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## **GROWING UP IN A GODLY WAY**

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## **Pastoral Welcome**

I am very excited to be your pastor! I cherish every moment I spend getting to know each of you. Every boy and girl is very special to Jesus, your family, to church and to the pastors. I promise to always pray for you, pray with you, listen to you and care for you and your family!

Hugs and love,

Pastor Michelle

This month's devotional is about Bojana. He is a young boy from Macedonia, a small country in Southeast Europe. Adventist children in Macedonia take their faith in Jesus very seriously. Bojana's family taught him to always follow Jesus, to read his bible daily and do as Jesus did so his faith would always be strong.

Bojana's school is very crowded, so students attend school for only a half day. He goes to school in the afternoon. He knows that Sabbath begins at sunset on Fridays. He was sad that he wasn't allowed to keep the Sabbath since he had to stay in school on Fridays after the sun had set.

Bojana's mother told his teacher about the Sabbath, but the teacher wouldn't let Bojana leave school early. "I felt bad and worried about what Jesus would think," Bojana said. "I prayed that God would make a way for me to keep the Sabbath." Bojana had faith and he knew Jesus would answer his prayers.

During the school year the Macedonian government made a law that grade schools must dismiss in time for the children to be home before dark. Bojana was so happy. He knew that God had answered his prayers! On Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday the children got out of class before dark. But on Friday the teacher made the children stay late. They would miss their bus and would have to walk home in the dark. Bojana prayed once again and asked that God would help him leave school before the Sabbath began.

One Friday all of a sudden the teacher became very dizzy and she had to sit down. The principal was called and came into the classroom. The Principle told the children to run and catch their bus to go home. Bojana knew that this was God's answer to his prayer. He thanked God as he hurried to catch the bus. He was so happy that he could keep the Sabbath and that Jesus had heard and answered his prayers.

When he got home he told his family what had happened. Bojana's family prayed for the teacher, and later they learned that she was fine. "My teacher doesn't give me problems about the Sabbath anymore," Bojana says. "I tell other children that God cares about us and answers our prayers." Bojana's faith in Jesus was tested. Jesus provided a way for him to keep the Sabbath. This also helped Bojana tell his story about who Jesus is to other children. They too learned about the Sabbath.

Boys and girls, Bojana is a missionary. He told others that God loves them. We can also be missionaries by telling others God loves them and by giving our hearts to Jesus every day and continue to grow to be like Him.

I am thankful to Jesus for ...



Dear Jesus, I pray You'll help me grow each day in Your likeness more and more. Hold me close to You that I may learn more about You. Amen

# THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

"After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions." Luke 2:46



You may read Desire of Ages chapters 7 and 9 to learn more about Jesus as a young boy.

## THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

#### TRUE OR FALSE

1."His parents went to Rome every year at the Feast of the Passover." LUKE 2:41

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2. "And when He was eight years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast." LUKE 2:42

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3. "Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple..." LUKE 2:46

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4. "And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers." LUKE 2:47

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- Dolphins have excellent eyesight, hearing and the ability to use echolocation for finding the exact location of objects.
- The Killer Whale (also known as Orca) is actually a type of dolphin.
- Dolphins communicate with each other by clicking, whistling and other sounds.
- Frogs use their eyes to help them swallow food. When the frog blinks, its eyeballs are pushed downwards creating a bulge in the roof of its mouth. This bulge squeezes the food inside the frog's mouth down the back of its throat.
- Frogs breathe through their nostrils while also absorbing about half the air they need through their skin.





# DID YOU KNOW

- The sheep is the most frequently mentioned animal in the Bible.
- ♦ There are several dog breeds that do not bark. The most popular one is the Basenji.

**MY FAVORITE ANIMAL IS:** 

# **JESUS**

# Is The Ultimate Fireman

A firefighter is trained to go into burning buildings to rescue and save people and animals. They have special equipment to help with the rescues. We can call 911 when we need their help. Jesus is like a fireman coming to a burning world filled with sin. He rescues us from the flames of sin with His special equipment, the Gift, which is the life he lived, and the death He died for each of us. We can always call on Jesus by praying. Prayer is our spiritual 911.



- 1. Jesus is ready when we call.
- 2. Jesus treats all people with compassion and love.
- 3. Jesus comes to serve.
- 4. Jesus enters the scariest places to rescue us.
- 5. Jesus lays down His life to save us.
- 6. Jesus always takes us to a safe place.

Jesus created our world and all the people who live here. Even before Adam and Eve sinned, He had a plan to save every person. Jesus is waiting to rescue us and take us home with Him.

## Jesus is God

#### TRUE OR FALSE:

"I and my Father are one". JOHN 10:30

T or F

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." MATTHEW 1:23 **T or F** 

#### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are **(SOME, ALL)** things and for whom we live, and one Lord, **(JESUS CHRIST, MESSIAH)** through whom are all things and through whom we live." 1 CORINTHIANS 8:6

### Jesus is Human

#### TRUE OR FALSE:

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." LUKE 2:11

T or F

#### **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:**

"...for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, (BETHLEHEM, JERUSALEM), in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a (SOLDIER, RULER) who will shepherd My people Israel."

MATTHEW 2:5-6

#### Jesus is The Gift

#### TRUE OR FALSE:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." JOHN 3:16

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"Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness..."

1PETER 2:24

T or F

#### **CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:**

"But God demonstrates his own **(LOVE, HAPPINESS)** for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ **(DIED, FORGAVE)** for us." ROMANS 5:8



Spending time in prayer with Jesus helps our thoughts and feelings. The Holy Spirit always directs our minds towards God.

