

Bible adventures

for young readers

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God
loves me
28 ways



GOD'S WORD FOR ME

"The Lord your God is with you.... You will rest in his love. He will sing and be joyful about you." *Zephaniah 3:17*

STORY TIME

One night a terrible fire broke out in an apartment building in a big city. Firefighters rushed to the scene, hoping to put out the flames before they spread to other nearby buildings.

"Is everyone out of the burning building?" the fire chief shouted.

"I think so," one of his firefighters called back.

Just then everyone heard a scream. Looking up, they saw a little girl hanging out of a second-story window. "Help me, help me!" she cried.

Strong men took up position below the window. "Jump into our arms," they shouted up at the little girl. "We will catch you."

"No!" the frightened girl screamed. "I can't jump. I'm afraid." "What are we going to do?" the fire chief wondered. "If she doesn't jump, the fire will burn her."

Just then a man came running down the street. He saw the firefighters. He saw the burning building. And he saw the little girl hanging out of the window. Rushing to the sidewalk below the girl, he shouted up at her, "Jump! Jump now!" The frightened girl stopped her screaming and let go of the window frame. Down, down, down she fell, right into the open arms of the man. Together they dropped to the sidewalk, holding each other tightly. Then firefighters led them away from the building and to safety.

"Why?" the fire chief asked. "Why did that little girl refuse to jump into the arms of those strong men, but she quickly fell into the arms of that one man? Who is he?"

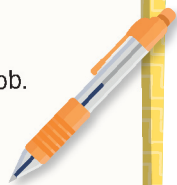
A woman standing nearby smiled and pointed. "That's the little girl's father. When he told her to jump, she wasn't afraid because she knew her daddy would catch her."



CHECK THIS!

Check the reasons why you think that little girl so quickly jumped from the burning building into her daddy's arms. You might choose more than one reason:

- She knew her daddy was a college graduate.
- She knew her daddy earned a lot of money at his job.
- She trusted her daddy.
- Her daddy loved her.
- Her daddy was president of a company.
- Her daddy had always helped her when she was in trouble.



The Bible says that we have a heavenly Father, and that we can trust Him because He loves us and always wants to help us when we're in trouble. He will never leave us alone. That's very good news! Let's learn more about our heavenly Father.



MY BIBLE ADVENTURE

God the Father lives in Heaven and is so interested in us that He even knows how many hairs we have on our head! He knows when we're happy, when we're sad, and when we're afraid. How does He do all that? Find the following texts in the "Library" section of this lesson, and draw a line from the word that describes God the Father to the text that tells about Him. Look at the example:

Leviticus 19:1, 2: God is

changes

John 3:16: God is

always be

Psalm 90:2: God will

trustworthy

Malachi 3:6: God never

faithfulness

Jeremiah 23:24: God sees

holy

1 John 1:9: God is

everything

Exodus 34:6: God has love and

love



FUN FACTS

HOW MUCH HAIR?

- The average scalp has 100,000 hairs. Red-heads have the least at 80,000; brown- and black-haired persons have about 100,000; and blondes have the most at 120,000.*

MEOW!

- There are approximately 60,000 hairs per square inch on the back of a cat!

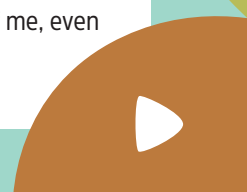


* Sources: <http://www.dermatology.org/skincare/hair/hairfact.html>;
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MY PRAYER

Thank You, Father, for loving me and for having the desire to take care of me, even if everyone else leaves me alone. You are a true Friend. Amen.





LIBRARY

- “The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell all the people of Israel: I am the Lord your God. You must be holy because I am holy’” (Leviticus 19:1, 2).
- “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son” (John 3:16).
- “You are God. You have always been, and you will always be” (Psalm 90:2).
- “I am the Lord. I do not change” (Malachi 3:6).
- “ ‘No one can hide where I cannot see him,’ says the Lord. ‘I fill all of heaven and earth’ ” (Jeremiah 23:24).
- “We can trust God. He does what is right” (1 John 1:9).
- “The Lord has great love and faithfulness” (Exodus 34:6).



MY FRIEND ELLEN WROTE

“[Jesus] presented God as a loving father, not as an avenging judge. He drew all, high and low, rich and poor, to see God in His true character, leading them to call Him by the endearing name, ‘Our Father,’ ” (*Review and Herald*, March 5, 1901).

Perhaps you don’t have a father here on earth. Maybe he died or moved away. But the good news is you have a heavenly Father who loves you very much!



FUN FACTS

FATHER’S DAY:

- The tie is the most traditional and famous Father’s Day gift throughout the globe.
- The first Father’s Day was announced and celebrated on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington.*



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PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS

What does having a heavenly Father mean to you?

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