

# Right is Right

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# Beginning of Life

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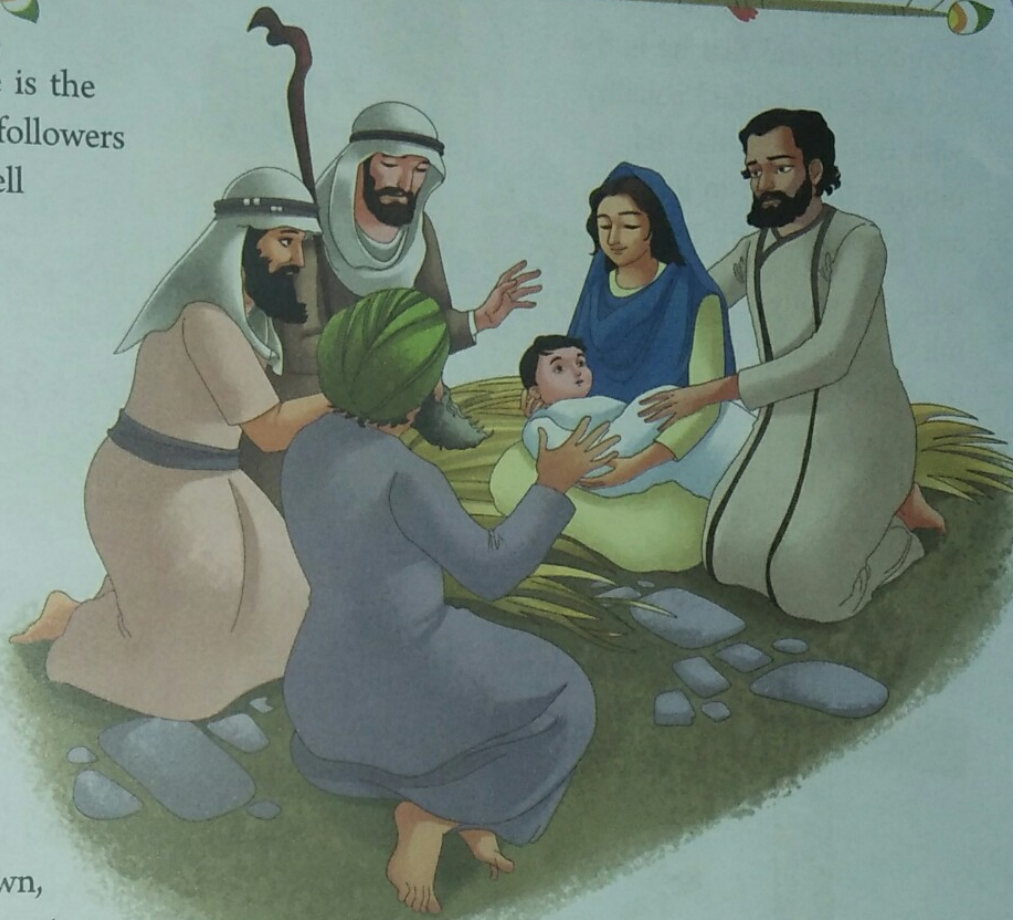
God is Love and <sup>①</sup> Love is the beginning of life. The followers of Lord Jesus Christ tell everybody, "Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

Christianity has its origin from Jesus Christ. It is believed that the years began to be counted since the birth of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the year AD 1 is said to be the birth year of Jesus. <sup>②</sup> He was born in Bethlehem, a small town, near Jerusalem. His parents were Joseph, a carpenter by trade and Mary, a Jewish woman.

He grew up in his parents' hometown, Nazareth. When he was about 30 years old, he appeared in public and began preaching. He asked people to 'Repent, because the Kingdom of God is at hand.' The Kingdom of God according to him was a time of Peace, a time of Justice, a time of Compassion and a time of Brotherhood. He said that all human beings are brothers and sisters. God, according to him, is the Father of all. The humanity for him was one family.

<sup>③</sup> The message of Jesus Christ was, "Love God, love your fellow men and love even your enemies." He wanted his followers to forgive even those who offended them.

The 'Principle of love' was the centre of his teachings. If you love God, you will serve His people. If you say, you love God but hate your brother, then you are lying. If you accept God as your Father, then you belong to the one family of God and all men and women



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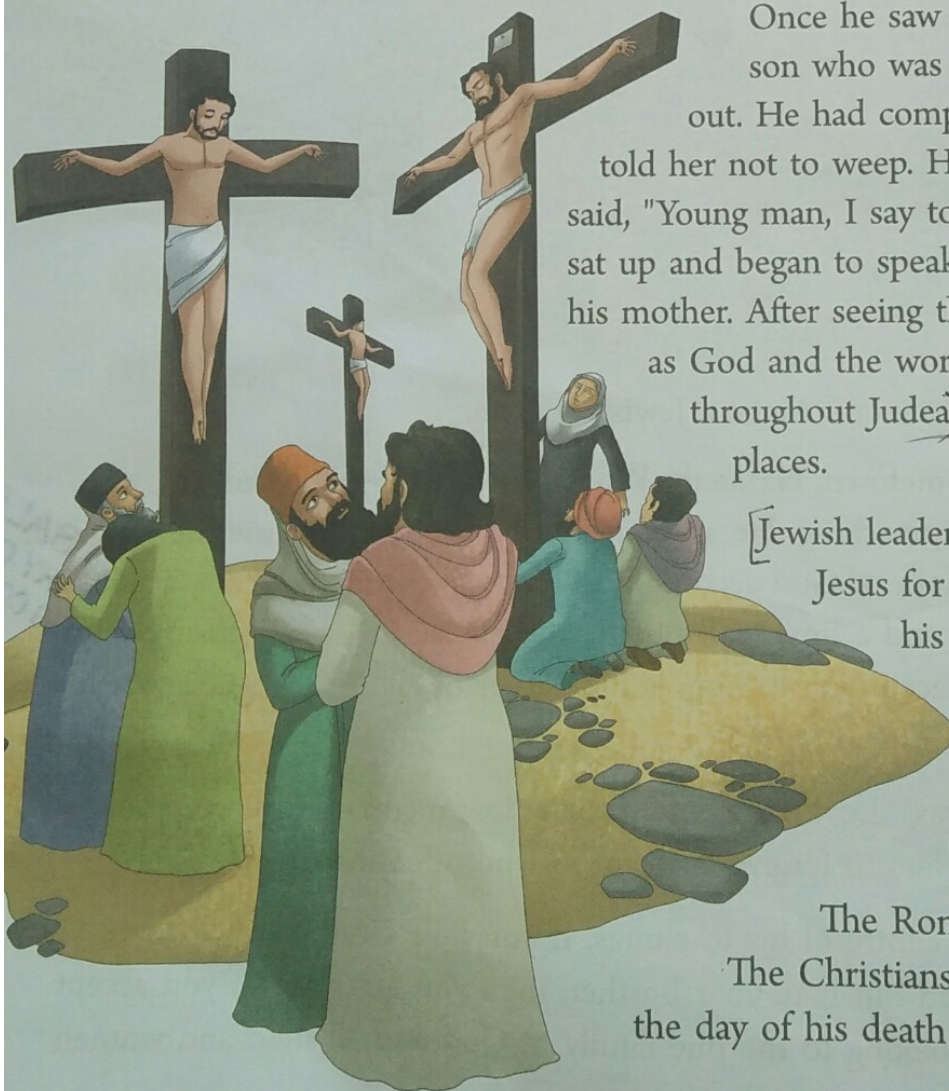
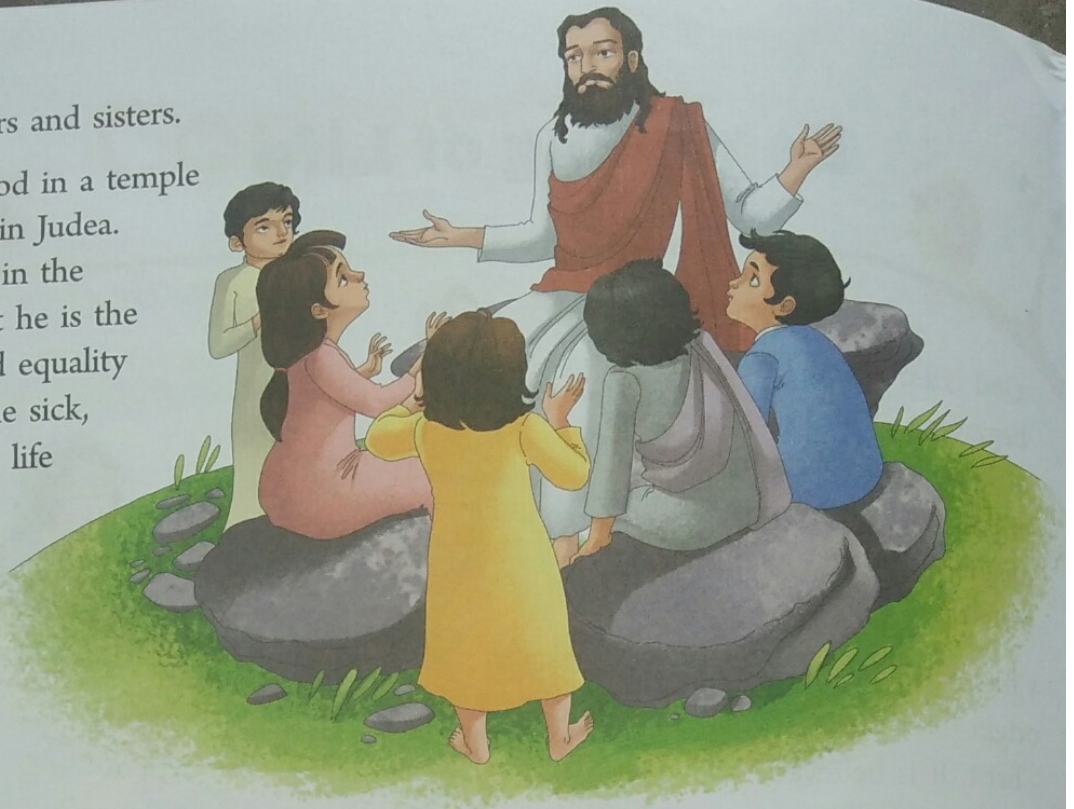
will be your brothers and sisters.

Jews worshipped God in a temple at Jerusalem, a city in Judea.

Jesus taught people in the temple. He said that he is the son of God, claimed equality with God, healed the sick, brought the dead to life and forgave sinners.

Jesus did many miracles during his lifetime.

He even gave life to the dead.



Once he saw a widow crying for her only son who was dead and was being carried out. He had compassion for the widow and told her not to weep. He then touched the boy and said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus handed him to his mother. After seeing this, (the people glorified Him as God and the word about Him spread throughout Judea) and all the surrounding places.

[Jewish leadership and chief priests hated Jesus for his teachings and his work.] They handed Jesus over to the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate who ruled Judea at that time.

The Roman soldiers crucified him. The Christians all over the world observe the day of his death as Good Friday.

Christians believe that on the third day after his death, he rose from the death bed and showed himself to his friends. This day is celebrated as Easter. His followers spread his message all over the world.

People in thousands are attracted to Jesus Christ because of –

- his life of simplicity.
- his life of prayer.
- his life of forgiveness and love.

So children, "Love one another, love even your enemies."



## Exercises



### A. Answer the following questions:

1. What is the beginning of life?

Love is the beginning of life.

2. Where was Jesus born?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a small town near Jerusalem.

3. What was the message given to the people by Jesus Christ?

The message of Jesus Christ was "Love God, love your fellow men and even love your enemies."

4. Why was Jesus Christ crucified by the Romans?

The people glorified Jesus as God and the words about him spread throughout Judea. Jewish leaders and chief Priests hated Jesus for his teaching and his works. For this reason Romans soldiers crucified Jesus.

### B. Fill in the blanks:

1. Christianity has its origin from Jesus Christ.

2. Bethlehem is a small town near Jerusalem.

3. Jews worshipped God in the temple at Jerusalem.
4. Jesus did many miracles during his lifetime.

**C. Write T for 'True' and F for 'False':**

1. Christ was born in AD 1.
2. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
3. Christ's parents were Joseph and Mary.
4. Christianity believes in God as the Father of all mankind.
5. Christianity believes that love is the only rule of life.

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## Activity



Collect a picture of Jesus and paste it in the space below.