

Our Bible reading today talks about how Jesus came to Earth and how He lived here. When Jesus came to Earth, did He wear anything fancy? Did Jesus come to Earth as a King or as a normal person? *Discuss these.*

*Read Philippians 2:3-8 together. The NLT is included, read whichever version of the verses you like best.*

Today's verses talk about how Jesus gave up His life in Heaven to be here on Earth. He was born as a baby just like you were! When Jesus came to Earth, He gave up everything that He had for you. Do you think it would be hard or easy for you to give up everything you have for someone else? Why? *Discuss this.*

Jesus gave everything up because He loves you so much. Isaiah 43:1-4 says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place. Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to Me. You are honored, and I love you."

In this week's message at church and the other devotions, we heard about loving those around us. Our verses today tell us about how much Jesus loves us. The whole reason that we show love to people around us is because Jesus showed us the best kind of love the world has ever seen--dying on the cross for all of the sins of the entire world. Jesus

died for you, to wash away all of your sins, and to show that He loves you and wants to live with you forever in Heaven.

On a piece of paper, draw each member of your family, Jesus, and a cross. Then, write on the paper, “You are precious to Me. You are honored. I love you.” Use this to remember that you are precious to Jesus, that He loves you and always will love you.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to Earth and giving up everything. Thank You for dying on the cross, rising again, and for forgiving all of my sins. Thank You for always loving me! I love You, Jesus. In Your name I pray, Amen.