



# THE PRESENT

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Once upon a time there was a king who lived in a palace high above the clouds.

The king dearly loved his only son.



And he loved **EVERYONE**  
who loved his son.

Years later, the king told his son...



I'm building apartments  
in my castle as a present  
for all your friends.

Go down below  
among the people...

and invite them  
to the castle.

I will greatly bless  
**ALL** who respond.



But when the Prince visited the people, something was wrong.







And so they did!

When the King heard the news...



He was OUTRAGED!

They had murdered his beloved son... and *rejected* his present.



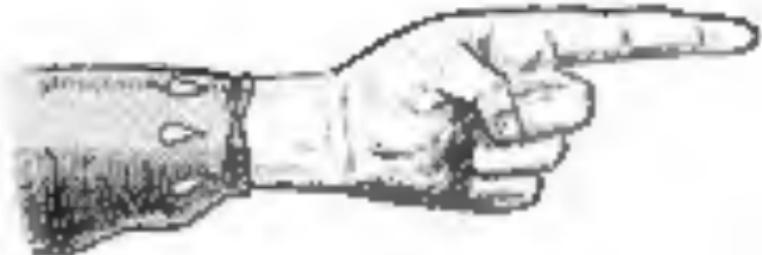
They will PAY for this crime!

Because they had killed  
the king's son and  
rejected his present,  
the king's army  
attacked the  
town.

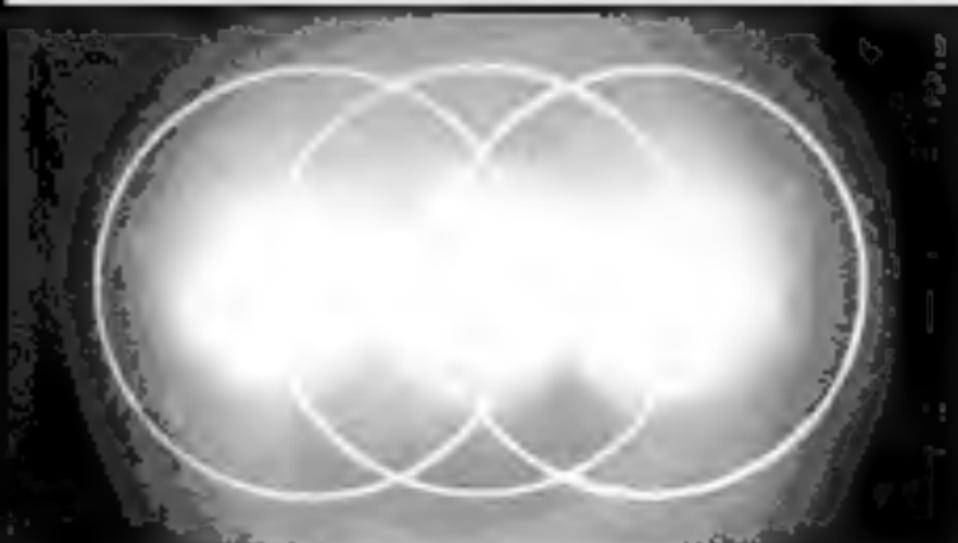
**NO ONE**  
**survived!**

The next part of this book  
IS TRUE.

Now turn the page and see  
about a wonderful present  
that is waiting *for you!*



God the Father, God the Son and  
God the Holy Spirit are up in  
Heaven. And these three are one.\*



God, the Father has many mansions  
in heaven that He wants people on  
earth to come live in.

\*1 John 5:7 (KJV)

But there is a problem...



ALL people have sinned! And  
God can't allow any sin in heaven.

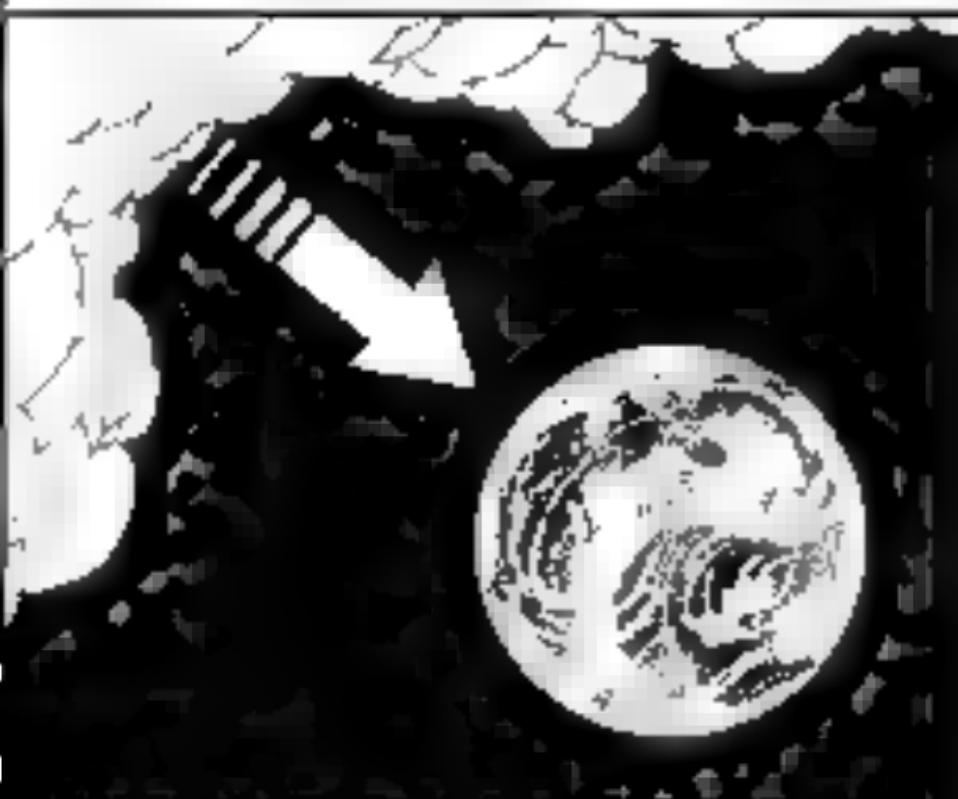
So God  
the Son  
(Jesus),  
was sent  
to earth  
on a very  
special  
mission...  
to die for  
the sins  
of all  
mankind.



My Son those who receive you will  
live with us in heaven **FOREVER!**

This is **MY PRESENT**  
for them.

So God's beloved Son left heaven



And was born on earth as a man.

But when Jesus visited the people,  
*something was wrong!*



To tell you about a wonderful  
present He has for you



Who IS your father?



He's the God of Heaven, and He  
wants you to live with Him forever



He's LYING  
to us!

"I am the way,  
*the truth,* and  
the life



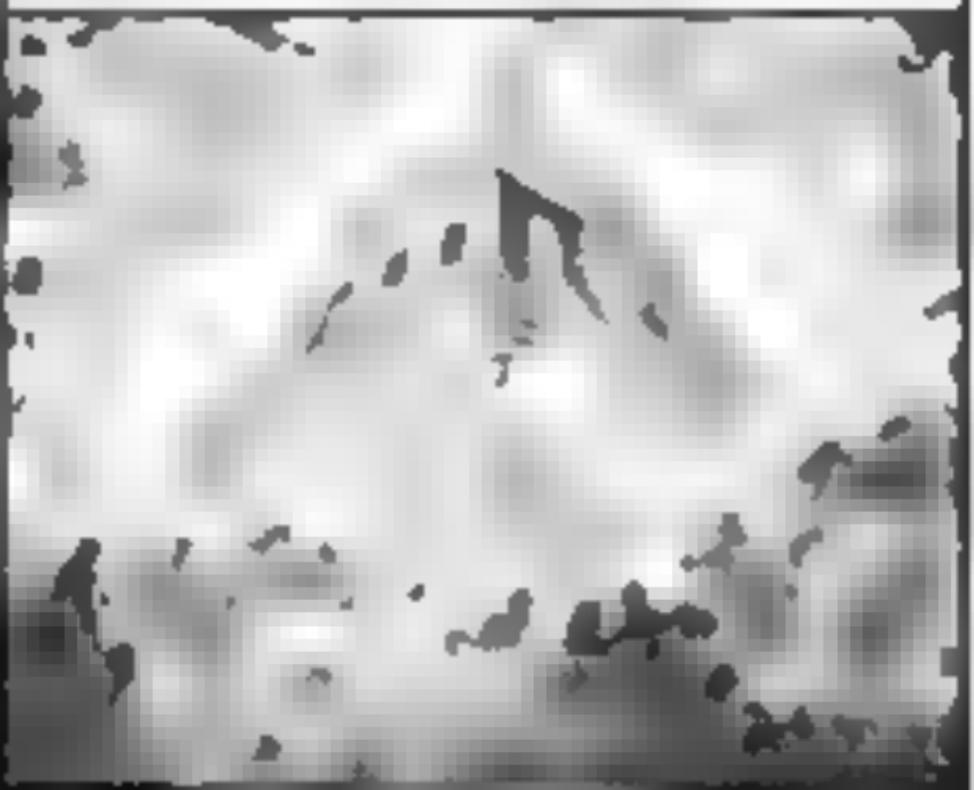
"no man cometh  
unto the Father  
(in heaven)  
but by me."

\*John 14:6

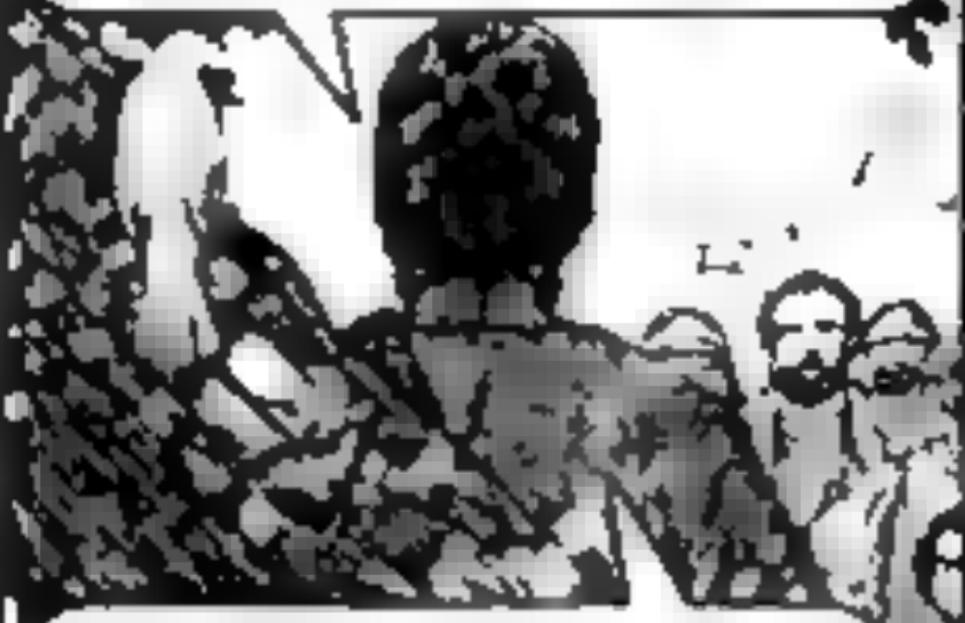
"He that heareth my word, and  
believeth on him that sent me,  
hath everlasting life" "John 5:24

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift  
(present) of God is eternal life through  
Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23

"In my Father's house (in heaven)  
are many mansions. I go to prepare  
a place for you.



"And if I go — I will come again,  
and receive you unto myself."



This is God's present for you

We don't **WANT** His present!



"He came unto his own, and his own received him not." John 1:11

**Crucify  
him!**



**AND SO  
THEY DID!**



Here's what Jesus went through  
to pay the price for your sins.

"For God so loved the world (you), that he gave his only begotten Son (Jesus) that whosoever believeth in him should not perish (in hell), but have everlasting life (in heaven)"

John 3:16

Jesus shed His precious blood and died to wash away our sins. Three days later

**HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD!**

Those  
who reject  
God's only  
begotten  
Son and  
His  
wonderful  
present.



Will be  
judged by  
the Lord  
Jesus  
They will  
hear these  
awful  
words

"Depart from me ye cursed,  
into everlasting fire..."



\*Matt. 25:41

Those who die without God's present  
will burn forever in the *Jake of fire!*



"And the smoke of their torment  
ascendeth up for ever and ever."  
Rev. 14:11

But those who receive God's present through Jesus will hear these beautiful words...

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant..."

enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Matt. 25:21



How do you get God's present?

Simply receive it by faith.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift (present) of God:" Eph. 2:8

"But as many as received him (Jesus), to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12

Pray this prayer from your heart:

Lord, I repent and receive Your present of eternal life through Jesus Christ.



Jesus, I believe You and ask You to be my Saviour.

The most wonderful present in the universe can be yours right now. Simply take it... and it's yours.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." John 3:36

"But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

1 Cor. 2:9

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift (present)." 2 Cor. 9:15

# THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

## NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

## WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at [www.chick.com](http://www.chick.com).

