

BEST SECRET EVER



Missing Child Puzzle

Can you join all the children together with four connected straight lines without missing any children out?

1. Missing Child Puzzle

The Challenge

Can you join all the children together with 4 straight but connected lines without leaving out a single child?

The other cards show a greater secret of how God wants you to be part of his family forever.

God does not want you to be left out.

This Means:

There is a secret way to include all children in the puzzle.

Another much greater secret tells how God has a **Rescue** plan for you and everyone in the world.

2. Heaven



Joy, beauty, hate, murder, peace,
happiness, love, spite, jealousy, fun,
war, games, lying, bullying, forgiveness.

2. Heaven

What will Heaven be like?

*A happy place to be in after we die.
A place of peace, goodness and joy.*

What things on the front would you WANT to be in heaven?

If a bad thing came in what would heaven be like?

Heaven would be spoiled. (If your friend says "spoiled", they agree with God.)

This Means:

God, who is perfect, made heaven to be perfect and cannot let any bad in.

That is why God can only have perfect people in his heaven.

We need God's **Rescuer!**

3. Badness



Does the food make the bad egg OK?

Does the bad egg ruin the food?

3. Badness

ILLUSTRATION: Your mother makes food with eggs in it. One egg is bad.

Do good eggs make the bad one OK?
No, that is impossible.

Does the bad egg ruin the food?
Yes: the food cannot be eaten.

So that is why the least badness in us makes us unfit for heaven.

When God's first created people turned against him they had to be separated from God's presence.

This Means:

The least badness makes you unfit for heaven.

God's **Rescuer** wants to help you and change all that is wrong.

4. Skill

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3 v 23)



How many miss God's standard?

4. Skill

ILLUSTRATION: The centre of the target is what has to be hit.

Whose standard do we fall short of?
God's standard. If the pass mark is 100% and you only get 99%, you fail.

Is it unfair of God to be so strict?
If God left us to do it by ourselves it would be impossible.

God has a plan to help the most unskilled to hit the target.

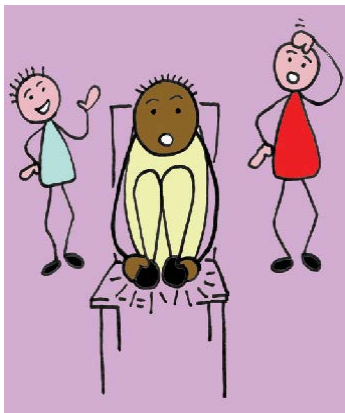
This Means:

The most skillful cannot reach the target or reach God's standard.

But God is there to **rescue** everyone who asks Him.

5. Strength

"All our righteous acts are like filthy rags." (Isaiah 64 v 6)



How strong are you?

5. Strength

ILLUSTRATION: Stand on a chair. Bend down and lift yourself 2 cm in the air for 5 seconds. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

How many good deeds must we do?
All the good things we do in our own strength are not good enough.

Does God not want us to do good?
He is thrilled when we do good but our best efforts are not good enough.

This Means:

The smallest badness (egg), or greatest skill (arrows), or own strength (chair) are not good enough to get us into heaven.

But we have Someone who is good enough to **rescue** us.

6. God

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Genesis 1 v 1)



Who was there in the very beginning?

6. God

Who was there in the beginning?

God was there. He will always be there.

What did God do?

He made the earth and gave it as a gift to people to look after and enjoy.

There was no death or dying.

They then rebelled against God. Death and dying entered the world as punishment, which separated them and us from God.

This Means:

God is the loving maker of everything.

He gave the earth to Adam and Eve.

They rebelled and were punished. This affects us all.

God then started His **Rescue** plan.

7. Good or Bad

Jesus says, "Those I love I rebuke and discipline." (Revelation 3 v 19)



Should the teacher ignore stealing?
Does punishment mean you are
not loved?

7. Good or Bad

ILLUSTRATION: A teacher lets a child steal daily from the other children. They complain asking for the child to be punished. The teacher refuses saying it is because she loves you all so much.

Is the teacher good or bad?

Bad, because sin has to be punished.

Should the teacher punish badness?

*To be just and loving she MUST punish.
To ignore badness is not love.*

Can God ignore badness in people?

*God's great love cannot ignore badness.
He always corrects it.*

This Means:

Ignoring badness is not love.

God has to punish badness because His love demands it.

8. Punishment

"Be sure of this: the wicked will not go unpunished." (Proverbs 11 v 21)



What happens to the wicked?
Can God love and punish at the
same time?

8. Punishment

ILLUSTRATION: Punishment is the result of badness.

What happens to the wicked?

People who behave badly have to be punished.

Can God love and punish at the same time?

God's justice says, 'I must punish'.

God's love says, 'I must rescue'.

God's love has to deal with all badness.

You agreed that you would not let anything bad into heaven.

This Means:

You would not let anything bad in heaven.

God can punish & love at the same time. *(You will see how this works on the next card.)*

9. Jesus, your Rescuer

Jesus "bore our sins in his body on the tree." (the cross) (1 Peter 2 v 24)



How can Jesus take your place?

9. Jesus, your Rescuer

ILLUSTRATION: The people were warned that punishment for stealing was 30 lashes of the whip. The thief was caught and tied to the pole to be whipped. It was the chief's own daughter. What would he do? The chief ordered his daughter's release and he took the punishment she deserved.

How are you like the girl in the story?
You need a rescuer as well.

This Means:

Jesus, God's son, is your **Rescuer**.

Jesus had never done any wrong. He took your punishment, so you can be forgiven.

10. Life or Death?

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."

(Romans 6 v 23)



What punishment should you get?
What does God offer you?

10. Life or Death?

ILLUSTRATION: If someone offers you a gift, you don't get it until you take it.

What punishment do we deserve?

Death.

What does God offer us?

Eternal life.

What do you pay to get a free gift?

Nothing, of course.

This Means:

Jesus lived a perfect life.

He died like a criminal to pay for our badness but came alive again after 3 days, having conquered death.

His life is a gift for us through the Holy Spirit.

11. Real Life

"... to all who received him, ...who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

(John 1 v 12)



What do you need to do to become
God's child?

11. Real Life

ILLUSTRATION: Jesus comes from the cross to invite all to be his children.

How do you become a child of God?

Believe and receive Jesus.

Is being a child of God easy?

He gives us a new life that never ends.

We may have to suffer as well.

You can serve God. You can take this message to others.

This Means:

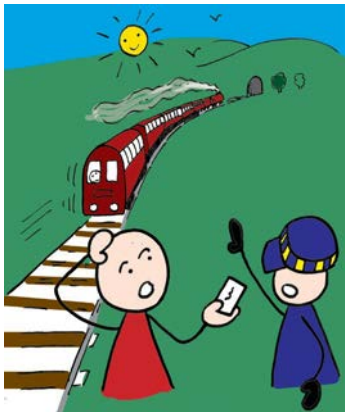
By believing and receiving Jesus you can become his child.

You will have his life, through the Holy Spirit, that will never end.

You will be able to serve God because you have Him in your life.

12. Getting Started

A ticket will not get you to your destination...



...you still have to get on the train!

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ILLUSTRATION If you want to go on a train to... (say a place you both know) you pay for the ticket, go to the right platform; check the train and even ask the driver, "Are you going to...?" If the train left and you are still on the platform what did you NOT do?

Getting on the train is to:

Ask Jesus into the life you live.

Say sorry for the bad things you have done.

Try to understand some of the things in his special book.

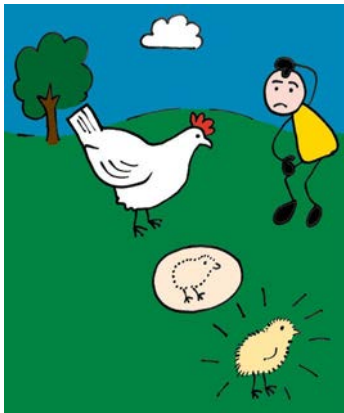
This Means:

Think about asking Jesus into your life.

Ask Jesus, who promises to be with you all the time, to help you talk to others.

13. Being Born Twice

"Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" (John 3 v 3)



How can a person be born twice?

13. Being Born Twice

ILLUSTRATION: The chick is born the first time in an egg but it needs a second birth so it can really live.

Physical birth

The chick's first birth is like our physical birth and life.

Spiritual birth

When the chick breaks out it can really live. Our spiritual birth gives us abundant life and lasts forever.

This Means:

You have:

Either, just been born once and still face death -- like the chick in the egg.

Or, you have spiritual life, which began when you believed in Jesus Christ, and will live forever.

14. Your Invitation?

"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in" (Revelation 3 v 20)



What does Jesus want you to do if this is like your life”?

14. Your Invitation?

ILLUSTRATION: Jesus is knocking at the door of your life. He does not force his way in but waits for your response.

What does he want you to do?

"For me to open the door."

So how could you open this door?

Talk to Jesus. Invite Him to come in, to be with you forever.

Here is a prayer you may want to say:

"Dear Jesus. I am sorry for the badness in my life. Thank you for dying for me. I ask you to come into my life. Please help me to serve you forever."

The actual words you say don't matter as Jesus knows what is in your heart.

This Means:

Jesus wants you to ask Him into your life.

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