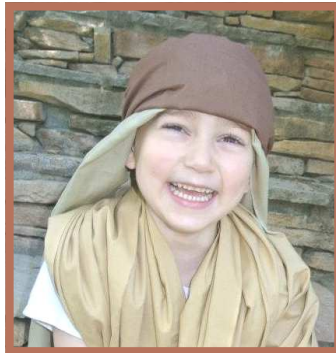
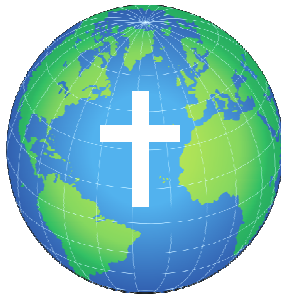


Missionary Stories For Children



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This book is dedicated to missionaries all over the world who have given their lives as witnesses for Jesus Christ.



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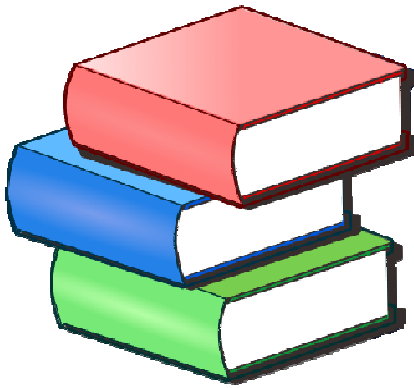
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Baby Fatu and Becky Welch

Liberia

Becky Welch

Hello my name is Becky Welch. I moved to Liberia, West Africa as a missionary in 2017. God called me here to do youth ministry! I started off with one group of boys who regularly came and played football, or as we would say in America, soccer. Also, I had one group of girls who regularly came and played baseball, or as we call it in America, kickball. Soon after starting ministry here, God multiplied it! I had two groups of boys and two groups of girls. I taught them the Word of God, they had memory verses, and got points for prizes. Then they played their favorite sport for an hour! This group of kids graduated the program. Now have another group of around 150 kids in the program.

I started at an orphanage a year ago, and we do the same thing. We teach them the Bible and play their favorite sports. I have one boys' team, and one girls' team there. I also have a boys' team, girls' team, and a small children's group in my community! The small children's group is a lot of fun, teaching them the Word of God, and then playing different games for fun.



Have you ever been hungry? I mean hungry, where your stomach is growling, and you really need something to eat??? Well, a lot of the kids here in Liberia feel that everyday for a long time, until they have a chance to eat. One of the ministries God has called me to is helping babies. Some babies have lost their mommy and then a grandmother or an auntie will start taking care of them. These babies would have died if they did not get milk. God has provided for this ministry in many ways, and we have had lots of babies in this program, and now they have graduated! It is such a blessing to see these babies growing, and getting stronger! We pray one day they will know Jesus!

One last thing I do here is women's ministry. I have about 21 women who come rather faithfully to hear the Word of God. This has been such a blessing to see these women growing in their walks with God, and in their knowledge of the Word of God!



After several months of starting my ministry in 2017, a friend of mine brought me a child to look at. This child was 10 months old and very sick. You see God had a special plan for that little girl. After finding out about her life, and seeing her in a very bad home, God used this to call me to be her mommy! God chose me! A special woman to accept this special gift. Her name is Fatu, and she is now almost 5 years old. She loves dancing, singing, and playing with her friends! She is so smart. I am honored to call her my daughter!

You see just like myself, God had a special calling for me to come to Liberia, and just like Fatu, God had a special calling for her to be my daughter. God has a special plan for your life too! You may not know what that is yet, but as you grow in the Lord, pray and read the Bible, God will one day show you what that special plan is! Maybe it is to show your friends at school what Jesus' love looks like or maybe it is to teach others about Jesus and be friends to them! God has many, many different ways that He can use us! It is such a blessing and an honor to be used by a mighty God! And He chose you and me!

John 15:16 says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you."

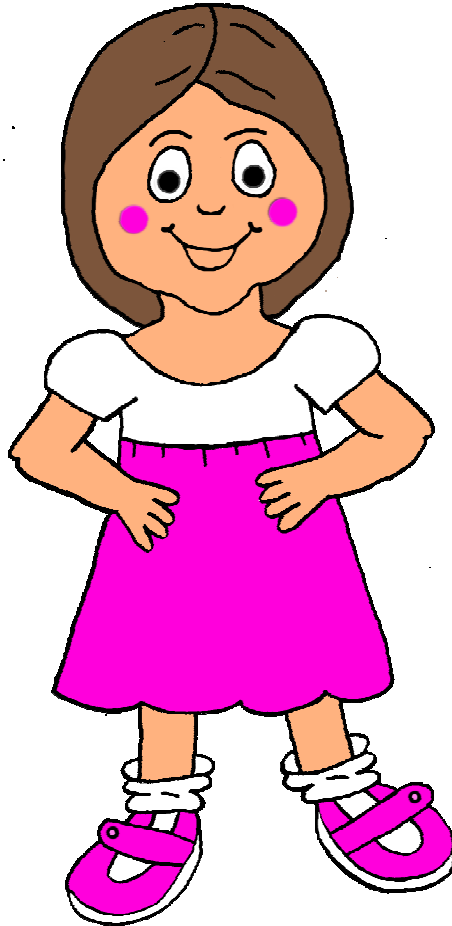


**God chose us to bear fruit for His kingdom
and His glory!**



**God bless,
Becky and Fatu Welch
2022**

A young girl from Romania said,
"God knows my size."



SILVIA TARNICERIU 1951-2013

Silvia was a young girl in Romania, where the government officials were atheists. Children in school were taught that there was no God, and those whose families believed in Jesus were laughed at and made fun of by fellow students as well as their teachers.

Her parents, Mama and Tata (Daddy), were Christians and taught Silvia and her 8 brothers and sisters about Jesus, but Silvia wanted to know if there really was a God. Who was right, her teachers or her parents and pastor? At age 13, Silvia asked God for 3 things: a pair of shoes, a sweater, and a coat. Because her family was very large and extremely poor, she knew it would take a miracle.

Silvia would go to school in the mornings and wear her brother Victor's shoes, which were way too big for her. She had to come home at lunch so that Victor could wear the shoes and go to afternoon school. Silvia had never owned anything new in her life, so her prayer seemed even more impossible!

When their two room house would get cracks in the outer walls, Silvia was sent with a bucket to collect horse manure from some horses in the area. She would then use that to patch the cracks in their house. Many times, there was very little food to feed Silvia's large family. Even though Tata worked for the railroad in their town of Iasi, Christians were given the lowest paying and dirtiest jobs.

Not long after Silvia's prayer to see if God was real, Tata came home from work carrying a package. All of the children gathered around to watch him open it. Never before had someone sent them a box in the mail. There was no name on the package, which made it more of a mystery.

Tata pulled out a pair of shoes! They couldn't be shared with the boys because they had little decorative holes in them. Silvia stood with excitement and told everyone they were for her! And guess what? They fit perfectly! Startled, Silvia remembered that she had not told God her size!! Over and over she said to herself, "**God knows my size! God knows my size!**"

It probably won't surprise you to learn that when Tata looked inside the box that the next thing he pulled out was a beautiful, soft gray sweater. It wasn't a sweater that boys and girls could share, because it had lovely pearl buttons, and it fit Silvia perfectly!

By then, Silvia knew that when Tata pulled the last object from the box, it would be a coat for her. It was a gorgeous rosy colored coat with a silky, black fur collar and cuffs. Even Mama thought it seemed someone had taken Silvia's measurements, for everything to be a perfect fit! But no measurements had been taken! God heard a 13 year old girl's prayer and as He answered, Silvia knew for the rest of her life that there was a God and that He loved her and cared about her. He even knew her size!

For a while, Silvia went to live with her aunt and uncle in a far away city. Because these relatives had no children and could give Silvia a good education, all the adults thought this was a good decision. Silvia was miserable! She would gladly choose

being poor rather than being away from Mama, Tata, and her brothers and sisters. Finally, she was allowed to go home to her beloved family. It was another answered prayer!

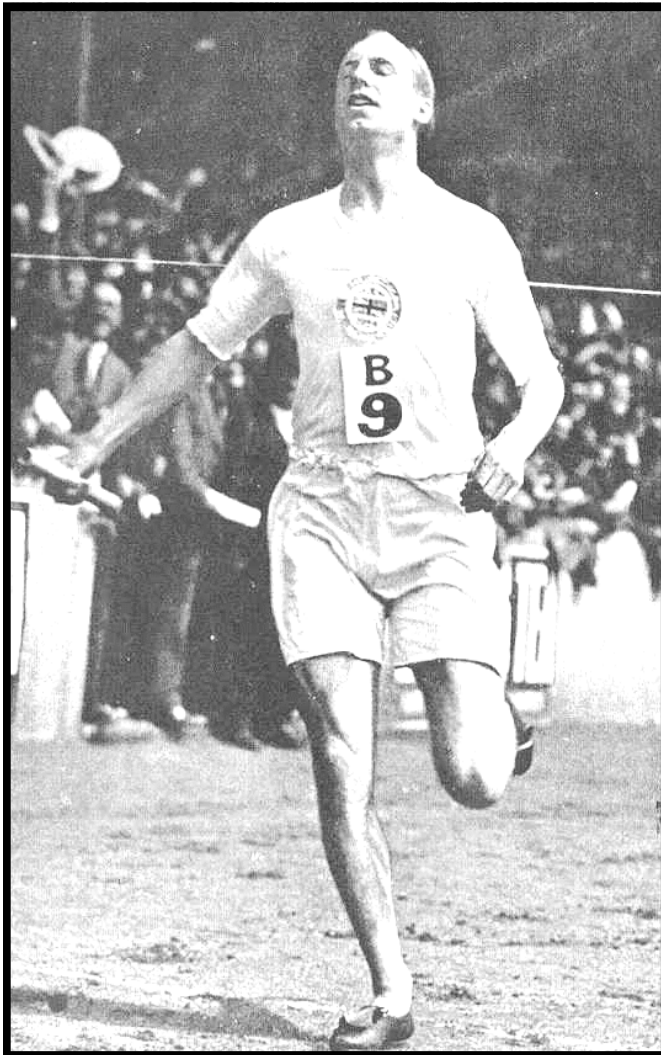
In that time in Romania (the 1970's), the people were still allowed to go to church, but government officials would follow Christians and turn them into the police if Christians tried to share their faith. The government leaders wanted to be the "god" of the people, and they thought Christians should put them first in their hearts, instead of believing in what they said was a "made-up God."

At that time, Bibles were not allowed to come into the country from another country. However, Christians from places like America would get Bibles printed in the Romanian language and sneak them into Romania. Silvia and two of her friends were among the people in their city who would secretly meet these Americans, take the Bibles, and then hide them in their attics or in a special place in their church. Then, other people in the church would give these Bibles to Romanian believers.

Silvia and her friends were called in to be questioned by the police day after day after day. They were treated terribly. At one point, her dear friend escaped to America, where she was finally free. However when Silvia and her friend, Elena, tried to escape the country, they were caught and put in prison. People there were treated very badly!

After Silvia was finally released from prison, it took the government over two years to allow her to come to America. It was so hard for Silvia to leave her family, but she knew that this is what God wanted for her life. A wonderful surprise was that within a year, Elena, who had been in prison with her, was released from prison and free to come to America also.

Silvia spent the rest of her life going to many places in the world, talking about Jesus. As she did, God used her to move the hearts of many Christians to give money for food, clothing, and other needs not only for the people of Romania, but for other needy people around the world. Silvia went to be with Jesus in 2013. I am sure she heard these words from Jesus in Matthew 25:31: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant..."



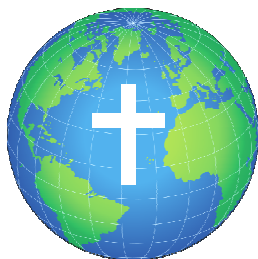
Eric Liddell 1902-1945

Eric Liddell was a famous track runner from Scotland who made headlines in the newspaper when he announced, "I won't run on Sunday." Eric had gone to the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, France, and he was a favorite to win the 100 meter race. Because he believed in keeping the Sabbath holy, he refused to run on Sunday. Another runner, who had already won a medal, told Eric that he could run in his place in the 400 meter race. Eric was not expected to win in this longer run, but many believed God honored him for his faithfulness, by allowing him to win the gold medal!

Eric was born in China and was the son of missionaries there. After the Olympics, he felt God calling him to go back to China and serve as a missionary. As he left Scotland to go to China, a huge crowd gathered at the train station to see him leave. They sang beautiful hymns as the train pulled out of the station.

In China, Eric began teaching science and coaching boys in sports at a college. Not long after he began teaching, Japan began a war with China. Eric and many Chinese were taken as prisoners by the Japanese. He was such an unselfish person that a man who didn't particularly like missionaries wrote of Eric Liddell: "It is rare indeed that a person has the good fortune to meet a saint, but he came as close to it as anyone I have ever known."

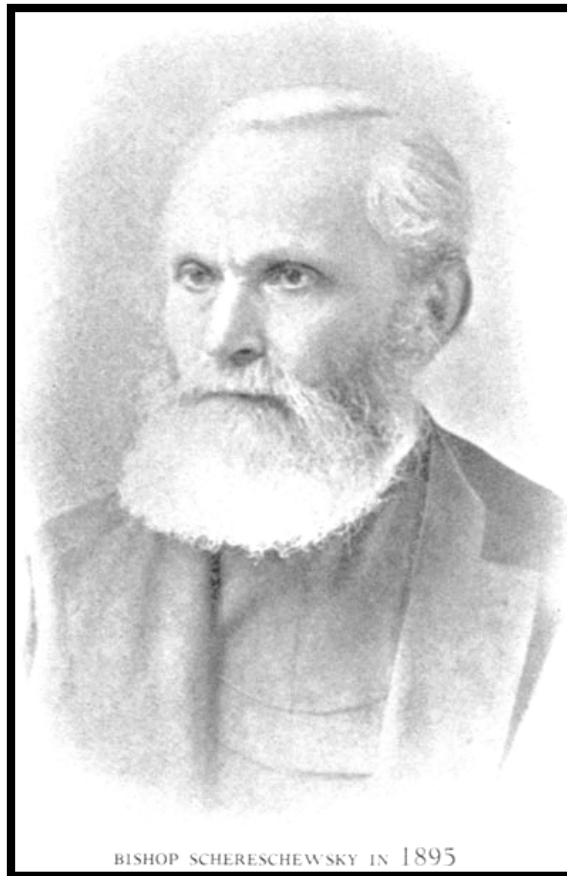
In the spring of 1945, Eric died of a brain tumor. The last words he spoke were, "It's all surrender," which was so like his life of complete surrender to God. Forty years after his death, a movie was made about Eric and another young man who ran in the 1924 Olympics. That movie, "Chariots of Fire," won the Academy Award for the best picture of the year! It beautifully tells the story of the gifted athlete from Scotland who was not afraid to make a stand for God and for the things in which he believed. Maybe you and your family would like to watch the movie together.



The last words he spoke were,
"It's all surrender."



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where young Chinese could learn how to become
preachers and doctors.**



Joseph Schereschewsky 1831-1906

Joseph Schereschewsky was born in 1831, in the tiny country of Lithuania which is in eastern Europe. He was born to Jewish parents and grew up speaking probably four different languages.

When Joseph was 19, he went to school in Germany, and as he studied a Hebrew translation of the New Testament, he was convinced that Jesus was the Savior of the world.

At age 23, he came to live in America, where he met a number of Jews who had also trusted Jesus as their Savior. He later felt God wanted him to be a missionary. God was leading Joseph to go to China to share the good news of Jesus with the people in that distant land.

Because he had spoken so many languages while growing up, Joseph found it very easy to learn the Chinese language. His main job was to translate the Bible into Chinese, and he would also preach every Sunday. He bought a Buddhist temple and turned it into a Christian church.

Even though God was greatly using Joseph, he was lonely, and when news came to him that a pretty young teacher from New York was coming to China, he walked 700 of the 900 miles from Peking to Shanghi just to meet her! Joseph and the lovely young teacher fell in love, got married, and God blessed them with two children.

Joseph helped start a college in China where young Chinese could learn how to become preachers and doctors. He continued translating the Bible into Chinese and finished one of the Bibles two days before he died at age 75. His last words were, "It is well; it is very well."



Map of China



**By 1944, Dr. Ida Scudder had spent
forty-four years helping the women of India.**



Ida Scudder 1870-1960

Ida Scudder did not want to be a missionary! In fact, she wanted fun, and friends, beauty, wealth, and adventure. Ida had grown up in India and although her parents, grandparents, and some of her cousins were missionaries there, Ida had decided she wasn't going to be one!

The only reason Ida returned to India after finishing college in America, was to help her mother who was ill.

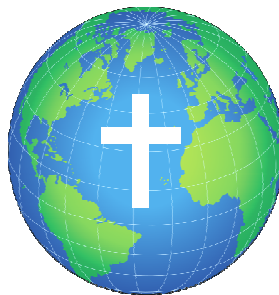
As Ida sat in her father's small house, a young man came to the door and told Ida that his wife was dying. Ida said she would go to get her father who was the doctor, but the man told her that it was the custom for only women doctors to help sick Indian women. When Ida told him that she didn't know how to help, the man left sadly.

It wasn't long until Ida heard footsteps again, and a second man came to ask for medical help for his wife, who was also dying. Ida told him that she didn't know how to help and that she was very sorry. Once again, another young man appeared at Ida's door that night. His wife was very ill, but again Ida had to turn him away without any help.

As she went to bed that night, Ida couldn't sleep. Three women were dying that night less than a mile from her, all because there was no woman doctor in that area. By morning Ida had reached an important decision. She would go back to America, become a doctor, and return to help the women of India!

Ida went back to India and performed her first surgery, with only the help of an untrained servant girl. Once she even operated on a sick bull for one of the families in a nearby village!

By 1906, Ida opened a woman's hospital in Vellore, India, and women were coming from distant villages for treatment. Ida saw a great need for a school of nursing and a medical college for the women of that part of India.



By 1944, Dr. Ida Scudder had spent forty-four years helping the women of India. She was greatly admired by the women there, and she received many honors for her work. From the time that her grandfather had become the first medical missionary from America to India, over thirty members of the Scudder family had given a total of almost a thousand years of missionary service to the Lord!



**“Now I am a Christian.
I can serve no one but Jesus!”**



Sundar Singh 1889-Unknown

Sundar Singh was a young boy from India, and he was only 7 years old when he memorized and recited some pages of the Hindu holy book.

When he was 13, he was sent to a nearby Christian school because the government Hindu school was so far from his home. That same year, something very sad happened. Sundar's mother died, and after she died, he rebelled against God. He began to hate his school, his Christian teachers, the Bible, and Jesus. He finally persuaded his father to let him attend the government school, but while he was there, he led a gang which threw stones at preachers and threw dirt where the Christians were meeting.

He also bought a New Testament and burned it in front of other people, but two days later, he was crying and saying, "Oh God, if there is a God, reveal (show) Yourself to me tonight!" Sundar told himself that if God did not show that He was real, he would kill himself the next day.

In the morning Sundar rushed to his father's room and told him that he had accepted Jesus as his Savior. The night before he had called out for Him (Jesus). He said, "Now I am a Christian. I can serve no one but Jesus!" Sundar was only 14 years old when this happened, but his family told him to leave home. All he had with him was a New Testament.

That night his stomach was filled with pain, and he began to vomit blood. He realized the terrible truth---he had been poisoned by his own family. He was very sick, but God gave him the strength to crawl to a nearby village where a Christian pastor helped him to get well.

When Sundar was 16, he was baptized and began traveling all over India, telling people about Jesus. He had grown up in a rich home, so he was not prepared for suffering. His bare feet were so bruised and cut that he became known as the "apostle of the bleeding feet."



At the age of 19, he went to Tibet which is a very mountainous country next to India. There were hardly any Christians there, and Sundar faced death many times just so he could tell the people of that country about Jesus. When he was 40, Sundar went to Tibet once again, but he disappeared without anyone ever knowing what happened to him. Sundar Singh was a young man who gave his life to tell others about the salvation message. God says in His Word that we are to put Him first in our lives; how happy God was to have such a special helper!



**Sundar Singh
with
Archbishop
Nathan Soderbom
in Sweden
1921-1924**

Mary walked through the dangerous jungles of Africa by herself, for she wanted to share the good news of Jesus with those who had never heard of Him.



Mary Slessor 1848-1915

Mary Slessor's father screamed at her, "Get out!" The door slammed shut behind her, and 14 year old Mary shivered in the cold night air. Mary grew up in a home where her father was cruel and where there was very little money.

Mary turned to God for strength, and He helped her to grow into a loving young Christian woman. Mary spent a lot of time reading her Bible and praying, and she felt God wanted her to go to Africa to be a missionary. In 1867, when Mary was 27 years old, she sailed on a large ship to Nigeria, which is on the western coast of Africa.

Mary lived in a mud hut where there were many roaches and ants. In the town where Mary lived, the people were filled with fear because of superstitions. The tribal people there believed that if twin babies were born, it was bad luck. Mary taught the people that twins were a special gift from God, and her teaching helped to change the minds of the people.

She worked in schools, gave out medicine to those who were sick, and helped settle arguments between people who had disagreements. She was known as a famous peacemaker among the Nigerians. **Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God." Matthew 5:9**

During her years in Nigeria, Mary cared for many children who had no parents, and she became their adopted mother. These children were a special source of joy to her, for they were a precious gift from God in her life.

Mary walked through the dangerous jungles of Africa by herself, for she wanted to share the good news of Jesus with those who had never heard of Him. She was able to be a pioneer for Jesus in areas where there had been no missionaries.



**Mary Slessor and
her four adopted children
in Scotland.
1880**



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The Plan of Salvation

1. Confess your sin.

"All have sinned." Romans 3:23 NKJV

2. Ask Jesus to save you.

"Whoever will call on the name of the LORD
will be saved." Romans 10:13 NASB

3. Pray like this:

Dear Jesus: "Please forgive me of my sins
and come into my life.

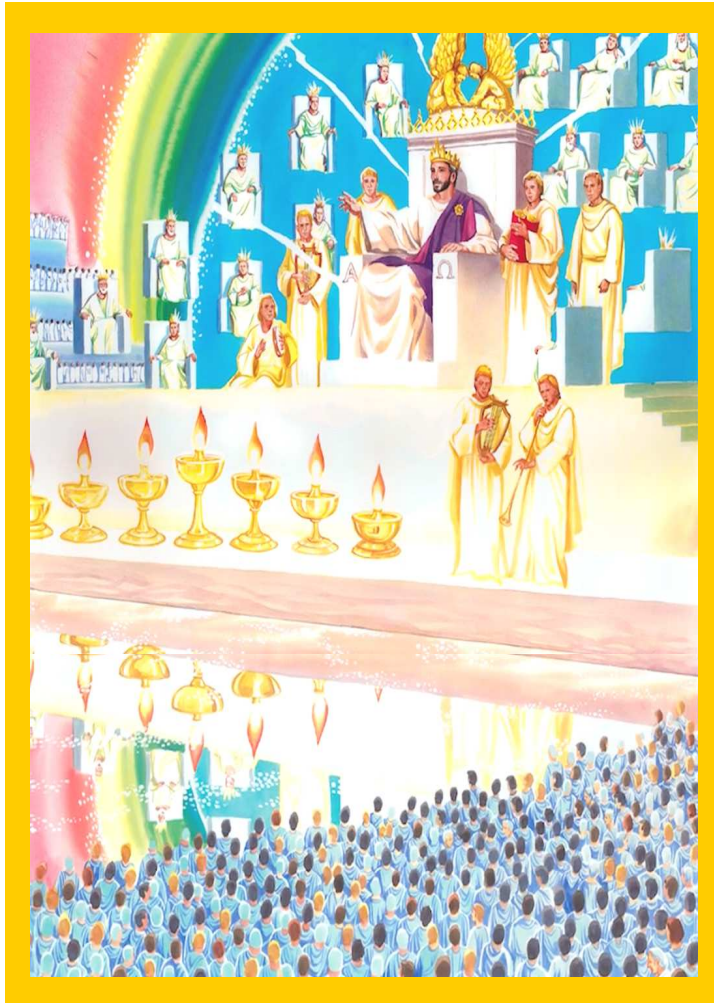
Thank you Jesus, for saving me."

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth,
and the life; no one comes to the Father,
but through me. John 14:6 NASB

Today on _____(date)

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accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



"After these things, I [John the Apostle] looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb.' "

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