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What did Jesus do when he lived on the earth? (*He taught the people about God, healed the sick, performed many miracles, and showed us how to live in a way that pleases God.*) What was the most important thing Jesus came to do? (*He came to die for our sins.*)

The Bible says all of us have sinned against God (Romans 3:23). Because of our sin we all deserve the punishment of death (Romans 6:23). But because God is so loving, he has done something to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. Long ago God sent his own Son, Jesus, into the world. Jesus always obeyed God. He never sinned - not even once! So Jesus didn't deserve to be punished like the rest of us.

But Jesus was punished. He was killed on a cross. God loved us so much that he punished His own Son Jesus *instead of us*. Jesus - the righteous (perfect one), died for us - the unrighteous (sinful ones). Why? To bring us to God, so we can be welcomed into God's wonderful kingdom as his friends.

God offers us salvation through Jesus Christ! How can we be saved?

- Repent of your sins. Tell God that you know you are a sinner and deserve to be punished. Ask God to forgive you for your many sins (name specific sins you know about). Decide to turn away from your sin, with God's help, and live in a way that pleases him.
- Trust in Jesus to save you. Believe that Jesus is God's Son, that he died on the cross to pay for your sins, that he was raised from the dead, and that he is alive today. Depend on Jesus alone to save you. Decide, with God's help, to obey and follow Jesus.