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Think of the last time you had to be “rescued.” Maybe it was when you were going to fast down a hill on your bike or you weren’t able to figure out something in math class.

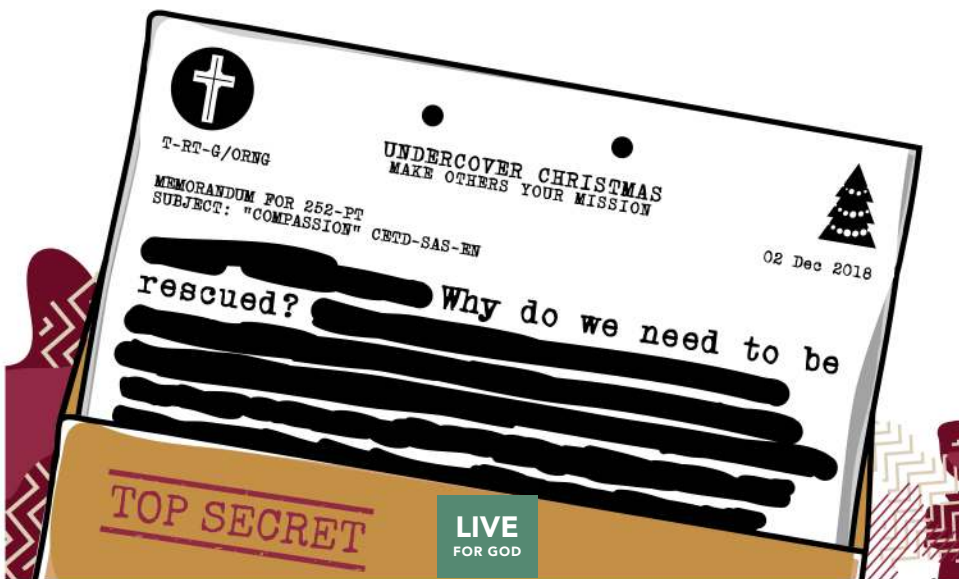
Did someone step in to help you get through that hard time?

Let’s go back to the very beginning. ALL the way back to the book of Genesis. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, God’s perfect relationship with man was broken, and sin entered the world. Since that day, we all have been born with a sinful nature. Our sin shows up, not only in our actions, but also in our hearts. We can’t escape it.

That is why God made a promise in Genesis 3:15. He gave Adam and Eve a tiny glimpse that a rescue plan was already in place. He was going to **do something** about the sin and brokenness that had entered the world through their disobedience. He was going to send Jesus to suffer the consequences for our sins so that we wouldn’t have to.

Because of God’s compassionate gift of Jesus, when we trust in Him alone for salvation, we gain a restored relationship with God.

Forever and ever!



COMPASSION

Caring enough to do something about someone else's need



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READ JOHN 3:16

This verse is very popular. You’ve probably heard it many times. Why do you think it’s so important?

The verse is key because it’s the greatest example of God’s love for His people—His love for you. He loved us so much that He put a plan into action that changed how we interact with God and with others. He saw our greatest need and did something about it. Now that compassion! Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else’s need.

Take some time to write this verse down in your journal or a piece of paper. Highlight or circle what is important to you about this verse. Then, keep it around where you’ll see it. It’ll come in handy later this week.





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The magnitude of God's grace to send His one and only Son is hard for us to understand. Let's think about it for a moment. Because of God's great love for you (even before you were born!), He put an amazing plan into action to make eternal life with Him possible. His compassion was not a result of anything that you did to earn His love, and there is nothing you can do to lose it either.

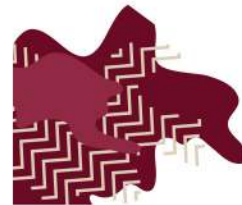
Spend some time today thanking God for His overwhelming compassion. Use the following prayer if it helps:

Dear God, thank You for loving me enough to show compassion by sending Jesus to rescue me from my sins so that I can have eternal life. It's hard for me to understand what that really means, but help me to understand it more and more each day. Thank You for showing compassion to me even when I didn't deserve it. I'm so glad that You loved me enough to send Your Son.

In Jesus' name, amen.



PRAY
TO GOD



TALK
ABOUT GOD



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3

Grab the journal or paper you wrote out John 3:16. Then, take some time to talk to a trusted adult about the verse. Read the verse together and talk about what it means to you and to the world.

Think of as many different words as you can that come to mind when you think of the word "compassion." Write them here.

After that, think of as many people as you can that you would describe as "compassionate." What is it about them that made them come to mind?

Maybe they are an example of a word you wrote above.

