

Why is

Jesus

the only way?

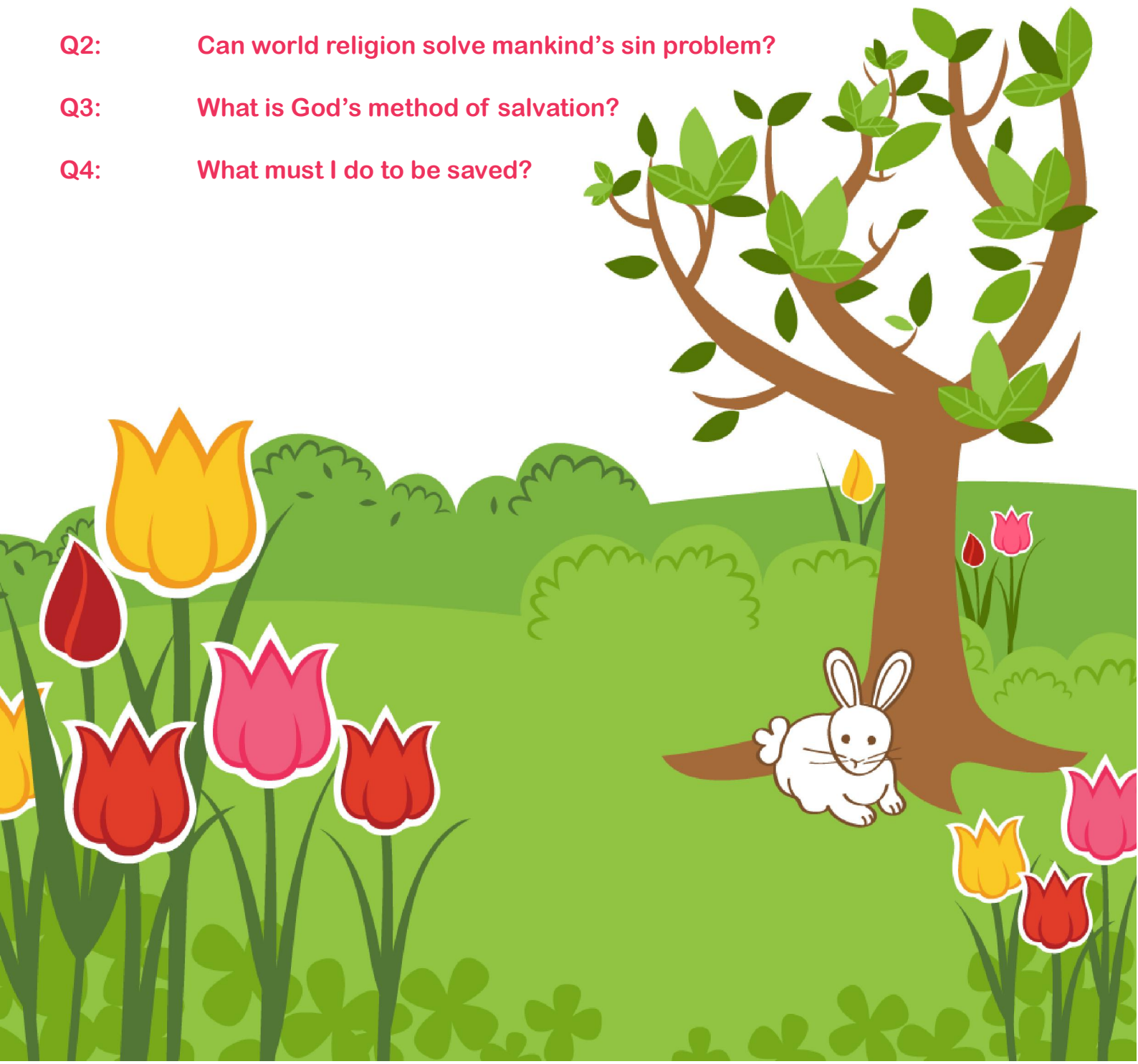
To find out why, please read the following Q&A!

Q1: Why does religion exist?

Q2: Can world religion solve mankind's sin problem?

Q3: What is God's method of salvation?

Q4: What must I do to be saved?



Q&A!

Q1: Why does religion exist?

To put it simply, if mankind were entirely good, there would be no need for religion. However, man knows naturally that he is fallen and facing the judgment of God. The existence of religion testifies to this tragic truth. In other words, man instinctively knows that he is fallen, and for this reason he has continued, since the beginning of the world, to create religion after religion. However, mankind's way of salvation is different from God's. Instead of looking to God's provision of salvation, he prefers to try to save himself through various philosophies, rules, and legal and moral observances.

Let's take a minute and retrace the steps of our first parents, Adam and Eve. After Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, we read in Genesis 3:7-8, "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden." Adam and Eve knew quite well that they had sinned. However, instead of seeking God's sin covering and salvation, they decided to create their own sin covering in the form of fig leaves. In addition, rather than face God and seek his forgiveness, they decided to hide themselves from Him.

Mankind has been doing the same thing ever since.

Q2: Can world religions solve mankind's sin problem?

If you think about it, there are lots of fig-leaf like religions in the world today. Some of the most common fig leaves of today are Buddhism, Catholicism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and all forms of so-called Christianity that necessitate water baptism, church membership, and other works of men. In addition to the above, we might also include Atheism, Environmentalism, Evolutionism, and Naturalism. All of these belief systems know that mankind has done wrong, but seek to remedy that wrong through a means other than God's provided method. In other words, the religions of the world teach man that he can save himself through his own efforts, hard work, reasoning, and philosophy. However, just like Adam and Eve's fig leaves, world religion cannot solve mankind's sin problem.

Q3: What is God's method of salvation?

The Bible, in 1 Timothy 1:15, says "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." This single verse declares why belief in Jesus is different from every other belief system in the world. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," not to teach sinners how to save themselves.

Yes! Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, came into the world to save sinners. He did not come into the world

to save good people or people who can accomplish their own salvation through their own efforts and works. All too often, man sees himself as a sinner who can accomplish his own salvation through his various philosophies and belief systems. These types of people do not need a savior.

A true sinner is a person who cannot please God and cannot accomplish his own salvation, and therefore, he needs the Savior Jesus. Jesus accomplished our salvation at His cross by dying for our sins. His shed blood pleased God, and God testified to it by resurrecting Him from the dead. Now, as a result, whenever a person puts his trust in the accomplished work of the cross, he is saved; redeemed and forgiven all sins and given the power to be free from sin. Salvation has nothing to do with our own efforts or works. Salvation is the gift of God accomplished once and for all at the cross.

Q4: What must I do to be saved?

Believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and you will be saved! That's it! No gotchas, no fine print, no conditions. God has displayed His righteousness at the cross of Jesus Christ, and He makes righteous all those who believe in Jesus. You can take comfort in God's salvation and praise Him for His love. Enjoy your Savior and rejoice in His love for you and grow in your knowledge of the Lord Jesus by reading the New Testament, especially the Gospel of John and the Letters of the Apostle Paul.

So, in closing, let me ask you a question. Do you believe in Jesus as your personal Savior?

If you do, then congratulations on your salvation! Stay strong in the faith and always remember that God desires for us to live a simple life. "And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment." (1 John 3:23) That's it! There is nothing complicated about the Christian life. Just continue on believing in Jesus and love people, especially other Christians, your family, and your friends.

If, however, you still don't trust in Jesus, what is stopping you? There is no reason to cling on to pride. There is also no reason to fear. Don't be like Adam who ran away from the presence of God and tried to create his own way of salvation. You don't have to worry about anything. God is not going to embarrass you. You don't need to repay your debt to society, make confession, do penance, make promises of reforming your life (which you know you can't keep), get water baptized, or even join a church. Jesus said that whoever believes in Him has everlasting life. (John 6:47 KJV)

You can believe right now in your heart. You don't even need to tell anyone. Jesus is a complete Savior. His love is unconditional and He will work in your life so that you can enjoy His peace and freedom. Jesus doesn't expect anything of you. All of your sins will be forgiven on account of Jesus' cross and He will work and live in your heart. He will give you the power to live a good life. Believing in Jesus is not about religion; it is about forgiveness, peace with God, and a new life full of freedom and power to love naturally without fear. Please believe and may God bless you!