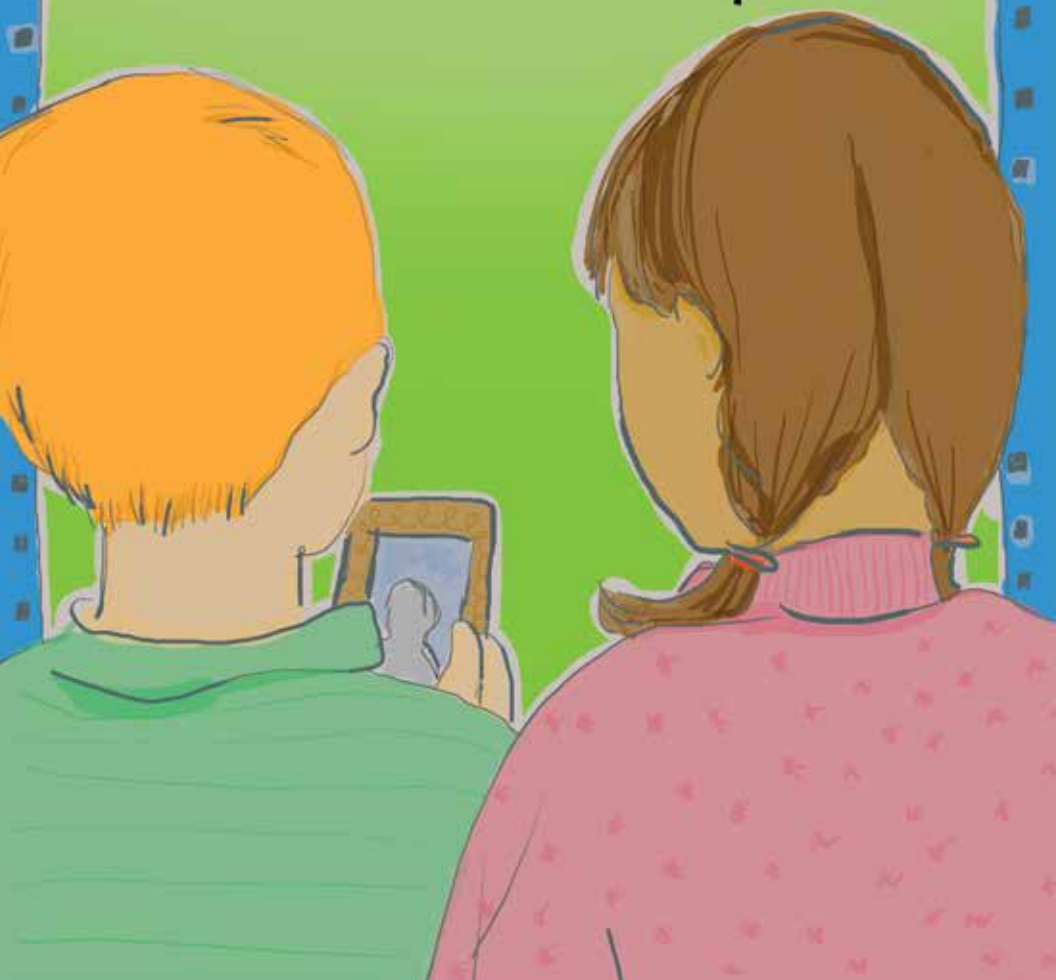


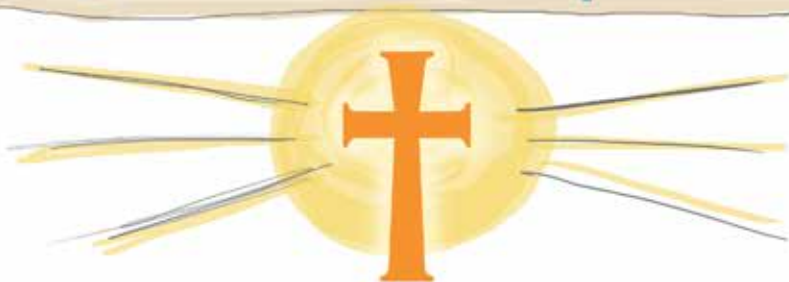
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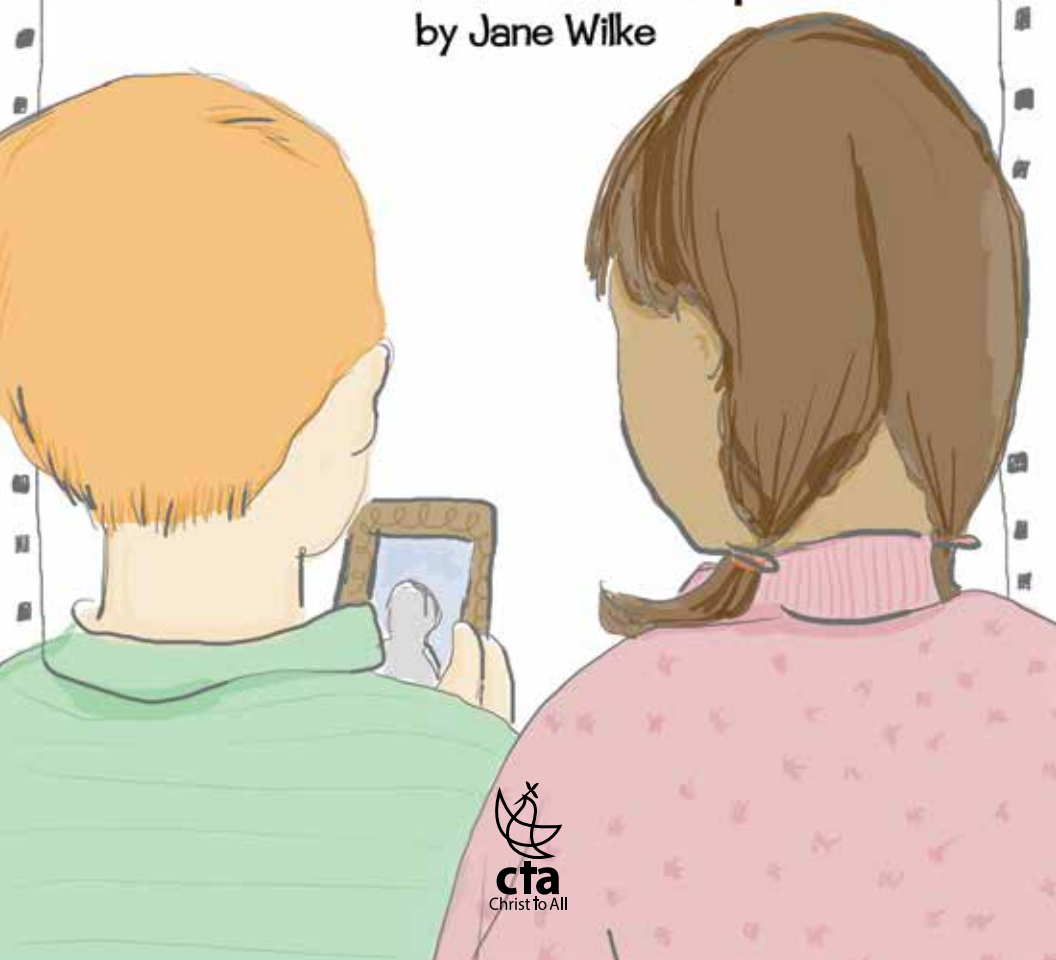
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Dedicated to the memory of my sister Sue
(May 31, 1951–January 12, 2010),
my special someone

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Wondering about Your Special Someone

If you are reading this, it's probably because someone you love very much has died. When people die, their bodies stop working. They can't see or hear anything. They can't taste or smell or touch. They can't laugh or cry or talk. They can't get sick anymore. They don't feel any pain.

When God made each one of us, he gave us more than just the body we see on the outside. He also gave us a spirit that lives on the inside. Our spirit can't be seen or touched. But it's the part that makes us special. It makes us, us! It's the part that loves others. It's the part that believes in Jesus.

It's the part of us that believes Jesus was born as a baby. It's the part that believes he grew up to live a perfect life in our place. It's the part that believes Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again. It's the part that believes Jesus went back to heaven. And right now, this minute, he is getting a very special place ready for us there. One day, he will come back to take us to live with him and his whole family.





On that day, he will change our bodies to be like his own. It's hard to understand that, but God gives us a clue in nature. Think about what happens when a caterpillar turns into a butterfly. At just the right time in its life, the caterpillar makes a chrysalis. It lives inside the chrysalis for a while, but when the time is just right, it turns into a beautiful butterfly. It breaks out of the chrysalis. God gives caterpillars beautiful bodies. And God changes caterpillar bodies into even more beautiful butterfly bodies.

You have a wonderful body right now, but in heaven God will make it even more wonderful. You will never get sick there. You will never feel lonely or afraid there. You won't ever cry in sadness. The body God gives you will be just right for living forever in heaven. In heaven, there is only joy! There will be no death in heaven.

This promise about God is in the Bible: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).



The People Who Love Me

When someone we love has died, we feel a one-of-a-kind sadness. We call that sadness “grief.” When we grieve, it sometimes helps to think about people who love us and who are still with us here on earth. Draw a picture or write the names of the people who love you. How many can you fit on this page?

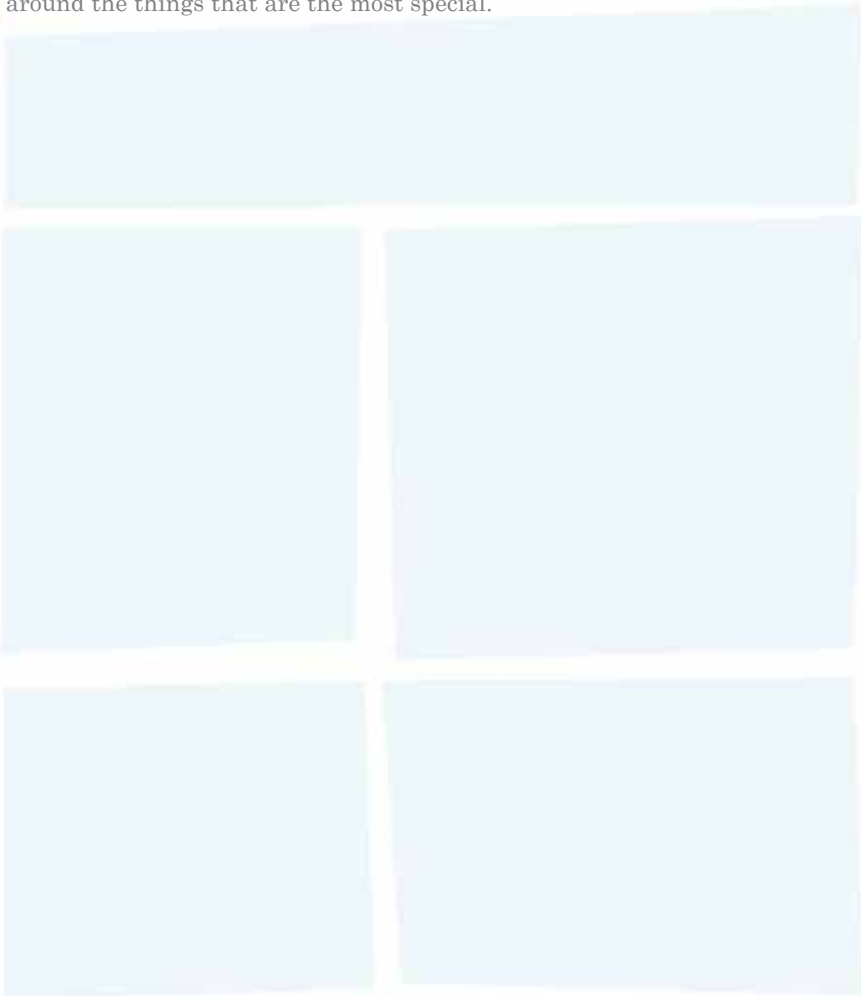
[Jesus Christ] loves us and has freed us from our sins.

Revelation 1:5 NLT



Fun Things to Do with the People Who Love Me

When we grieve, it sometimes helps to think about times when we weren't so sad. Draw or write about your favorite things to do with the people who love you. Think about things you like to do with your friends and family. (If you like, you can also think about things you enjoyed doing with your special someone while that person was still living here on earth.) Draw a circle around the things that are the most special.



*[Jesus said,] "You are my friends."
John 15:14*

Loving Your Someone Special

When you love someone, that person becomes someone special.

Think of all the people who are special to you. Your mom. Your dad. Your grandma. Your grandpa. Your brother. Your sister. Your very best friends. You are someone special to them. Each one of them is someone special to you. You laugh and play and do a lot of fun things with them.

Knowing these people love you back can be one of the very best feelings in the world!

But what if your someone special dies? Then you can't play or laugh together anymore. And it can be one of the very worst feelings in the world! It hurts to lose someone you love. Sometimes it hurts very, very much! We feel that one-of-a-kind sadness called "grief." And we may feel it for quite a long while.

