

It has been a while! For those readers who don't know, I have spent the last year at home after having a baby. Say hello to my daughter, Natalie-the newest reader of Just for Kids!

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I want to say a big thanks to my friend, Leigha, for looking after Just for Kids for the past year. She did an amazing job and I know we will all miss her.

Now that we're into July and school is out, the summer can really begin. I had my first summer barbecue just last week for Canada Day. What is your favourite thing to put on the grill? I like burgers of all kinds, though I won't turn down a hot dog, either. For me, the perfect burger starts with a toasted sesame seed bun, topped with ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato and cheese. Hold the onions, please!

A barbecue is just one way that fire can be used for a great—and delicious—purpose. But fire can be dangerous as well. In this issue of Just for Kids, you'll read about three young men who were saved from a fire by God.

Your friend, Kristin

## Bring On the Barbecuel

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# **The Fiery Furnace**

Daniel 3

long time ago in Babylon, there was a king called Nebuchadnezzar. He thought he was the best king ever, so he created a gold statue of himself. It was about 90 metres tall.

Nebuchadnezzar made a law that everyone in his kingdom had to bow down and worship his statue. "Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace," the law ordered.

But there were three men who would not bow down. Their names were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. They were followers of God and would only worship Him.

When Nebuchadnezzar found out that they would not bow down, he was very angry. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than normal. He had his men tie them up with ropes and throw them into the furnace.



Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace and was astonished. "Did we not put three men into the fire?" he asked his counsellors. "But I see four men walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

He called the three men to come out and praised the God of Shadrach. Meshach and Abednego. "There is no other god who is able to rescue in this way," he said.



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Summertime is the season of water. Sprinklers in the backyard. Splash pads and wading pools. Swimming in a lake. Boating on the ocean.

Many of Jesus' followers were fishermen, and so they spent a lot of time on the Sea of Galilee. Late one night. His followers were in a boat on the sea, waves crashing all around them. And then suddenly, Jesus appeared, walking on the water. Can you imagine how scared they must have been? I would have been terrified.

There was no reason for them to be scared, of course. And we don't need to be afraid, either. Even when life is hard or scary, we can trust Jesus. He will always be there for us.

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#### **Double Puzzle** Find all the words in the puzzle. Then write the first 18 remaining letters

on the blanks to read the secret message.

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## **Peter Walks on Water**

Matthew 14:22-33

sus' friends were in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. The waves were coming over the side of the boat. The waves were very strong. Jesus' friends. worked hard to row the boat.

Suddenly, Jesus' friends saw something that terrified them. They saw a man walking on the water. Jesus' friends knew that people couldn't walk on water. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

Jesus called out to them. "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." He said.

When one of the men, Peter, realized it was Jesus walking on the water, Peter wanted to walk out to Him. Jesus told Peter to come. Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. When Peter looked at the wind and the waves, he was afraid and started to sink. He cried out, "Lord, save me." Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?"

When they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped Jesus, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."



Are you a junior soldier? In The Salvation Army, we have senior soldiers, who are 14 and older, and junior soldiers, who are seven to 13 years old. Both kinds of soldiers are people who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour and want to become members of The Salvation Army.

To become a junior soldier, you make a promise. The junior soldier promise is:

I know that Jesus is my Saviour from sin.

I have asked Him to forgive my sins, and I will trust Him to keep me good.

By His help, I will be His loving and obedient child, and will help others to follow Him.

I promise to pray, to read my Bible, and to lead a life that is clean in thought, word and deed.

I will not use anything that may injure my body or mind, including harmful drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

You might wonder, "If I become a junior soldier, who am I fighting?" The Bible tells us that "our fight is not against people on earth.... We are fighting against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12 *ERV*).

In this issue of *Just for Kids* we are learning about the armour of God. This kind of armour helps us fight evil in the world.

If you want to become a junior soldier, ask your corps officer to learn more.

Your friend, Kristin

### The Armour of God

Put on the full armour of God so that you may be able to stand your ground.

Stand firm with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, the breastplate of righteousness across your chest.

Also take up the shield of faith, with which you can stop all the arrows of the devil.

Wear the helmet of salvation and carry the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Ephesians 6:13-17 tells us the pieces of God's armour that every person who is God's follower should have. Can you find five of them listed above? Circle them.

Answers: belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shield of faith, helmet of salvation, sword of the Spirit

How many of these four items can you find?



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Do you have a nickname? When I was growing up my nickname was Bissy. One of my brothers had a hard time saying "Kristin," so he called me Bissy and it stuck.

Often, the nicknames we get say something about who we are or what we do. Someone who plays basketball a lot might be called "Hoops," for example.

God has many names that describe who He is. For example, He is also called Immanuel, which means "God with us" (see Matthew 1:22-23). This name reminds us that, no matter what happens, God will never leave us. Nothing can separate us from God's love-nothing on earth or in heaven, not even death (see Romans 8:38-39). Though it's not possible to fully describe God, His names help us understand Him better. Your friend, Kristin Sudoku 1 Fill in the squares 4 3 so that each row.

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column and 2x2 box contains the numbers one to four.

#### Psalm 103:8-13 (The Message)

"God is sheer mercy and grace; not easily angered, He's rich in love. He doesn't endlessly nag and scold, nor hold grudges forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs. As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is His love to those who fear Him. And as far as sunrise is from sunset, He has separated us from our sins. As parents feel for their children, God feels for those who fear Him."

**Spell His Name** 

Collect the letters as you

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to discover one of God's

many names.

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