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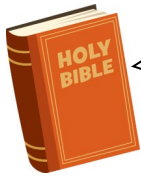
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GOD'S WORD SAYS: "To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."
Philippians 4:20.

The school day has a beginning and an end. Bedtime ends when you wake up. Lunch ends when you are done eating. We live in a world where things start and they end. It can be hard to think of forever. It can make our brains hurt. Forever is like the infinity mirror picture above where the same picture seems to go on and on forever.

God is Forever



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "Before the mountains were brought forth...even from everlasting to everlasting, [you are] God."
Psalms 90:2.



You celebrate your birthday because you were born on that day. Graveyards exist because our lives in our bodies end. God does not have a birthday because He has always been. He will not have a funeral because He will never end. God is forever and ever. He lived forever before Creation, and He will live forever and ever. The Bible uses words like "eternal" and "everlasting" to talk about God.

God is Perfect



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "As for God, His way is perfect..."

Psalms 18:30.

You did not stay the same size the way you were on the day you were born. You grew and changed. You learned to eat food and walk and talk. You learned more about the world and subjects like math and science. Even today, you are not perfect. No one is perfect...except God. God has always been perfect, and He always will be. He did not have to learn and grow. The forever God is forever perfect. He does not need to change. All He does is perfect.



You Have Forever Life

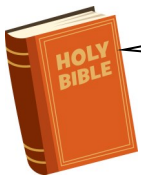


GOD'S WORD SAYS: "...the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
Romans 6:23.



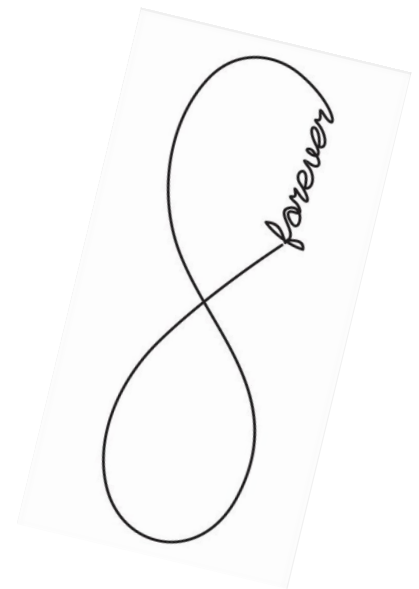
God wants us to live forever with Him. The perfect Jesus Christ went to the cross to pay for our sins, and rose again from the dead so that God could offer us the gift of eternal life. When you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are saved forever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and...forever. Your life will never end. It is everlasting. Your life with God is eternal. It may be hard to think about, but the Bible tells us it is true. Look at your mom or dad's ring. Try to find the end of the ring. You can't. Your life with God will never end. It keeps going and going forever.

Life in Heaven Forever



GOD'S WORD SAYS: "We are confident...to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8.

It is true that everyone's life on earth ends. It is sad when a loved one dies. But if someone leaves this earth (dies) that is saved, they go to Heaven to be with Jesus Christ immediately. There is no waiting time. When we close our eyes in death on this earth, we are instantly with the Lord in Heaven. Then, we will live FOREVER in Heaven with Him. Even death is not an end, but a new beginning of living forever with our Savior.





GOD'S WORD SAYS: "Set your affections on things above, where Christ [sits] on the right hand of God...your life is hid with Christ in God."

This verse means a lot of things.

It means that once we trust in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection that we are saved forever.

It means we have a place in Heaven saved for us.

It means we can live our lives RIGHT NOW in a way that makes God happy.

Use the boxes below the picture to tell how the picture is showing a way we can live for God NOW.

There is a verse in each box to help.



Colossians 4:2

Ephesians 4:32



2 Timothy 2:15

Ephesians 6:1



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