

GET IN ON IT!



Derrick Finds a Best Friend Forever

Derrick slumped on the back steps at his new house. *I don't think I'll ever make friends here*, he thought. *If Juan and Marisa were here we'd be having fun*. The three kids did everything together when they were neighbors. They liked to ride bikes, go to the park, walk their dogs and even do their homework together. Derrick felt like he was missing a big part of himself without his best friends.

Derrick folded his arms and put his head down on his knees. That was when he saw it. He reached down and pulled an envelope from a small pile of leaves. It had his name on it! Mom must have dropped it when she brought in the mail.

He smiled as he read Juan and Marisa's news. He was still their best friend even though he had moved away. They had a good idea

too! They had joined a free club called the *Truth Chasers Club*SM and wanted him to join too. They sent him a lesson to do. Then when they wrote, called or sent e-mails, they could talk about it—just like they were still together!

Then Juan and Marisa's letter said, "The best friend you can ever have is God. He is always there to talk to, He is never asleep and He loves and cares for you." They told him that the Bible says God cares so much for him that He even knows how many hairs are on his head! And that God made him and knows everything about him!

Derrick had never thought about that before but he could sure use a best friend like that—a Best Friend Forever. It was time to find out more. Derrick went into the house for a pen. He was starting right now!

Dear Parent,
Would you like your children to learn about God and the Bible but aren't sure how to explain it on a child's level? The *Truth Chasers Club* is a free Bible lesson course that comes to your child in the mail. Lessons are nondenominational, age-appropriate (you can join too!), fun and meaningful. Your child can:

- Earn awards.
- Be encouraged by kind comments written on every lesson.
- Join over four million students who have participated in this Bible correspondence course since 1999.
- Return the completed answer page in this starter lesson to enroll.

When your child gets the next lesson in the mail, it's simple. Have him read it, answer it, return it and another lesson will be sent. You will never be charged a fee or subscription price.

You can find out more about the *Truth Chasers Club* at www.truthchasersclub.com. To learn more about the ministry of *Child Evangelism Fellowship*® go to www.cefonline.com.

Here's What You GET!

Send in your answer sheet to join the Truth Chasers Club! As a member, you will get:

- PUZZLES & ACTIVITIES
- FUN STORIES AND LESSONS
- PERSONAL NOTES
- CERTIFICATES
- FRIENDS WHO WILL PRAY FOR YOU
- AWARDS

Fast Facts about the Bible

It tells about what God did for people in the past.

It tells things God wants you to know, like how much He loves you!

It shows you how to have real peace inside.

God told 40 men what to write.

These men lived at different times.

They wrote over a period of 1,600 years but what they wrote all fits together perfectly!

It is God's Word and it is completely true!

Do you know about God?

☉ God made the world and He made you. He is powerful, perfect and pure. He is interested in you; He loves you.

♥ But there is a huge problem. Sin makes a barrier between you and God. Sin is doing what you want instead of what God wants. We all like to be in charge of our lives. Why is it so easy for us to tell lies, lose our tempers or be unkind? Because every one of us is born with a nature that is sinful. That means it is easier for us to disobey God than to obey Him. The Bible says, "But your iniquities [sins] have separated you from your God" (Isaiah 59:2). Sin stops you from knowing God. The final punishment for sin is being kept away from God forever.

✝ God sent His only Son, Jesus, down to Earth to save you from the problem of your sin. God's Son became a man and lived on Earth for 33 years. He never ever sinned. He always obeyed God. But God's plan was that His Son would die for your sins, so Jesus was nailed to a cross. All the sins people have done were put on Jesus as He bled and died. He was punished even though He had done no wrong. After three days God brought Jesus back to life. The Bible says, "Christ died for our sins...He was raised on the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Many people saw Jesus after He came alive. He is still alive today in Heaven ruling as King over all.

Do you want the huge sin barrier between you and God to be removed?

Agree with God that you have sinned. God says, "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out" (Acts 3:19). Be sorry for the wrong you have said, thought and done. Be willing to go God's way rather than your own.

Believe (trust completely) that Jesus died for you and that He removed the barrier of sin between you and God. The Bible says, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). God will rescue you from the punishment you deserve.

Come to God. Tell Him something like this: "Dear God, I have sinned and I'm sorry. Please forgive me for my sins. Thank You for sending Your Son to die for me. Thank You that He rose again. Please give me strength to live the way You want me to live. In Jesus' name. Amen."

♥ If you just believed in Jesus to save you from sin, write today's date here so you will always remember.

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Cut out the answer sheet and fold at the Xs on the back.

Start at the circled letter then circle every fifth letter. Write those letters on the lines below to find out the secret message.

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S	Y	D	N	P	I	O	K
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C	W	X	Z	R	A	C	D
A	R	N	T	H	Y	P	B
B	N	M	I	E	U	W	B
D	C	U	O	N	C	O	F
P	I	F	M	N	B	I	E
E	T	U	I	V	A	X	L
R	C	C	Y	S	R	W	H
M	Q	A	B	I	C	N	Y
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X

You can become a child of God!

I Know! I Know!

Put the correct answer in the box.

- What could Derrick and his friends do together even though they lived far from each other?
 - a. ride bikes
 - b. go to school
 - c. join the Truth Chasers Club
- Who is the best friend you could ever have?
 - a. Derrick
 - b. God
 - c. your puppy
- What does God know about you?
 - a. nothing
 - b. everything
 - c. a little bit
- When does God sleep?
 - a. never
 - b. at night
 - c. always

First Name	Last Name	
Birthday	Grade	Age
Parent/Guardian	Does parent/guardian also want to enroll? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Mailing Address	Apt	
City	State	Zip

Do you have friends who would like to receive these lessons? Clearly print their names, ages, parents' names and addresses on a piece of paper to send with this answer sheet. Be sure to tell them that you have asked us to send them the lessons.

Cut out this sheet and fold at the Xs with the Truth Chasers Club address on the outside.