖ In heaven God makes it so that you don't even mind that you're dead.
- ❖ In heaven they have lots of music. They sing and dance. There's lots of different kinds of instruments, like harps. Everybody is always happy and they have a song in their whole body not just their heart. You don't even have to know the words to sing, it just comes naturally!
- ❖ In heaven you listen to soul music.



- ❖ In heaven there will be a lot of laughter, but it is nice laughter, because people won't be laughing at me anymore. No one will be fat or ugly, poor or crippled that's part of why it's heaven.
- ❖ In heaven you know all the answers to the questions you don't care about anymore.
- ❖ Heaven is so much better than earth because even though everyone is busy, they are not ever too busy to care.
- ❖ In heaven if you didn't get your wings yet, you could always get around in the cloud escalators. You can balance on these clouds because when you get to heaven, God promises you a new body, and that one isn't overweight.
- ❖ Everybody should get to take eternity leave.
- ❖ Heaven is like bein' at the top of a mountain. The climb to get there ain't easy, but the view up there's worth the trot.
- ❖ Life is when stuff just happens. You don't know why it happened, and you're always wondering what happened and wishing it hadn't happened. In heaven, when stuff happens, you know why it happened, when it's happening, and you are happy it happened! ... Or something like that.



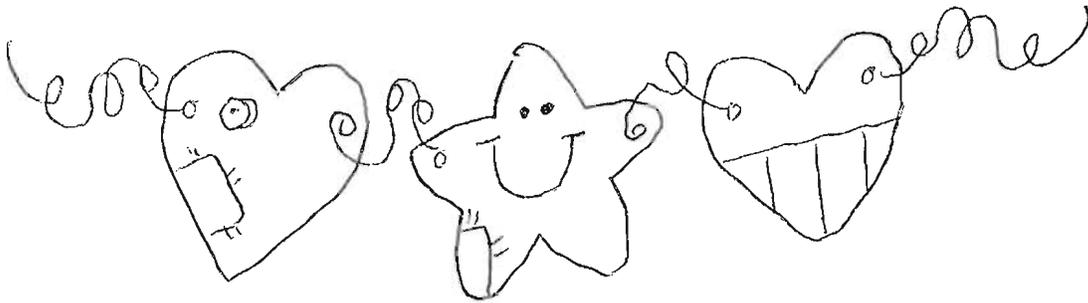
Bad Stuff: Sin, Satan and Hell



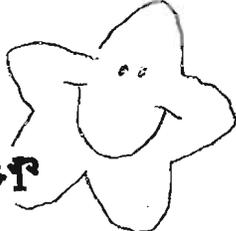
- ❖ God's arch-enemy is Satan. He is really the pits; he even lives in the pits of hell. It's a place underground like a very creepy dungeon. He steals souls and you go there if you are bad. It burns with fire. Just the thought of it makes me good!
- ❖ The devil is like cooked cauliflower and cabbage; God is like a sweet peach and chocolate.
- ❖ God's good, satan's bad...it's as simple as that...you wanna be good, you follow God; if not, you are in trouble way over your head!
- ❖ The devil's his name; temptation's his game. In the cartoons, he sits on your shoulder and whispers in your ear to do bad stuff. So just turn the other cheek, and slap him away like a pesky fly.
- ❖ The devil can change his shape. Sometimes he's red with horns, and one time he was a snake. Anyway you look at it,
- ❖ he's one bad dude with an attitude! I can't wait for when God adjusts it!
- ❖ Instead of "Hello", the only wake-up call for some grownup's is
 - Hell.
- ❖ I think God wears a white hat because He's the good guy. The bad guy is the devil. He's so bad the word evil is in his name! If you had a recipe to make him, you'd throw every bad thing in there you could think of, and he's even worser than that! But God will always win, because He's good and so much more powerful and He also writes the end to all of the stories.
- ❖ Sin is not a very nice thing, like when you lie and weave webs, sooner or later you get all tangled up and only God can save you outta your mess.



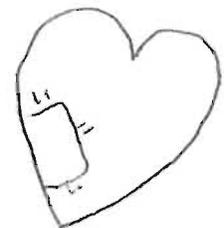
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- ❖ A sin is the worst kind of naughty you can be, but a worser sin is not being sorry you were naughty!
 - ❖ Sins are unnecessary evils.
 - ❖ Sins might feel good at first, but later they make you feel just awful, like when you eat a whole bag of candy.
 - ❖ The wages of sin is death, and if that's the wage you're being paid for your life's work, well ya better quit you job!
 - ❖ My mom says everything comes out in the wash. So if you're bad, you need to confess to God that you're sorry and He'll throw your guilty parts in the sin cycle of the wash machine and then you'll come out rinsed clean! Amen!



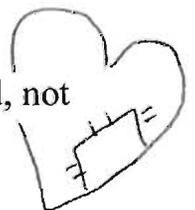
T houghts about Prayer



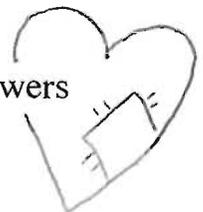
- ❖ Prayer is a conversation with God; “Little Love Words” sent back and forth through the clouds.
- ❖ Prayer is the next best thing to being there!
- ❖ If you put God’s telephone, computer, and post office all together, you got prayer.
- ❖ 1-800-prayers is a toll-free call.
- ❖ A prayer should be the first, and not the last thing you do.
- ❖ I don’t know if my dog Muffy prays, but if he does, I know God will hear him, because God can talk every language, even dog-talk.
- ❖ My mom medicated when she prays.
- ❖ Sometimes I feel sad and empty in my heart, then I pray and God fills up the holes with holys and I’m all better again
- ❖ I think everybody should pray. Sometimes I don’t even ask for stuff, I just say “How ya doin’ today God?” I think it’s important to talk to Him. Kinda like when you’re supposed to call your Mom.
- ❖ God’s answers are as plain as the nose on our face, I guess that’s why some of us don’t see them!
- ❖ When the whole world is screamin’ in my face God talks to me in my heart. That way I can still hear Him even with all the yellin’ goin’ on around me. I think that’s maybe why some grownup’s don’t hear so good.



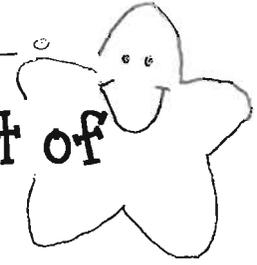
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- ❖ My prayer goes up to heaven on the wings of butterflies, bees, and birds...they make a be-line right to God, otherwise airplanes would get tangled up in the phone lines to say nothing of the mess poles would make floating that high up!
 - ❖ A prayer is an idea in my head that turns into a wish from my heart.
 - ❖ You say Amen at the end of your prayers. It's like a period. God knows you're finished and by saying Amen He can take over and do His thing that He does soooo good!
 - ❖ Prayer is the beginning of a solution.
 - ❖ We used to say grace in school. Then somebody passed a rule we couldn't do that anymore. I wonder if that somebody realizes that us kids are the future and that without prayer nobody has one, especially the somebody who made that rule!
 - ❖ You can call God anytime. Ya don't even need to have a phone. Just close your eyes (so that you don't see how God does magical stuff), and put your hands together, and kneel any old place, and wham, He's right there.
 - ❖ Prayer is like an SOS that only god can understand and answer.
 - ❖ Everybody should pray! You need to thank God for all that He does for you. If you just sit and think about all that, you'll have a lot to think about!
 - ❖ Sometimes you don't get what you ask for cuz God knows best; just like your Mom, or it could be because your prayer got canceled out by somebody else's prayer. Like I prayed for a blizzard so I wouldn't have to go to school, and my Mom she prayed it would stop snowing so there wouldn't be no accidents. When God looked at the two prayers I guess He thought my Mom's made more sense and anyway she also has more seniority than me.
 - ❖ Even if your prayer takes a while at least you can depend on God, not like the post office trying to deliver stuff on time.



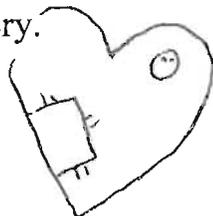
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- ❖ You might think God didn't answer your prayers, but He really did, just not the way you wanted Him too. It's still an answer in His book, so be prepared to listen up and check it, out cuz it might have come out differently than what you were waiting for!
 - ❖ God always answers my prayers even the ones I forget to pray. Sometimes I don't get what I want right away. He's just being a good parent, it makes it better because it's worth waiting for... He surprises me all of the time. And I just love surprises don't you?!
 - ❖ If you aren't gettin' your prayers answered, just ask yourself when's the last time you did something for God out of the goodness of your heart?...I thought so.
 - ❖ It's good if you have to wait a little. My dad says women are always changing their minds. God's a man so He would know stuff like that, so maybe He's just waiting to see if they change their minds so He won't have to go back and change everything all over again for the next time around.
 - ❖ Prayers are my special songs and secret thoughts for God's ears only!
 - ❖ Prayers are answered with miracles. If you believe, you'll receive!
 - ❖ You shouldn't pray like you're just saying the ABC's. Prayers should come from the heart not just your head.
 - ❖ Sometimes when God answers a prayer you don't get something, you just understand.
 - ❖ Good people say hail Mary's, bad people say hail no.
 - ❖ Prayer is when I get to say Hi to my grama who art in heaven.
 - ❖ My grama says prayers is casting your cares, so when God answers your prayer He's sharing His caring.
 - ❖ Prayer should be a special thank you not just a wish list.

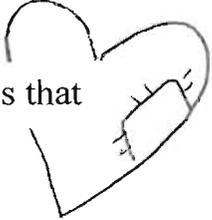


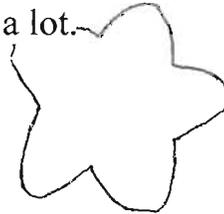
Good thoughts on all the rest of the stuff...



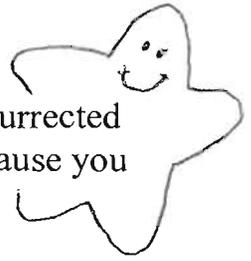
- ❖ Angels are babies that didn't get to be born that grow up in heaven. When my balloon flew out of my hand I didn't cry because it floated up there to be with a baby who never had one.
- ❖ Angels see you when you're sleeping, they know when you're awake, they know when you've been bad or good, so be good for your own sake!
- ❖ When you really forgive, you accept a person's "I'm sorry", and don't bring it up again in a later fight.
- ❖ When I do something bad and I tell God that I'm sorry, He forgives me. It's a better feeling than kissing a boo boo and makin' it all better, because some hurts are on the inside.
- ❖ The cross is a symbol like a heart, it shows the greatest love!
- ❖ In order to find religion you go to church, kneel on a little step and sit in a smelly bench called a pew.
- ❖ A hymn is a song that boys sing in church. I think girls sing herms.
- ❖ Sing a hymn to Him for a real heart-to-heart.
- ❖ The last supper is the very last meal you eat before you go to heaven, you can order anything you want, even lobster!
- ❖ The last supper is communing with Jesus. Communion always makes my Mommy cry.



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- ❖ The best present God ever gave to me was me! My Grama says that believing that, is the key to success.
 - ❖ A tith is a percent of anything and includes everything!
 - ❖ Me bein' a good girl is my very special present to God.
 - ❖ When you die you have a sad farewell party down here that's called a fun-eral. When you go to heaven you have a happy welcome home party that is fun-for-all.
 - ❖ In heaven nobody wears shoes so their souls can be free.
 - ❖ Your soul starts in the top of your head and ends up on the bottom of your foot.
 - ❖ Enough is enough when God says it is, and that will be the end of the world.
 - ❖ I don't know why we say pledge allegiance only to the flag. I pledge my allegiance and everything else I got to God!
 - ❖ You won't see a miracle if you don't believe in them.
 - ❖ Sure I believe in miracles, I am one! And if God can make me, He can certainly walk on water because that's not as complicated as making, and understanding just what makes a woman tick!
 - ❖ Faith is a miracle. It's believing stuff you don't see, and seeing stuff you don't believe possible!
 - ❖ If you have faith and believe, then you can walk on water, if you don't, you get drowned it's as simple as that.
 - ❖ Faith is when you believe God can really do everything that He really does!
 - ❖ There's gonna be a wedding. I'm not sure who's getting married, but if you're not invited you'll be missing a lot.



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- ❖ On earth you say goodbye for a little while. When you're resurrected the little while is up and you never have to say goodbye, because you are in forever.
 - ❖ In Sunday school we learned that Jesus was crucified because He loved us so much. The least I can do is get a job helping others!
 - ❖ Crucifixion is the pain, resurrection is the peace and promise.
 - ❖ The rainbow is God's promise that we will always have beautiful colors in our world as long as we have Jesus in our heart. If we don't, life is just black and white and that's really pitiful.
 - ❖ All you have to do is look at a rainbow to see that God will never break a promise. His word isn't like some grownup's it really does mean "cross my heart." So I trust Him completely.
 - ❖ Thou shalt be a good kid is a commandment and God considers you a good boy if He doesn't have to say "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times..." and you're extra-extra good if you don't have to be told at all!
 - ❖ If so many people are hurt by divorce why do they keep playin' house?
 - ❖ A epistle is the baby of apostle.
 - ❖ Probly the reason I can't play in the puddles is cuz God made me outta dust and I could be mud in a minute.
 - ❖ When I grow up I wanna be a saint, I wanna be a angel so I can fly. I wouldn't wanna be my brother's guardian angel, I'd hafta fly too fast and there'd probly be a few crash landings!
 - ❖ My guardian angel sometimes wears a superman outfit; and sometimes a suit a armor. I hope he's got it on today I'm getting my training wheels off!



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- ❖ I have a headache today; my angel must be learnin' how to play the ear drums.
 - ❖ The only hold button God has when we talk is his arms around me.
 - ❖ Gardening angels help make the flowers grow.
 - ❖ Our credit card with God has no limit.
 - ❖ There's aspirin for headache and there's God for heartache.
 - ❖ We are about to receive gifts from God's bounty. I don't know where bounty is, but I know it must be a good place to shop if God goes there.
 - ❖ When your life is up hill and hard and your lungs and legs are outta breath, God carries you. That's what the Footprint poem's all about.
 - ❖ It's OK if you go over your parents' heads if you go to God instead.
 - ❖ We're all related to Eve. She's my ansistor, a aunt and a sister rolled into one.
 - ❖ This is not the end...it's the beginning. What are you doing about forever?

