

# Will You Be Mine?



Grammy dabbed her eyes with a tissue just as Monica appeared at the door. “Why are you crying, Grammy? Did Papaw forget to give you a valentine?”

“No, Papaw didn’t forget.” Grammy kissed Monica’s cheek. “He sent me some beautiful roses for Valentine’s Day.”

Monica looked at the bouquet of red roses on the coffee table. She wrinkled her nose and asked, “Then why are you crying?”

“These are happy tears. I was reading in my Bible about the special Valentine God sent.” Grammy pointed to her favorite scripture. “Did you know God sent us a Valentine? He sent His only Son to die for our sins so we could live with Him forever.”

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16 NIV

Monica raised her eyebrows. “Do you mean Jesus is our Valentine?”

Grammy nodded and flipped the pages of her Bible to another verse. “Exactly! Jesus is our Valentine. And every day when He knocks on the hearts of boys and girls, He asks, “Will you be Mine?”

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

Revelation 3:20 NIV

Monica looked at the Bible and then back at Grammy. “When did you invite Jesus into your heart?”

“I was about your age when I asked Him to forgive me of all my sin.” Grammy reached over and stroked her granddaughter’s hair.

“Does everybody have sin in their hearts, Grammy?” Monica tilted her head.

“Yes, God knew we could never be good enough or get rid of the sin in our life so He sent us a Valentine of pure love from above.” Grammy waved her finger in the air.

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Romans 3:23 NIV

## Circle Yes or No

“I think we should make a valentine for Jesus.” Monica lifted a red marker from her pocket and drew a heart on a piece of paper.

“Sometimes boys and girls turn down God’s invitation to ‘Be Mine.’ Do you think this makes Him sad?” Grammy asked.

Tears glistened in Monica's eyes. "I don't ever want to make God sad."

Grammy rummaged through her purse and found a pencil. She wrote on a sheet of paper, Jesus loves you. Do you love Him? Circle yes or no.

When Monica circled yes, she squealed. "Jesus is the best Valentine ever!"

Then Grammy wrote, Jesus died for you. Do you want to invite Him into your heart? Circle yes or no.



Monica scribbled a big red ring around yes. "I want Jesus to live in my heart and be my Valentine forever!"

Grammy wrapped her arm around Monica's shoulders. "Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for your sins?"

Monica's head bobbed. "Yes, I do!"

"Then, let's pray and welcome Jesus into your heart."

After they prayed, Monica hugged Grammy and exclaimed, "We can celebrate Valentine's Day every day when Jesus lives inside of us!"

## Prayer

Have you invited Jesus into your heart? He is waiting to hear from you. Just talk to Him as you would your best friend. Just say, "Dear Jesus, I am very sorry

for my sins. Please forgive me. Come into my heart. Thank You for dying for me and giving me a home in heaven."

*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*  
1 John 1:9 NLT

If you were sincere when you prayed this prayer, you have been born into God's family and have the promise of an eternal home in heaven. Like a newborn baby who needs proper nutrition to grow, you need adequate spiritual food to help your faith grow. Here are six helpful hints that will serve as a friendly reminder and help you grow in the Lord.

## Growing Hearts are Healthy Hearts

### H-E-A-R-T-S

**H** Help others and be kind.

**E** Encourage others to know Jesus.

**A** Attend a Bible-believing church faithfully.

**R** Read the Bible everyday.

**T** Take time to talk to God in prayer.

**S** Seek to obey God in everything you do.

