

# Hello

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## boys and girls

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that no matter what, I can always be confident and secure in knowing that You are on my side. Thank You that when I am in trouble I can call upon Your name and You will save me. Help me to obey you and to put my trust in You. Help me to serve You and love You more and more each day. Help me be a witness to tell all my friends and family about You and how great You are, so that You can help them too when they are in trouble. Amen



Hello boys and girls, I trust you will have a fantastic and fun time during the school holidays. Jazz and I have really been enjoying school this year, we've been learning lots of new things and been challenged to work harder and do more complicated tasks.

Sunday school has also become a little more demanding. We each get a turn to say the opening and closing prayer as well as to remind the class of the previous weeks memory verse.

This week was my turn to remind the class of the memory verse. Thankfully it was easy because the verse and message really stuck in my brain. The verse came from Romans 10:13, for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved".

I remember the verse because of the story that our teacher told us. She told us that when she was a little girl, she was playing on the road with her little sister. They were about 12 and 10 years old. They were playing with the ball and she kicked it across the street. Her little sister ran after it and did not see the oncoming car and she was knocked down. Her sister wasn't moving or talking and she immediately ran inside to call her mom.

When they arrived at her sister's side the driver of the car had already called an ambulance. He sat at her sister's side in tears telling her mom how sorry he was and that he had not seen her in time. He said that he feared she had bleeding in her brain because she was unconscious. Her mommy immediately started praying. She says she remembers the words very clearly up until till this day. Her mom prayed "Jesus save my daughter. I call on You to save her. I know you have the power to heal her and make her whole again". After that, she remembers her mom just saying "Jesus Jesus Jesus". When the ambulance arrived they put an oxygen mask over her face and gave her some medication for pain and fluid to keep her stable. As they drove in the ambulance her mom kept saying "Jesus Jesus Jesus". When they arrived at the hospital they connected her

sister to monitors and the doctor began to shine a light in her eyes. At once her little sister woke up. Later that evening the doctor told her mom that her sister would be fine. She would not have any permanent damage. She was whole. The doctor said it was a miracle because she was unconscious for so long. As they drove home from the hospital her mom began to pray. "Thank You Lord that when I call upon Your name, You save! Thank you for saving my daughter's life and for making her whole".

I thought about how much I love my brother and about how alone and sad, I would feel if anything happened to him. I can only imagine how my teacher felt that day. My teacher taught us that nothing is too small or unimportant to God that He would not notice when we are in trouble and in need of His help. She also taught us that nothing is too big or too hard for God to solve. She said that as children of God living in a world full of problems we may be confronted with many situations that make us feel sad, afraid and alone. But we do not need to ever lose hope. God is more than able to help us be on the winning side of every problem. He will always save us His children. All we need to do is call upon His Name.

I remember one day when we went to the beach and dad said Jazz and I could swim in the shallow waves. As we were splashing around a big wave crashed over us and as it broke it pulled us deeper into the water. We screamed for dad and within seconds he was in the water and he could carry us to safety. Like our own earthly dad came to our rescue, the bible teaches us that God is a loving father who cares for us and He has all these awesome and great plans for our lives. I am convinced that God would never hesitate to save us in our time of trouble.

So next time you are in trouble or you feel overwhelmed with the problems you are facing, call upon the Name of Jesus. I know that He will save you.

# David and Goliath - 1 Samuel 17

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Find the hidden words below:

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| Bear    | Philistines |
| David   | Samuel      |
| Giant   | Saul        |
| Goliath | Shepherd    |
| Jesse   | Sling       |
| Lion    | Stone       |
| Lord    | Sword       |



## Colour in Activity

*Goliath was a nine-foot-tall soldier. All the soldiers were afraid to fight him. David was a young shepherd boy who believed in God.*

*David took his sling and five smooth stones. Then he went to fight Goliath. He knew that his strength and protection came from God. David threw a stone with his sling at Goliath. It hit Goliath in the forehead and the giant fell face down.*

*Without a sword in his hand he struck down the giant and killed him. David believed in God, and God helped him win over the giant.*