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But one day, some caring people showed her I was a real person, after all.



She decided to keep me, after all! But she wanted to give me a chance.



So she made another big decision...

She decided to give me to a family that would love me.



Oh, awesome! I was worried.

Then that's how you were adopted!



Exactly!

Does that make you
feel bad, that she just
gave you away?



But why? Didn't your
mommy love you?





That's the thing! She loved me very much! But she knew she couldn't take care of me.

That's why she let me be adopted. But *that's not all*.



God is perfect. God is holy. God always does the right thing. But men, women, boys and girls do not always do the right thing.



In fact, sometimes we're downright nasty.

We make God very sad
when we do bad things.



And when we sin,
we're called "sinners."*

And that's all of us.

Now I have to tell you
some bad news.



"For all have sinned, and come short
of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

Uh, oh! What's that?



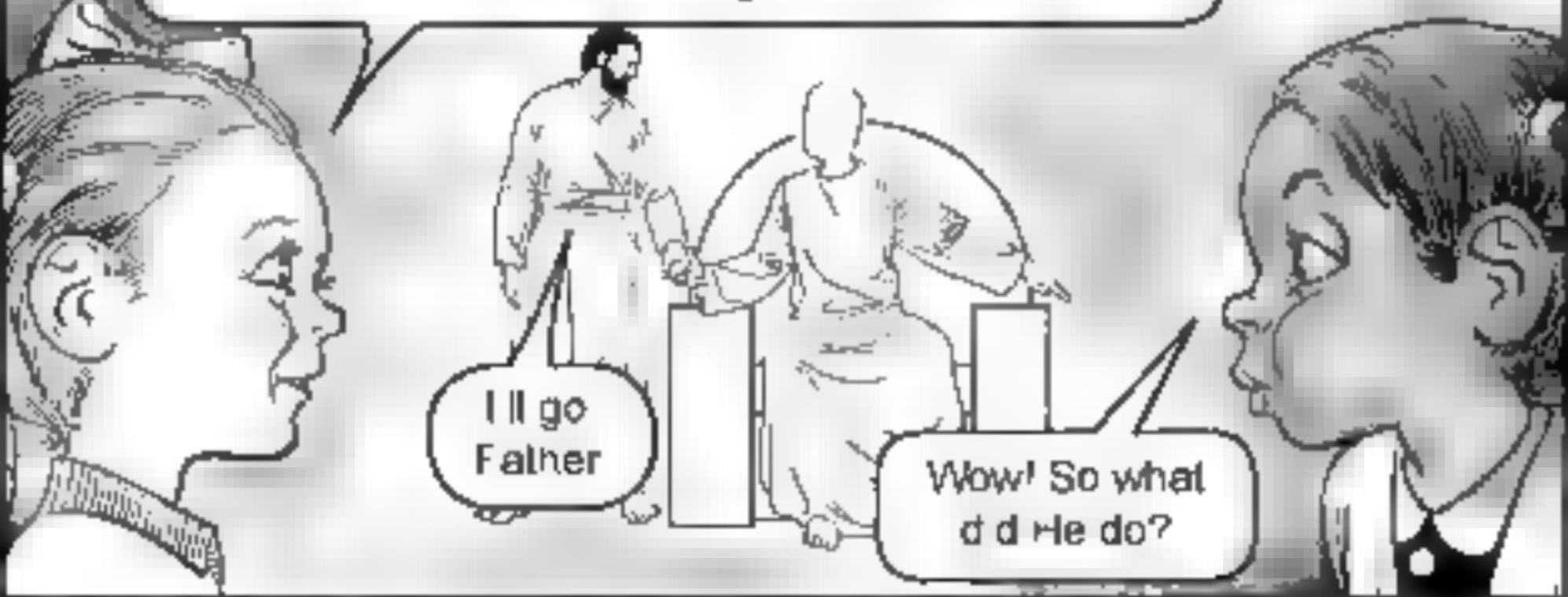
God won't let sin or
sinners into heaven.

Aww... so we're stuck, then.



Not exactly.
Listen...

God has a Son named Jesus Christ He volunteered to do what He could to get us to heaven



" I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me " John 5:30

He came to earth and became
a baby - just like us!



"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." John 1:10

Then He grew up just like us



Only He was still God, right?

Right Jesus Christ lived a perfect life because He never sinned



And we know that he was manifested to take away our sins and in him is no sin. 1 John 3:4

And He told us that we sinners could be forgiven if we did one thing



Oh? What was that?
What do we have to do?

We have to believe
what Jesus did for us.

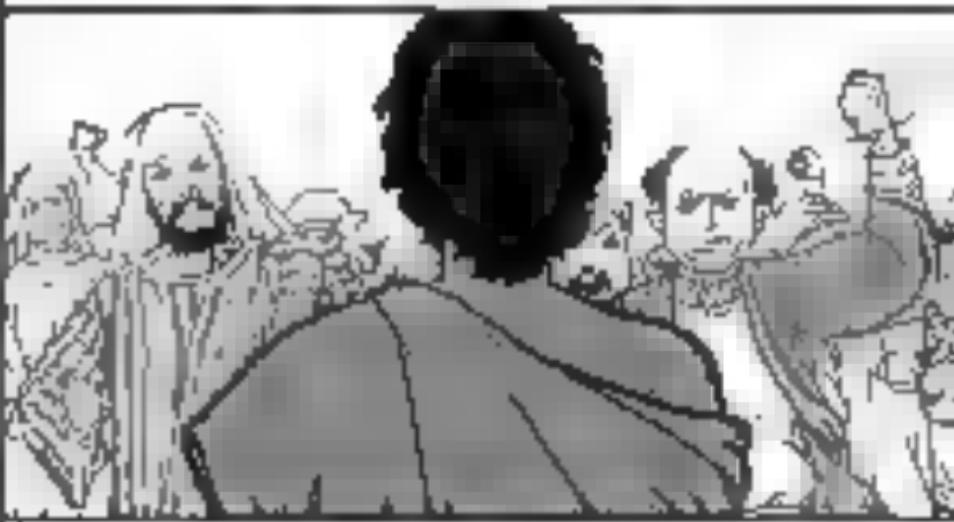
What was
that?



God said the penalty for
sin was death so

For the wages of sin is death
Romans 6:23

He died in our place. Mean
men poured all their hatred on
Jesus, and lied and said He did
evil. But He didn't!

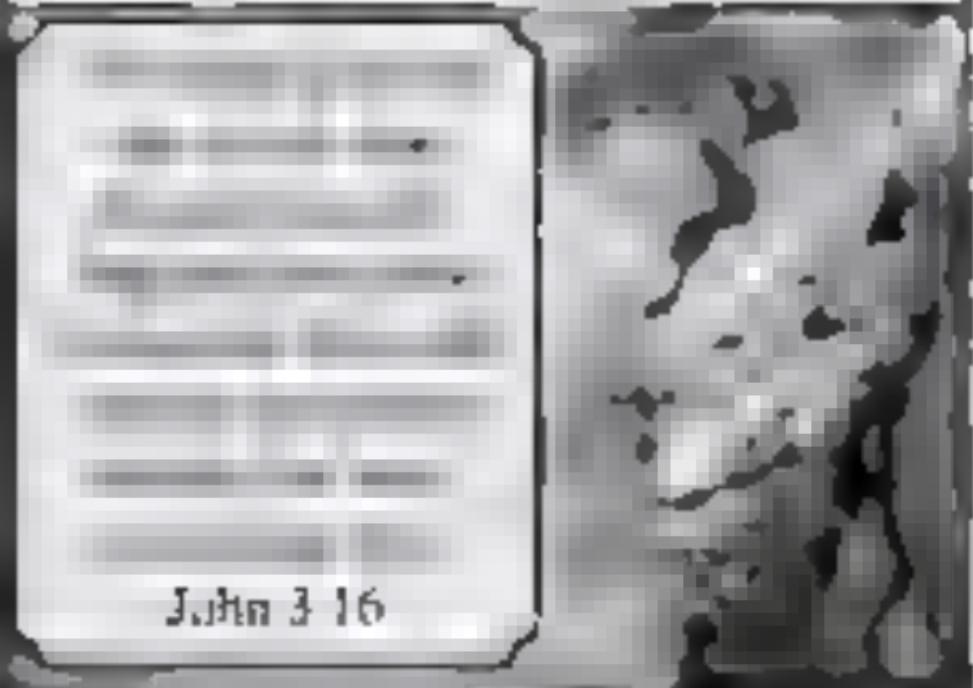


* Christ Who did no sin,
neither was guile found in his
mouth? Peter 2:22

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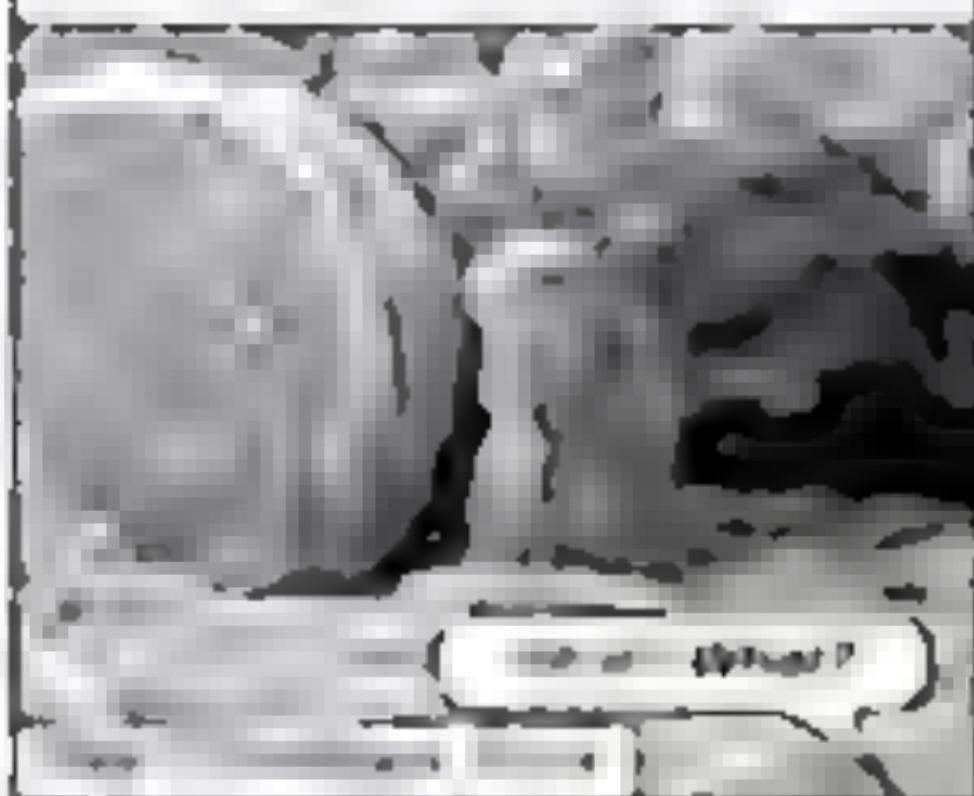
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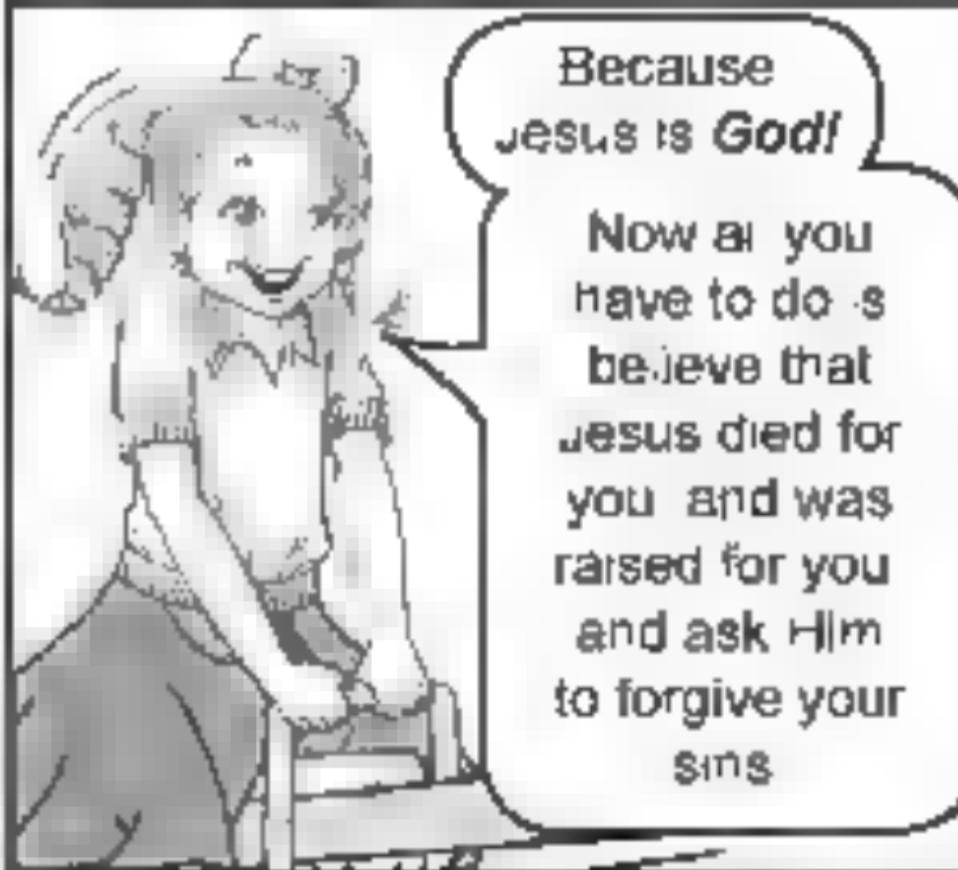


Then He came back alive!
He rose from the dead =



That's
wonderfull
But how did
He do that?

" he rose again the third day according
to the scriptures " Corinthians 15:4



Because
Jesus is God!

Now all you
have to do is
believe that
Jesus died for
you and was
raised for you
and ask Him
to forgive your
sins

" Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shalt be saved " Acts 16:31

And then what happens?

Then a whole bunch
of things happen!

Like
what?

First God forgives all our sins.*



*See Ephesians 1:7

Then, God gives us the Holy Ghost who is also God to guide and comfort us until we go to be with God when we die



the Father shall give you another Comforter that he may abide with you for ever John 4:6

This makes us adopted children by Jesus
Father — God the Father Himself!



So God is our Father, too!
That's how I was adopted — twice

Wow! I wish
I could be
adopted too!

Well do you
want your sins
forgiven and
to become a
child of God?



Sure!



Cool! Then pray
something like this

Jesus, thank You for paying
for my sins. I believe that
You shed Your blood for me.



Please forgive my sins and
save me. Thank you. Amen.

Wow!



I can't wait to tell
my friends!



Guess what? I was adopted!

If you want to be adopted,



Just do what
it says over
there!

"... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved ..." Acts 16:31

Do you admit that you
are a sinner?

YES NO

Do you believe Jesus died
to pay for your sins?

YES NO

Did you ask Him to forgive you YES NO
and come into your heart?

If you did, remember this date.

Date _____

Your Name _____

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.

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