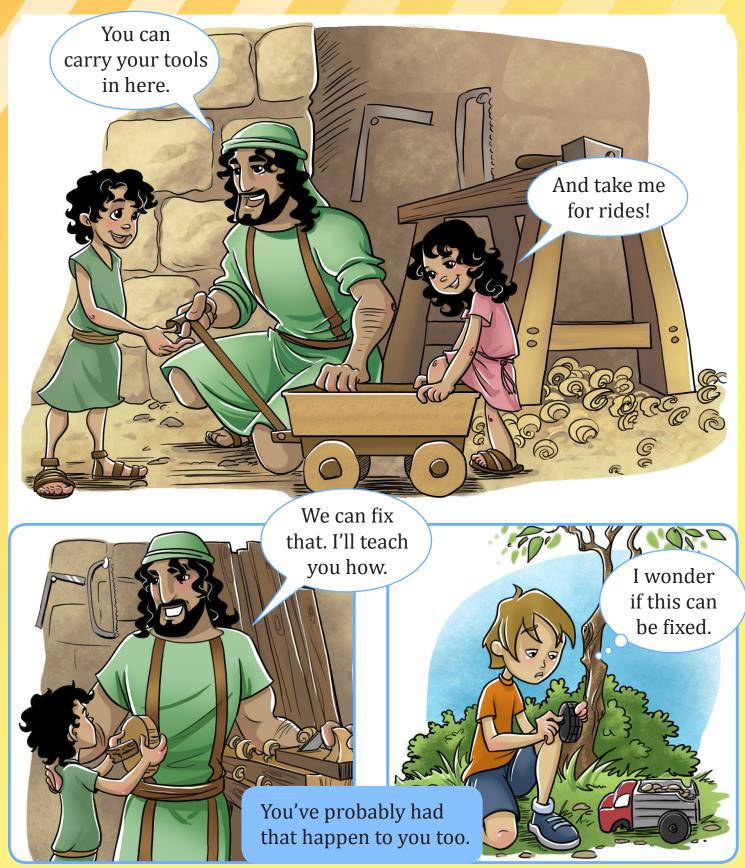


It's likely that as a child Jesus enjoyed receiving gifts from His earthly parents, just like you enjoy receiving presents. And like you, He probably also discovered that those gifts broke or wore out with time.



I love you so much that I prepared a gift for you that won't break and that will last forever. That gift is Me!



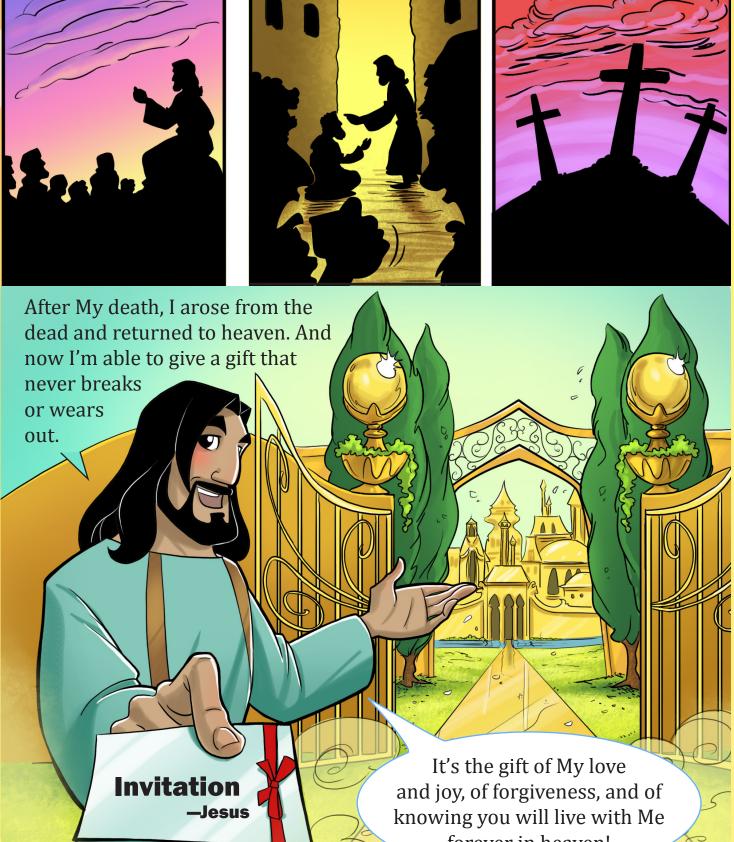
Before Jesus came to earth, He was very happy in heaven with His Father. Jesus and His Father also wanted to help people on earth to share in their joy.

So Jesus was sent to earth to be born as a baby to Mary and Joseph in the city of Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph were the earthly parents who cared for Jesus while He was growing up. They fed Him, clothed Him, protected Him, and took good care of Him.

As godly parents, Mary and Joseph made sure Jesus was taught the Scriptures. Joseph also taught Jesus his trade as a carpenter.



As a grown man, Jesus spent three years traveling around Judea (the southern part of Israel) teaching others about God, His Word, and heaven. Some jealous people didn't like Jesus and had Him executed, as if He were a very bad and dangerous man. But Jesus allowed them to do that for a purpose. Jesus died so that He could pay for your sins, and so that you can also enjoy the happiness of heaven and eternal life.



forever in heaven!

Jesus is eager to be God's gift of love to all who ask for Him. He will come into your life and help you experience God's love. And when your life on earth is over, He will take you to live with Him in His beautiful eternal home—heaven!



Jesus is the greatest gift that can be received. He is able to fix broken hearts and give joy and love forever and ever! Just ask Jesus to give you this gift He has promised. When you do, He will come into your life and manifest His great love for you!

> PS: If you would like to receive Jesus into your life as God's present to you this Christmas, just tell Him, "Jesus, thank You for giving Your life for me, and offering me Your gift of joy and love forever. I accept You into my life. Please help me learn more about Your loving ways and how to give joy to others too."

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