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The Greatest Treasure!

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1 God is the sovereign Creator of all things.

 *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
(Genesis 1:1)*

 *The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, (Psalm 24:1)*

 *But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God and the everlasting King. (Jeremiah 10:10a)*

There is one living, eternal God who created all things. Because God made everything, everything belongs to God. God is also sovereign over all He has created. That means God is King of His creation, and He controls and rules over it. He is an all-powerful, wise, and good King.

 **What does this mean for you?**

God made you. You belong to God. God is your ruler.

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8 God put the punishment of sinners on Jesus so that His righteousness might be put on them.

 *but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*

 *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)*

Since Jesus is holy and righteous and has no sin of His own, He was able to be the perfect *substitute* for sinners—taking their place. Jesus took upon Himself all the sins of God’s beloved people and was punished in their place on the cross. God the Father punished Jesus instead of punishing His sinful people. Jesus took away the sin of God’s people so that they would be completely and forever forgiven! But Jesus also gave something special to God’s people—He gave them His perfect righteousness so that they could live with Him forever. Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is proof that He has saved His people!

 **What does this mean for you?**

Jesus died on the cross to be punished in your place.

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Imagine going on a journey to discover a beautiful, dazzling, amazing treasure —a treasure like no other.

It is a treasure so great, valuable, and exciting that it is beyond your wildest imagination. Upon reaching the treasure, you find that it gives you more joy and happiness than you could have ever dreamed possible! Is there really such a treasure? Yes, there is!

This booklet takes you along a path that leads to this “greatest treasure.” Each “stop” along this path tells something very important you must know about the treasure and why it should matter to you more than anything else. So let’s begin the treasure hunt!

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