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God's Giant Garden And How He Repairs It

"Why Doesn't Jesus Just Heal *Every* Little Child?"

*This is a story about how Jesus fixes a Broken World, and how God is like a farmer who wants to get a good harvest from Earth.
It's some Good News for Sick Children!*

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I think I hear some little child out there asking me another really hard question. You are asking me, "Why doesn't Jesus just heal *every* little child, since He heals so many other people?"

Whew! That's a hard question, all right. But let's just remember that Jesus is the smartest person who ever lived, and He's

a whole lot wiser than King Solomon ever was!

Let's see if Jesus can give us a good answer to your question.

I think the answer to that one is: Jesus does heal A LOT of little children, and He really tries to bring a rescue of some kind to every sick little child on Earth.

The children that Jesus heals completely with a sudden miracle may get perfectly healthy and start to have an easier life. But then they have to struggle through the long time of growing up in this Broken World of ours... in this Big Ugly Garden that is on the Earth now.

Life may seem easy to those children after they get healed, but then they have

to go through a lot of years on Earth without losing their innocence. Jesus teaches us that we can only enter Heaven through a narrow gate, and most people choose instead the Wide Road that leads to destruction.

So those miraculously-healed children may end up in even bigger trouble some day— even though Jesus healed them

when they were little! Jesus doesn't want anybody to end up in the Bad Place, but that is what can happen to some grown-ups.

You know, when I was a child and a young boy, I used to read a lot of fantastic comic books, all of them about super-heros.

As a child I often read comic books about a powerful fantasy character called "Superman," who was always flying around from place to place at high speeds, saving everybody that is in danger or in trouble!

Even today I have sometimes watched a fantasy TV show that we have in the U.S., which is all about that imaginary

super-hero. It's called "Smallville," and it is about a young "Clark Kent," who is supposed to be the "secret identity" of this imaginary super-hero called "Superman." It is interesting that the theme-song for that show always repeats a chorus of "Somebody save me...! Somebody save me...!"

That's just a silly fantasy, of course! But what is amazing to me is that there is a super-powerful God-Man, Jesus Christ, Who really does dart around saving everybody He possibly can, at extremely high speeds! Jesus is the great Super Hero of the Earth, sent to us by the God of Heaven above in order to save humanity from sin and Hell. Jesus

rescues all of humanity at high speed... anyone who wishes to be saved!

Jesus rescues grown-ups from sin and Hell, giving them a much-needed escape from the power of Satan, who is the great super-enemy of God and of humanity. Jesus often rescues sick people too, making a miraculous healing for them.

Jesus salvages the whole world, rescuing all the innocent people of our planet, and a whole lot of little children too, from the biggest dangers on Earth! He rescues so many people— often at what seems like the very last minute— from the dangers of our world!

And in the Last Days of Earth's history, Jesus will even save the entire planet

Earth from the danger of complete destruction!

Jesus does this by rescuing a whole lot of people from the sudden Destruction that must come upon the Old Earth at the end of its Last Days. He then gives all those He has rescued a perfect and fixed planet— a New Garden— where they can live with God and Jesus forever!

It's just like the ending "and they lived happily ever after" in a kid's fairy tale, except this is Truth, not just some silly fantasy.

The Bible teaches us that Jesus was the Creator of our current Earth, but it is now a Damaged and Fallen World. Yet Jesus will even repair the Damaged

Earth... replacing it some day with a New Earth! Hallelujah!

Jesus is the Great Superhero of Earth's History, and He is my personal hero too. I hope you will appreciate Him and honor Him in your heart. His Father in Heaven is very proud of Jesus, saying that He is a child in whom God is "well-pleased."

Father God is also pleased whenever we show respect for Jesus by being grateful and honoring His Only True Son.

But Jesus doesn't heal every child in the world at high speed, and some kids may suffer with a sickness for many years before they get healed or go to Heaven.

Why does that happen? I think it's because God wants us all to grow in the

spirit while we are on Earth. Some kids get very close to Jesus and His Holy Spirit during their years on Earth, even though they have gone through a lot of sickness or suffering.

Children are growing spiritually and can produce a lot of fruit for God even while they are suffering a sickness. They are the good little trees in God's Garden,

growing just the way that God wants them to grow, and bearing a lot of fruit. That's what God really cares about the most. He wants all of us to stay close to Him and Jesus and His Holy Spirit, so that we yield a lot of fruit for God's Garden.

Sometimes kids go to Heaven early because God doesn't want to see them hurting any more. Instead, He wants to

see them hurry up and get to Heaven early.

That way they can start spending the rest of their eternal lifetimes with Him and Jesus, in the wonderful and heavenly palace of God. It's a super-wonderful palace that's like a giant City of God, and it's a City of Peace. God calls it the New Jerusalem, and it was prepared by Jesus

as a special treat for all His kids. And even for grown-ups, if they don't lose their innocence.

So sometimes Jesus heals kids quickly, with a sudden and miraculous rescue, and sometimes He doesn't. Sometimes He takes them to Heaven early, so that they can be with Him forever in the heavenly palace of God.

Yet sometimes Jesus lets certain kids endure sickness for a long time, maybe even for years and years, because He knows they are growing strong in spirit and are producing a lot of fruit— in themselves, and in their parents, and in other people who get to know them.

So if God lets your sickness continue for a long time, you are sharing in the

sufferings of Jesus, and like Him, you can try to show everyone that you are brave and faithful and still trusting God to fix everything some day.

Jesus had to faithfully endure for His Father many injuries and terrible pain caused by Satan's works, and sometimes kids have to endure such troubles too.

The bad stuff will disappear some day, when God gets everything fixed right for you.

You see, your life's not over till it's finished, and the Bible teaches us that your life-story never ends. You haven't seen a "happy ending" yet, but in Heaven you will see *unending happiness*. It's...

NOT THE END!

ABOUT OUR OTHER LITTLE BOOKLETS

If you liked this story booklet, you might also like to have your mom or dad or grandparent, or any other friend who cares a lot about you, read for you the stories from some of my other little booklets.

On our web sites I have three or four series of these little booklets that older children, in particular, might like. There is one series of stories that are partly about the Native American Indians, for example, and another that is partly about the tribesmen of Africa. There is one series of little booklets that is partly about my own youthful travels in South Asia, a time when I spent several months visiting Nepal, India, and Sri Lanka.

There's also a series of little booklets called "Godly Warfare" or "Higher Battles" or "The Highest Service," which is all about Christian soldiers and how they can fight against the forces of Darkness. Those are mostly for teenagers and older folks, but I hope they can bless a lot of little children too, as they go through life, and as they keep on growing up.

All of my little booklets are partly about other stuff, but they are all mostly about Jesus and my Secret Friend.

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NOT THE END NOTES!

These little booklets were all written for you by Ken Street, a Christian believer of the great Lord Jesus, and by his Secret Friend. I'm a baptized follower of the Way of Jesus, and my Secret Friend was even there at the baptism of Jesus Christ!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and don't try to stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven is made of such as they."

– Taken from the book of Matthew [19:14], written by a devoted follower of Jesus who was an eyewitness to the resurrection of Jesus.. After the torture of the cross, Jesus came back to life again! Matthew then saw Jesus many more times in His glorified new

Resurrection Body, along with crowds of up to 500 people. This continued for a period of 40 days after the Resurrection, as Jesus often returned to visit with them !

Jesus said, "If anyone is tired and weary, struggling with heavy burdens on his back, let him come to Me, and I will give him rest."

– Taken from the book of Matthew [11:28].

Jesus said to grown-ups, "Truly I tell you, unless you are converted and become like little children, you cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven."

– Taken from the book of Matthew [18:3].

That means your parents and other adults need to have childlike innocence

and trusting hearts, so that they can see Heaven and someday live there with God for all of their eternal lifetimes. So please remember to pray for all of the adults around you, because sometimes the worries and troubles of this world make them forget to trust in Jesus.

The Bible says that the whole Universe was made through God The Son, but that

God's Enemy—the Devil—messed it all up. It was a perfect world at first, and Jesus wants it to be that way again.

That's why Jesus came to Earth as the Son of God and sometimes called Himself "the Son of Man." He was willing to lay down His life for His friends, just so He could start to get everything fixed for us.

Jesus is still busy, even now, working hard to get everything fixed and completely right again. It all gets fixed completely on some day that is still ahead of us, when Jesus comes back down to Earth again.

That happens in the future, when Jesus comes down from the sky and takes total control of the Earth. Then the whole world

gets a lot happier and a lot brighter, because then He becomes the Divine King of all the Earth!

It's important for all of us to remember, as we pray and seek God's will, these simple facts:

- 1) **WE SPEAK TO GOD** by our prayers.
- 2) **GOD SPEAKS TO US** by the words of Holy Scripture.

3) **TO HEAR GOD SPEAK TO US**, we must listen to His words and read His Book just as often as we possibly can !

God wants to bless you for all your long efforts to understand this very confusing and difficult Universe in which we live— so let Him reward your struggle with the grace of His peace and the strength you need to keep going !

THIS LITTLE GUIDE WAS WRITTEN FOR YOU BY...
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as His long-range plan for the Earth's
transformation goes ever forward...!*