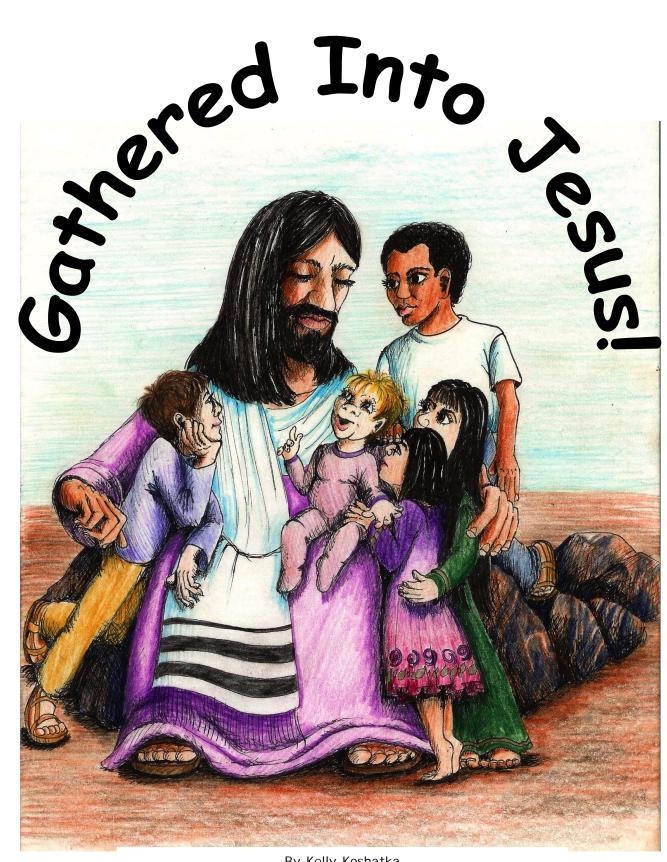
In Christ For Kids



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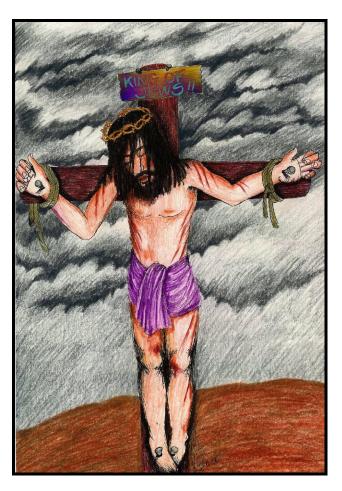


Teaching little children about being in Christ.



Introduction For Big People

There was a time when the disciples of Jesus wanted to keep back the little children from drawing near to Him. Jesus told them to let the little children come unto Him. We can let the little lambs in the flock draw near to Jesus also! In simplicity and by the Holy Spirit they too can come to know that they are in Christ. We should encourage their hearts to know and embrace their place in Jesus! They may not be able to grasp these things doctrinally, but if they are born again, the Holy Spirit can communicate to their spirit and heart the reality of God's heart and the nature of His love to bring us into Himself. We all must learn to come as children without the veil of doctrines and mental interpretation. We can allow the very heart of God to be communicated to us by the Holy Spirit.



Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to be more than just near Him. He wants us to be IN Him!

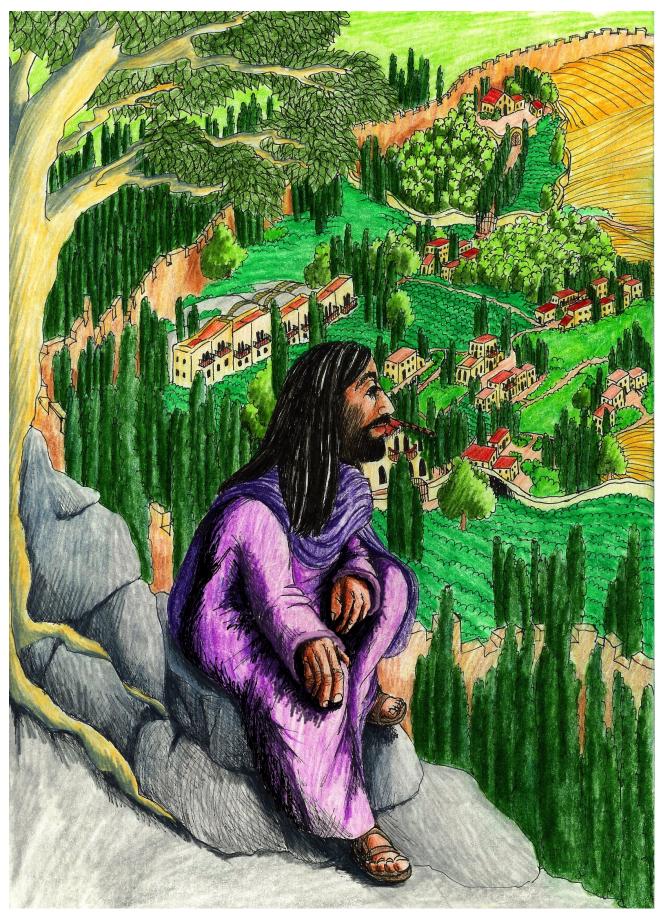
One day Jesus was sitting on the side of a mountain. He was looking at all the people in the city below. He loved them all so much. (Mat. 23:37-39).



Jesus began to tenderly speak. Something in His heart was making Him sad. He said that the people He wanted to gather into His heart were rejecting Him.



Jesus said He would have gathered them like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings but they would not come to Him!



From these scriptures we can see the way Jesus wants to love us by looking at how a mother hen gathers her chicks!

A big loving Mother hen had so many little children (called chicks).

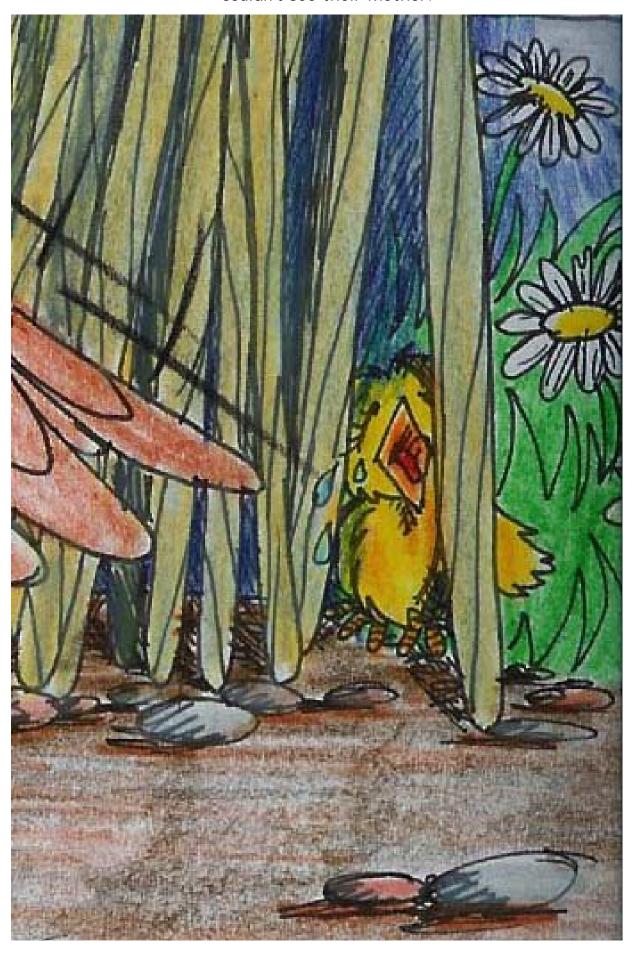
She loved them all so much!





These little chicks would run all over the place and in every direction!

Sometimes the little chicks would get lost and cry because they couldn't see their Mother.





Other times they would get in fights with the other chicks trying to eat the most bird seed!



Even though these little chicks would keep running out from under Momma's wing, deep inside her heart they were always safe and loved.

Momma hen wanted her chicks to be warm, safe, and loved; and she knew that the place for that to happen was IN Her!



Momma would gather her little chicks to come under her wings.

Once they were all there pressing close to her, Momma would cover them with her big wings.



Under her wings all the little chicks were so near to Momma's heart they could hear it beat and feel her breathing. All the chicks were together under the same big wings knowing the same wonderful love.



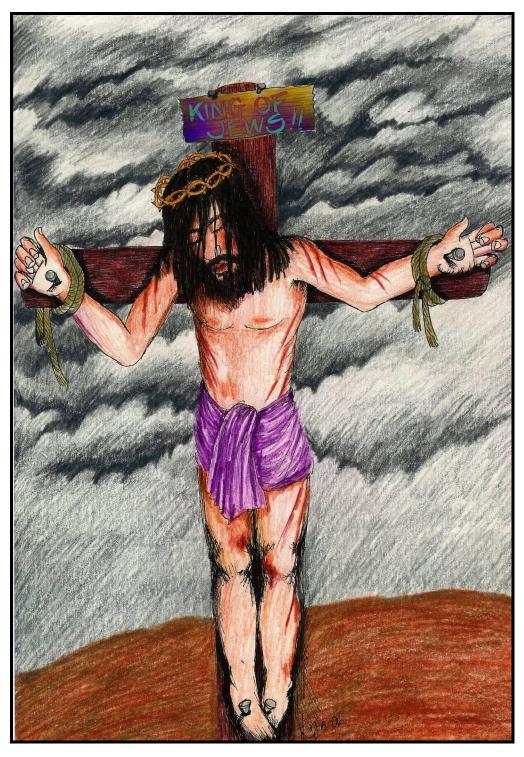
If you looked from the outside all you could see was one big fat Mother hen, but we know that all her little chicks were hidden inside under her wings!





Momma hen was their home!

When Jesus died on the Cross, He gathered us inside of Himself so that we could be made brand new in Him!



And When Jesus rose from the dead we were there in Him, hidden under His wings just like those little chicks were hidden under the Mother hen's wings.

Jesus wanted us to be with Him and in Him forever!

Jesus wants us to know that we are inside of His heart just like He is inside of our hearts!



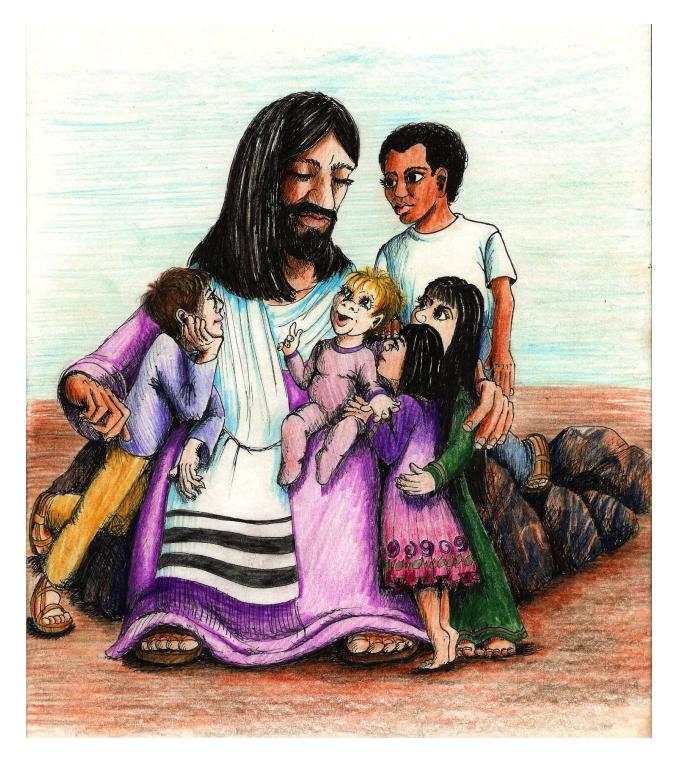
Jesus wants us to feel at home in Him, just like the little chicks felt under Momma hen's wings!

Sometimes we can forget, and even feel lost and alone!



All of us can feel separate and afraid at times, but we must always remember that we are safe under the wings of Jesus!

Psalm 91:4 says that the Lord will cover us with His feathers, and under His wings we will find shelter.



Jesus told His friends to let the little children come to Him. He wanted them to know that He loved them and desired to gather them into His heart and under His wings! (Mat. 19:13-15)

Jesus loves you so much and wants you to be safe and loved in His heart. His wings will cover you and His Life will fill your heart and make you new!

If you want to, we can pray and tell Jesus how we feel about being in His heart and under His wings.



Thank you Jesus for dying so that You could gather us into Your heart and make us brand new in You!

I want to live in Your heart, and I want You to live in my heart too! Amen!

Spiritual Application

(for the big people)

In Christ is a position and a place for those who are born again, but it is also a relationship issuing from the very heart of God that has gathered us into His Son. Look at the tender care of a mother and her impartial love for those that she has brought forth. She nurtures, she cherishes, she covers and warms. She becomes their home and atmosphere of acceptance. She becomes unto her own the place of love, life and health. This is the nature and attitude of God, for He has put us <u>inside of Himself</u>. Gad has brought us into a place of intimacy under the shadow of His wings in Christ. We are in His bosom, safely hidden in the Son.

In Matthew 23:37-39, Jesus was not mourning over the sin of the people, but lamenting over their position outside of the intimacy of being in Him. The people were learning all about Him and serving him constantly, but they were not gathering into Him. His heart ached for them to know Him in the way He desired. God longs for us to relate to Him in His Son.

We can look at the many little chicks all going their separate ways and realize that they all need to be gathered into One. As we all find our place in Christ, then we will realize that the many are one and the One is filling the many! We are in His heart and from there we are partakers of His fullness. As together we have been gathered, together we will manifest His Life!



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