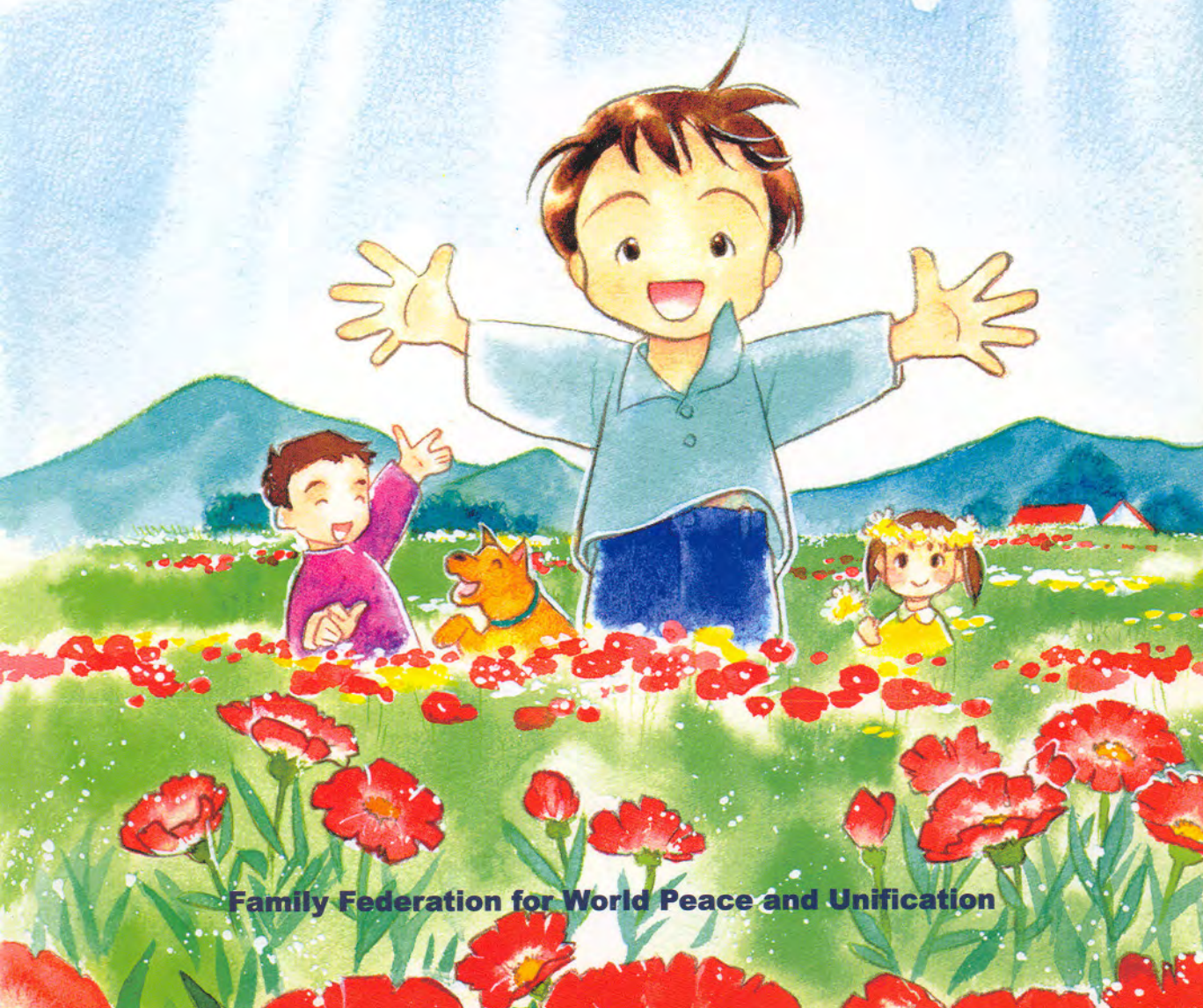


Hoon Dok for Children

# Living with God

Book I



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# Preface

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Children are the future of our nations and of the world we live in. They are born pure, and as they grow are learning to distinguish what is true from what is untrue, and what is essentially good from what is evil. This book was created to help them in this process, to bolster their pure-hearted efforts to do what they know is right.

True Parents often emphasize that that love and kindness are two vital elements necessary for children's growth. And knowing the eternal nature of life, they value purity above all else. It was for this express purpose that they asked that a set of children's hoon dok books be created.

This book is for children in the first years of elementary school. A companion volume, *The History of God*, is available for older elementary school and middle school children. The first part of this book explains about God and shows the way for children to seek out God on their own. The second part deals with how to live a life of serving God, and teaches that when we have faith in and serve Him we become people in whom God sees His image reflected.

Hoon dok hae has meant a great rejuvenation of heart for many of us. We hope and pray that all children can grow up to live joyful and exemplary lives in the service of God.

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**Part 1**

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# 1. Hansol and his school



Hansol is very happy today. Now he can go to school just like his brothers and sisters.

He washes his hands and face, brushes his teeth, and then he has breakfast.



After he says goodbye to his mom and dad, he walks proudly off to school.

Of course, in the beginning his mother took him to school, but now he goes to school all by himself.

Hansol's school is very big. There is a big playing field and many kinds of equipment to play on.

Hansol has made many new friends at school. He likes playing in his own yard and in front of his own house, but it is much more fun to play with his friends in the large playground. He can go around wherever he likes, because there are no dangerous cars to worry about.



- ◆ Tell your friends what you like best about going to school.
- ◆ What do you have to do when you cross a road?



## 2. Their teacher is kind

Their teacher is pretty and very kind. She takes care of all the children just as their real moms do. At home, their moms love them and take care of them and at school their teacher does the same.



She tells the children many interesting stories and teaches them how to become good people. Hansol likes his teacher very much and always listens to what she says very carefully.

What do you have to do to become a good boy or girl?

You have to listen to your mom and dad. And what else?

You have to go to bed early and get up early and you shouldn't be fussy about what you eat. Of course, you shouldn't fight with your brothers and sisters or your friends. A good student gets along well with his friends and always listens carefully to what the teacher says.



- ◆ Say some good things about your brothers and sisters.
- ◆ Say how your teacher helps you.

### 3. Hansol looks like his dad

“All right everyone. Where did you come from?” the teacher asked the class. All the children shouted loudly, “From my mom and dad!”

The teacher laughed and said, “That’s right. You came from your mom and dad. They gave you life. That’s why you are such nice boys and girls.”

Hansol and his friends all smiled.



“Right, now I have another question. Who do you look like? Hansol, would you like to answer my question first? Hansol, who do you look like?”

“My dad!” Hansol said with pride.

Hansol’s father loves him a lot. He works very hard to support his family, and when they go out somewhere together he always makes sure that everyone is happy. Hansol is proud of his father and always feels thankful to him.



- ◆ Tell your friends about your dad.
- ◆ Tell your friends about your mom.

## 4. Hansol's questions

Hansol is doing his homework. He has to write down his grandfather and grandmother's name. So he asks his dad to help him. His grandfather's name is Kim Byong-gyu and his grandmother's name is Moon Ok-hwee.

Hansol's grandfather and grandmother love him very much. Grandmother tells many interesting stories of long ago when she was young.



“Dad! I look like you, don’t I? So you must look like granddad.” “That’s right. I look like granddad.” “This is interesting. Then, granddad must look like his father.” “That’s right. Hansol, you are a bright little boy!” “Then who is the first grandfather?” He must be similar to us, too!”



“The first grandfather?”

“Yes, the first grandfather. Don’t you know about that grandfather?”

“No, I’m sorry. I don’t know much about him.”

“Wow, there is something that you don’t know, dad!”

“Please ask your teacher. She knows everything!”



## 5. The first people

Hansol was a little shy. At least, he felt a little shy to ask his teacher about his first grandfather. He didn't think his teacher would answer his question about his grandfathers because she was from a different family. But soon Hansol gained courage and decided to ask her.

“Excuse me, Miss Lee (that’s his teacher’s name). Who is our first grandfather? The very, very first one.”





As soon as Hansol had finished asking his question, all the other children burst out laughing. “Look at Hansol! How is the teacher going to know the name of his first grandfather? He should ask his dad that kind of question. Ha ha ha!”

Hansol turned bright red.

But the teacher patted Hansol on the head after his unusual question and said to the class, “Hansol has just asked a very interesting question. Can anybody in the class answer it?”



No one answered the teacher's question.

Some of them didn't even know the names of their own grandparents, so how could they know the name of Hansol's first grandfather? It was a really difficult question.

Miss Lee said, "The name of Hansol's first grandfather was Adam. He is Hansol's grandfather but he is also your grandfather, too. And he is also my grandfather. Even though we all may look a little different, have different family names and live in different ways, we all come from a person called Adam. So that makes us part of the same family, doesn't it? We are all brothers and sisters.

That's why we have to love each other and help each other. You should not fight or say bad things to each other. Do you understand?"

All the children started whispering to each other. "The teacher said that Hansol's grandfather and our grandfather are the same person! That's really strange, isn't it?"

- ◆ Say what is different between animals, plants, and people.
- ◆ How many people do you think there are in the world?
  - ◆ What things are similar between people?

## 6. God is our parent



But Hansol was still not satisfied. He gathered up his courage and decided to ask one more question, “Miss Lee, then who was Adam’s father?” The teacher smiled and said, “Adam’s father is God.” “God!” The children didn’t want to lose the chance so they all started asking questions at the same time. “Then who was Adam’s mother? Was she the wife of God? Who was God’s wife? Did Adam’s mother have Adam just like my mother had me? Did she get big like this and go to the hospital to have Adam? And who is God’s father? Why did God choose the name God?”

The classroom was very noisy. And all the children thought this was all very exciting. “Please be quiet, children. Settle down now,” the teacher said.

“God made Adam. But He didn’t get big in the tummy and go to the hospital like mummies do when they have babies. God first made everything in this world and then, last of all, He made the first person from the soil. God made the sun, the moon, the stars, the sky, the water, all the plants, the trees, the animals and then, last of all, He made people.”



“In the bible, it says that in the beginning there was just the earth. Then God ‘formed man from the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.’ (Gen. 2:7) That first man was Adam. Then God made a partner for Adam and that was Eve. Adam and Eve are the first father and mother of all everyone. Now what do you think happened to Adam and Eve?”

All Hansol’s friends shouted, “They died!”

“That’s right. Adam and Eve became old and they passed away. When an older person dies, we don’t usually say the word “die,” we say “pass away.” In Korean there’s an even better word for “died.” It is *Doragashota* which means “returned home.”

Hansol didn’t know what the difference was and so he asked the teacher.

“Well, all people die,” she answered. “After they die the body decays and becomes earth. The body dies but our soul goes back to God. That’s why we say ‘*Doragashota*’ which means ‘returned home.’ Our first grandfather and grandmother have already passed away. But God never dies. That is one reason God is so important. He is the one who has lived the longest.”



The more Hansol and his friends listened to their teacher, the more confused they became.

“Wow, God must be really, really, old. I wonder how old He is now?”

“One thousand years old?”

“One million years old?”

“Miss Lee, how old is God?” “Well, I think He is as old as the biggest number there is in the world.”

“Well what’s the biggest number? A million? A billion?” “No, it is even bigger than that. Isn’t that so, Miss Lee?” “God must be really old and weak now. He is probably saying, ‘Oh, my back! Oh, my legs!’ My grandmother is only 80 and every day she says, ‘Oh, my back! Oh, my legs!’ ”

Every one in the class started giving their opinion about how old God was. Then the teacher said, “Although God has lived for such a long time. He doesn’t get sick or feel any pain. God is always healthy and strong and He takes care of the people in the world.

There is only one God. And He created all of you. So he is the parent of all of us.”

Hansol and his friends kept on asking the teacher questions.

“Is God our father or our mother?”

“Well, God can be both our father and our mother. You wouldn’t have been born without your mother and your father, would you? In the same way God is like our mommy and daddy joined into one.”

◆ In what way is God our parents?

## 7. We cannot see God

“Hey, it’s really strange, isn’t it?”

“God must look really interesting.”

“Miss Lee, if God is mommy and daddy joined into one, what does He look like?”

“And where does He live?”

“Did anyone ever see God?”



Hansol and his friends kept on asking the teacher questions. But the teacher didn’t mind. She smiled and answered each one of their questions.

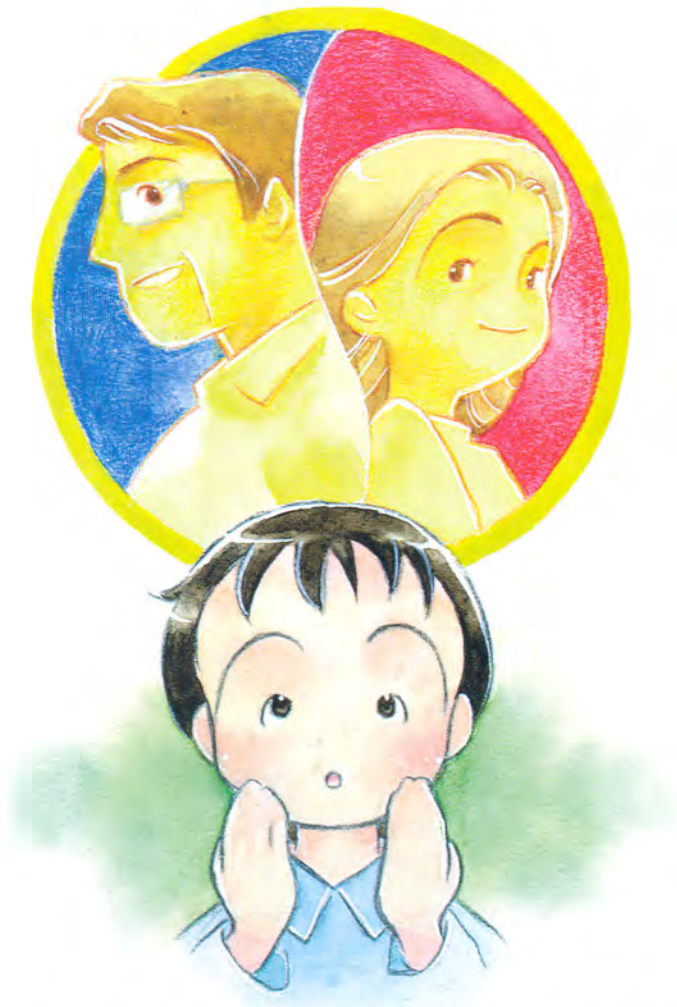
“God doesn’t have a face and body like we do, but God lives in everything there is. And God made everything there is. He made the wind, the stars, the plants and trees.

We can’t see God, but He is in the stars in the sky and He is even with us here in this classroom. And God also lives within each one of your hearts. This is why everything in this world belongs to God and everything is within God’s heart.”



“Miss Lee. How can something that you cannot see be real?” asked Jun-ho, who had been quiet until now. The teacher smiled at Jun-ho and said, “That’s a good question, Jun-ho. Look at this television here. Can you see anything in the air? You can’t, but it is full of signals being sent out by the broadcasting station. The programs that the broadcasting station makes travel through the air in these signals, and the television catches them and lets you see the pictures. You can’t say the signals are not real just because you can’t see them. With our eyes we don’t think they are real because we can’t see them, but they are.”





God is like that. Right now class, you asked me many questions. Now, it is my turn to give you some homework. I want you to think about God for one month. And then I want you to draw what you think. Okay? Do you all understand? Do you promise me you'll do this?"

"Yes," answered all the class in a loud voice.

- ◆ Try to draw what you think God looks like.
- ◆ Think about what God's voice might sound like.

## 8. Looking for God

When one month was nearly over, Hansol still couldn't find God. Even though he asked his mom and his dad, he still couldn't understand. So, Hansol started worrying. Every night before he went to sleep he tried calling God.

“God, where are you?

I would really like it if you would help me do my homework.” He went to sleep every night saying these words. Then suddenly one night he had a dream. He heard, from somewhere, God's warm voice.

“Hansol, Hansol!”

“Yes, who is it?”

“I am God, my child.”

“What? You are God? Are you really God? But I can't see you. Where are you?”

“Try and find me, Hansol. Do you understand, my child?”



Hansol started following God's voice along the road. He could see some beautiful flowers being blown by a gentle breeze. He stopped and spoke to one of the flowers.

“Hello, beautiful flower. Are you God?”

“No, I am not God, but God made me.”

“Then where is God?”

“Go and ask the river. The river has been there for a long time. I haven't been around very long. I think the river might know.”



So, Hansol went and asked the river.

“River, river, are you God?”

“No, no. I am not God, but God made me,” said the river.

“Then where is God?”

“Why don’t you go and ask the birds. They fly very high in the sky and can see very far so they will probably know where God is.”

So, this time Hansol went to the birds and asked them the same question.

“Birds, birds, have you seen God?”

“No we haven’t seen God,” they all said. “Why don’t you ask the wind? The wind has lived for the longest time on this earth. We think the wind will probably know about God.” Hansol had walked so far that he was quite tired by this time. But he wanted to keep the promise he had made to his teacher, so he decided to keep going.

After Hansol had walked quite a distance, he came across the wind.



“Mr. Wind, Mr. Wind, I heard that you know everything, is that true? Please tell me where God lives.”

Then the wind answered Hansol, “You silly boy, Hansol. Why don’t you try going to a church? They always teach God’s words there, don’t they? I think the people there will know better than anyone else.”

“Of, course. They probably will. Thank you very much Mr. Wind!”

Hansol felt quite relieved as he continued on his path. Soon he came upon a church. He went into a church and spoke to the minister.



“Where’s God?”

The minister answer, “Hansol who have you asked before now?”

“Well, I’ve asked the flowers, the river, the birds and the wind.”

“God made all of them.”

“Do you mean that God made so many different things?”

“Of course. God made everything. God made all these things and He looks after all these things, too. That’s why we feel God’s love through flowers, and we can feel God’s spirit through the river. They are all expressing God. Everything that is beautiful in this world shows what God looks like. God lives in everything in the universe. And God also knows everything. So if you have bad thoughts, even if other people don’t know what you are thinking, God does. Then God will punish you.”

Hansol was so surprised when the minister shouted these last words so loudly that he woke up. And he remembered the time he had had a fight with his little brother a few days ago and was punished by his father.

- ◆ Try to talk with God everyday.
- ◆ If there is only one God, try to explain why He is living in everything.
- ◆ Why do you think God will be angry with you if you are bad?

## 9. A God of love

One month  
spassed.

The day to  
turn in the  
homework  
had arrived.

Each of the  
children brought the  
picture of God that they  
had drawn. Hansol had drawn a beautiful picture  
with flowers and trees and a river flowing through it.  
The teacher praised Hansol because it was such a  
beautiful picture. Chol-ho had drawn a bright sun on  
top of the clouds. The teacher also praised Chol-ho's  
picture.

Eun-ji had drawn a frightening God who was  
driving out Satan.





When Hansol saw the picture, he remembered the bad thoughts he had had when he was fighting with his younger brother. He thought his bad thoughts were just like the devils in Eun-ji's picture. And Hansol became frightened of God. The teacher also praised Eun-ji's picture.

Mi-young had drawn a really kind grandfather. The teacher also praised Mi-young's picture. All her friends thought that it was a really nice picture.



After they had finished looking at each other's pictures, the teacher drew a heart on the board. "Do you know what this is?" she asked.

"It's the shape of a heart!"

"That's right. What do you think that this picture means?"

"It means love."

"It means you like someone."

"It means something is pretty."

All of the children started giving their own answers.

"You are all right. And you all drew very good pictures. Eun-ji's picture showed God punishing those who have a bad mind. God is very frightening, isn't He? But actually God is not frightening if we are good. If we always have good thoughts and are kind to everyone, then God always loves all of us. Just like in this heart."

Hansol was very happy when he heard what the teacher said. He knew that God really loved him now. Of course, that is, if he didn't fight with his younger brother any more.

So Hansol decided that he would try not to fight with his brother again and that he would always be kind to him no matter what.



## 10. God made the world

In the beginning, the world didn't exist. There was only God. Then God made the heavens and the earth. And then He made the light and separated the light from the darkness. God also made the sun, the moon and all the stars. And He separated the land from the sea and then he made all the living things in the world.



Then finally, last of all, He made Adam and Eve. God finished all of His creation in six days and He made the seventh day into a holy day for people to rest.

People are supposed to rest on Sunday. Dad doesn't go to work and of course we don't go to school, either. That is because God wants us to rest on the seventh day.

Adam and Eve, whom God made on the sixth day, are the ancestors of all humankind. God wanted the descendants of Adam and Eve to live happily in this world. Why do you think that God made this world?

He made it so that all living things could live well and live happily. The same is true for us, too.



God's plan was for all living things to live peacefully and happily. So, the trees, the plants, the rivers, the fish in the water all live a life of being thankful to God. Just because they don't say anything you shouldn't think that they are not thankful.

Even the plants you have at home are the same. If you play nice music for them that sounds like the voice of God, they grow well. But if they keep on hearing the voices of fighting, or loud noises or sounds of hate, then they will soon wither away.

If we do good things and have beautiful minds then we feel joyful. This is because we are thankful to God. But if we don't listen to our parents and have bad feelings towards others, then this makes us angry or sad. This is because we are not thankful to God.



God likes the heart of those people who are always thankful. If God had not had a plan to make this world, none of us would have been born. There would be no sun and no stars and only darkness. If there were only darkness every day, how frightening this would be.

But God changed this darkness. He made heaven and the earth and the sea for us. And just in case we get too hot, He made the nice cooling breeze. And just in case we get too cold, He made the warm sun for us.

And He made our moms and dads, our friends and all the animals and plants just so that we could be happy. We must really be grateful to God.



- ◆ Talk about all the things that God has made.
- ◆ Why must we have a grateful heart toward God?
  - ◆ What must we be thankful for?

## 11. God does things together with us



God loves everything that He made. He especially loves people. We have God's breath inside of us. That is because in the beginning God breathed the breath of life into Adam's nostrils.

But if we make a mistake, we can lose this breath. In fact, we have already lost a lot of God's breath. Adam and Eve didn't obey God and they didn't keep their promise to Him. God told them that they had to live with a pure heart, but they didn't follow God's instruction.

This is why Adam and Eve were punished by God. They were sent out of the garden of Eden.

But God is still always with us. If people have a grateful heart, then God will always be with us at that time. At that time, we will always be able to feel God's love.

The reason God created people in the very beginning is because He wanted to give and receive love from them. But people threw away God's love and they left the heart of God. And so they became lonely, like children without parents. If in our hearts we start to love God again, God will gladly take us back.



But if we don't have a heart of thanks and we are not grateful to God, then God cannot come to us. If we say nice things to our friends, they say nice things to us, but if we say bad things to our friends, they will say bad things to us. It is the same for God. God wants to come to us and He is calling us even now.

If your mom and dad go on a long trip and you are left alone at home to take care of the house, then if your friend comes to visit you, you would be happy, wouldn't you? If you heard him calling your name outside the front door you would be happy, wouldn't you?



But if you did not hear your friend calling and did not open the door for him, then how do you think your friend would feel? He would feel quite sad. It is the same for God, too. God is always calling us outside our front door. But if we don't hear Him and just keep on sleeping, then God can't come in. But if we always call God and love God, then He can hear the sounds of love.

And then we can meet God joyfully.

So we always have to be ready to meet God. In the same way that if our house is dirty and in a mess, friends don't like to visit, if we don't have clean hearts then God can't visit us. God always wants to be with us, but He can only come to us when we love Him and are ready to meet Him.



- ◆ Who is the person we should be most happy to meet?
- ◆ Think about why Adam and Eve were sent out of the garden of Eden.
- ◆ Talk about what you have to do in order to meet God again.

## 12. True children of God

Our parents are the most special people in the world. If we didn't have our mom or dad or if they were lying sick in bed, then we would feel sad and feel pain in our hearts. Our mom and dad are the best, and we feel most grateful to them of all the people in the whole world.

We love our parents. And our parents love us too. They gave us life, they raise us and they always take care of us. Everyday our parents work hard for us. We children always feel grateful to our parents for that reason. That is why we always try to do what our parents tell us to do.



If we don't listen to our parents and we cause a problem, then our parents feel sad and upset. Then we can't become true children. True children are children who obey their parents and do what they are told to do. Caring about what your parents say and what they need, is called "filial piety." True children are people who practice filial piety.

How do you think our parents would feel if we were not filial children? They would be very sad. It is the same in our relationship with God. If we don't do what God wants us to do then God feels sad. Then we can't become God's true children.

What do we have to do to follow God's words properly? Our mom and dad are always close to us, but we can't see God. So how can we be filial children to God? We can't receive God's love directly. Then what can we do about this?



God lives in everything. Then, all we need to do is love everything. It means we must be filial children to our parents, and we must get along well with our friends and our brothers and sisters. This is the way to love God. Loving the animals and not making them suffer is also loving God. Loving the flowers and not breaking the branches of the trees is also loving God.

If we do these things, then God will feel happy. And when we make God feel happy it means that we become His true children. True children should do what their parents tell them to do and they should love all things.

You get into trouble if you don't do what your parents tell you to do, don't you? In the same way, if you don't obey God's words then you will be punished. So should we follow God's words because we are afraid of being punished? No, we should obey God because God loves us.

God made us and takes care of us. He loves us the most in all the world. Love means giving and receiving. This is true with our parents, with our friends and even with the plants and the trees, which can't speak. Why do you think this is?

This is because God made everything in this world from love. So everything that God made gives love and receives love.

The reason why we have to become God's true children is to return love to God. If, when we paint a picture of beautiful flowers and butterflies, the flowers and butterflies said to us, "Thank you for painting us so beautifully!" we would feel happy, wouldn't we? But if they ignored us and were angry with us, then we wouldn't feel happy, would we? God's heart is just like that. True children are children who know how to feel thankful for God's love.



- ◆ Why will our parents be happy if we do what they tell us to do?
- ◆ What kind of people are God's true children?
- ◆ Why should we become God's true children?



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**Part 2**

## **Living with God (Part 2)**

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# 1. A good mind and a bad mind



Mi-young is watching television. She knows that different sports are popular in different countries. In China, people play table tennis very well. In Indonesia badminton is very popular; Japan is famous for Judo, Britain is famous for sports on horseback and Americans are good at athletics.

Koreans are very good at archery. Archery is shooting an arrow at a target far away. The Korean archers often win first place in archery competitions. They win many gold medals in the Olympics and in archery world championships. Mi-young wondered why the Korean archers always do well, so she decided to ask her father.

“Daddy, why are Koreans so good at archery?”



“Well, in old books, it says that the Chinese called Koreans ‘people from the East who are good at archery.’ So, from a long, long time ago, Koreans have been good at shooting arrows. Do you know why Koreans have always been so good at archery?”

“No, Daddy.”

“Since long ago, the Korean people focused their minds on obeying their parents. They had to be very alert, or their parents would get upset. They could not relax their minds around their parents. That’s a lot like following God, who is our parent.”

“Are you good at archery if you do what God tells you to do?”

“Well, you could look at it like that. God likes people who have a good mind. He doesn’t like people who have a bad mind, does He?”

“No, He doesn’t.”

“Think about it. If you want to hit the bull’s eye, you need to be able to control your mind and body completely. Having a good mind is similar to that. In order to fight against your bad mind, you have control your mind and body to only follow God’s word.

You have to focus your mind on what God wants you to do, not what your friends want you to do. And not even on what you want to do.

It is not easy. Usually when we have a bad mind it is because we are too relaxed, not focusing on being good.... Do you think it is easy to hit the bull's eye?"

"I think it's very difficult, Daddy."

"That's right. It is very difficult to hit the bull's eye in the center of the target. We have always been taught to focus on our parents, the center of the family. It is good for anyone, from any country to focus on God, the center of life. If we focus on God, we have to always keep a good mind."



“It is very difficult to always keep a good mind. I think Koreans are good at archery because we were trained not to relax our minds around our parents. This helps us to follow God and to keep a good mind. Because True Parents come from Korea, we have to be a good example for others.

God always rewards those people who have good minds. Actually, it doesn't matter what country they come from. The first step in fighting your bad mind is to do what your mom or dad tells you to do.”

“Oh, I see.”

Mi-young felt proud when she heard her father speak about Korea, and she decided that she would always do good things so that she could win many shiny medals from God.



- ◆ Talk about some time when your good mind and your bad mind were fighting.
  - ◆ Why do we have to win over our bad mind?
- ◆ Try to find out some more about how your ancestors lived.

## 2. The Story of the serpent

Adam and Eve, who were the first people made by God, had to leave the garden of Eden. That is because they didn't keep their promise to God. What kind of promise did they break?

God gave Adam and Eve the power to rule over all living things, but there was one thing that He told them not to do. Do you know what it was? That was not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



The fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil can let humans know what good things and bad things are. If you eat that fruit, you can know about the good world, but you can also know about the bad world. Then you become dirty. God didn't want people to have a bad mind, and that's why he told them not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

But one day, Eve, who was to be Adam's wife when she grew up, disobeyed God and broke her promise to Him. A serpent came to Eve, and told her that the fruit of the tree was quite delicious. Eve listened to what the serpent told her and she ate the fruit. Then after that, she told Adam to eat the fruit, too. So Adam ate it.

After they ate the fruit, they suddenly realized that they were naked and they felt dirty and ashamed. They had done something terrible and so they got into a lot of trouble with God, who then sent them out of the garden of Eden.

Mi-young had wondered how it was possible for a serpent to talk to people. But after she listened to her mother tell the whole story she understood who the serpent really was.

It was the devil, Satan. Satan has a black and terrible mind. That's why he was called a serpent. But there was still one problem. God made people, but why did he make Satan, too? Mi-young thought that was very strange.



Her mother told her that Satan was an angel at first. He lived in heaven together with God. He was jealous that God didn't love him as much as He loved Adam and Eve. That is why he tempted Eve.

Eve did not sin by eating fruit from a tree. She sinned when she let herself be tempted by the angel. She was only supposed to later love Adam like a husband, but she loved the angel, too.

She did something bad because she gave in to Satan's temptation. But Adam also disobeyed God's word. Even though it was not the time for him to have a love relationship with Eve yet, he gave in to Eve's temptation. So Adam and Eve were cast out of the garden of Eden because of their bad minds.



These days, there are many people like that aren't there? We only have one father and one mother. But what do you think will happen if our mother and father start to dislike each other, or they let themselves be tempted by someone

else? Grandpa and Grandma will be sad, and we will be sad, too. So, how do you think God, who made man, will feel? He will be even sadder.

In the beginning, a man and a woman should only love the partner that God gives them. But so many people don't keep this promise to God. That is because the bad mind of Adam and Eve still remains in us, even after all this time.

This is why people must beg God for forgiveness and return to their original mind. They should find their good mind. God has made many plans to help people find their good minds again.

- ◆ Why do you think that the first people broke their promise to God?
- ◆ Why do you think that the angel who had changed into a serpent lied to Eve?
- ◆ Let us try to think more deeply about God's sadness.

### 3. People have not followed God

Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. Adam and Eve had sinned against God and were sent out of the garden of Eden. So that they could receive His forgiveness, God commanded them to make offerings. Cain and Abel made offerings together. But the older brother, Cain, was not happy about making offerings to God. He was a farmer and he wanted to keep all the crops for himself. He burned some of his harvest as an offering to God, but he didn't do so gladly. His younger brother Abel, however, offered a sheep with joy, as God had told him to do.

Both brothers made an offering to God but God only accepted the offering of the younger brother, Abel. Cain had not obeyed God's command with joy. From Abel's altar a beautiful scent went up to Heaven, but all that came from Cain's altar was smelly smoke. Cain was quite upset about this and he started to feel jealous of his younger brother, Abel.

"I don't like you, God! You didn't accept my offering but you accepted Abel's!" Cain kept on thinking like this. He had a lot of anger against God.



He started to lose his good mind that God had given him and he started to have bad thoughts. God encouraged Cain to overcome his anger and warned him that if he did not he might do something very bad. Later, however, Cain took Abel out into the fields and killed him with a big stone. It was a terrible thing to do.

God gave Cain a very harsh punishment. When Cain planted seeds in the ground, they wouldn't grow. He also had to wander around the earth from place to place. Cain was very sorry that he had sinned, but it was already too late.

But God did not kill Cain. His punishment meant that He forgave him. From this point on, however, people often hated and killed others. Killing another person is a very, very bad thing. Anyone who does not obey God and is not honest with Him may receive God's punishment.





Yong-jun often fought with his younger brother. When his mother gave them some doughnuts he always tried to take some of his brother's doughnuts as well. Of course his brother tried to stop him from doing that. Then at those times, if he hit his brother, his mother always became angry with him.

“You shouldn't hit your brother! Why do you do it?” But every time his mother said this he always said, “I am the older brother so I should eat more. You don't love me, you only love Yong-shik!”

Then his mother said, “I love both you and Yon-shik the same. But brothers should get along together. You have to share evenly what you have to eat and you have to look out for each other. Then Mommy and Daddy will be happy.

You shouldn't hit your younger brother just because you are stronger than he is. If that were the right way then this world would be nice just for the strong people. Why do you think God punished Cain?"



Yong-jun started to see that not obeying his mother upset her. He thought that if he listened to his mother more, then he wouldn't be angry with his younger brother.

God's mind and Yong-jun's mother's mind are exactly the same. If you always follow God's words, then feelings of hate and jealousy would not appear in the first place. However, if you don't obey God's Word and just do what you want to do, God will be very sad and sometimes He has to punish you.

In the same way that Yong-jun's mother was upset when Yong-jun hit his little brother, God is also upset when we do bad things. And it is not right to do things that will make God unhappy.

- ◆ Have you ever had a fight with your brother or sister? If you have, why did the fight start?
- ◆ When you don't think about your own mistakes and just hate other people, then whom do you resemble?
- ◆ Why do you get punished if you don't obey God's Word?

## 4. God's grief

Doing what your parents tell you to do and making your parents feel happy is called filial piety. Filial piety is something that young children should think is a very precious thing to keep. Bringing joy to your parents also brings joy to God. But if we don't obey our parents and cause them to feel sad, then God is also sad. If we bring joy to our parents they will feel happy. And if our parents are

happy then we will also be happy. Then the love you feel for each other just keeps on growing and the family always lives in peace and harmony.



But if we don't listen to our parents then they will feel sad. Then we will feel sad, too. And there can be disharmony between brothers and sisters. Then our family is not God's true family but Satan's family. This is God's biggest sadness. God doesn't like it when a heart of love is not always present within the family. So please be careful not to cause your parents to worry or make them feel sad.

Not so long ago, Jin-su had a problem. Jin-su's family went to a really nice, fun park. There were all sorts of interesting rides and many animals he had only seen in books. But there were so many people there that if he wasn't careful he could lose his family. So Jin-su's mom and dad told him to keep close and not run off by himself. In the beginning Jin-su obeyed his parents and stuck close to his parents. But after a little while there were so many interesting things to see that he forgot about his parents' warning and he wandered off. Then he got lost.

Jin-su was quite afraid. He looked everywhere for his mom and dad but everyone was a stranger. So, he started running here and there trying to find them.

The more he looked, the more desperate he became, and finally he started crying because he was so scared. After a while, it began to get dark. Most of the people had gone home. Jin-su was hungry and his legs ached, but he was not worried about such things. Jin-su was afraid and very sad because he had lost his parents. He regretted that he hadn't done what his parents had told him to do.



“I wish I had obeyed my mom and dad!”

With tears running from his eyes he ran here and there calling for his mom and dad.



Then suddenly one of the park assistants came up to him and said, “Are you Jin-su?” Jin-su had never seen this person before and he was surprised. “Your mother and your father are waiting for you.” As soon as Jin-su heard that he burst out crying even louder. The park assistant said to him, “Jin-su! Do you know how worried your

parents have been? They came to the information center and they were very very sad. Your mom said, ‘Please find our Jin-su.’ Anyway you should have listened to your parents more carefully. All right, let’s go quickly.”

Finally Jin-su was back with his parents. He was both happy and sad but he burst out crying again saying, “Mommy, Daddy, I’ll listen to what you say more carefully in the future.” Jin-su made up his mind never to disobey his parents again. He realized that if you disobey your parents, then you feel sad and afraid, but he also realized for the first time that his parents were sad, too.

- ◆ Have you ever upset your parents?
- ◆ How did you feel then and how do you think you think your parents felt?

## 5. God is a forgiving God

God is a God of love. God shows His love in various ways. God made people and was sad when they sinned against Him and He punished them, but He also easily forgives them when they repent. Through God's forgiveness, we can again become close to God in heart.

It is important not to hate someone if they do something bad. We still have to love them. Loving someone who has done something bad is called forgiveness.

If we always have the heart to forgive someone, then God will be even more pleased than He is when we do something good. This is because it is more difficult to forgive someone than it is to do something good. The heart of forgiveness is like God's big and wide heart of love.

There is a story that took place a long time ago. A man had two sons. The eldest son worked really hard but the youngest son didn't like to work. One day the younger son went to his father and asked him to give him his share of his inheritance.





So the man divided his property between the two sons and the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money and went away to a far-off land. Of course he didn't listen to his father's advice, that even if he went away to another place, he should work hard. He just spent every day playing and enjoying himself.

He spent everything he had and finally became a beggar. He was very hungry but nobody gave him anything to eat. He was so hungry that he even wished he could eat what the pigs ate, but still no one gave him anything to eat.

It was only then that he came to his senses and said, "All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve!

I will hurry up and go to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you.'

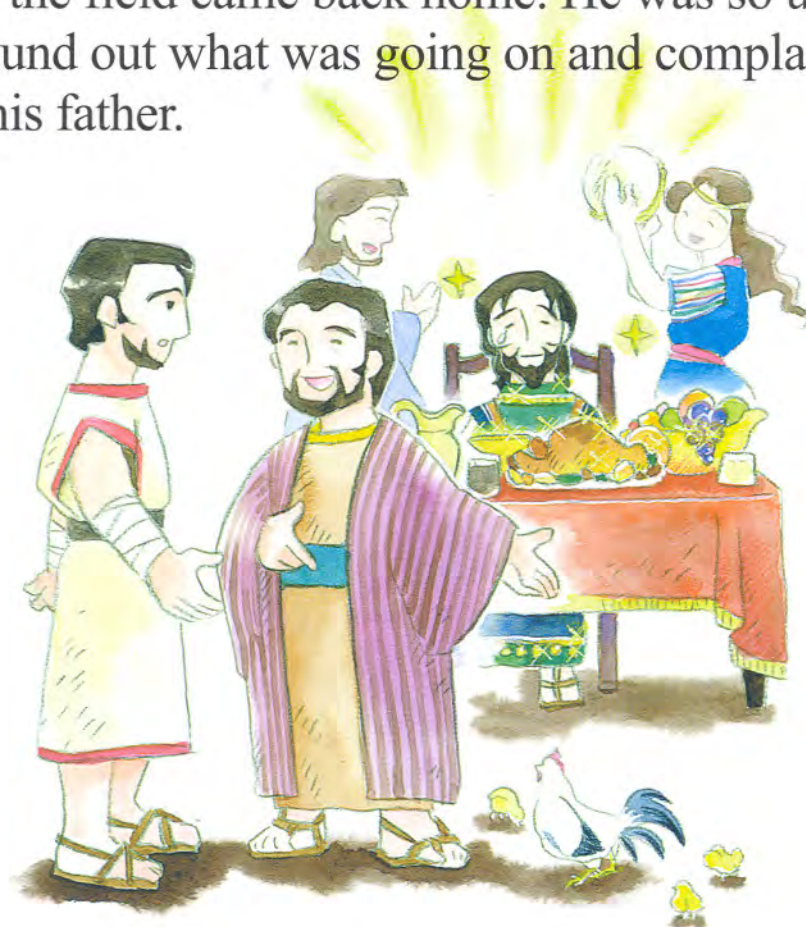
So he got up and started the journey home.



When the father saw the younger son coming in the distance he wasn't angry with him, but ran and threw his arms around his son and kissed him. He gave him good clothes to wear and prepared good food for him to eat.

He said, "The son that I have lost has returned back home." The father was so happy that he held a big banquet for him.

In the meantime, the older son who had been out working in the field came back home. He was so upset when he found out what was going on and complained bitterly to his father.



“Father, I have worked for you everyday so hard, but when did you ever give me nice clothes or hold a banquet for me?”

“My son, you are always here with me and everything I have is yours. But we have to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead but now he is alive; he was lost but now he has been found.”

We can learn about the heart of forgiveness from this story. And we can also see that a father loves all his children with the same love. That’s why even though the younger son had not obeyed his father and done many bad things before he came home, the father forgave all this with love and embraced him with joy in his heart.

God’s love is like that. Whatever mistake we make, if we realize our mistake and are very, very sorry that we did it, God will forgive us and we will be able to return back to God.

We too, have to inherit this kind of heart from God. Even if our brothers or neighbors do something wrong against us, we have to forgive them for God to be happy.

- ◆ What did the younger son do after he left home?
- ◆ What did the younger son feel very, very sorry about?
- ◆ How did the father feel when he saw his younger son returning home?
- ◆ Why was the older brother angry when he found out that his father was holding a banquet for his younger brother?

## 6. God's Son

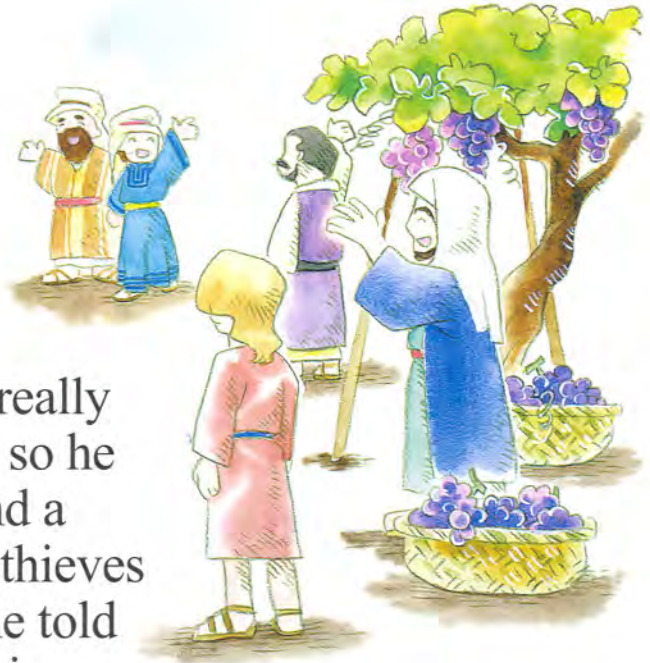


We are all God's sons and daughters. But there are many people amongst us who don't know their true selves. And they don't obey God very well.

That's why the world has become such a confusing place. Even though we are all brothers and sisters in God, still so many people hate each other, fight each other, and sometimes even kill each other.

God is very sad when He sees people suffering, and so He sent one person to this world to save all people and to teach all people that they are brothers and sisters. That person was Jesus. Jesus had to fulfill his role as God's only son in front of the other people. He came to this world to tell all people that they must return to the bosom of God. But people didn't know this and they hated Jesus and they crucified him on the cross. The reason why they killed Jesus is because they didn't know. That was a very unfortunate and regrettable thing.

It was just like the foolish actions of the farmers who had a vineyard a long time ago: Long ago in a village there was a large vineyard. The owner of the vineyard really loved his vineyard and so he built a look-out post and a fence around it to stop thieves from coming in. And he told his servants to keep their eye on any visitors to the vineyard. Every year there was a wonderful harvest from the vineyard. There were many farmers working there and the grapes were large and sweet.



The owner picked the grapes and sold them in the market. Because they were so delicious he was able to get a good price for them. The master and all the workers were very joyful about this.

One day the owner of the vineyard had to go away on a long trip so he rented the vineyard out to his farm workers whom he loved very much.

In the beginning, the vineyard business continued to be very successful even though the master wasn't there. When the summer came the grapevines were full of grapes.

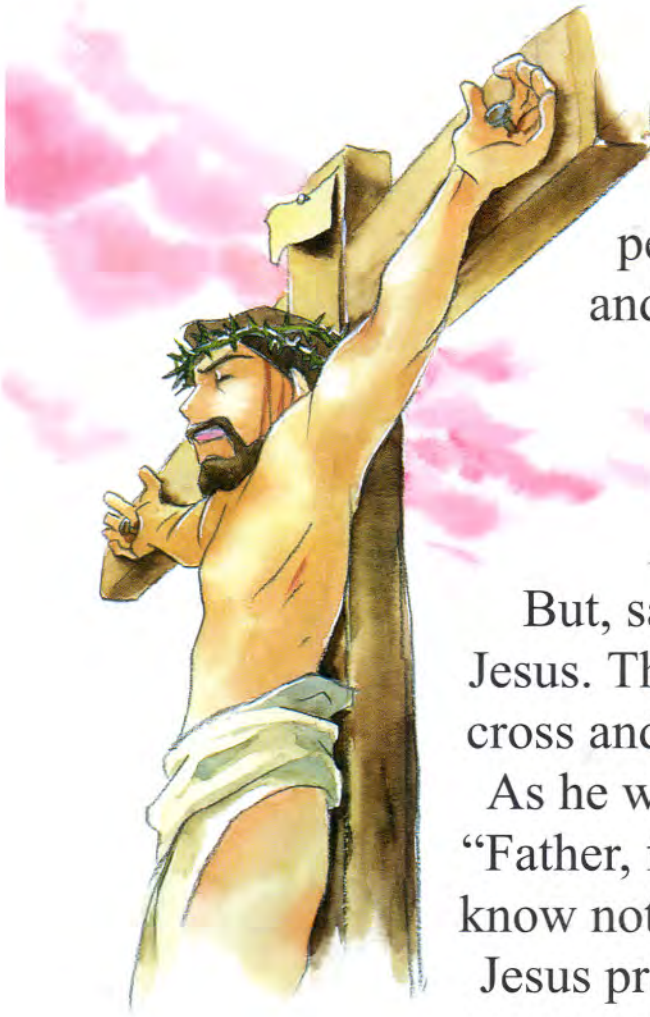
But then one of the farmers thought if they didn't pay the money that they owed the master then they would soon become rich. So they started to have bad thoughts. The master who had gone to a far-off land sent his servants to collect the rent money that was owed to him for lending them the vineyard.

But the servants couldn't get any money and one was beaten, one was killed and another was stoned by the farmer tenants.

When the master of the vineyard didn't hear from any of his servants that he sent in the beginning, he sent even more servants to collect the money. But these servants also were treated in the same way by the farmers. So the master thought he had no choice but to send his only son to collect the money. He thought that they wouldn't kill his son.

When the farmer tenants saw his son coming in the distance they said to themselves, "Look, the owner's son is coming. If we kill him, then this vineyard will become ours. After all, the owner is so old and lives so far away now. I mean, he only has one son and if we get him out the way, what's to stop us from taking over the vineyard?" After they finished saying this, they went and killed the owner's son.





God sent the prophets to us to let us know about his will but the people hated the prophets and put them in prison and killed them.

But God still didn't hate us and He sent His son Jesus to us.

But, sadly, the people killed Jesus. They nailed him to the cross and they killed him.

As he was dying Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Jesus prayed sincerely in this way, praying for their forgiveness, because they didn't know that killing him on the cross was such a terrible mistake that would make God very sad.

- ◆ What did the vineyard farm workers do to the servants who were sent to collect the rent?
  - ◆ Who did the vineyard owner send in the end?
- ◆ Why did the vineyard farm workers kill the servants and the son?
  - ◆ Why did God send His son to this world? Why did Jesus die?

## 7. Jesus and the cross

Jesus was God's son and he came to tell the people of the world about God's word. God sent His son to save the people of the world.

But the Israelite people didn't believe Jesus. There were a few people who believed and followed Jesus, but there were many more people who doubted him.

The Israelites had been suffering for a long time. But they firmly believed that God would send them a savior who would save them from their suffering. But the savior Jesus didn't save them from their suffering in the way that they thought he would. He didn't come and perform miracles in order to free them from the strong Roman army. And he didn't make the Israelites live more happily.





Not only that, he taught them different things from what they had believed about God until then. Jesus taught them that God was not a God who will inflict frightful and terrible punishments. Rather, He is a God of love and forgiveness.

He told them to love their enemies. He told them that if someone hits them on the right cheek, they should turn their left cheek and let them hit them on the left cheek as well. He told them to forgive and pray for people who make them suffer. He told them to love people who didn't love them.

It was quite difficult for the people at the time of Jesus to accept what Jesus said, because it would mean that they would have to love the Roman soldiers who had caused them so much sorrow. And they thought that God was only their God and not the God of all people and all races, which is what Jesus taught.

Jesus also said that he was one with God. They didn't understand what he really meant when he said this and they started to dislike Jesus.

“What's he talking about? He thinks he is God's son? Ha! He is the son of a carpenter. If he is really God's son, why isn't he able to save us from our hardships?”

They thought that he wasn't the real savior. In the end, they asked the leader of the Roman army, Pilate, to have Jesus killed.

Pilate didn't really want to crucify Jesus, but the crowds demanding that he kill him became noisier and noisier and started getting out of hand. Finally, Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns on his head, had to carry the heavy cross on his back up the hill to Golgotha.

Tragically, Jesus, who came to save all people in the world from their sins, didn't save himself and was crucified with nails through his hands and feet. Does this mean that Jesus is not the savior? No, it doesn't mean that. Jesus *was* the savior and God was so sad to see his son being killed in such a brutal way.

Three days after he was crucified, Jesus returned from the spirit world. After spending forty days on the earth, he went to Heaven prophesying that he would come again to this world. It was only after this that people began to know about Jesus' teachings and why he shed blood and suffered for them on the cross.

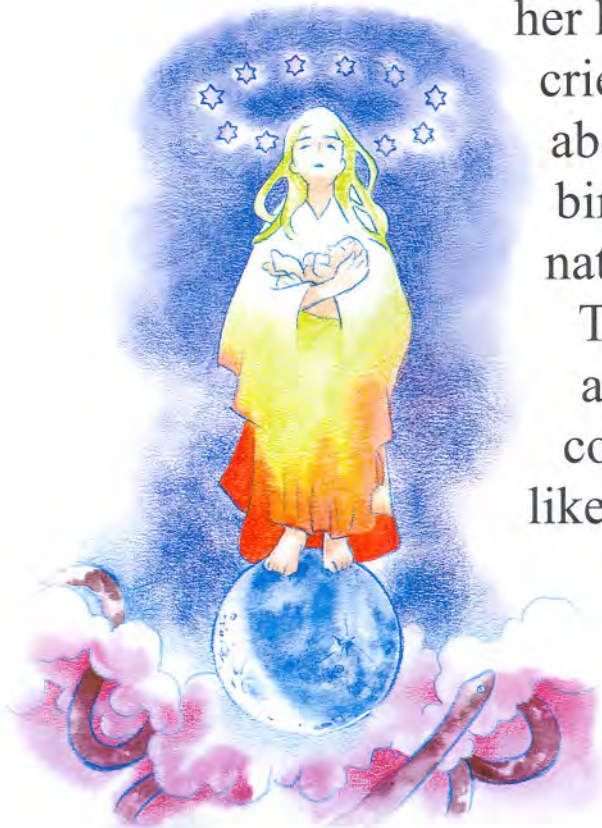


## 8 The Lord will come again

The Savior who is to come again will have a body like you and me. When and in what way do you think that he will come? Jesus said to look to the future. In order to find this out Jesus sent an angel to his disciple John instructing him to tell all humankind his message. Within the message there is the following passage:

“A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. She gave birth to a son who will rule all nations with an iron rod.”

This passage is speaking about the Savior who is to come again. He has a body like us and is a man. He will lead all the people of the world. When will he be born? We are all waiting for that person.



Jesus' words gradually spread and now most people in the world have heard about Jesus. If Jesus had not suffered on the cross then people would not know about the sins that they have committed.

And if Jesus had not told the people that he would return again in the future, people would have lost hope. We have to pray every day and live upright

lives in preparation for the Lord who is to come again.



- ◆ What is the meaning of the word Savior?
- ◆ Let's study some more about what Jesus said.
  - ◆ How did Jesus die?
  - ◆ What did Jesus say as he was dying?
  - ◆ Did Jesus really die?

The returning Lord has to guide this world. He does not come just to lead his family, his race or his country. Before he can rule the world, first he has to fight and win over evil. He has to fight against evil within the family, and he has to fight against evil in races and nations.

For a long time, South and North Korea have been unfriendly to each other and even fought. It has been already more than fifty years since Korea was divided into North and South. This is one example of the problem the Lord must solve.

Many countries of the world are working for the benefit of their own people. The problem is that they take advantage of other countries so that their country can benefit. But if you are only interested in living well yourself and use other people for your own benefit alone, then no one will be able to live well. Making other people suffer is actually the same thing as making yourself suffer.



If a factory makes a lot of products, that is good. However, if the factory pollutes the rivers near the factory with dirty water, then the fish will die and we won't be able to drink the water. Then every one suffers.

That is a foolish and bad thing to do. The Lord who will come again will fight against this kind of evil and stop it. He will bravely fight against Satan. He is the person who will help people to live as brothers and sisters. He will make it possible for all people to come together as one family.

However, in the beginning he will have to suffer just as Jesus suffered. He will be hated by many people and he might even be scorned by people from his own country. However, he will win over all difficulties. That is because he is the person who will rule the world with an iron rod. Of course, we shouldn't do something foolish and try to crucify the returning Lord again on the cross. That is because he is the Savior who will save us all.

- ◆ If someone we really want to meet appears in front of us, what will we do?
- ◆ Jesus was killed on the cross because the Israelites made a terrible mistake, so how should we receive the returning Lord?
  - ◆ What is the first thing the returning Lord has to do?
  - ◆ For whom does the Lord return?

## 9. A clean, new mind

Jesus Christ is going to come to us again. In order to meet him in the right way we have to be born again with clean and new minds. What kind of mind is a clean mind?

If you have a mind of hate, of jealousy, if you want to always have more than other people, then we can say that this is a dirty, stained mind.

God likes minds that are bright and clean just as guests like to visit houses that are clean. Then what does it mean to be born again?

Hansol was quite certain that he had no idea what “be born again,” meant. A person is born and he or she grows up, so how can they

be born again? He really wondered about his. So he decided to ask his father what it meant.

His father explained it like this:



“Hansol! Butterflies are very pretty, aren’t they?”

“Yes. Butterflies are really pretty.”

“But did you know that when they were young they were just bugs?”

“Yes, they were caterpillars. They are really ugly, creepy crawly bugs!”

“That’s right, they are ugly bugs, aren’t they? They crawl on their body just like worms and other bugs do.”

“I’ve seen plenty of worms. I don’t like worms.”

“Well Hansol, in the beginning the butterflies are like the other creepy, crawly bugs. But in order to become a butterfly, it has to wait a long time without moving. And then it crawls out of its body and flies up into the sky with its beautiful wings. You learned that in Nature class, didn’t you? It is called metamorphosis.”

“Metamorphosis? What’s that?”

“It means you change what you look like. For example, caterpillars becomes a butterflies. It means that something becomes completely new. That is what being born again means.”

“Then if people are born again, does it mean that we will grow wings and come out of our body?”





“Well, not exactly, but it is similar. Of course we don’t actually grow wings, but it means that our mind grows wings. In our minds, good and evil are fighting. When we do good things, it is because the angels in us are winning over Satan. And when we do bad things, it is because the angels inside us are losing to Satan.



Hansol! In order for us to be reborn we have to completely get rid of the evil that is in our minds. It is only after we have done that that we can become one with God's mind for the first time. Then just like the butterflies, which fly around freely after they grow wings, our minds grow wings and we can live freely in this world. Try to imagine how interesting that will be."

"I think it will be really interesting! Then I will go and fight against our enemies in the universe just like a super robot. Do you think I could do that, Dad?"

"Of course you could!"

Hansol's father smiled as he patted Hansol on the head. Hansol thought of what he would do if he became a really strong robot able to defeat all enemies.

And he thought that in order for that to happen he had better hurry up and get rid of any bad thoughts in his mind.

◆ Do you think we need to have clean minds?  
What does being born again mean?

- ◆ Talk about some times when you have bad thoughts.
- ◆ Talk about some times when you have good thoughts.

## 10. True Parents

All people have parents who made them. They are your mom and dad. When mommy and daddy have children then that makes a family. A family is the smallest group of people in our society. The next stage up from your family is your relatives. This means all your uncles and aunts. We are related to all these people through our physical family. And we only come to have these relationships because of our parents. All people in the world have these kinds of relationships.

But people can't be happy just having a relationship with only their relatives. They can only be happy if they live fruitful lives according to God's word. That's why we are waiting for the Messiah to come again. He is the person who practices God's word. He is not the person who makes our bodies, but he is the person who guides our minds to go in the right direction. And we call him the True Father.





True Father  
had a mommy  
and daddy just  
like Jesus did.  
He is the person  
who understands  
God's Will

completely and he  
came to marry and have a  
family—a true family. To build the ideal of  
the true family he had to suffer all kinds of hardships  
and difficulties. Now True Father has succeeded in  
making a true family and has implanted the love of a  
true family in us.

How are our parents and True Parents different?  
Our parents gave us our minds and bodies, but True  
Parents are parents who let us be born again through  
God's love.



The children of a true family are the same. All the people who attend True Parents according to God's word are brothers and sisters. They are people who help each other to fight against the satanic world.

When people from many different countries come to have the heart that they are members of God's family, then their power to fight against Satan will get bigger, too.

Then God's power will slowly become greater and greater, and Satan will be driven out. It doesn't mean that Satan will be driven out with physical force. It means that he will return to his position as an angel working for God. That's much better than to fall into terrible Hell. We have to fight with the evil spirits in our mind and lead them to God.

If we do this, then we will be able to make a happy and peaceful world. And if this happens then God's kingdom on earth will be realized. South and North Korea will be unified, all the different religions will be united, all people will be like one family and a wonderful and happy world will come about.

- ◆ What is the difference between your own parents and True Parents?
- ◆ What does True Father come to do?
- ◆ Who are True Parents?

## 11. Brothers and sisters and love

We are all descendants of God. Yong-jun who lives in Seoul and Eun-jong who lives in Pusan are also sisters. Not only that, Cheol-su who lives in North Korea and Jane who lives in America, Roberto who lives in Brazil, and Anastasia who lives in Russia are all brothers and sisters. But they don't know that because they live so far apart and don't have a chance to speak to each other.

Their countries are different, their languages are different and their parents are different. So they don't know they are supposed to be brothers and sisters of God's family. Luckily the world is getting smaller. Through the telephone and the computer (the Internet) we can speak to friends on the other side of the world. In the future all the people in the world will be able to meet in this way. They will become closer and closer like true brothers and sisters.



But we must remember that just coming closer doesn't make people into brothers and sisters. They have to attend the same True Parents. When they understand that they are brothers and sisters of the family led by True Parents, then they will realize that they are true brothers and sisters for the first time.

The power of true love comes from this point. Everyone loves true love. And all living things love true love, too. If we just love our own family and don't love other families, this is not true love. Kicking a dog that passes you or breaking off the branch of a tree on the road is not true love.

You cannot realize true love if you just do what you want to do and don't think about anybody else. If you always want to take your friends' toys or wear better clothes than your brother or sister, then this will make them unhappy.

True love means that you know how to give to others, you know how to listen to other people's opinions and you know how to sacrifice yourself for others. It is not always easy to do that, but if you keep on trying to do it, then you will feel better and happier.



Everyone shares in true love. You shouldn't tease your friend just because he is not very handsome. Or you shouldn't ignore your friend because his family is poor. If your friend is in a difficult situation you should help him. If your friend feels sad you should know how to comfort him. This is what true love is. God likes that kind of love. He is very happy when brothers and sisters help each other.

Imagine that there are two people who should go to the Kingdom of Heaven. One of them is healthy and has a strong body, but he can't hear the voice of God calling him in his mind. The other one can hear God calling, but he is very weak, so though he hears God calling, he cannot follow Him.



The problem is that there is a big dirty river that Satan made blocking their path, and they have to cross it in order to get into the Kingdom of Heaven. What do these two people have to do in order to get to the Kingdom of Heaven? Think about it? If they try



to go by themselves they will never be able to get to the Kingdom of Heaven. They have to help each other.

The person with the strong body has to carry the person who is weaker across the river. The person who can hear well has to help the person who is carrying him follow the beautiful sound of the birds that he can hear in the distance, leading them both toward heaven.

What are the birds singing? They are singing songs of the Kingdom of Heaven. If people help each other they can come closer and closer to God. And it is easier, too.

If we don't love and help each other, we will not be able to go over the barriers that arise every time we have bad thoughts. We have to be able to climb over the barriers that Satan made in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. This means that we have to share true love among brothers and sisters.

It means that both our bodies and our minds have to be healthy. The love which we have for our brothers and sisters and the love we have for other people can't be different. We have to give the same kind of love that we give to our brothers and sisters to other people. And when you start loving another person in this way, then suddenly without knowing it, you will think of them as your brother or sister. The love you have for your brothers and sisters and the love you have for others are like two wheels of a cart. If one of the wheels is broken, then the cart can't go.

So it is wrong to hate another person. A love which doesn't think of all people as brothers and sisters is not true love.

- ◆ Speak about what kind of heart a true brother or sister should have.
- ◆ What do you have to do in order to realize true love?
- ◆ What do you have to do in order to go to the Kingdom of Heaven?

## 12. We are the light of the world

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the world, but if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead he puts it on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven.”

Salt gives flavor to food. If you don't add salt to food then it doesn't have much flavor.



Hansol's mom always made delicious food, but he didn't know that it was because she used salt. One day his mom started talking to him about salt.

"Hansol! We should be very grateful for salt. Did you know that it helps to preserve the food for a long time and stops it from going bad?"

Then Hansol said something funny.

"We have refrigerators, don't we?"

Hansol's mom laughed and said, "Of course we have refrigerators. But a refrigerator can't stop everything from going bad. All living things have salt inside of them. It is in our bodies, and it is also in the trees. It is like God being in all things. If the salt disappears from something then terrible bugs appear and it becomes rotten. The

seawater is full of salt. These terrible bugs are like Satan. The salt is like God's love.

If the saltiness goes away it is like God is going away from our heart. Then Satan can come in and destroy us."





“Then light is like that, too, mom!”

“That’s right. The light drives away the darkness. In the middle of the night when it’s dark, you can’t see anything can you? But when morning comes and it is bright again, then you can see everything, can’t you? In the same way, this world controlled by Satan is like a really dark night when you can’t see anything.

If you are sleeping alone and you wake up in the middle of the night, you are sometimes afraid, aren’t you?

But if the light is on and it is bright, then you are not afraid. God's love is also like the light. That's why Jesus said become salt and light. The people who can't become salt and light are really unhappy people. So what should you try to do for these people, Hansol?"

"I should try to help other people not become rotten and be like a light for them."

"That's right, Hansol. That is how God wants us all to be. We should all do our best to become the salt and light of the world. That is one of the reasons why we go to school and why we make friends, too.

We have to try to help all people go to the Kingdom of Heaven and become beautiful people to repay God for His true love to us."

"I understand, Mom. I'll do that."

After Hansol listened to what his mother said, he determined to live according to God's word and become a wonderful and beautiful person.

- ◆ What does salt do?
- ◆ Which part of the world contains the most salt?
- ◆ Why is light good?
- ◆ How do we have to live in order to become the light of the world?

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