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The Bible tells us that God is the loving King of our lives and that we should obey and serve him as our king. The trouble is we all have disobeyed God and sinned against him. We rebel against God and try to be the king of our own lives. What do you think God will do about this? Will God let us go on disobeying him forever?

No. Because God is just and always does what is right (He never sinned, not even one time!) he must punish sin. God will give each person what they deserve because of their sin. What is the punishment for sin?

This verse reminds us that the punishment (wages) of sin is death. What does this mean?

- Physical death: We will all die one day.
- Eternity in hell: Hell is a place of eternal punishment for the wicked.
- Separation from God: God will leave us to ourselves

But here's the good news. God offers us salvation through Jesus Christ! How can we be saved?

- Repent of your sins. Tell God that you know you are a sinner and deserve to be punished. Ask God to forgive you for your many sins (name specific sins you know about). Decide that, with God's help, you turn away from your sin and live in a way that pleases him.
- Trust in Jesus to save you. Believe that Jesus is God's Son, that he died on the cross to pay for your sins, that he was raised from the dead, and that he is alive today. Depend on Jesus alone to save you. Decide that, with God's help, you want to obey and follow Jesus.