

Life Lessons from  
**BINK & SLINKY'S**

**CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE**

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## **Jingle Bells**

*Bink and Slinky's Christmas Adventure* reminds us that all things work together for good for those who love and trust God. So, the next time you feel like you're stuck alone in a no-way-out, nowhere-to-turn, forsaken sheep field, or any other equally yucky place in your life's many adventures, remember to pray. Then watch and wait for God's help, and don't be surprised if it comes disguised as a swashbuckling hooting owl, a scallywag sheepdog, a sneezing camel, or some other equally wacky, wonderful way. God loves to surprise his children, and he is always right on time.

## **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Angels are out of this world, amazingly beautiful, spiritual beings, created by God to help us on our journey to Heaven. When we pray, God sends his angels to help us. At other times, angels may carry a special message from God. While most people will never see an angel, God's World tells us they are all around us. Sometimes angels may take the form of people ... or even animals.

## **Mary, Did You Know?**

Mary was just a young teenage girl when God's angel came to her to say she was going to be Jesus' mommy. Can you imagine an angel appearing to you? Would you be afraid? But this angel – his name was Gabriel – said, "Do not be afraid." Those very simple words are in the Bible, God's love letter to us, exactly 365 times. That's one "Do not be afraid" for every day of the year.

## **Go Tell it on the Mountain**

Of all the people in the world, God chose the shepherds of Bethlehem to be the first to hear the Good News about Jesus' arrival. Back then, people made fun of shepherds. They were raggedy and dirty. Shepherds stunk! Pee-yew! And God loved what he saw inside the shepherds' hearts, a willingness to hear, learn, and share. They did, too. They ran and told everybody about baby Jesus and what God had done.

## **Silent Night**

One holy night in Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, God's only Son, came to earth as a tiny, helpless baby boy. When He grew up, He helped people to understand who God really is. God is our good, good Father, the Creator of all things beautiful: music, flowers, stars, kittens, puppies, and you! God made you inside your mommy's tummy, and then His Son Jesus died for you so that you can live with Him forever. That's why we call Jesus "The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." A sin is something bad that we do on purpose, like not listening to our parents when they say "No," not telling the truth, or taking something that belongs to someone else. We all need Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God.

## **Joy to the World**

One happy day, Jesus will come back to earth, and He will rule over the whole world forever and ever. No more tears. No more death. No more sin. Jesus is called the "Lion of Judah" in the Bible. Now, everyone knows that the ferocious lion is "King of the Jungle." Sometimes, our world seems like a scary jungle, doesn't it? But when Jesus, God's "Lion of Judah," returns, He will be the best king ever. The King of Kings! The Lord of Lords! That's why we sing today, "Joy to the World, the Lord has come!"

## **O Holy Night**

One of the major “characters” in the Christmas story is ... surprise – a star! But it was not just any old star, like what you can look up and see in the sky tonight. No, this dazzling, ginormous, sparkling star was a one-of-a-kind wonder that God placed in the heavens to tell the world that His one-and-only Son had been born.

## **We Three Kings**

The Bible tells us that some very, very wise guys (Wise Men) from the East followed God’s special star to find baby Jesus. It took a long time for these guys to finally get to Bethlehem. They probably wondered if they were on a wild goose chase. But they knew what they knew. The bottom line in God’s Christmas story is this: wise boys and girls still seek the King of Kings.

## **God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen**

God’s Word says that He has good plans for your life. But Satan, God’s evil enemy, will always try to interfere with God’s good plans because he hates you. Not just you, of course. He hates all people because God loves us. So always be on guard, like the wise old owl in Bink and Slinky’s story, to notice the ways the devil might try to trick you. But that doesn’t mean you have to be afraid of the devil. No, sir! Jesus came to save you and me from Satan’s power. And that ... is the Good News.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

Bink and Slinky always did what God asked them to do when they received his messages. In other words, they were faithful. They could have made excuses when God told them to tell their children the story of Christmas. Instead, because they loved God, they dropped everything to be available to him. God wants his people, even little children like you, to be counted among the faithful to say joyfully and triumphantly, "Here I am, Lord. Use me."

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

When Mary and Joseph finally got to Bethlehem Town, there was no room for them or Baby Jesus anywhere. Have you made room in your heart for Jesus today? If you haven't, now would be the perfect time to ask Him to come and live inside of you. If you do, He will be your best friend for ever and ever.



Today, I asked Jesus to come live in my heart.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

